



# THE ASSESSMENT FILES

COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOCIATION OF OKLAHOMA  
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**Reporter's Note: Short Newsletter due to Annual Conference**

## Message from the President....

Due to the conference timing there is no message from the president. Next month we will have a message from the incoming President Ronnie Funck and a final message from outgoing President Wade Patterson. (Final Message from Wade? Is it possible? He did do under 2 minutes in closing last week.)

### From the Secretary-Treasurer:

We desperately need your help! We are missing a bunch of lanyards and will have to pay for them because we borrowed them from CODA. Since many of you left after Thursday's session, I am assuming many of you might have accidentally taken them home.

Would you PLEASE let me know as soon as possible IF you have any? I then would need you to mail them to me.

Thanks so much!!!!

Monica  
580.327.3118

### IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 20, 2009      Retirement Party for Debbie Gentry, Woodward County Assessor

### Assessor Updates:

As was reported last week at the conference Karen Perkins and Jacquie Rose, Ellis and Payne County assessors respectfully, are both doing well. Several signed cards at the conference and some even talked to Karen on the phone. I talked to Karen myself and she sounded good. She plans to be at Debbie Gentry's retirement party.

## The Ad Valorem Division Director's Notes

Assessor Convention Time Again! We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the County Assessors Association Convention next week. The Convention is always a productive meeting, well attended with great participation, and historically, we've had some great sessions since everyone has settled into the fall routine.

Greg Harmon and I enjoyed meeting with the NW assessors at Major County hosted by "King" Ralph Wilson and his good staff Suzanne and Donise for the NW CODA district meeting. We met at the Indian Village Creek Bed and Breakfast/Event Center on a really beautiful Oklahoma fall day. The owners have brought in several old buildings for the site, and not surprising the Assessors' break-out was held in an old renovated chapel. That's good since the Assessors and Tax Commission need all the help that we can get.

I was making a particular good presentation to the group until I noticed that I had on one black shoe and one maroon shoe. At least, they were both penny loafers. We always enjoy getting out of the office, especially with all the budget restraints on travel. Smaller meetings give everyone time to ask questions and get good information.

The Ad Valorem Division had a successful meeting last month on the personal property schedule methodology. The session was well attended by industry, county assessors, and career tech representatives.

We will be posting the draft of the schedule on the web on November 1. This posting will be followed by a ten-day comment period with the final schedule posted December 1. We appreciate everyone's comments, and I think that the process has been more open and transparent than in past years.

Our Equalization Studies have been completed for the year. Joe Hapgood and his staff have finished up the last county studies. We appreciate the assistance of counties in helping our staff complete those studies. Assessment and Equalization Analysts have traveled many miles to finish up this important work for the State Board of Equalization meeting in December.

The Ad Valorem Division has completed all of our inspections of the five-year exemption projects in the thirty-four counties with five-year program applications. Doug Brydon, Paula Gibson, and Patty Heath have made ninety-eight inspections of manufacturing applicants across the state.

The five-year exemption continues to be a very popular program, and we rely on county assessors and their deputies to provide the necessary information we need to complete the process.

Finally, President Wade Patterson will join the illustrious "Past President's Club" later this month. On behalf of the Ad Valorem Division, we'd like to express our

appreciation to Wade. He has been a terrific President. He's been a patient, thoughtful counselor for the Association, and the Ad Valorem Division has enjoyed working with him. Wade helped keep good lines of communication open with all the parties. As those of you know who have served the Association, the President's job is tough. Wade has been really involved in all aspects of the process. He is a real leader in the ad valorem system.

Thanks for all your help this year. Have a good month. We appreciate all you do for your taxpayers and all the hard work of county assessors and deputies every where. It's a tough job, but ad valorem is an extremely important part of local government in Oklahoma. We're all working to pass the system on better than it was given to us.

Sincerely,

Jeff Spelman, CAE

P.S. "Money is something that I hear much discussion about, but on a daily basis I see very little of it." Anwar Caddo, Ad Valorem Philosopher. Quote borrowed from Anthony Powell's eight volume novel "A Dance to the Music of Time." The novel has over a million words, making it one of the longest literary works in the English language.

## **Reporter's Corner:**

Hello All,

This October edition of the newsletter is going to be a short one this month. The conference was last week and getting articles has been difficult for some to do this month. This will be my next to the last newsletter to put together as reporter. November's newsletter, which will be my last, will have articles from the out-going and in-coming officers.

Hope everyone had a good time last week at the Annual Fall Assessors' Conference. I believe we had a good turnout, although we had some that were not there due to the flu. We had a good number of retired assessors present, especially the last day. As for my personal experience, this was my first time to attend the conference as an officer. Seating at the head table was a different look at the meeting compared to being out in the audience, where I had been the past 12 years. Also seating upfront looking out over the audience you can see a lot of things.

On a personal note I would like to thank the association for allowing me to serve as the reporter this past year. I would like to also thank the association for your vote to move me up to the secretary/treasurer position for the upcoming year. Serving this past year with the rest of the officers, Wade, Ronnie and Monica, has been great. I would like to thank them for the guidance and experience they have given me. I am looking forward to the next year and working with the new slate of officers.

Thanks again,  
Scott Kirby, Reporter



<u>Dates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>
11/04/2009 – 11/06/2009	<b>Advance Income Approach</b>	<i>Hampton Inn Tulsa</i>
11/10/2009	<b>IAAO Residential Construction and Design</b>	<i>Meridian Tech. Center Stillwater</i>
11/17/2009 - 11/20/2009	<b>Unit 4 (Income Approach)</b>	<i>Hilton Garden Inn Norman</i>
11/17/2009 - 11/19/2009	<b>OTC, ARCView Map Training with Troy Frazier</b>	<i>CLGT Building Stillwater</i>
<u>12/01/2009 - 12/04/2009</u>	<u>Unit 6 (Cadastral Mapping)</u>	<u>Hilton Garden Inn Norman</u>
<u>12/16/2009 - 12/18/2009</u>	<u>Unit 5 (Business Personal Property)</u>	<i>Holiday Inn Ardmore</i>
<u>01/14/2010 - 01/15/2010</u>	<u>Unit 7 (Ag Land Valuation)</u>	<i>Hilton Garden Inn Norman</i>



**NOVEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS  
Kim Cain- 18**



(18 is the date not age)

There are 77 County Assessors and only 1 born in November. Isn't she Special?



Just a reminder as there is still time left to take advantage of the local chapter's latest offering from IAAO.

**Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**One-day Forum: Forum 937 — House Construction, Design and Systems (7.5 CE hours)**

**Brochure Available - <http://ok-iaao.oklahomacounty.org/Education.htm>**

This workshop is designed to provide some background on residential house construction. Topics that will be covered include: location, house types, interior design, architectural styles, construction, environmental hazards, building materials/systems and home improvements/renovations.

\* Houses, The Illustrated Guide to Construction, Design & Systems, 3rd Edition, Henry S. Harrison, Dearborn Real Estate Education, Residential Sales Council, 430 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611-4092, is provided with this workshop.

**INSTRUCTOR AND LOCATION:** Rick Stuart, CAE, 2008 IAAO Instructor of the Year  
Meridian Tech Center ([E129-Lecture Hall](#)) *See attached map*  
1312 South Sangre Rd, Stillwater Oklahoma (405) 377-3333

**Hotel Rooms:**

Marriott Residence Inn (brand new) – Stillwater, OK (*ask for rooms reserved for IAAO or Assessor School*)

800 South Murphy Street  
Stillwater, Ok 74074

Ph: 405-707-0588 Fax: 405-707-7407

**Rates:** \$70.00 + tax per night for single or double occupancy

If using a Purchase Order you will need to set up a “Direct Bill” with the hotel. In addition, a personal credit card will need to be on file for any incidentals.

**COST:** Forum 937 registration fee is **\$95.00**.

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