

Hartford County Tax Collectors' Association Annual Report

Over the past year the Hartford County Tax Collectors 'Association has continued its mission to keep our members informed through our three business meetings per year. As in the past, we have invited guest speakers that are experts in areas which directly impact, or may someday impact our offices. Our first meeting of the year was held on April 11th hosted by the Town of Manchester. Our invited guest was Jennifer Gauthier from the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). Our members were formally introduced to Jennifer and she discussed how we can foster a greater working relationship between OPM and our municipal tax offices. All members in attendance seemed excited about establishing a beneficial working relationship with Jennifer.

Our next meeting was our annual business meeting held on October 24th hosted by the Town of East Granby. Our guest was Joey Barbera, representing CIRMA's Risk Management Services. Mr. Barbera led the members through a presentation focused on cyber security and the growing threats to our municipalities. Mr. Barbera covered topics such as ransomware and email spoofing and how we could take common sense steps to protect our offices. He also provided practical tips on how our members could protect their own data. Our members enjoyed the presentation and felt the information could be directly applied to their offices and personal life.

Our final meeting of the year was our annual holiday meeting held on December 5th hosted by the Town of Simsbury. Our guest speaker was State Representative John Hampton from the 16th House District. Representative Hampton engaged in a round table discussion with our members about legislative topics impacting our association. He was very responsive to our member's questions and assured us we could always contact him with our concerns. All members enjoyed the discussion and gained valuable insight from Representative Hampton. Following the business meeting we gathered at the Simsbury Inn for a festive luncheon.

Please join me in congratulating Dwight Rollins, Farmington Assistant Tax Collector, for earning his CCMC designation during this past year. We would also like to recognize Lauren Stuck, Granby Collector of Revenue, and Denise Talbot, Glastonbury Revenue Collector, for earning the designation of Certified Connecticut Municipal Official (CCMO), which was honored at this year's CCM convention in December. Great job to Dwight, Lauren and Denise!

I would like to thank our Hartford County officers for their service to the association this past year. Their efforts on behalf of our members is greatly appreciated.

Iris Laurenza- Vice President Samantha Pletscher- Treasurer Ana LeGasse- Secretary.

Lastly, Hartford County would like to thank CTx for its 49 year commitment to educating and supporting Tax Collectors and the municipalities they serve. Congratulations!!

Respectfully submitted,

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