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Dear

I hope you are feeling some relief now that your Year-End processes are complete. The beginning of the year is busy for all of us. Stress levels are high as we navigate our daily duties, internal and external customers' demands, reporting deadlines along with family obligations. I get it because, we all experience it every year, whether new to the office or seasoned veterans. Now, it's time to come together with friends who understand to re-charge, catch up and educate.

The Education Committee, co-chaired by Vicki Kitchen and Cindy Morrison, have done an excellent job preparing the class roster for this year's in-person Institute and Academy. I am excited to see each and every one of you in Muncie for the first time in what seems like forever! If you cannot make it to I&A, there are other educational opportunities available. State Board of Accounts' Susan and Todd provide webinars just about every month that you can attend from the comfort of your own office. The Department of Local Government Finance has several webinars available as well, and will begin their budget workshops before we know it.

For those of you who want to learn more about being a Clerk, the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) is holding their annual conference in Little Rock, Arkansas from May 22nd -May 24th. Our very own Carrie Mugford of North Manchester will be sworn in as Region V District Director. Treasurer more your passion? Expand your knowledge by attending the Association of Public Treasurers of US & Canada's (APT) conference in Henderson County/Las Vegas, Nevada August 7th – August 10th. Our very own Vicki Kitchen of North Liberty will take office as APT's Treasurer. Congratulations Carrie and Vicki! I know you will represent Indiana well.

For educational opportunities a little closer to home, this year's 85th ILMCT Annual Conference will be held in Michigan City, Indiana June 13th – June 16th. The Conference Committee is tirelessly preparing the schedule and activities, making decisions on housing, food, and entertainment. The Executive Committee is putting together the budget and various documents for League consideration in its Business Session. The Education Committee, State Board of Accounts and Department of Local Government Finance are working hard on the class roster. The LaPorte and Porter County Visitors' Centers, City of Michigan City, and Blue Chip Casino Hotel are busy planning for our visit. I cannot wait to see the end result of all these people's efforts. I have no doubt it will be spectacular! I invite all of you to attend and I look forward to spending time with you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who reached out to your state legislators, served on or assisted our Legislative Committee and AIM this legislative session. There were several bills that concerned our League members and our communities. We appreciate all your efforts to get the best outcome for our fellow members and constituents. Thank you, Michael Griffin and Deb Block for serving as the Legislative Committee Co-Chairs for many years. Michael, we know you will make us proud at the State House. Thank you, Carrie Mugford and Madalyn Sade-Bartl for accepting the role to replace Deb and Michael as Co-Chairs.

Lastly, don't forget the Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Officers and members of the Executive Committee, Education Committee, and Mentor Committee are dedicated to you, your education and success in office. I urge you to reach out if you have questions, concerns or just feel the need to speak to someone who understands how demanding our job can be at times. We have the most difficult job in local government but, I assure you there is no task too tough that we cannot tackle together.

Thank you for your service to your community and your friendship. I look forward to seeing you in the coming months. Again, I am honored to represent you as your ILMCT President.

Enjoy your day.

Jane M. Jordan, IAMC, MMC, CPFA, CPFIM, CMO



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The ILMCT Education & Professional Development Committee has put together a great agenda for the 27th Annual ILMCT Ball State Institute and Academy. It will be great to be in person again, to network and learn from our colleagues and presenters.

This year we are proudly presenting our 1st Athenian Dialogue! The book chosen is #1 New York Times *Rising Strong – How the Ability to Reset Transform the Way We Live, Love, Parent & Lead*.

Also, “The Mentalist” Giani Cano will instruct us on how to be a motivator to municipal employees the fall into the “other duties as needed.”

The ILMCT Education & Professional Development Co-Chairs are excited to present Property Taxes A-Z, understanding the process from a building permit to property tax collections through the county and state process. This two-part session will be facilitated by DLGF Commissioner Wes Bennett.

Cindy and I will be available to help you complete your IAMC Certification paperwork. Please print out the application and bring it with you. Watch for the names of your colleagues earning certifications on the list-serve, and Indiana League of Municipal Clerks & Treasurers – ILMCT Facebook.
Be Safe, Be Healthy, & Get Certified!

Ask Todd

Q We received a distribution from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for gun permit revenue replacement. Where does it get receipted and what can we use this money for?



A. The distributions from the State related to gun permit replacement funding and the Law Enforcement Training Grant created by House Enrolled Act 1001 effective 7/1/21 are to be receipted into the Local Law Enforcement Continuing Education fund (just as you used to do with gun permit fees). The distributions from the State are, per the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute who is administering this program, to be used for the same purposes outlined in IC 35-47-2-3(c), which is what you used gun permit fees and other money in the LLECE fund for in the past. If you have questions regarding the gun permit replacement funding, you can also send inquiries to police-training@cji.in.gov.



State Senator Michael Griffin, our colleague, our friend, written by the Honorable Debbie Ladyga-Block, IAMC, MMC, CMO, City Clerk, Mishawaka



How do I begin to write about a guy like Michael Griffin! I could list all of his certifications: IAMC, MMC, CPFA, ACPFIM, CMO – extremely impressive. I could list awards that he has received: Russell J. Lloyd Distinguished Service Award, Aim and the prestigious Financial Management Award for Excellence in Municipal Finance, Aim and that is only a few. I could talk about his distinguished service to ILMCT as President of the League from 2001-2002 or the fact that he has been the ILMCT Legislative Chair for many years helping to pass or fix legislation to better Clerks and Clerk Treasurers ability to serve the citizens of their prospective unit of government. We could reflect on the many classes he taught at ILMCT Institute/Academy. But we all know all of that, right!

The Michael we all have gotten to know and to love is our FRIEND. That is a role that we all cherish and we know that he does as well. We know him above all else as a professional – but we also know the other side! A guy that can sing on the stage in Nashville, Tennessee at an open mic night and bring the house down singing “Day Dreams about Night Things” (Ronnie Milsap). A guy that can sing any Motown classic with the best of them and dance to the tune!

Michael is most likely going to be the smartest guy in the room but he is so humble that I know as he reads this he is shaking his head no. But we all know that it is true! His knowledge of the history of our Country, State, his community and our League is most impressive and we all know that he not only enjoys these facts but, he loved learning this information and sharing it.

Michael’s love of public service has been his driving force his entire life. He was first elected and sworn in as Clerk-Treasurer of Highland in 1992 – among that the Class of 1992 besides myself and Michael, was our dear colleague and friend the late Dennis Clouse, Clerk-Treasurer of Montpelier. The three of us served as ILMCT League Officers together and had a bond that can never be broken. I have always said the five plus years being an officer in ILMCT were some of the best years of my life and I am sure Michael feels the same.

Over thirty years serving the citizens of Highland – what a great accomplishment! But during those years many events have taken place. Many of us have experienced personal and professional achievements. During these years Michael married his beautiful wife Christy and they brought their daughter Abigail into this wonderful and crazy world. That my friends, Michael would say is his greatest accomplishment – being a husband and father.

This in no means covers all that Michael has accomplished, what he means to the League or what the League has meant to him. It is only a snap shot of a career in public service that continues in a different role. Not a more important role but, a role that takes Michael on a different path – one that gives him the opportunity and ability to serve his community and us in new capacity.

Are we a little sad – yes and that’s alright. Does it make us all immensely proud and excited for Michael – yes! We all get to share our friend and colleague with the whole great State of Indiana! They will learn what we all already know! We do not bid our friend Good Bye – we are all going on the



journey with him! We do wish him God Speed and we thank him for his undying loyalty to the Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers and to each of us individually.

On a personal note – I would like to take this time to wish my dear friend Good Luck on all future endeavors. Don and I will cherish your friendship always and we look forward to what that future holds for you, Christy and Abigail.

State Senator Michael Griffin continued ...



It seems like only yesterday, that I entered office as Highland's 7th Clerk-Treasurer as part of the very big clerk and clerk-treasurers class of 1992. As for my 30 years of service and my membership in the League, nothing has nourished my spirit, professionally and personally as my service to the people of Highland as Clerk-Treasurer and my association with the Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers. My life remains animated by service and the effects of those 30 years, whose real value cannot be fully measured, God be praised, endure. —



ILMCT Conference in Michigan City ...

ILMCT President Jane Jordan, Town of Burns Harbor, and her conference team are busy planning the 85th Annual ILMCT Conference in Michigan City. The theme is Friends on a Break for Education. Can you guess the inspiration? I know you will be able to guess when you see the conference pin. The plans include , Matt Booth, Professional Speaker & Attitude Expert, Welcome Reception at the park pavilion on Lake Michigan, a visit by Lieutenant Governor Crouch and other state and local officials.

As always, there will be a day of ILMCT Education, State Board of Accounts School, exhibit hall, and opening and closing business sessions including installation of new officers.

Of course, there is plenty to do in northwest Indiana on your down time, Restaurants, Blue Chip Casino, Lighthouse Outlet Shopping, the Arts district, and beautiful Lake Michigan with the beach.

So, mark your calendar and watch your mail for the 85th Annual ILMCT Conference in Michigan City, June 12th-June 16th! Can't wait to see you there!!



ILMCT Conference continued ...



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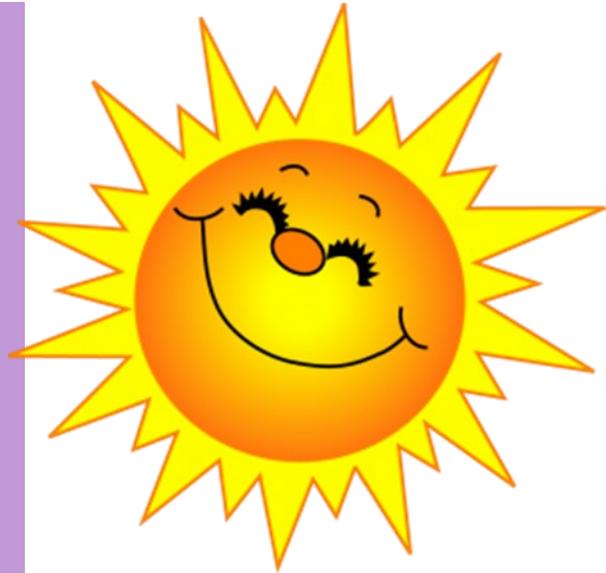


Important Dates for 2022-
AIM Clerk-Treasurer School– May
18, Virtual

May 22nd through May 26th —
IIMC Annual Conference in Little
Rock, Arkansas

June 12th through June 16th ILMCT
85th Annual Conference in Michi-
gan City, Indiana

August 7th through August 10th -
APT Annual Conference in Hender-
son, Nevada



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serve as an Officer may submit
in writing to the Chairman of
the Nominating Committee,
Terri Buckmaster, Walkerton,
their desire to serve by April 15,
2022. Members of the Nomi-
nating Committee are Terri
Buckmaster, Walkerton, Carrie
Mugford, North Manchester and
Karen McQueen, Brazil