

GENESEE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS AND TREASURERS
MEETING HELD JANUARY 5, 2000 AT 12:00 P.M.
WALLI'S SUPPER CLUB, G-4160 W. PIERSON RD., FLINT, MI

Ginger Spencer called the meeting to order at 12:40 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ginger said the minutes of the Treasurer's Meeting held at the County would be faxed to each unit of government. The Treasurer's were asked to remind the Assessors that the land division splits should be into the county by January 16th.

GUEST SPEAKER: Marilyn Twine, Census 2000.

Ms. Twine said things are happening fast and furious in getting the Census 2000 ready. She said this is the 22nd census in our country's history. The United States is the only country in the world that has an on-going census. By conducting a census, there are billions of dollars that are returned back to the individual states. The federal dollars supports schools, hospitals, meals on wheels, police and fire grants, garbage pick-up, head start program, food stamps, WICK, highway dollars, etc. The census is a massive task.

Ms. Twine said most people don't want to answer the census form because they are unsure of who receives the information, once it is given to the census people. The information provided to the census is confidential and is not shared with the FBI, Courts, Police, Military, IRS, etc. There has never been a breach of confidentiality from the census information.

Ms. Twine said the third week of March the forms will be mailed to everyone. This will be the shortest form ever with seven questions on it. There will be a long form version, but not everyone will receive it. On the long form there will be about 27 questions. The Census Bureau needs the local units of government to be their partners to make this a real success in getting everyone counted. We are encouraging the local units of government to get involved in promoting the census. It will only benefit each individual area. By the local areas being involved, it carries more weight in your communities. The general public needs to be educated about why it is so important for each and every person to be counted in the census. Forms will be available in stores, county and governmental offices, libraries and various other areas.

One of the things the census provides is jobs. We expect to hire one-half million people nationwide to help us conduct the census. In the Flint area, we need to hire 800 people to get an accurate count. There will be first and second shift people working the census. If anyone is interested in working the census, you must take a reading and writing test that takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. The jobs pay anywhere from \$9.75 to \$16.00 per hour and the jobs lasts from two to eight weeks. It's a good opportunity for people to do something good for their community and country.

Ms. Twine then entertained questions from the audience.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE
Secretary