CORRESPONDENTS’ BREAKFAST - Marion Thompson, Lorraine Groat, Wanda Brink, Donna Scott, Joan Neill, Tricia Torney, Katrina & John (with Tony) Greenly (clockwise from left) and Ruby Ferris (not in photo) met March 8 to plan their future columns for “Heard About Town.” [Jake sent his regrets.]

Editorial Corner

The editorial corner is available to all community members for the courteous expression of varying points of view and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Lansing Community News.

Aurora Masons Celebrate 200 Years

The Scipio Masonic Lodge in Aurora invites the public to celebrate this Saturday, March 22, 1997 ... exactly 200 years to the day from the signing of the Lodge Charter by the early leaders and history of the area.

Robert R. Livingston, then Grand Master of Masons and Chancellor of the State of New York.

The charter was requested in 1775, only six years after the first settler arrived and founded the town of Aurora.

The Masonic building in Aurora is almost unique in the Nation. In 1994 the Lodge celebrated the 175th anniversary of the 1819 cornerstone laying ceremony by then Grand Master and Governor, DeWitt Clinton.

Freemasonry played an important role in the formation of our Country and is the oldest organization of its kind in the world.

Freemasonry grew out of the actual, or “operative” masons who built cathedrals throughout Europe. As that industry declined, the guilds began accepting honorary, or “accepted,” members.

Contemporary masons are taught that we also are builders, not of physical edifices, but of individual character. Masonic lessons teach that we cannot build a better society without improving our individual buildings. This is best done by adhering to moral values that have stood the test of time.

The March 22 celebration begins with tours of the building and memorabilia from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. A buffet luncheon will be served at 1:00 PM, a program at the Morgan Opera House (across from the Post Office) will include a lecture by Dr. Steven C. Woodged, a paneled discussion, and a 19th century Masonic performance.

Earle J. Hino, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

If approved by the entire Board of Reps, this change would take effect in fiscal year 1998. It was the sole committee member who voted against this major policy change.

Should Tompkins County taxpayers care about this issue? Quite simply, the $0.50 increase means that additional millions in taxpayer money would be funneled into the fund balance instead of returned, in the form of property tax relief, to Tompkins County taxpayers.

The fund balance exists to: 1) protect the fund balance in the event of extreme emergencies; and 3) reduce the need for county borrowing in anticipation of tax revenue. A 5% fund balance is fiscally responsible and, in the past, has been sufficient to meet County needs.

On March 18, this major budget policy change will be on the agenda for consideration by the full Tompkins County Board of Representatives. A Tompkins County Board decision to increase the fund balance from 5% to 10% is particularly relevant given the fact that in fiscal 1996 Tompkins County had a $12.2 million dollar balance.

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The Lansing Seniors motorcoach will leave from the Methodist Church on March 27 at 9:15 am for an all day trip to the “Old Barn” in Williamson NY. 

Lansing Seniors

Guest entertainers, brothers, Jim and Al Boyce from Marathon, and Claire Lamphere from Edith also scheduled for this trip with humorous jokes and sweetened our ears with beautiful music and songs and a bit of soul playing. It was another pleasurable day for Lansing Seniors.

Reminder: The Lansing Seniors motorcoach will leave from the Methodist Church on March 27 at 9:15 am for a fun tour of the “Old Barn” in Williamson NY.

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