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Message from the President

CPI: STARS OF CREDIT

It is such an honor and responsibility to be District 10 President. Thank you for the opportunity and privilege to serve this organization. One of the biggest responsibilities is communication with the members. This newsletter will be the first of many. I hope you will read it and share it with co-workers and co-members and find it useful and informative.



Conference in Silverdale was wonderful. The reunion with former members was so much fun; talk is to maybe do it again! Everyone enjoyed the casino night from what I heard and the education was excellent. Installation was great but I have to say a little nerve racking. But we danced until we dropped. We had a special surprise for everyone with our group on Sunday morning.....even a few hotel guests that weren't with our group loved our wake up call. Brunch was delicious on Sunday; in fact the food was great all weekend.

Alice Rowe was the morning speaker and everyone was involved with her motivational send off. Congratulations to all those that received awards at conference especially **Jill Watkins** and **Betty Nichols**. All are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. And thank you, again, to the **Bremerton/Kitsap association and Committee** -- Mary Lou, Tom, Carrie, Teresa, Nancy S, Nancy H. and Vickie -- for the great job. I know you are all looking forward to doing it again in 2007! If you haven't been to a

district conference, please start working on 2007. You will have a great time, learn lots, meet new friends, and come away more excited about CPI than ever.

I was so lucky to get to go to Wichita, Kansas to International Conference. I should say I was lucky to get there! The plane ride was unforgettable in itself. We were supposed to arrive at 10 PM and I got there at 3:30 AM with a detour and rest in Oklahoma City. Storms are unpredictable! But once I finally arrived it was wonderful. "The Hutch Bunch" did a terrific job. The facility, speakers, food, entertainment everything was top notch. Installation for our own **Joyce Jones** as International President was perfect. Her theme "It's a Whole New Ballgame" will offer lots of fun challenges this year. More about those will come in future newsletters. Thank you again to those that made this a very special conference for District 10.

To cut expenses, this newsletter will take the place of the Post Conference **Crier**. It was decided last year

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that the expense was too high for two criers and the Pre Conference *Crier* was most important, so this newsletter will be a little longer and include reports from our district conference. Please let me know if someone does not have access to a computer and I will make sure a newsletter is mailed to them. Since this is my first newsletter I would appreciate any feedback you might have regarding it or anything about CPI. Your officers are here to help in any way we can. Our addresses, phone numbers and emails are always in the newsletters so don't hesitate to call on any of us for anything.

I look forward to working with the board this year and am excited about our newest member **Jill Jaekel**, Recording Secretary from Anchorage – Welcome Jill! I want to also thank Past President **Sue Cassell** for her work and continued support of CPI. You're not done yet, Sue! Thank you again for this opportunity and I am here to serve you and this organization.

In Friendship,

Donna Carollo
District 10 President

International Representative's Message

Greetings to all of my District 10 friends! I am so proud to represent District 10 on the International Board of Directors. I'm glad that many of you were able to attend the conference in Wichita. We had a great time and there was some excellent education offered as well as fun times on the tour and our Friday night dinner and entertainment at the Prairie Rose Ranch. My good buddy **Marlene Wilcox** installed the International Officers and I am looking forward to the coming year as your International President. I'm pleased that many of you have volunteered to be on an International Committee this year and our team is a good one with representation from all Districts. If you have not already received your Post Conference *Capsule* from our Corporate Office, it should be in your hands soon. It covers the conference with pictures and



descriptions of the various events. Again this year the International Executive Committee has voted to fund the magazine "*The Credit Professional*" and every member will receive a copy in the mail in early spring 2007.

I hope to see many of you this year, and I would love to visit your local association if I am in your area. I will be traveling quite a bit this year with planned visits to Flathead Valley in late July, the Oregon Conference in Eugene in September, Saint Louis, Missouri for the Strategic Planning Meeting (you are all invited to come and participate) and Executive Committee meeting in October. In March, I am planning to attend the District 12 Conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and in mid-April I will be traveling to Jackson, Mississippi for the District 3 & 4 Conference. April 26-29 I will be at our own District 10 Conference in Silverdale and then to Portsmouth, Virginia in June for the International Conference where I will preside at the Annual Meeting.

Our theme this year is "It's A Whole New Ballgame," and as we embark on this year's road trip, it looks like we have a really good team. I ask each of you to do what you can to further our organization. I know that not everyone can devote the kind of time and financial commitment that it takes to be an International or District officer, but we all contribute what we can and no one is more important than the next person. A team depends on all of the members and the people on the bench are just as essential as the coaches and the starters. Remember-YOU ARE INTERNATIONAL.

Joyce Jones, CCCE/MPCE
Proud Member of District 10
President, Credit Professionals International

1st Vice President's Letter

Hi! I'm really honored and excited to be your District 10 1st Vice President for the 2005-2006 year. It was great to see so many of you at the District Conference in May. As 1st VP, I'm responsible for membership outreach, so if you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact me.

I hope you are all enjoying the summer weather, sunshine, fresh produce and all the activities that are available in the warmer weather. Do be careful to keep cool though, (especially if you are experiencing “power surges”).

Have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing some of you at Fall meetings.

Tracy Harden, PCS
District 10 1st Vice President

2nd Vice President's Letter

Hi Everyone! Thank you for electing me to serve as District 10 2nd Vice President.

My job as Education Chairman is to encourage all of you to have good Educational Meetings. I can't emphasize enough how important it is to have good speakers at your meetings. You can have a speaker from your own association or from an outside source. You can have a member of your association be in charge of getting the speaker or just discuss a chapter from the Manual. There are many ways of presenting the chapters and no one way is right. The main thing is having a good educational meeting for your members. Don't forget to supplement topics that are not included in the Manual.

Over the next few Newsletters I hope to give you some topics for speakers. If you have had a good topic please let me know so I can share it with the other associations. You may e-mail me at: ruthannaller@cableone.net.

Remember to Laugh with all your breath and then laugh some more.

Smiles to you all,

Ruth Ann Aller, CCCE/MPCE
District 10 2nd Vice President

Treasurer's Letter

Just when we think we can't handle anymore fun, we make a trip to Silverdale, WA for our District

Conference. I had a wonderful time and certainly appreciated the hospitality offered by the conference committee and the beautiful city of Silverdale. I found the hotel to be warm and inviting (and not because the front doors had been removed). The speakers were excellent, meetings were informative and as always the networking was great! I so enjoyed the “reunion” on Thursday evening. It was great to see so many old friends.

This year I had the pleasure of bringing a “First Timer” to the conference. **Megan Keltner** is such a delight and a real breath of fresh air. We need more like Megan who became a true believer in CPI after one district conference. Encourage your members to attend. It is not too early to start talking about next year. Silverdale is again hosting in 2007 and I already know it will be a good time.

I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to serve as an officer for our wonderful district. Thank you for the confidence you have entrusted to me to be your Treasurer for the next year. I am looking forward to serving with President **Donna Carollo** and the rest of the board. A Special Thanks goes to Past President **Sue Cassell**. You are the best! You did a wonderful job in your leadership roll. We all appreciate all your hard work and efforts for the CPI cause.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call. My work numbers are 406-755-6687 and home 406-755-4506.
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Respectfully yours,

Margaret Ewert, PCE
District Treasurer

District Advisory Board Chair

As the District Advisory Board Chairman, I was in charge of receiving the nominations for Credit Professional of the Year and the Helen B. Sawyers Awards. It was my pleasure to read about some very worthy members, and it was also a hard decision to make. I encourage everyone to think hard about the many deserving members we have in District 10 CPI.

I encourage you to submit those deserving nominees next year. Following are articles highlighting the winners that were announced at the District Conference in Silverdale this year. What is written is what was submitted by their local association.

In friendship,

Vicki LeDuc, CCCE/MPCE
District 10 Advisory Board Chairman

CREDIT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Jill Watkins of Pocatello CPI was selected as the District 10 Credit Professional of the Year.

Jill has been a member for many years. She has held all offices and served as local President from 2003 – 2005. She was Conference Chairman for the Credit Association of Idaho Conference held in Pocatello in 2003. She is the current past chairman as well as the Immediate Past President.

She is active in the Pocatello Credit Union League and has served as President more than once. She is also active in her church.

She has been employed as SEIUS Federal Credit Union for 32 years. She is a wife and mother, as well as a caregiver for her Mother and Aunt.

Jill is a true Credit Professional and was the recipient of the 2005 Individual Membership Challenge Award (for District 10) for bringing in 6 new members. She has received the Local Credit Professional of the year award and was given Pocatello's Women of Achievement Award.

We, the members of Pocatello Credit Professional International, are proud to submit Jill Watkins as our nominee for District Credit Professional of the Year.

Congratulations go out to Jill!!

HELEN B. SAWYERS AWARD

Betty Nichols, CCCE/PCE, of Mid-Val CPI was selected to receive the Helen B. Sawyers award.

Our nominee is a person who has been the backbone of our association since she joined us in 1983. She is energetic and vivacious. Has a great sense of humor. An all around neat lady and “lady” is the perfect description of this person. She was the first one in our association to get her CCCE designation and later on her PCE designation.

This person has served CPI on the local level and went on through the District chairs. She is our ‘go to’ person. She is always ready to take on a project, lend a helping hand, encourage any and all. She was the moving force behind



Betty Nichols
Helen B. Sawyers Award Winner

the District 10 conference held in Portland, OR 2004. All who attended that conference enjoyed the educational programs as well as the fun times. It was exceptionally well organized in spite of last minute speaker cancellations and replacements. Over the years she has given us many ‘opportunities’ by organizing seminars as well as our spring meetings. She is always encouraging us to stretch our wings, broaden our horizons, think out of the box, and get out of our comfort zone. (You get the idea).

She has worked on the International level wherever she was asked to help. Betty is a busy person, but you know what they say, “if you want something done, ask a busy person”. When she takes on a task it is always done exceptionally well and on time. You don’t have to worry about it when she says she will do it, as she is a very conscientious and dedicated person. She will not let you down.

Betty is an idea person and when a speaker hasn’t shown up for a meeting, she always has an interesting subject to save the day. She looks for subjects in any area and brings ideas from a variety of sources.

She is professional and personable. Betty epitomizes our creed, "Loyal in thought, word, and deed". CPI is a very important part of her life. A fun person to be around, she says it is more fun to participate than to sit on the sidelines and watch. She's a great team leader and gets us enthused and we are better members for it.

These words written above cannot begin to tell all the time and energy Betty has given to CPI. She is a most loyal member and encourages us all to do our best. Our Mid-Val CPI has benefited greatly by having Betty as a member, as has District and International. I wish I could do her justice.

Mid-Val CPI is proud to nominate Betty Nichols, CCCE/PCE for the Helen B. Sawyers Award.

NEWS FROM POCATELLO

Greetings from Pocatello! Two of our Members, our Treasurer, **Bernice Cook** and our President, **Ruth Ann Aller** have just returned from the District Conference in Silverdale, Washington and reported that the Educational Meetings and the networking was fantastic.

Pocatello was proud to be awarded 1st place for Perfect Attendance by percentage and 3rd place for Conference attendance by Mileage, and Ruth Ann Aller was presented a certificate for 33 years perfect attendance.

Our greatest honor was having **Jill Watkins** receive the District Credit Professional of the Year. We are very proud of her! Congratulations JILL !.

We are also very proud that Ruth Ann Aller has been elected to the office of 2nd Vice President for District 10.

We are busy planning our summer picnic to be held at the home of **Kathy Martz** in July.

Enjoy your summer.

Pocatello CPI

NEWS FROM MID VAL

Thank you, Bremerton/Kitsap, for hosting the District Ten Conference this year!

We had four members attending the conference. As usual, Mary Lou and her cohorts did an excellent job. No surprise there. We enjoyed the education, the changes in the bankruptcy laws, was most interesting and of course that is the speakers fault. Carrie, thank you for the great job you did. Donna, of course you know how impressed I was to get to go to your jewelry shop..50% off...WOW! Sorry for all of you who missed that deal.

The reunion was a great idea; I hear they are thinking of doing it again next year. Hope so. And guess what, we get to go to Silverdale again in 2007. Yup, Bremerton/Kitsap is doing it again. They just love us. I hope all of you will reward their efforts by attending the conference next year. Come on, you can do it. Just skip one espresso a day, or whatever you don't need but spend money on daily, put the money in a jar and save up for the conference. We'd love to see you there.

And don't forget, we got to renew acquaintances with people we hadn't seen in a number of years, at the reunion. Please come, help show our appreciation to the hosting association who always work hard to make our conferences a success.

AND Congratulations to **Betty Nichols** for receiving the Helen B Sawyers award. We are so proud of her. Way to go Betty!

See you next year. I dare you....

Mona Slocum
President, Mid Val CPI

DISTRICT TEN CONFERENCE REPORT

Conference is now a thing of the past and we, the conference committee, wish to thank those of you that attended. Our attendance was not what we had hoped for. We feel however, that those who did attend were treated to educational opportunities that were well

worth their time. The weather cooperated and the reunion was also a success.

The business of District Ten was conducted, officers elected and installed and are ready to embark on a new year as we show that we are truly the "Stars of Credit." An era has come to a close with the separation of CANA and their decision to become an advisory board only. We wish them well and will remember the days gone by.

We will be hosting the District Ten Conference again in Silverdale, it will be in April of 2007 and it is the plan of the current District Board of Directors to look at fewer days. If that takes place then we will be planning to come in on Thursday for pre-board, and possibly the function for career club. Friday will be for keynote speaker and education with a fun night. Saturday will be the annual meeting and close with the installation of officers, with Sunday as a travel home day. In trying this we would hope to have better attendance.

Mary Lou Addy, Conference Chair and Members of Bremerton/Kitsap CPI: Nancy Holiman, Nancy Swaffield and Vicki LeDuc

FUNDRAISER REPORT

The fundraiser this year was again a success. We did three silent auction items that raised \$345.00. Dollars in the Air totaled \$597.00 and the raffle brought in \$440.00 for a grand total of \$1,382.00. Thank you to

all those who donated cash and items and to those that participated in our fundraiser. The silent raffle items were a huge success; I don't know if we have done that before or not but it was very successful. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to be fundraiser chairman. It's been fun, but now it's time to pass it on to **Kris Hafliger**. Good Luck Kris!

Carrie White
Fundraiser Chairman

OREGON CREDIT CONFERENCE

Lane County Credit Association is proud to host the 2006 Credit Association of Oregon State Credit Conference Sept. 8-10, 2006. This is a beautiful time of year in the Willamette Valley. Stroll along the beautiful Willamette River, visit Oktoberfest or shop at the mall. Join the Friday night wine tour and tasting.

Topics include Identity Theft, from both sides of the law, Fraud and Legislative updates as well as installing officers. Held at the Valley River Inn, 1000 Valley River Way, Eugene, Or. room rates start at \$119.00 for single and \$139.00 for double. Full conference registration by Aug 21st is \$125.00 and \$150.00 after Aug 21 or for non-members.

For more info contact co-chair **Ruth Pomplin** 541-484-1151 or **Bobbi Miller** 541-915-5524.

Stars of Credit in Action



(Left) District 10 Representatives to International (Front L-R) Betty Nichols; Joyce Jones and Marlene Wilcox. (Back) Billie Plasker; Donna Carolla, Mary Lou Addy; Mona Slocum and Ruth Ann Aller.



(Right) LaFrance Grubbs, Past District 10 President, First Recipient of the Helen B. Sayers Award and District Librarian



2006 - 2007 District 10 Officer Installation
(L-R) President Donna Carolla; 1st Vice President Tracy Harden; 2nd Vice President Ruth Ann Aller; Secretary Jill Jaeckel, and Treasurer Margaret Ewert



Great Falls Delegation
(L-R) Darla Hoover; Debbie Buck; Tammy Bennett; Kris Hafliger; and Sue Cassell, District 10 Junior Past President



Prairie Rose Ranch Tour
(L-R) Ruth Ann Aller; Donna Carolla; and Mary Lou Addy enjoy tour during CPI International in Wichita, Kansas



International Awards
(L-R) International President Joyce Jones and District 10 President Donna Carolla receiving awards on behalf of District 10 during CPI International in Wichita, Kansas

**Join Us in Silverdale, Washington
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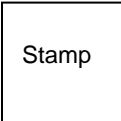
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