Dear Colleagues:

I am much honored to serve as your Vice-President this year. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Retha Hicks for the excellent job she is doing as our President and all of the other officers and directors for their continued support and leadership of ILMCT.

As we prepare to enter into the holiday season, we can’t forget to reflect on our past and look towards our future as we give thanks for all that we have and remembering what we are called to do for our family and communities.

I welcome back those re-elected and those who will be entering into our family of Clerks and Treasurers across this great state. A special thank you to those who chose not to run for re-election. To those that were defeated, many thanks for your dedication and love for the Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers.

I wish you all a joyous holiday season and pray that God be with us all as we prepare for a new year.

May God Bless Us All,

Larry J. Breese, IAMC, CMC
Vice President, ILMCT
Clerk-Treasurer
City of Greenfield

The American tradition of Christmas holds many of my fondest memories. As a young boy, I was filled with wonderment at the Christmas Season. Yes, I remember getting toys and other gifts, but I also remember the warmth of family get-togethers, the smells of Christmas dinners, the excitement of caroling, the anticipation of something larger than I am. It is in the spirit of my boyhood remembrances that I wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Dave Shafer,
Munster Clerk-Treasurer
and ILMCT Treasurer

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. May the new year bring good health, much joy and love to you and yours.

Laura Baker
ILMCT Secretary

Merry Christmas to you and your family! May you have a joyous holiday celebration! And I look forward to our fellowship in the New Year, Retha

Robin R. Riley, ILMCT Immediate Past President
Region V Update

It is hard to believe the Region V meeting is over and we are in the month of December! If you didn’t get to attend the Region meeting you were missed. The Tennessee Clerks showered us with great southern hospitality and great food. Thank you for allowing me to represent you as a Region V Co-Director. I will do my best to listen to our membership and speak up about our concerns and our ideas to keep IIMC the great organization that it is.

President Retha Hicks asked that I update you on some of the educational issues currently being discussed. On November 7, all members of IIMC were sent an E-blast from Headquarters about the formation of a Task Force to study the Education Guidelines. For more information about the Task Force and its goals, go to www.iimc.com, click on education and read President Tokar’s letter. We are fortunate to have a President open to discuss our concerns. The Task Force will be making some important suggestions to the IIMC Board of Directors in the very near future. It was reassuring to hear our own Region V Co-Director Kathryn Dornan who also Co-Chairs the Education Task Force Committee speak about the progress of the Task Force to date. The Task Force is looking at the concerns with the implementation of the new educational guidelines, criteria for CMC and MMC and the approval process for coursework at institutes/academies/conferences and the issue of grandfathering for those who were already in a CMC or MMC program prior to January 1, 2007.

It is important for ILMCT to voice our concerns with the current education guidelines so the Task Force will have all the facts in writing when they are making these important suggestions. I would ask that you contact ILMCT Education Co-Chairs Kay Brown and Janet Jaros with your concerns. Our League Officers will be sending a letter of the ILMCT concerns to the IIMC Education Task Force and to the IIMC Board of Directors.

Please have a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Brenda K. Young, IAMC, MMC
IIMC Region V Co-Director
Town of Nashville, IN