



CREDIT PROFESSIONALS INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC NORTHWEST COUNCIL DISTRICT TEN

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Message from the President

CPI: ALWAYS MOVING FORWARD

Wow! It's hard to believe it is November, the nights are getting frosty, and it's not long until Thanksgiving. And of course, that means Christmas won't be far behind with all the shopping, holiday parties and special time with family and friends.



For CPI, this is a busy time of year too. Your dues should be paid so you have your new Education Manuals to study and discuss, your local officers have been elected and installed, and now we should be nominating eligible members for District and International offices. Any member who has served as a local association president is eligible to run for a District office. And our own **Billie Plasker** is running for an International office, so will need our endorsements and support.

In September, I attended the last Oregon State Credit Conference. It was a wonderful conference in a beautiful hotel on the beachfront. We are all very sad to see the Credit Association of Oregon disbanding, but as with many of our associations, membership is down. We are reaching out to those attendees who are not currently members of CPI to join us for education and conferences as members. Most are former CPI or CANA members, so they know the benefits of being in a credit association.

On a personal note, my daughter's wedding is just weeks away. Everything is coming together and it will be lovely I'm sure, if the church doesn't burn down from the number of candles she wants to use!

We're still working out the last details, table decorations, how many flowers, guest count for reception and food needed, etc. So if I'm a little slow responding to a note or email, please forgive me in advance.☺

Through this hectic, busy time of year, don't forget to take time to enjoy the simple joys of the season. Spend time with family and friends, attend a Christmas pageant, staff parties, and all the other opportunities for fun. Take a driving tour and look at the lights or just the snow on the trees. Sip a little cocoa that you've stirred with a candy cane. And don't forget the less fortunate. Donate to a food bank or Toys for Tots, ring the bell for Salvation Army, or just take some clothing items to a shelter.

Most importantly of all, have a peaceful, blessed Christmas or Hanukkah and a Joyous New Year!

Truly yours in credit,

Tracy Harden, PCS
CPI District 10 President

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2nd Vice President's Letter

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Serving as 2nd Vice President for District 10 CPI is an honor for me as well as the obligation. It is my job to encourage education in our local associations and remind everyone of the way our dues bring us the materials we need.

This is the time of year that dues are being paid and it is important that you send your dues to the International office as soon as possible. This will trigger the education manuals to be sent to our members. Other publications offered from our International office are *The Credit Connection* and *The Credit Professional*.

If you have not had the opportunity to view either of these publications, your local president receives this mailing and would be more than happy to share them with you. Both publications are a wealth of credit information that will also give you many ideas for speaker topics for your meetings.

Please drop me an e-mail (mags@bresnan.net) if I can assist you in getting education ideas or if you have discovered a topic that you think would be of interest that I can share with others. EDUCATION, NETWORKING AND COMMUNICATION is how we can entice new members and keep our present members coming back.

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Be proud of your membership with CPI and share that pride with others. This association is what we make it.

Thank you!

Margaret Ewert-Moen, PCE
2nd Vice President

Treasurer's Letter

Greetings to District 10! I can't believe the holidays are so close.

Just a reminder that Dues are Due!!! Please send your dues to **Tracy Harden**, not to me, at the following address:

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In September I was able to attend the Oregon Credit Conference, the last one ☺. It was a great conference and it was nice to see so many friends, some I hadn't seen for awhile.

And, while we're talking about conferences, I hope all of you are planning to attend District Conference this year. I have it on good authority that our friends in Idaho are busy planning a great time for all that attend.

Also, please update your mailing list, I have moved. My new information is:

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(My phone and email remain the same.)

Here's wishing everyone a very happy holiday season, and looking forward to seeing you in Pocatello next year.

Don't forget to send in your dues!!

In Friendship,

Vicki
Treasurer

**Join Us in Pocatello, Idaho
April 23 – 26, 2008
2008 District 10 Conference**

FINAL OREGON STATE CONFERENCE

Dearest District Ten Friends—

I can't remember when I have enjoyed myself so much! The Credit Association of Oregon Conference at the Hallmark Resort in Newport was outstanding to say the least!

To those of you who are unaware, this September we held the final State Conference for Oregon. The Board of Directors finally conceded that the decreasing numbers made it impossible to continue to keep the association afloat. By unanimous vote at our Fall meeting in 2006, we decided to put on one last PARTY at the coast.



Past Credit Association of Oregon Presidents

And we did! **Betty Nichols, Betty Temler and Mona Slocum**, and their entire team put on a heck of a Bon Voyage Cruise down Memory Lane! We had over 50 members in attendance and we reminisced, shared tales, and had wonderful laughs, hugs and tears.



District 10 Board members at Oregon Conference

Our speakers had so much fun, that they joined us for our meals and banquet activities. Our dear friend **Neil Jensen**, who brought his wife this year, has shared many great times with us, and I am sure will miss our wonderful conferences. He has assured us that he plans to attend **LaFrance Grubb's** 90th birthday party next June, as I hope all of you will plan to as well!



Past and present CPI District 10 Presidents in attendance at Oregon Conference

Don't forget that we are meeting in Pocatello in May! I look forward to seeing you all there for the networking, education and festivities. Pocatello is a beautiful city with much to see and do! I know there will be many from Oregon to join in the fun!

Blessings and best wishes for the upcoming holiday season to all of you!

Carla K. Barnes, CCCE
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Nominations for District Office

Now is the time to begin to speak with the members of your association to nominate one of your past Presidents to run for District 10 office. This is a wonderful opportunity as well as a rewarding experience personally and professionally. Complete [guidelines and forms](#) are available on the District 10 website.

Qualifying requirements include:

- (1) Member of Credit Professionals International; attends meetings; dues paid; etc.
- (2) Has served as a President of a local association.
- (3) Be supported as a nominee by a majority vote of his/her local association.

Requirements after elected an Officer include:

- (1) Attendance at the CPI District 10 Board meeting on the first Saturday in February, usually held in Seattle or Portland.
- (2) Attendance at District 10 Credit Conference, usually in April or May. The next Conference is in Pocatello, Idaho (2008).

I would encourage each of you to discuss this with your past presidents and your board. Then select one of your past presidents (with his/her permission) for nominating them at one of your regular meetings.

As Junior Past President, **Donna Carollo** is Nominating Chairman. Send the [nominating form](#) to her by December 31, 2007.

Tracy Harden
District Ten President

Nominations for International Office

Nominations are now due for CPI (National) Office. Please see the forms on pages 5 - 8 for instructions. If you have questions about National, please contact CPI Past-President **Joyce Jones** at: djandjj@cablespeed.com

IN MEMORIAM: RUTH ANN ALLER

As this Newsletter was about to be finalized, we learned of the sudden death of District 10 1st Vice President **Ruth Ann Aller**. Ruth Ann was a long-time member of CPI, very active in her local Association and the District, and was in the process of planning for the 2008 District Conference in Pocatello, Idaho. We will have more details in a future issue of the Newsletter, but Ruth Ann will always be in our memory.

In Memory



Ruth Ann Aller

**Join Us at CPI International
June 5 – 8, 2008
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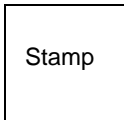
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