

Litchfield County Tax Collectors' Association Annual Report

The Litchfield County Tax Collector's Association conducted quarterly meetings in 2022 rotating the meeting locations so that we could see our respective towns. All meetings were held in person and virtually via Zoom. All presentations were approved by CCMC for CEU credits.

Our March meeting was held in Torrington and offered a presentation by Carla Hamel on "Audit Retention Preparation: Getting Organized and Staying There". We also elected a new slate of officers for a two-year term- Sarah Bruso, CCMC, Norfolk- President; Jamie Monckton, CCMC, Woodbury- Vice President; Jennifer Woodward, CCMC, Bethlehem- Secretary; and Terri Collins, CCMC, Barkhamsted, agreeing to serve another term as Treasurer.

In June, we held our meeting in Watertown and offered a presentation by Sarah Bruso on "Office Safety and Personal Security". We also received 28 essays to read for our scholarships. Many thanks to the committee, Donna Alex-Washington; Halaree Monnerat- Winchester; Joanne Matarese- Torrington; Laura Bartlett- Colebrook; Rebecca Juchert-Derungs- Goshen; and Sarah Bruso- Norfolk. Four \$500.00 scholarships were awarded to local high school students, Marissa Gnitzcavich, Harwinton; Laura Grasso, New Milford; Megan Lipari, New Milford; and Sara Brescia, New Milford. Thank you also to QDS for contributing \$1000 to our scholarships in memory of Jeff Johnson and TaxServ for contributing \$500 to our scholarships.

In June, we held a Paint Night Fundraiser at the Bunnell Farm in Litchfield. We enjoyed a night of painting, socializing, and eating. We raised \$220 for our scholarships.



In October, we held our meeting in Roxbury and offered a presentation by Carla Hamel and Launa Goslee on "Course 1- Class One: Duties of a Tax Collector". We also had a discussion presented by Donna Alex, Washington, on what happens when property is transferred mid-assessment/ tax year from non-entity to an exempt entity. Donna had conducted research and provided us with the results.

Our Holiday Meeting/ Party was held in December at the Painted Pony Restaurant in Bethlehem. We had a short meeting and then celebrated the holiday season together.



We wish the best of luck to Halaree Monnerat, Winchester, who moved to Avon as the Tax Collector and Jodie Enriquez, Warren, who has moved to Avon as the Assistant Tax Collector. Also, we welcome the following into Litchfield County- Pamela Pelletier as Tax Collector in Plymouth; Christine Rhoades as Assistant Tax Collector in New Hartford; Terry Keith as Tax Collector in Warren; Ashley Kelsey as Tax Collector in Winchester; and Carey Cordeiro as Assistant Tax Collector in Watertown.

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