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MCTA eUpdate

Message from President Steve Cheslik

October 1, 2014

Just a big "Thank You" to everyone who helped make our MCTA Fall Conference a success. I hope you reached home safely and a little better informed on issues you care about.

One of the things I took away from the conference was a deeper respect and appreciation for Harry S. Truman. What a courageous man who was willing to make tough decisions in the face of enormous pressure. Now I know why I meet so many "Truman Democrats" when I am campaigning among that generation!!! We should all take pride in the fact he is from Missouri.

You can mark your calendars for 2015 - we will be returning to The Elms Hotel in Excelsior Springs on Wednesday, September 9, through Friday, September 11. I tried to stay away from Labor Day (September 7th), but The Elms was already booked the following two weeks. Overall, I think the venue worked well for us and, hopefully, after speaking to hotel management, the internet and cell phone issue will be resolved by next September. Please let me know if there is a particular speaker topic you think would be good for MCTA members. I am open to suggestions.

Fellow Jerks, Nerds, Mouth and Wimps – don't forget to take yourself a little less seriously and let humor pave the way to a much less stressful life. Also, don't forget that prayer has been proven to decrease stress as well!

As discussed at the conference, Vice President Lori Smith (Adair) and I will be working on a budget for next fiscal year. Once the Board has had a chance to discuss and approve it I will let you know how much we will be budgeting for the newly established Professional Services Fund. The Professional Services Fund Committee headed up by Jim Platt will continue to work at establishing guidelines for the use of this fund.

I hope you all enjoy the beautiful weather this fall and I hope to see many of you at the MAC Conference Treasurers' Breakfast (Tan-Tar-A Resort at 9:45 am, Tuesday, November 25). You can drive over for breakfast without feeling like you need to stay for the conference. One last thing... go Cardinals, go Royals, and go

Tigers (Mizzou, not Detroit)!!!

Please remember to keep Rod O'Connor (Dade County) in your prayers. And smile for Terry Slayton (Ripley County) – his wife and newborn son Daniel Winston Slayton are doing very well!

-Steve Cheslik, MCTA President



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