

Dinner and roast of Carmelita Jean

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To celebrate its 30th anniversary, Awareness Washington County is hosting a dinner and roast of Carmelita Jean, long time director and supporter. Jean was a graduate of the first AWC class in 1983, when Awareness was founded by Bill Goen and the Washington Country Chamber of Commerce.

The dinner will be held August 10, 2013, at Southern Hills Church in the new multi-purpose room. Dinner will be served at 6:30. The meal will be catered by Christie's on the Square. Entertainment and the roast will follow the meal.

During her tenure as Director of Awareness Washington County, Jean received the Preceptor award, the highest honor of the National Leadership Association. She also received a personal congratulatory letter from then-president Bill Clinton.

As Director, Jean gathered potential leaders from the community and brought in facilitators from Indiana and surrounding states to teach servant leadership.

"Carmelita gave—and continues to give—so much to Awareness and the community, She built the program up and championed it everywhere she went," said Mike Motsinger, AWC Board President. "It's fitting that we honor her at our 30th anniversary."

Tickets are available at Lincks Clothing and Shoes, H & R Block, Eddie Gilstrap Motors, or from any AWC board member. Tickets are required, and no tickets will be sold at the door.

Awareness Washington County has graduated over 500 adult servant leaders since 1983 and as many youth from the AWC We the Youth program. While some graduates have moved away, most are taking an active part in the community through civic and government positions, church organizations, scouting, and business. Graduates report that being in the AWC class has changed their lives for the better.

Awareness is now accepting nominations for the class of 2014 which will begin in September with a 2-day overnight retreat at Spring Mill. Following the retreat, the class will meet one day each month through May. Anyone interested in joining may call AWC at 896-1930 and leave a message with name and contact information or contact Marji Morris (mlmsoar@hotmail.com) or Debbie Mildenburger (dmildenburger@gmail.com).

The entire community is invited to attend the dinner to honor 30 years of Awareness Washington County giving back to the community. AWC graduates are especially encourage to attend.