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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Holiday Greetings Colleagues and Friends, 'Tis truly the season to be thankful for our many blessings.



Beyond a doubt, I look forward to Christmas because it's my favorite time of year. The humbleness of the Christmas season brings into perspective what is most important like the blessings of family and friends, sharing and goodwill, and the true meaning of Christmas.

I am also thankful for this organization. The League has received great support from cities and towns in the form of memberships. And, the League had record attendance at the Middlebury and Nashville district meetings in October. This is truly a testament of your dedication and commitment to an organization that strives to "Find a Better Way".

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

ILMCT President

2012-2013

Christmastime. The smell of fresh baked cookies, the warmth of hot chocolate and the comfort of family and friends. I hope you take the time from your busy schedule to enjoy the simple things of the season. As we quickly near the end of 2012, take a moment to pat yourself on the back for a job well done. As we look forward to the challenges of 2013, I wish you the strength of the Holiday season to carry you through the New year. I appreciate everything you have done for the League in 2012 and look forward to working with you in 2013. As you enjoy this Blessed time of year, take the time to smell the fresh baked cookies, to savor the hot chocolate, and relax in the comfort of family and friends.

Merry Christmas, Everyone!
Kathy Parsons, IAMC/MMC/CPFA/CMO
ILMCT Vice-president

Holiday Wishes! May you and your families have a wonderful Holiday season this year. There are many reasons to look back over 2012 and be proud of all that we as individuals and a league have accomplished. More importantly, looking forward to an even better 2013. Have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Amy Roberts, ILMCT Secretary/Treasurer

Christmas is such a special time of the year that I enjoy so very much! The beautiful trees and decorations around town; the smells coming from the kitchen on Christmas day; and the laughter of the grandchildren when they open their gifts that Santa brought! I truly hope all of you have a joyous and blessed Christmas season and a wonderful New Year!

Kay Brown, IAMC, MMC, CPFA
ILMCT Immediate Past President



By Rhonda Engle and Beth Neff, Education Co-Chairs



Education Notes

Happy Holidays! Welcome to closing out your year. Closing out the year always presents its challenges. There are monthly, quarterly and yearly reports, and they can be time consuming. These, in addition to the annual report, can be overwhelming. Words of advice: Don't overload yourself by trying to take on more than you can do. Delegate what you can to empty your plate. You may need to start saying "no" to additional work or to invitations that take you away from completing your work. This is when we find ourselves stressed because we have helped others and have put our work on the end of the list. This is a critical time of year for Clerks and Clerk-Treasurers. Keep yourself healthy and on track by saying "no".

Be certain to check the SBOA manual for the year-end checklist of duties. Your software provider may also have a checklist under year end duties. Do any year-end transfers or temporary loans at the last council meeting of the year so that there aren't any appropriations or funds in the red for year-end close-out.

In March, Institute/Academy will be held in Muncie, and is just around the corner. You cannot afford to miss these classes and the valuable education they provide. They will make the coming year easier. Use your resources; SBOA manual, DLGF website, IRS, Indiana Dept. of Revenue, Indiana Code and the IACT professionals. They are all here to help educate us about the processes that we are charged with.

Happy Holidays, Beth Neff and Rhonda Engle

League members wishing to serve as an Officer may submit in writing to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Laura Baker, Etna Green, their desire to serve, by February 15, 2013. Members of the Nominating Committee are Chairman Laura Baker, Dave Shafer, Munster and Kay Brown, Remington.



Ask Charlie

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Q Question: Does state law allow a city or town to enact a seat belt ordinance, which is similar to the existing state statute regarding seat belts, in order to allow the city or town to keep the revenue generated by the levied fines at the local level in lieu of returning those fines to the state?

A. The General Assembly has preempted any local initiatives regarding motor vehicle equipment, such as seat-belts, by enacting comprehensive statewide laws regarding such equipment and by withholding any reference to a local unit's specific statutory authority to supplement the state law. Funds collected as judgments for violations of state statutes regarding seat belt violations are required by statute to be deposited in the state general fund.

Important Dates for 2013 -

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

March 3rd through March 7th— Institute and Academy at Ball State in Muncie, Indiana

May 19th through May 24th—IIMC Annual Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey

IACT Annual Conference Shines Brightly on Three of our Clerk-Treasurers

Anita Amspaugh, Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Union City, earned the IACT Financial Management Award at the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns Annual Conference in October. This esteemed award is granted annually to a finance officer or administrator who has made outstanding achievements in fiscal management, financial recording and leadership in public office.



Diana Cordray, Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Carmel, will preside as President over the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns for 2013. We congratulate Diana on this accomplishment and look forward to working with her during her tenure.



Michael Griffin, Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Highland, received the IACT Russell G. Lloyd Distinguished Service Award at the IACT annual conference in French Lick, Indiana. This award is given annually at the IACT conference to an individual who has made outstanding contributions in local government. Michael is the first Clerk-Treasurer to ever receive this prestigious award.



SAVE THE DATE!

**77TH ILMCT ANNUAL CONFERENCE, JUNE 9TH THROUGH JUNE 13TH,
2013 AT THE COURTYARD MARRIOTT AND GRAND
WAYNE CENTER IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA.**

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While our Nation grieves over the unexplainable loss of life in Newtown, Connecticut, please keep our country and Newtown families in your thoughts and prayers.

