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CONFERENCE REPORT

Less than a month away is our 2015 WSACT Conference. The agenda is out, much thanks to Dave Griffiths who's been great to work with and is the master mind behind the agenda. We still have counties not yet registered but have rooms booked at the Enzian Inn. To those counties please register soon. The Enzian is working hard ensuring our conference is a success. They have provided a beautiful setting for our Hospitality room and patio. Please be sure to bring your favorite wines from the Northwest to share.

We are looking for "Uber" volunteers who are willing to transport conference attendees to and from the Leavenworth Country Club Wednesday evening. If this is something you'd like to do, please e-mail me or Dave. Our conference will end with a sit down lunch and the scholarship raffle so we can get you on the road by 1pm. Many hands make for lighter work, thanks to all of you who are giving of your time and talents.

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If you have not registered, please do so now by [clicking here](#).



MID SUMMER CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars, the Mid -Summer Conference is fast approaching. Shawn will led us through the process of final review of the legislative proposals approved at the district level. We have a solid two day agenda and many sponsorships making this conference possible at a very low registration cost of \$60 which includes lunch on Monday and Tuesday and Dinner on Monday night. To see the agenda, our sponsors and registration information click here..

Gordon



WSACT Mid-Summer Meeting
 July 27 & 28, 2015
 Whitman College
 Reid Campus Center
 Walla Walla, WA

NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT



L-R Wanda Grone, Stacie Prada, Katie Jungquist, Meredith Green, Scott Matheson, Steve Oliver



Roundtable Discussions on what statute or law gives the federal government exempt status for special assessments. Senate Bill 5276 and House Bill 2255 were discussed along with an email from DOR on prepayments. Numerous items that would be good clean-up legislation were debated.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT



Back L-R Ron Strabbing, Lisa Frazier, Army Davis, Shawn Myers, Doug Lasher
Front : Kathy Hanks, Renee Goodin, Mike Lonergan



It was a great discussion about several topics including a visit from Kathy Beith and Harold Smith from DOR talking about the deferral liens and foreclosure involving deferral liens. We asked DOR for an opinion on the multi year (+3 years) refund issue and DOR stated they will have an answer for the Treasurers before the Mid-Summer Conference in July.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT REPORT



Counterclockwise L-R Darryl Pheasant, Mike Volz, Rochelle Rodak, Linda Fisher, Leah McCormack, Nona Haberman, Dave Griffiths

Mike Volz gave an update on a dispute between the City of Spokane and the County on district assessments. Noxious Weed districts were discussed and why there is such variance on how counties accounted for these funds. Conference topics were discussed like the ACH process and fraud intervention.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT REPORT



Back: Mark Clinton, Gordon Heimbigner, Duane Davidson, Ilene Thomson, Greg Gallagher

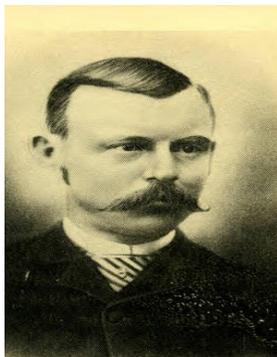
Front: Erhiza Rivera, Holly Schiffer, Karen Roosevelt, Audrey McLean, Megan Martin, Andrew Hicks

Discussion was led by Gordon and Duane on conducting effective county finance meetings. Andrew shared Franklin County's experiences of physical distraint of business property on leased land.. Ilene provided the results from the excise survey about the ongoing issues of documentation requirements on inheritances with excise affidavits. Good roundtable discuss by all on numerous topics.

Comments:

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Treasurer History



Former San Juan County Treasurer C. M. Tucker was born in Tippecanoe

county, Indiana, May 17, 1863. He was raised on a farm and attended the Battle Ground Institute. In 1855 he moved from Indiana to Jefferson County, Washington Territory, and for a while was employed at a flour mill there. In 1886 he moved to Argyle, near Friday Harbor and was instrumental in the organization of the Argyle Milling Company, of which he was elected president. Soon afterward he bought out the other partners and owned the entire mill. He was also appointed Postmaster and Justice of the Peace. In 1892 he was elected Treasurer of San Juan County. Later Mr. Tucker worked his way up to an officer position at the San Juan County Bank. The Historic Tucker House in Friday Harbor was built in 1898 as a family residence for the Tucker family but today is the Tucker House Inn providing visitors to San Juan Island luxurious accommodations and first rate breakfasts.



Treasurer Profiles

Rhonda Pederson

San Juan County Treasurer

My Hometown: *Friday Harbor*

The hardest thing I've ever done: *Losing my 20 year old son, about 31/2 years ago*

Three people (living or dead) I'd invite to dinner: *My son, Landis who passed away, my son Austin who is still living and my grandson, Eli*

A dream I have is to: *Do some type of work around grief to help other people deal with loss. I have visualized myself in a foreign county helping communities or speaking to groups about loss. I am looking to give something back to the world. Still trying to figure this one out!*

You'd be surprised to learn that I: *I was a volunteer fire fighter*

The most adventurous thing I've ever done is: *Run for Elections as County Treasurer*

My favorite way to relax is: *Spending the day at Olympus Spa in Lynnwood and beading*

I'm most proud of: *Raising my children and step children*

My favorite meal is: *Thai and Indian Food*

My pet peeve is: *Lying, I may not like the truth, but I would rather deal with the truth than someone lying to me.*

My motto is: *I am a spiritual being having a human experience.*

The last book I read was: *Permission to Mourn: A New Way to do Grief*

My favorite movie is: *Wizard of Oz, Same Time Next Year, Seven, Primal Fear and may others*

My favorite music is: *Pop, Folk and Soul*

My Hero-or-Role Model is: *My niece, I love to watch how she is raising her children*