

GENESEE COUNTY CLERK'S/TREASURER'S ASSOCIATION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 1994, 12:00 P.M., R.C. COOPER'S RESTAURANT

ATTENDANCE: 27

Mr. Becker called the meeting to order at 12:45 P.M.

Mr. Becker said the guest speaker for October would be David Hayes, who will be speaking on the topic of bar coding. The speaker for November has not been selected as yet and the County Parks Personnel will be at the December meeting to give everyone an update on the parks and they will once again offer free tickets for Crossroads Village for the holidays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MTA will meet at Atlas Township on September 22nd. There will be a Committee Meeting for those who are involved in the promotion of Genesee County for the MTA Convention in January. The regular meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. A Buick will be given away and anyone who has connections with their Credit Unions or Banks, please contact them for a donation to help promote Genesee County.

The Fall District Meeting will be held in Frankenmuth, MI on September 27th at 8:30 A.M. Topics for discussion will be the Motor Voter Bill and Proposal "A".

Jeff Cyphert said the Municipal Treasurer's Association State Conference will be held the first Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of October in Frankenmuth, MI.

The Governmental Clerk's of Genesee County will be on Thursday, September 15th at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at Grand Blanc Township. This will be a breakfast meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Doris Carpenter said the Treasurer's will be on September 22nd at 9:30 a.m. at the County Building. All City and Village Treasurer's are asked to be there to discuss and problems they incurred with the tax notices.

Jerry Stadler said the hang up for the one time tax collection is the County getting their books in order. He said everyone he talks to is in favor of the one-time collection.

GUEST SPEAKER: Dave Love, Investigator, Richfield Township

Ginger Spencer, Treasurer of Richfield Township, introduced Investigator Love and said he has been a member of the Richfield Township Police Department for the past 11 years both as a patrolman and an investigator. He now handles the investigations of child sexual abuse.

Officer Love said the complaints on child sexual abuse are growing and he is very dissatisfied with the outcome. He said he has taken classes through the Flint Police Academy and has learned how to reach out to children to get them to talk about sexual abuse. Since taking specialized classes dealing with sexual abuse, he has had mother's bring in their children and when the child wouldn't talk to her, they would communicate to Officer Love.

Officer Love said children are taught in schools to say no to drugs and alcohol but not enough is taught about good touch and bad touch. The Prosecutor's Office used to have a special team to follow sexual abuse cases, but that has been disbanded.

He said in 85% of the cases, the offender is known by the child as a relative, friend or neighbor. Sexual abuse can occur in any area, not just in the Flint area. Many offenders put themselves in a position to be around children a great deal of the time, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, School and Church Outings, etc. More often than not, boys are the victims of sexual abuse and many times, it's the relatives who are the offenders.

As the child reaches the ages of 8, 9 and 10, they are more likely to tell someone of the offense. They must be told that what has occurred is not their fault. They desperately need to be reassured they had nothing to do with the abuse, as children tend to put the blame on themselves and think they should be punished for what happened. Many children are told when they are young that you can't break a secret. They must be told there are good and bad secrets.

Officer Love said he had one child that was molested by a school teacher. When he was 15 or 16 years old, he told a friend and the friend kept the secret. This is not the type of secret children should be keeping to themselves.

Mr. Becker thanked Officer Love for sharing this information with the group.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AEE
Secretary

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