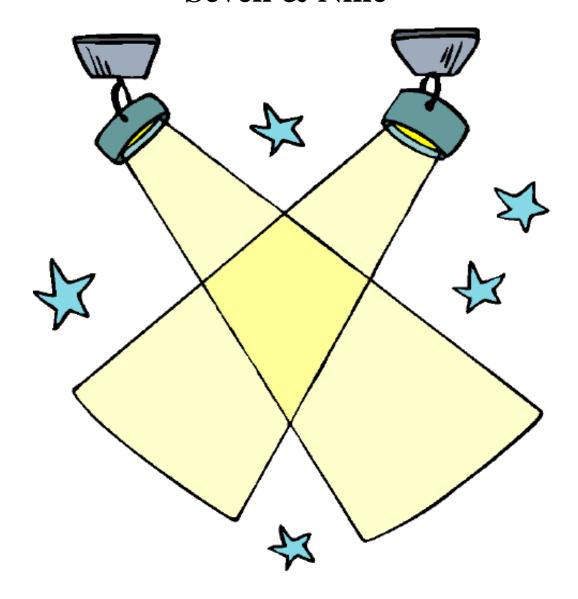
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DISTRICT Seven & Nine



CREDIT PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL

MARCH 2016

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CREDIT PROFESSIONALS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7 & 9 ANNUAL REPORT 2015 - 2016

We began this year in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the Tower Hotel at a joint conference with MACA. They are such a wonderful group to get together with!

I chose as my theme this year "Rise and Shine With CPI"! I chose this theme because our members always *Rise* to the occasion, no matter what the need, and *Shine* in doing so! A couple of cases in point are Michelle Inskeep stepping in and taking over the duties of Teller and Candi Stewart with Future Planning. Both did an excellent job and are to be commended in their efforts. It has been a bit of a long year, literally, as the year began on March 28, 2015 and ends on April 16, 2016! To be exact, 20 days longer! (LOL)

The unfortunate circumstance for this year was that we lost two of our associations- Freemont, NE and Lawton, OK. Both stated as a major reason for disbanding was the "aging" membership. With no influx of new, younger members it can be difficult to keep going. This is why it is so urgent to continue our efforts to work in the Student members and to canvas local businesses for new members. We, as long-time, well "aged" members still have a lot to offer. But, and there is always that BUT, it helps to have new blood…new ideas…a fresh perspective!

District 5 chose not to join us at District Conference this year, as they want to try out having their conference in conjunction with International Conference. As International will be in Ann Arbor it made a lot of sense to try this avenue now for them. This is an option that is open to all Districts-every year. Travel expense and time are huge considerations in opting for this format.

After much research and discussion the specially appointed committee: Mary Nebeker, Marylyn Tack and Sharon DeShazer; announced that both of our associations also decided that now is not the time for merging the two districts. Again, travel expense played a part in this decision as well. I cannot help but to feel a pang of regret, as they are such a fun and enthusiastic group! A big "Thank You" to the committee for taking on this additional task and working through this dilemma.

We now have a Social Media Intern, Hannah Stuber. You can meet her on the CPI website. Hannah is helping to give CPI more exposure through the use of social media. Please let her know if you have any questions or ideas to share. Her email address is on the website as well.

I would like to thank the officers and committee chairmen for their service this year. And a thank you to all the membership for everything you do for our organization. Your commitment and dedication is greatly appreciated all levels-local, district and international!

Carry on and "Rise and Shine With CPI"!

Connie Hamilton, President District 7 & 9

CREDIT PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7 & 9 PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-2017

INCOME:

21 Members @ \$20.00		\$420.00
Fundraiser		\$500.00
From Current Checkbook Balance		\$786.00
Total Projected Income		\$1,706.00
EXPENSES:		
International Conference 2106 Ann Arbor, Mi		
Early Registration	\$300.00	
Airfare/Mileage (Wi to Mi)	\$355.00	
Expense 4 days @\$45.00	\$180.00	
Total Presidents Expenses	\$835.00	
*District Conference 2016 OKC		
Registration	\$125.00	
Airfare (Wi to OKC)	\$346.00	
Hotel (3 nights @ \$45.00 shared room)	\$135.00	
Expenses (3 days @ \$25.00 per day)	\$ 75.00	
Total Presidents Expenses	\$681.00	
Registration for Sec/Treasurer (1 @ \$125.00)	\$125.00	
Misc. Expenses		
Past Presidents Pin/Gift	\$	
Presidents Postage	\$ 20.00	
Credit Professional Plaque	\$ 35.00	
Misc. Expenses (reports, certificates)	\$ 10.00	
Total Misc. Expenses	\$ 65.00	
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES		\$1,706.00

Expenses have been paid that were budgeted for and requested.

Balance in Checking Account as of 2-18-2016

\$2,841.42

^{*}District Conference may be in OKC next year or somewhere else has not been determined.

DISTRICT 7&9 AUDIT REPORT

The Audit for the 2015-2016 year was conducted on April 6, 2016. Those in attendance were Joan Fox District 7&9 Treasurer, Marylyn Tack, Barbara Anaya, Mary Ann Ouellette and Anne McBrayer, Audit Chairman.

The checking account was as follows:

Beginning Balance in Checking account as of 4/22/2015	\$2,791.42
(deposit from closing of Checking account in Utah)	
Total Income	+ \$1,964.32
Total Expenses	- \$1,537.51
Ending Balance In Checking account as of 4/6/2016	\$3,218.23

The projected Dues income was shown as \$800, but the actual income was only \$540.00. It was determined that the Dues of \$120.00 for six members of the Hutch Bunch, Kansas, had not been received. A check will be submitted and it will be noted that the dues have been paid but will be included in the 2016-2017 budgeted year. Also, out of the \$1128.00 collected for raffle fundraising, \$475 is for the International Raffle. This money will be forwarded to International's treasury, giving an actual balance from Raffle fundraising of \$653.00. This will give an adjusted Total Income of \$1609.32. This amount is \$87.48 short of the projected budget amount. The expenses were as follows: \$844.20 for President's expense for International Conference, \$662.28 for President's expense for District Conference, and \$31.03 for District Credit Professional of the Year Plaque, for a total of \$1537.51. This amount is \$158.97 under the budgeted amount.

There were no outstanding checks, and the books were found to be in excellent order. A Thank you goes out to Joan Fox, District 7&9 Treasurer, and the audit committee for a successful audit. Anne McBrayer, Audit Chairman

Advisory Committee Report

Applications for Credit Professional of the Year were submitted by local associations by due date.

Winners name and Presentation of Plaque will be announced at our District Conference.

Submitted By Mary Ann Ouellette Advisory Committee Member

EXTENSION REPORT

There were no new Local Associations organized during the District Year 2015-2016.

We were very sad to hear Lawton with a membership of 14 disbanded. We will miss them.

Central Kansas Business Connections (Hutchinson) added 3 members.

Our other local associations are trying to maintain their members. Thank you for your continued hard work.

Submitted Mary Ann Ouellette Extension Chairman

KRA-DIT ED-U-KAY-SHUN

This is how District Seven and Nine Credit Professional International Associations are giving and receiving the credit education.

- Using "The Credit Professional" magazine as an educational tool for our meetings,
- Utilizing the expertise from employers, scholarship recipient, technical school leader, and toastmasters to educate members in different subjects in the community and state.
- Educating the community by offering Lunch and Learn through Chamber of Commerce—speaker was from Homeland Security
- Educating our community in another way: by having a booth at the Women's Show with the theme of "Financial Freedom" and hand-outs and a lot of Red, White, Blue.
- Offering a One-Day workshop for people in the community and for our District members- Topics: Time Management, Reverse Mortgages, Identity Theft, Financial Education Tips & Tools
- Having Facebook page so members can repost credit related information
- Having our website. Hutchinsoncpi.org
- Other possibilities- during Credit Educational Month...have a Mayor proclamation and also be on local "Talk Radio"

Sharon DeShazer
Educational Chairman for District 7&9
Summarizing the two remaining associations in our district

DISTRICT SEVEN AND NINE 2016 BYLAWS REPORT

The Bylaws Committee has reviewed the Bylaws and Standing Rules dated March 2015.

An e-mail was sent to all District 7&9 members for any recommendations they may have.

The committee has recommended several bylaw and standing rules proposed changes.

Committee members met in January, Anne McBrayer, Mary Ann Ouellette, Marylyn Tack, and Betty Thorman. A special thank you to these members for their time and support.

I thank you for this opportunity to serve on this committee.

Submitted by:

Barbara Anaya

District Bylaws Committee Chairman

DISTRICT 7 & 9 ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Central Kansas Business: Nine (9) Members

The Hutch Bunch added two (2) new members and one (1) returning member bringing their total membership up to nine (9). Congratulations are in order for their hard work.

Fremont Nebraska: Disbanded

Las Madrugadoras: Eleven (11) Members

Lawton OK: Disbanded

MEMBERS- AT- LARGE:

Mary Nebeker Utah
Carol Smith Wyoming
Beulah Schofield Utah

At the close of this district year I am sad that two of our Associations felt the need to disband. Their presents will be greatly missed.

Betty Thorman

Betty Thorman

Membership Chairman District 7 & 9

NOMINATIONS REPORT

The membership was canvassed for possible candidates for our two officers. We were seeking a second officer as Joan Fox was unable to continue as a nominee for District President at this time. Connie decided she would run for a second term and Linda Zenor is running as Secretary/Treasurer. Following are the bio's for our nominees.

NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT OFFICERS 2016-2017

PRESIDENT: Connie Hamilton

Connie has been a member of Credit Professionals International since 1983. She was employed in the credit industry for over 30 years and is now retired. Connie has served all offices on the local and district level as well as having served as the International Secretary/Treasurer. She has also served on or chaired all committees at the local and district level. Connie has as well served on various international committees. Connie is presently serving as District Seven and Nine President.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Linda Zenor

Linda Zenor has been a member of Credit Professionals International since 1990, and has served in all officers at the local and district level. She is currently employed as Office Manager at Alexander Jewelery. Linda was District Credit Professional of the Year 2002-2003. She currently serves as President of the Hutchinson local.

Sharol Rudolph,

Nominations Chairman

HUTCHINSON CPI PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This year has been changing year for us. We have gone on unchartered waters that we had never gone before...and it has been a good and exciting experience.

Our newer members – Alicia Marsh, Lacy Stauffacher, Michelle Inskeep and Diane Potter have given us a new direction. We joined the Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce in December and in February we sponsored the Chamber Breakfast. Alicia and Lacy put together a PowerPoint presentation and voice-over to present to the Chamber members. We had handouts and pens for everyone.

In March, we sponsored the Chamber Lunch and Learn and had Homeland Security give the presentation. Again, there were hand-outs and pens to give to each registered guest.

In April, we are hosting the District Conference. With the ideas of the younger members, they put together the education session, obtaining the speakers on Friday, and opened the session to the community. We hope you really enjoy your day with us.

Next week after conference, we are having a booth at the Women's Show with the theme of "Financial Freedom". Lacy has obtained literature for us to distribute. We will also have "freedom" mints and flags to give away plus a drawing for a \$25 gift card. The booth will be very patriotic with red, white, and blue.

In May, we will deliver flowers for Mother's Day – proceeds to go to the Walk-a-thon. We also delivered in February for Valentine's Day.

In June, three of us (Sharol, Sharon, and myself) will travel to International Conference held in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

It is great to have younger members that have new ideas that we were able to try. It has been a blessing to have them as members. They have set up a website for our local association - Hutchinsoncpi.org. Check it out! Also set up a Facebook page for our local association that members can repost the educational information to pass on to each of "our Facebook friends".

Linda Zenor, MPCE President of Hutchinson CPI

GREETINGS FROM LAS MADRUGADORAS ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Thank you, District President, Connie Hamilton for a beautiful installation. My theme COMMUNICATE, PARTICIPATE, INSPIRE. Joan did a wonderful job with the table decorations using the butterfly decorations with flickering lights on the tables.

I am honored to serve as President for 2015-2016. Our officers are: Joan Fox, Vice President, Betty Thorman, Vice President, Marylyn Tack, Treasurer, Directors, Lori Churchwell, & Joan Kaiser.

We have a total of eleven members; Geri Schweitzer lives in Arizona, our District President lives in Wisconsin. We do so much for such a small association and are very involved in our community.

We have several fundraisers throughout the year. With the monies, we donate to a scholarship program at CNM, we donate food for the Colinas Del Norte Elementary, Title One school, and I am very proud that we are able to pay the registrations for our members to be able to attend District Conference. This year, we will have nine members attending.

In October, Rosalie Aguado, Betty Thorman, Mary Ann Ouellette, Betty Thorman and myself, along with Miss New Mexico Marissa Livingston donated three hours at the Roadrunner Food Bank on MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY.

In November, we had our annual fundraiser, selling Teri Lynn Nuts. Once again, it was a success. We thank Sandia Labs Federal Credit Union for allowing us to use their lobby & for all their employees who purchase nuts from us every year. My sincere gratitude to all the members who took time from their busy schedules to work for several weekends and they also purchased nuts. We raised over \$1200.00 in net profit.

On November 21^{st} 2016 , we were also available to assist the Roadrunner Food Bank's Mail Carriers Food Drive collecting and sorting food for the hungry.

In December, our Association purchased food for the children at Colinas Del Norte Elementary Title One School for their pantry. The food is given to the students who have no food for the weekend.

Las Madrugadoras members are invited annually to the CNM appreciation dinner. The speakers are the students who give their testimonies & struggles and what it takes to graduate and are very appreciative to all the donors.

Betty Thorman, Marylyn Tack, Mary Ann Ouellette, Rosalie Aguado and myself had lunch with CNM director of Hispanic Cultural Center and Roberta Ricci, director from CNM. Hoping to Recruit new student memberships.

December 9th, we celebrated our Annual Christmas Event, had a Chinese gift exchange, and our invited guests had a wonderful time. Thanks to Joan Kaiser for the decorations.

March, Credit Education Month, we will have Roberta Ricci, director of CNM; will be our speaker along with one of the students who is our scholarship recipient.

On March 17th, we will be touring the CNM Culinary Dept and be able to see hands on.

Our Education Committee has contacted the speakers for the year, including topics from the Education Manual. Thanks to all Committee Chairman, who have done a wonderful job!!

We thank Connie Hamilton; her mom & aunt for working diligently on the beautiful quilt which Is donated and the drawing will be at the District Conference in Hutchinson, Ks.

Have a successful conference & a safe trip to the District Conference in Hutchinson, Kansas and also a safe trip back home.

Respectfully,

Barbara Anaya

President, Las Madrugadoras