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SEASONS GREETINGS

Holiday Greetings Everyone:

I am very honored to serve as your President this year. I want to express how thankful I am for your support and encouragement. I also appreciate all of you who are eager to serve the league on committees, which helps make the League a success. Thanksgiving and Christmas are my favorite holidays. The lights, decorations, food and music are beautiful. Being with Family and Friends throughout the holiday season is wonderful. Finding the perfect Christmas tree (which drives my family crazy), making Christmas cookies and all the great family traditions my family has, makes the holidays such a special time for me.

I pray that each of you have a happy and blessed holiday season. I pray that your New Year is blessed as well.

May God Bless Everyone,
Laura Baker
ILMCT President
Town of Etna Green



The true meaning of Christmas, along with my memories of Christmases past, and my anticipation of Christmases yet to be, make this my favorite time of year. I hope you take time to remember your Christmases, your family, and your many blessings. To everyone, I wish the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years!

Dave Shafer,
ILMCT Vice-President

*Holiday Greetings All,
Holidays are a time for family gatherings, much laughter, sharing memories of the past and making new memories for the future, and for counting the blessings that have enriched our lives. As we enter this holiday season, I will take time to reflect on all of the wonderful memories and rich blessings that you ,my extended family, have bestowed upon me. May peace, joy, love and God's blessings be with each and every one of you.*
Kay Brown, ILMCT Secretary

Dear Friends and Colleagues,
Nollaig Shona Duit (Irish); Mele Kalikimaka (Hawaiian); Happy Yuletide (English); Happy Chanukah (English for a Jewish holiday)Feliz Natal (Portuguese); gong xi fa cai (Mandarin); Habari Gani (Swahili) I think we are on the same page—HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!! Cherish your family and friends.
Karen Chasteen, ILMCT Treasurer

The Holiday season is a time for sharing special moments of love and laughter with family and friends. May each of you, as part of my extended family, be blessed during the holiday season and that you may enjoy those special moments in your life. Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to you all.

May God Continue to Bless Us All,
Larry Breese, ILMCT Immediate Past President





By Kay Brown and Janet Jaros, Education Co-Chairs



Education Notes

Where has the year gone?! It seems like we just finished Institute/Academy and here we are at the end of another year.

Our Education classes have been well attended throughout the year, including our final classes at the Middlebury and Nashville District meetings totaling 81 registrations each.

Janet and I would like to encourage your continued attendance at education classes. We are planning on having a class in January/February on preparing the CTAR electronically since this is now a requirement for all of us. Please watch your emails for news from Gary Whorlow/HR Unlimited Resources for further details of this class.

Our 15th Institute/Academy will be held again in Muncie on March 7-11, 2010. The location has changed to the new Hampton Inn & Suites. Several of the education committee visited the hotel and we believe that everyone will be very pleased with this change. Please mark your calendars for this very important education opportunity.

New education requirements are forthcoming from IIMC pertaining to the CMC and MMC certifications. From what we have been told, these new changes will be for the better. Education recommendations may be viewed on the IIMC website www.iimc.com, if anyone would care to do so. One thing we would like to remind everyone to do, if you have not already done so, is to fill out and send in to IIMC, the APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION form. This must be done in order for IIMC to know what certification you are working on. IIMC will not begin to process anything you send in unless they have this form on file. You may find the form on the IIMC website. We will keep you informed on any updates as we learn more.

With that being said, Janet and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring you much happiness and many blessings to you and your families.



Ask Charlie

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Q If there is no bank within the city or town's corporate limits, does the Council still have to designate the depositories the city or town does business with?

A Yes. IC 5-13-6-1 (d) requires cities and towns to deposit all funds not later than the next business day following the receipt of funds in depositories selected by the city or town as provided in an ordinance adopted by the city or town and approved as depositories of state funds.

Q Has the State mileage rate changed?

A Yes. The State mileage rate was reduced from 44 cents per mile to 40 cents per mile, effective October 1, 2009.

ILMCT, Shifting Gears For The Future

SAVE THE DATE—JUNE 13 -JUNE 17, 2010

I AM SO EXCITED ABOUT THE ILMCT 2010 Conference. We had our first meeting and it is all falling into place. I have a wonderful committee that makes planning a conference easy and fun. The conference Theme is "ILMCT, Shifting Gears For the Future". The conference will be held at Marriott North in Indianapolis June 13th through June 17th.

Do you know what District you are in? Do you know who your District Director is? Well guess what?! You will get to know who your District Director is, and who is in your district, at the 2010 conference. Your District Directors and I have a lot of ideas for the conference to give you a chance to become part of the "Pit Crew" for your district. You will be able to put a face with a name in your "Pit Crew" (district) so if you need assistance or a shoulder to cry on, someone in your "Pit Crew" will be just a phone call or a short drive away to get you back in the race. SO stay Tuned!

Congratulations to Janet Jaros from Noblesville and Rae Baker-Gipson from Rising Sun for winning the Financial Management Award at the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns Annual Conference in October. Janet and Rae both tied for this years prestigious award. Congratulations Ladies!



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From our City and Town Hall to yours, from our Families and Friends to yours, Have a very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!



Friendship Starter Bread

- 1 (.25) oz) package active yeast
- 1/4 cup warm water (110 degrees F)
- 3 Cups all purpose flour, divided
- 3 cups white sugar, divided
- 3 cups milk

1. In a small bowl, dissolve yeast in water. Let stand 10 minutes. In a 2 quart glass container (not metal), combine 1 cup flour and 1 cup sugar. Mix thoroughly or flour will lump when milk is added. Slowly stir in 1 cup milk and dissolved yeast mixture. Cover loosely and let stand until bubbly. Consider this day 1 of the 10 day cycle. Leave loosely covered at room temperature.
2. On days 2 through 4; stir starter with a spoon (not metal). Day 5; stir in 1 cup flour, 1 cup sugar and 1 cup milk. Days 6 through 9; stir only.
3. Day 10; stir in 1 cup flour, 1 cup sugar and 1 cup milk. Remove 1 cup to make your first bread, give 2 cups to friends along with this recipe and your favorite bread recipe. Store the remaining starter in a container in the refrigerator or begin the 10 day process over again (beginning with step 2).

Friendship Bread

- 1 cup Friendship Starter Mix
- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 2 loaf pans.
2. In a large bowl, combine the starter mix with oil, eggs, flour, sugar, cinnamon, salt, baking soda, baking powder and vanilla. Mix well and pour into prepared pans.
3. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes.



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