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Happy Holidays



What a year 2020 has been! With so many postponed conferences, virtual meetings and classes, we have had to adapt to a new norm. As of this writing, we are moving forward with our annual conference in Evansville in June. The March Institute will in all probability be virtual this year and the Education committee is working diligently on this. As I said last year, each ILMCT member serves their Community, which we do best by being part of educational opportunities throughout the year. I hope to emphasize this concept through my conference theme

and throughout the year: ‘Serving, an Honor shared, a Promise given, No One Left Behind.’ My wish is for a current Clerk-Treasurer to reach out to a new Clerk-Treasurer and give a helping hand. As COVID continues to loom, please remember that we are all in this together and stay Hoosier strong, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.

Karen McQueen

ILMCT President

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and safe this holiday season. 2020 has been challenging for everyone, causing us to cancel many travel plans and visits with loved ones. I miss my ILMCT family and am hoping 2021 brings some normalcy. Until we are together again, be well. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jane Jordan, ILMCT Vice President



Officer Greetings Continued ...

2020 has been a year like no other. For many of you, this was your first year and you started this year not knowing what to expect. During NEO and the ILMCT Institute, the seasoned clerks assured you that you were not alone and we would be there to help as you navigate and learn. And then COVID hit and all of us- from those in office for three months to those in their sixth or seventh term- were all in the same boat of learning how to do our jobs while being thrown in the middle of a crisis. Expectations and protocols changed, almost daily, and many of us were working remotely or on a modified schedule to stay socially distant. We have all had to embrace and learn new technology as meetings, trainings, and even audits have all become virtual. Many of us have had to be the enforcer of executive orders and have had to challenge employees and even councils to abide by those orders. It has been a struggle and tiring, but guess what? We have gotten through it. If one thing can be said for our group, it is that we are resilient and while not all of us like change, we can embrace it when required and necessary. Now that a vaccine has been approved and is beginning to be distributed, I am full of hope. I am hopeful we will soon begin to live a normal life again and be able to meet in person. But I also hope that we have learned some things from the practices we have had to embrace this year such as continuing to offer trainings virtually (as well as in person) so more of our colleagues have the opportunity to attend and learn. I hope council, board, and committee members still have the opportunity to attend meetings remotely and still have a voice. And I hope communities continue to broadcast their meetings online or virtually to promote and encourage more public participation. I don't know exactly how 2021 will play out, but after this year, I am pretty sure we can all handle it.

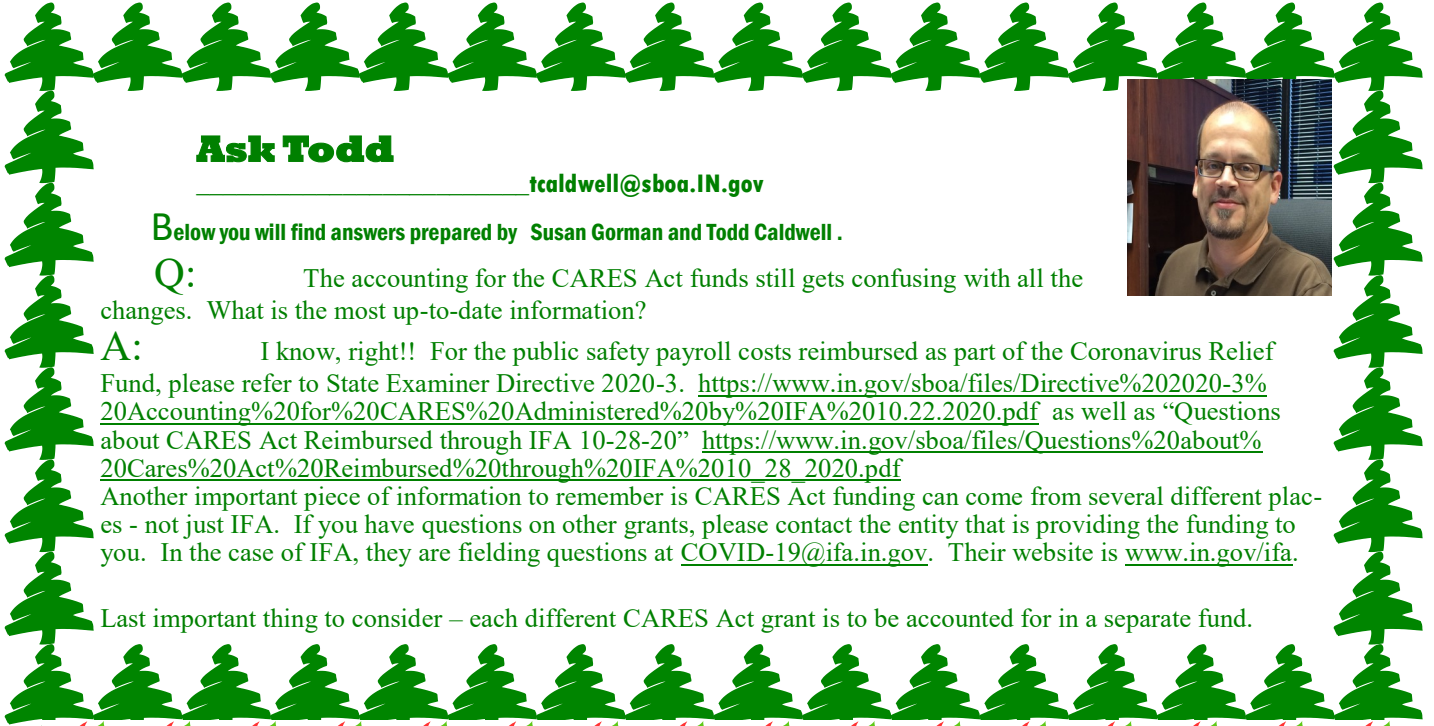
Happy holidays! Stay safe, everyone!
Madalyn Sade-Bartl, ILMCT Secretary-Treasurer



When I became an officer in ILMCT one of my main objectives was to find a way to get more clerks attending vital educational opportunities. I had no idea that 2020 would be the year to teach us how to accomplish that goal. Thanks for all you do for your village. Never stop realizing the blessings around you.

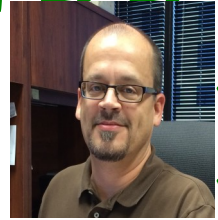
Cheers and Jeers to 2020!

Carrie, Immediate Past President



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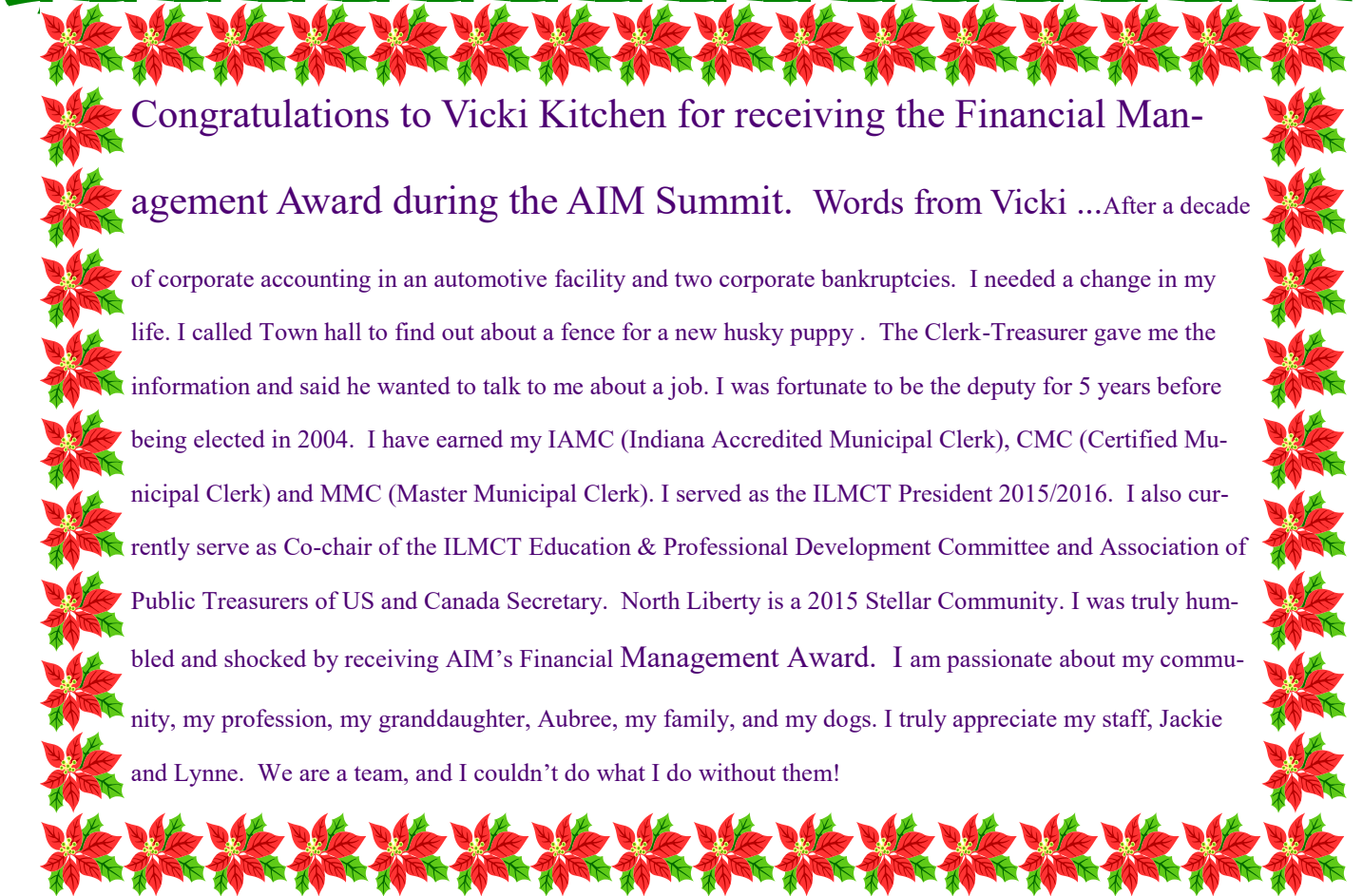


Below you will find answers prepared by Susan Gorman and Todd Caldwell .

Q: The accounting for the CARES Act funds still gets confusing with all the changes. What is the most up-to-date information?

A: I know, right!! For the public safety payroll costs reimbursed as part of the Coronavirus Relief Fund, please refer to State Examiner Directive 2020-3. <https://www.in.gov/sboa/files/Directive%202020-3%20Accounting%20for%20CARES%20Administered%20by%20IFA%2010.22.2020.pdf> as well as “Questions about CARES Act Reimbursed through IFA 10-28-20” https://www.in.gov/sboa/files/Questions%20about%20Cares%20Act%20Reimbursed%20through%20IFA%2010_28_2020.pdf
Another important piece of information to remember is CARES Act funding can come from several different places - not just IFA. If you have questions on other grants, please contact the entity that is providing the funding to you. In the case of IFA, they are fielding questions at COVID-19@ifa.in.gov. Their website is www.in.gov/ifa.

Last important thing to consider – each different CARES Act grant is to be accounted for in a separate fund.



Congratulations to Vicki Kitchen for receiving the Financial Man-

agement Award during the AIM Summit. Words from Vicki ...After a decade

of corporate accounting in an automotive facility and two corporate bankruptcies. I needed a change in my life. I called Town hall to find out about a fence for a new husky puppy . The Clerk-Treasurer gave me the

information and said he wanted to talk to me about a job. I was fortunate to be the deputy for 5 years before

being elected in 2004. I have earned my IAMC (Indiana Accredited Municipal Clerk), CMC (Certified Municipal Clerk) and MMC (Master Municipal Clerk). I served as the ILMCT President 2015/2016. I also currently

serve as Co-chair of the ILMCT Education & Professional Development Committee and Association of

Public Treasurers of US and Canada Secretary. North Liberty is a 2015 Stellar Community. I was truly hum-

bled and shocked by receiving AIM’s Financial Management Award. I am passionate about my commu-

nity, my profession, my granddaughter, Aubree, my family, and my dogs. I truly appreciate my staff, Jackie

and Lynne. We are a team, and I couldn’t do what I do without them!

Education News...

ILMCT Co-Chairs Education & Professional development Committee

The holidays are upon us once again. COVID has changed work schedules, community events and family gatherings this year.

Hopefully, 2021 we will be able to have in person gatherings and training. Fortunately, technology has helped communication and trainings to continue.

Please complete your 2021 ILMCT Education survey to help your education committee and SBOA prepare trainings for next year.

At this very special time of the year, please take a few minutes for yourself for your own wellness. Be well, be safe, and get certified.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2021.

ILMCT Education & Professional Committee Co-chairs:

Cindy Morrison, IAMC
Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Dale

Vicki Kitchen, IAMC, MMC
Clerk-Treasurer
Town of North Liberty

Important Dates for 2021-

March 14th through March 18th— Institute and Academy at Ball State in Muncie, Indiana

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

May 9th through May 13th—IIMC Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan

June 6th through June 10th—ILMCT 84th Annual Conference in Evansville, IN

July 18th through July 21st - APT Annual Conference in South Bend, Indiana

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League members wishing to serve as an Officer may submit in writing to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Tami Runyon, Bluffton, their desire to serve, by April 15, 2020. Members of the Nominating Committee are, Tami Runyon, Bluffton, Terri Buckmaster, Walkerton, Carrie Mugford, North Manchester.

SAVE THE DATE:

The conference committee has been very busy planning for the Annual Conference in Evansville, Indiana June 6th to June 10th, 2020. The 84th Annual Conference, No Clerk-Treasurer Left Behind, is a must attend event. Mark your calendars now to attend this conference. You will not want to miss it!



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