



Serving the Twenty-Six Towns in Litchfield County!

Annual Report

Litchfield County held four meetings throughout 2019.

In April we held our annual meeting with a review of the recent conference and a guest speaker Rick Lynn, chair of Northwest Hills Council of Governments to open a new line of communications for our collectors. We also held a Paint & Sip fundraiser to increase our scholarship fund. The scholarship committee received 30 essays which they voted on at the annual seminar and awarded to a New Milford graduate.

In June, we held our second meeting of the year, with a self-defense lecture and demonstration from Tina Perrone, a retired CT State Trooper after 29 years who worked patrol, K-9 handler, a Detective with Major Crime Unit and academy instructor in Defense Tactics, active shooter and firearms. This was an inspirational meeting. Tina also recommended, Gift of Fear by Gavin DeBecker, survival signals that protect us from violence.

At our October meeting, we held our own mini Road show. This open time was given for the Collector's to discuss their issues, concerns and questions. We are greatly fortunate to have teachers within our county that are so knowledgeable and always willing to help.

In November we congratulated three of our Tax Collector's for obtaining their CCMC certification. Congratulations to Jennifer Woodward of Bethlehem, Joe Kilduff of Plymouth and Heather Perssonatti of Warren.

Our final meeting of the year was at the Greenwoods Country Club to celebrate the holiday season. We welcomed Jennifer Guathier, OPM, to our meeting and had a brief introduction and Q&A. We then enjoyed a terrific meal and celebrated the holiday season together.

We have enjoyed the past year leading Litchfield County Collectors. With the world as it is today, it is important to remain strong within our County & State community and keep striving to be our best and stay on top of education. It is very rewarding to face new challenges and to rise to the occasion when the need is there. We hope 2020 allows all of us to experience new opportunities, to enjoy the work we do and to lend a hand when someone needs it. Again, we are honored to be a member of an Association that strives to learn more and be the best we can be to serve our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

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