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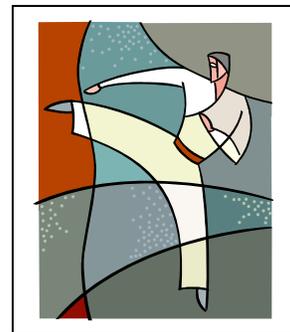
By Karen Kuznek-Reese, Board Member

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Register now for the Fall MMC Academy, "Responsive Management: Core Competencies," which will be held on Friday, October 26, at the Wenatchee Coast Center Hotel. Our presenter is Richard Baron, and the session is approved by IIMC for 3 CMC or 3 MMC points toward certification (or six hours for recertification). More details and the registration form are available at www.wmcaclerks.org. Register before October 5 to avoid the late fee, and remember there are no refunds on registration. Reserve your room now. Rates are \$70 single and \$90 double until September 25. This will be a great session and a good time to network and catch up.

"Connecting the Pieces of the Parliamentary Puzzle" will be presented by our very own Irvalene Moni on Wednesday, October 17, 2007. This session will be held at Bellevue City Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$40 payable to MOPU. This session is worth 1 MMC point (professional/social contribution) or 1 CMC point (experience). Mail your registration and payments to Irvalene Moni, MOPU Treasurer, City of Maple Valley, P. O. Box 320, Maple Valley, WA 98038. For additional information contact Bob Baker at the City of Newcastle.

WMCA members are cordially invited to the Oregon Association of Municipal Records Academy session and conference which is coming up September 19-22. The Academy session, approved for 3 points for CMC or MMC and six hours toward recertification is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, at the Shilo Inn in The Dalles, Oregon. Former NYPD Officer Mike Manley will teach the fine points of "Verbal Judo" at this session. OAMR has extended an invitation



to WMCA members to register at the member rate for the Academy or the entire conference. See details at www.wmcaclerks.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO ENTIAT CITY CLERKS

Surprise! The City Park at Entiat was the scene of a surprise retirement party for City Clerk Karen Smith on Saturday, August 18. Deputy Clerk Karen Sweeney managed to organize a party for 70 without breathing a hint to the very surprised Ms. Smith. Karen received warm tributes from the Mayor, city staffers and WMCA. Past Presidents Pam Kolacy, Alice Attwood and Jackie Moriarty were in attendance and a proclamation from President Alice Bush was read, detailing Karen's many contributions to WMCA including her service as President and her recognition as Clerk of the Year. Letters were also read from Peggy Hagan and Carol Etgen which added some warm and amusing memories. Members of Karen's family, including her mom and her grandson were beaming as Karen was honored on her special day. **Congratulations Karen Smith**, on a distinguished career, **and** also to **Karen Sweeney** who will become City Clerk.

IT'S CATALOG TIME AGAIN!

If you liked the catalog order items from the conference and didn't have an opportunity to order an item, we are offering the opportunity to purchase the WMCA logo items again. Since WMCA is a 501(C)(3) organization, there is no sales tax.



This is presale orders only. Deadline is October 9, 2007. Items will be distributed at the Fall Academy. If you are unable to attend the academy, we will also be accepting presale orders for the conference in March, 2008, that will have an extended deadline, or you can have the item mailed to you for an additional \$5.00 fee.

Additional information will be on the WMCA webpage and e-mailed out to the members.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH AN EXTRA \$1,500?

Take a trip! Buy a new big-screen TV! RAFFLE TICKETS FOR a **\$1,500 VISA GIFT CARD** will be available by the end of August for \$5.00 per ticket. The drawing will be held at the WMCA conference in March. The tickets are being sold by the Fundraising Committee and other gracious WMCA clerks that have volunteered to sell them.



REMINDER - BOARD VACANCY

Interested in serving on the WMCA Executive Committee? A Board Member vacancy to fill an unexpired term to March 2009 is open. The Notice of Vacancy and instructions for filing are available on the www.wmcaclerks.org website. The deadline for filing is Monday, September 17, 2007.

CLERK OF THE YEAR AWARD

It's never too early to start thinking about who you will nominate for Clerk of the Year. This is a reminder that the Call for Nominations will occur in September, so start thinking about your nominee. Does he or she stand out above the rest? Have they done something that makes them, their municipality or WMCA shine? Check out more information about the award at <http://www.wmcaclerks.org/Policies>. The complete list of past Award recipients as well as Award winners for the President's Award of Distinction can be found on our website under "Miscellaneous."

DREAMING OF THOSE AUCTION ITEMS!

We had our "most impressive" (yet!) silent and live auctions last year, with the proceeds going to the scholarship fund for those of us whose cities can't afford to send us to conference. Thank you to everyone for your donations and your purchases at conference!



Next year's conference in Wenatchee is just around the corner and your Scholarship Committee and Fund Raising Committee members would love to have you start thinking about what you'd like to bring for either the silent or live auction next year! A number of the big ticket items were from clerks who petitioned businesses in their home towns for tickets to special events, stays in their bed and breakfasts or a night out at a favorite restaurant.

Silent auction item favorites were baskets of all types - from wine and chocolate baskets to pamper baskets (okay, so some of you think they're one in the same!) to candles and purses and scarves. "Candy You Ate as a Kid" was a sought-after item, along with the beautiful jewelry that was donated to the event. I'm only naming a few...Please be thinking now of items you would like to bring to conference with you - it's so fun to watch the bidding take place on your item!

If you have questions or need help with ideas, please contact any of us! Carol Etgen cetgen@cityofpoulsbo.com, Scholarship Committee Chair, or Margo Tackett, clerk_treasurer@ci.westport.wa.us or Diane Foss dfoss@osgov.com, Fund-Raising Committee Co-chairs