

GENESEE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS AND TREASURERS
MEETING HELD JANUARY 5, 1994, 12:00 P.M.
R. C. Cooper's Restuarant

ATTENDANCE: 30

Janet Johnston, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 12:50 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The January MTA meeting will not be held due to the MTA Convention.

Mrs. Johnston said in December, Don Becker asked her to have the Program Committee meet and plan the guest speakers from January through April. She said the Committee met and has chosen many interesting programs for the next several meetings. Mrs. Johnston then gave a brief overview of the Committee's decision.

Mrs. Johnston recognized County Commission Rose Bogardus along with Vienna Township Supervisor, Verl Newman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Doris Carpenter gave a brief report of the Treasurer's Meeting. Everyone should get a copy of the calendar of vital dates regarding taxes. If there are any changes to be made on the calendar, contact the County and it will be corrected. Doris said the new laser printer has been purchased at the County and will be used to print the Summer Tax Statements. Doris showed a sample of the new tax statements.

Darene Woodbury said she spoke with Mike Carr, County Clerk, regarding the use of paper ballots at the March 15th election. He said as long as there is only one issue on the ballot, he has no problem with the paper ballots.

Jeff Cyphert, Grand Blanc Township Treasurer, shared information regarding the School Reform Proposal he received.

Janet Johnston reminded everyone that the dues are \$1.00 per member and not \$1.00 per governmental unit. The dues pays for the postage of the mailing of the notices. She also asked the membership to think about whether flowers should be sent to family members who may pass away or just send a card to the member. Further discussion will be held at a later date.

GUEST SPEAKER: Office Carol Munhall, Mt. Morris Township Police Department

Officer Munhall said he has taught self-defense for the past 12 years and has been on the road for 15 years. She is working under a grant for drug enforcement.

Officer Munhall said when parking in a parking lot, try to park under the lights so the light is directed toward you vehicle. If you come out of the mall and you had locked your car but you find the car unlocked, you must assume that someone has been inside your vehicle. Be careful when approaching your vehicle that you look around under the vehicles and inside the vehicle before getting in. Also, do not walk out of a building with your head down. Constantly be watching around the area where you are walking.

When going to a mall, you don't really need to carry a purse. You should only carry your license and a wallet where is can be hidden. Should you carry a

shoulder bag, put it inside your coat where it cannot be seen. Prevention is better than giving your belongings to the criminal.

Officer Munhall explained how to hold your keys when leaving a building and going to your vehicle. She said if you hold the keys properly in your hand they can be used as a weapon. She then demonstrated several ways to protect yourself against a would-be assailant. Some of her demonstrations included gentlemen from the audience. She noted that should an assailant have a gun pointed at you, do not study them too carefully, as they are aware you will be able to identify them and will probably kill you.

Officer Munhall said when she speaks with children about prevention, she tells them no one should touch them anywhere a bathing suit fits you. Many times children take the blame when being sexually molested and it's important to let them know they have done nothing wrong and it's okay to tell someone. Many times children aren't taken seriously and they should continue to tell until someone listens to them. The parents should be in the classes with the children because there are many things the parents need to know. For instance, putting a child's name on a jacket is not the thing to do. A stranger can call them by name and this will sometimes make a child go with a stranger. Try to use a code name with your child if you plan to have someone pick them up besides the parents.

In speaking with children, I have asked them to describe a bad person. The description will most usually include a moustache, beard, hat, glasses, etc. Rarely do they think a bad person could be someone in a suit. We tell them an older person generally will not ask a child for directions if they are lost. If someone approaches them, try to remember everything you can about the person and if possible, get a license plate number.

Janet Johnston thanked Officer Munhall for sharing her knowledge with the members of the organization.

Janet Johnston adjourned the meeting at 1:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE
Secretary

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