

GENESEE COUNTY CLERK AND TREASURER ASSOCIATION MEETING
MAY 1, 1991, 12:00 P.M.

Attendance: 25

The Meeting was called to order at 12:45 P.M. by President Don Becker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The MTA Meeting will be held at Montrose on the third Thursday of May at 7:30 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

Doris Carpenter said there will be a meeting of the Ad-Hoc Committee and the Equalization Department at 9:30 a.m. on May 14, 1991.

GUEST SPEAKER: Carl Leipmann, Flushing Township Treasurer

Carl Leipmann is Treasurer of Flushing Township and is also the Vice President of the Genesee County Humane Society. Mr. Leipmann is responsible for a budget at the Humane Society.

Mr. Leipmann introduced Davy, his golden retriever, and gave a brief background of himself and how he went into the training of dogs. He said he started a boarding business in 1968 and also started training Golden Retrievers. Mort Neff of Michigan Outdoors asked him to appear on his show and from then on, people wanted me to train their retrievers. I would take one or two dogs at a time and the business escalated from there. Training was supposed to be a side line for me, but the kennels went from 5 to 40 to have enough space for dogs and cats. This type of business ties you down where you can't get away and you eventually get burnt out. I have raised labs since 1968 and they are an excellent hunting dog.

Carl then showed photos of Davy and his puppies. Approximately 45 of Davy's puppies are currently leading blind people. Of the puppies he has sired, approximately 90% graduate.

Carl said he was a professional handler at the dog shows for about 12 years, handling others dogs. Dog shows are a very large business. He said he is now judging for 38 breeds of dogs and he has been judging for about 11 years. There are about 3,000 dog shows per year, 44-50 of which I am one of the judges.

Carl said the building the Humane Society is presently in is very inadequate. There are about 12,000 animals taken in there per year. A new shelter will give us more space and more exercise area for the animals.

There is a program at Beke's Food Market in Flushing for raising funds to buy the food for the animals at the shelter. The owner was very receptive to the idea of asking people to pick up an extra bag of dog or cat food and it could be donated to the Humane Society. This idea has been done for several years and we have escalated from \$3,600.00 up to just over \$21,000.00 in dollars and food. We have received contributions from 2 cents up to \$500.00. We have had excellent media coverage.

Davy gets dressed up in a santa suit two weeks prior to Christmas and will sit on a table at Beke's Food Market up to nine hours per day. People will give donations for the food used at the Humane Society. The employees also donate to this cause and the employees at Meijer's donated 800 pounds for the shelter.

We also have a program for Senior Citizens. If Seniors want an animal and can't afford them, we donate an animal and pay for the food. It has been proven that Seniors live longer if they have an animal to care for because they are responsible for them. We take puppies to the convalescent homes and the residents enjoy seeing them.

The Humane Society in Genesee County is doing a good job, as there are no funds given to them from Genesee County.

Mr. Leipmann concluded his presentation by reading a poem.

Mr. Becker addressed the problems of the financial crunch of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation and Mr. Bill Barkey, Genesee County Treasurer, elaborated further about the disbursement of the money going to his office for the Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Becker adjourned the meeting at 1:24 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M Ladd, CMC
Secretary/Treasurer

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 37.35
Guest Speaker Lunch	- 5.50
Dues	+ 17.00
Postage	- 14.50
Ending Balance:	\$ 34.30