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News From The President

It's summer!

I hope everyone has been able to have some time off to enjoy the "off season". It seems like our "off season" gets shorter and shorter every year. My office staff and I have been doing clean up work. Cleaning out our files, cleaning the clutter off of our desks, and taking some time to let our minds clean out also.



The plans for the evening activities at Tulsa continue. I have been finishing up the plans for our trip to The Aquarium while we are in Tulsa.

This is shaping up to be a really fun evening and I hope everyone is planning to attend. Ralph is working hard to get all the bingo prizes purchased. He had no idea how much shopping it would take to buy all the prizes for the bingo.



I only traveled out of the county one time during the month of July for business. I attended the monthly CODA board meeting where we have started planning for the September conference. I need every county assessor to let me know if you will have an employee who will have 20 years of service to your county by September. These employees will be recognized by CODA during our breakout sessions at the September conference. You may send the names to me at my email address custer@okassessor.com or by fax at 580-331-1105. I need to have these names to CLGT by August 15 so I would appreciate your response before we leave for the Tulsa conference.

See you in Tulsa,

Debbie Collins



August Flower - Gladiolus
August Gemstone - Peridot

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<i>Debbie Collins</i>	<i>Custer</i>	<i>Aug 1</i>
<i>Scotty Cosby</i>	<i>Harper</i>	<i>Aug 1</i>
<i>Charles Edwards</i>	<i>Tillman</i>	<i>Aug 1</i>
<i>Eloise McCully</i>	<i>Kingfisher</i>	<i>Aug 12</i>
<i>Shirley Bryant</i>	<i>Choctaw</i>	<i>Aug 16</i>
<i>Judy Rousey</i>	<i>Cherokee</i>	<i>Aug 18</i>
<i>Jack O'Neal</i>	<i>Sequoyah</i>	<i>Aug 19</i>
<i>Todd Mathes</i>	<i>Washington</i>	<i>Aug 31</i>

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AD VALOREM UPDATE

Hi from the Ad Valorem Division

I've escaped from the Lion's Den. King Ralph Wilson had me present a program at the Fairview Lions' Club. We had a great time and I escaped the Lions without injury.

We're in the final stages of our preparation for the Tulsa Conference. We're looking forward to seeing everyone. It should be a great week.

Educational Conference Plans Finalized

The Ad Valorem Division is putting the final touches on the 60th Annual Educational Conference for Assessing Officers, which will be held at the Marriott Southern Hills in Tulsa August 10-13. The theme for the "diamond anniversary edition" of the Conference is "How To."

If you have not completed your registration information and returned it to the Ad Valorem Division, please do so as soon as possible.

This will assist us in planning and logistics with the hotel.

If you are turning back any hotel rooms, please contact our office so that we can retain the rooms in our block for use by other conference attendees.

Conference Highlights

The Ad Valorem Division has worked with the County Assessor's Association, Center for Local Government Technology, and the State Auditor and Inspector to put together another outstanding educational offering for everyone in your office. Following is a brief overview of class topics by general area.

Administrative

A wide range of relevant topics will be covered in the Administrative area, including such subjects as "The Importance of Market Value" with Jewette Farley, CAE, "Deeds and Trusts," "Housing Trends," Tax Roll Correction Paper Trail," "Manufactured Home Update," "Legislative and Legal Update," among many others.

Appraiser

Varied subjects including "Valuation Appeals," "Case Study Valuation of Convenience Stores," and "Valuation of Billboards" will be presented this year in the Appraisal area. Practical information on "How To" will be covered, in keeping with the Conference theme. This should be a useful and informative week for Assessors and deputies performing appraisal functions in the counties.

Personal Property

There will be the usual update on "Five Year Exempt Manufacturing," instruction on "Business Personal Property Renditions," and detailed instruction on the use of the "Business

Personal Property Square Foot Guide.” Those involved in valuation of personal property will find these sessions to be educational and helpful.

Mapping

Both general mapping topics as well as software specific training will be provided in the mapping sessions at the Conference. General topics include such subjects as “Importance of GIS,” “Training Opportunities,” “Data Interchange With The Fed’s”, and “Rural E-911.”

Software specific training will cover “MIMS for Beginners,” “MIMS for More Advanced Users,” and “ArcView 8.3 Editing.” Friday’s session in the mapping area will provide an opportunity for “Questions and Answers About Mapping.”

Computer Support

“Hands-On” computer sessions include training in the State Assessment Administration Software, State CAMA system, Microsoft Excel spreadsheet program, and Microsoft PowerPoint presentation software.

Additionally, in the Friday Computer sessions, user meetings will take place for the State CAMA and AA programs, TerraScan, and Colorado Customware, giving software users an opportunity to come together to discuss issues of importance.

Assessment Overview

These sessions have become a popular part of the Annual Educational Conference. Both new employees and longtime Assessors or deputies who are wanting a refresher on various topics will find something of interest here.

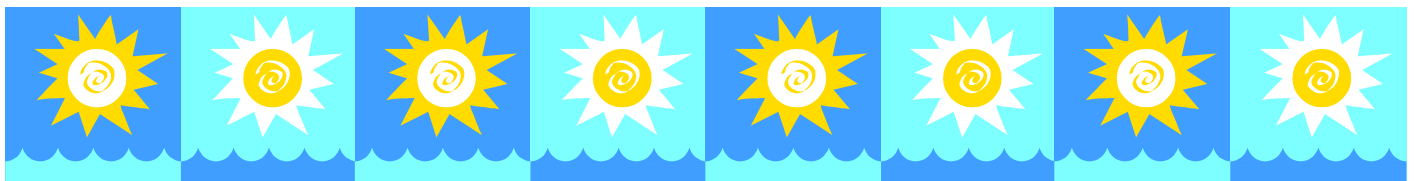
Topics are numerous, and include “Introduction to the County Assessors Office,” “Assessment Appraisal,” “Administration,” “Public Service,” “Mobile Homes, Tax Laws and Statutes,” “Five-Year Manufacturing Exemption,” and various CAMA and valuation subjects.

The Assessment Overview students will join with the appraiser students on Thursday for the “Case Study Valuation of Convenience Stores,” presented by Doug Warr, AAS and Gary Snyder of CLGT.

See You In August!

The Ad Valorem Division is excited about the “60th Edition Diamond Anniversary” of the Educational Conference. Only one thing is lacking from making it a complete success, and that’s YOU! We look forward to seeing everyone in Tulsa August 10-13 to learn “How To.”

If you’ve got questions about course offerings, please call the Ad Valorem Division and we’ll assist you in selecting sessions that are useful and appropriate for each of your employees.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Reynolds, President of OAPR wanted the Assessor Association Group to know that The Oklahoma Association of Public Service will have a hospitality room, Tuesday, August 10th at the Assessor's Conference in Tulsa.

The hospitality room will be from 5-7pm on the 3rd floor. They will have signs posted as to which room. Everyone's invited!!
See you there!!



IN OUR PRAYERS:

Suzanne McOsker, 1st Deputy Major County, lost her husband this past month to cancer. Let's remember her and her family in prayer.

Also, Thyra Grounds, Texas County Assessor, lost her Stepmother July 8th. She battled cancer for 10 months. She would have been 65 on July 19th.

