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SEASONS GREETINGS



Christmastime is such a beautiful time. As I look out the window admiring the new fallen snow, I pause to remember the true meaning of Christmas. So

many times this is forgotten with the hustle and bustle of the Holiday season. I have two true stories that I would like to share.

A little boy is entering the store with his mother and stops to ask his mom if he could have some money to place in the bucket. He would like to help others that do not have as much as he does. This is from a 10 year old whose father was in a near fatal car accident this summer while working as a reserve police officer, and due to his injuries, was unable to return to work before his FMLA ran out, and recently lost his job. This act of giving definitely came from this little boys heart. This same family received a surprise when they got into their van one morning and found a jar of coins that said Merry Christmas. Attached to the jar of coins was a poem that started "this is from a Secret Santa, which you will never know", the poem continues to ask that the jar be filled throughout the year to be passed on again next year to a family. True giving from the heart! A true meaning of Christmas!

We give everyday to our communities, with many things unseen. Thank you for everything that you do, and for being the "Secret Santa" in your community.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Kathy Parsons
ILMCT President

From Danville to your community I wish you a wonderful Holiday Season. May God bless you and your family as we prepare to end 2013 and start a new year in 2014! Happy Holidays!

Amy Cating
IMCT Vice-President

Holiday Greetings Colleagues and Friends:
Where has the year gone, I can't believe the holidays are right around the corner.

Christmas is truly a magical time of the year. The season is filled with the gift of giving and sharing with friends, family, and your community. Please remember the truest meaning of the season. Spend as much time with your family and friends as possible because 2014 is right around the corner with the task of completing the many year-end duties timely. Be safe in your travels and God bless!

Vicki L. Kitchen
ILMCT Secretary/Treasurer

Holiday Greetings Colleagues and Friends,

"It came without ribbons! It came without tags! It came without packages, boxes or bags!"... Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!"

Dr. Seuss', *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* is a great book and a favorite of my grandsons, Jackson and Caleb. Indeed, the Grinch got it right. Christmas does mean more like appreciating the blessings of family and friends, sharing and goodwill, and understanding the true meaning of Christmas.

My prayer is that each of you finds delight in the cheer, the grace, and the peace of the Christmas season today and always.

Deb Twitchell
Immediate Past President





Rhonda Engle and Beth Neff, Education Co-Chairs



Happy Holidays

Santa will be coming soon. I hope everyone is ready, or almost ready for the big day.

The end of the year is approaching soon and we all will be closing the 2013 books and working on the annual report. Yippee! Please do not stress, it will work out.

Please mark your calendar for the March 2014 Institute and academy. I hope you all can try to attend some of the classes. It is a great time for education and networking with other City and Town Clerks and Clerk Treasurers .

I wish everyone have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Rhonda Engle

Education Committee Co-Chair

The New Year is fast approaching.

My words are to encourage you to reach out to your Clerk-Treasurer neighbors if you find you are getting over whelmed with the year-end processes.

Follow the calendar of duties and take them one at a time. Be patient with yourselves.

You might find that words of encouragement from someone in the same position is motivating and powerful. Reach out, we are all here to help one another succeed.

Let's laugh for just a minute at ourselves. I thought about my day and this is what I think about.

On the 12th day of Christmas my community gave to me, 12 Christmas Cards, 11 sugar cookies, 10 broken trash can notices, 9 late utility excuses, 8 sewage liens, 7 council members, 6 water shut-offs, 5 returned checks.

4 calls for extensions, 3 smiles of gratitude, 2 year-end council meetings and 1 most loved Indiana hometown.

Happy Holiday.

Beth

Education Committee Co-Chair &
Yorktown Clerk-Treasurer

League members wishing to serve as an Officer may submit in writing to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Dave Shafer, Munster, their desire to serve, by February 15, 2014. Members of the Nominating Committee are Chairman Dave Shafer, Munster, Kay Brown, Remington and Debra Twitchell, Angola.



Important Dates for 2014 -

February 15th—Last day to submit application for Officer of the League

March 9th through March 13th— Institute and Academy at Ball State in Muncie, Indiana

May 18th through May 22nd—IIMC Annual Conference in Milwaukee Wisconsin

June 8th through June 12th—ILMCT Annual Conference in French Lick, Indiana

Clerk-Treasurer Guinevere Emery, Clerk-Treasurer from Moores Hill receives the Woman of Distinction award in Dearborn County.



Guinevere, along with 4 other women received the Woman of Distinction award on October 10, 2013. Guin was nominated by her peers in Education, local law enforcement, local government and business owners. Candidates were chosen by their commitment, how they served as a role model to others, how they impacted their community and for great community relations. Congratulations!

This award had previously been awarded to former clerk-treasurer Joey Lynch, City of Greendale and in 2011, Jacky Stutz, Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Lawrenceburg.

Congratulations to Toni Hutchings, Plymouth Clerk-Treasurer who received the Financial Management Award at the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns annual conference in October. The Financial award is given to a finance officer or administrator who has made outstanding achievements in fiscal management, financial recording and leadership in public service. Toni was nominated by Plymouth's Mayor, Mark Senter.

Ask Charlie

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Q Question: Do the provisions of the Nepotism Law [IC 36-1-20.2] apply to volunteer firefighters?

Answer: No. Volunteer firefighters are not considered employees of a city or town under IC 36-1-20.2-3. Accordingly, a volunteer firefighter could be under the supervision of a relative.

Question: May a volunteer firefighter for a volunteer fire department or a fire department that provides fire protection services to a city or town: [1] under contract; or [2] as the city or town's fire department, assume or hold an elective office of the city or town that receives the fire protection?

Answer: No. IC 3-5-9-4 [a] prohibits volunteer firefighters from holding an elective office with a city or town that receives the fire protection services from the department in which the volunteer firefighter serves.

Question: Does a wastewater utility have to pay Utility Receipts Tax [URT] on wastewater [sewage] utility billings?

Answer: No. Per Commissioner's Directive No. 18, which was issued by the Department of Revenue in October of 2013, political subdivisions for sewer and sewage service are exempt from the Utility Receipts Tax.

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SAVE THE DATE:

The conference committee is busy planning for the Annual conference in French Lick from June 8 to June 12, 2014. We were fortunate to be there at a time when the resort was decorated for the Holiday. What a beautiful resort! Mark your calendars today. You will not want to miss the 78th Annual Conference!



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