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# MCTA eNews

Hello, Treasurers -  
Welcome to MCTA eNews - Your monthly snapshot  
of the latest association news and information to enjoy, share, and use!

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## Pies, Pies, and More Pies

MCTA's Annual Pie Day scored another success on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Dressed in their signature green shirts, thirty MCTA treasurers met in the Capitol Rotunda and soon were introduced on the floor of the House by Rep. Sandy Crawford and the floor of the Senate by Sen. Ed Emery.

Following introductions, a finely tuned distribution machine kicks in compliments of Morgan County's Louella Pryor. Louella said, "We had 225 pies to deliver – blackberry, peach, cherry, apple, pecan and mixed berry". MCTA's pies were delivered to legislators, and to statewide elected officials.

MCTA's lobbyist, Fred Dreiling assists with the days efforts.

Webster County's Mary Clair expressed the mood of many of the day's participants, "I really enjoy being on the scene at the Capitol on Pie Day...just

making our presence known, legislators genuinely appreciate that we are there year after year".

Wayne County's Carol Hale said this was her second year participating in Pie Day at the Capitol, and sang its praises by saying, "It gives you one-on-one time with your legislator. It gives you time to thank them for what they do." She added, "The



*Some MCTA members bring their children or grandchildren to the Annual Pie Day. Here is President Steve Cheslik with his daughter and son from the 2013 event.*

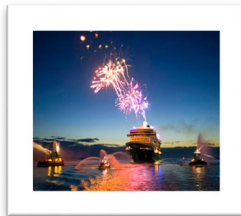
event gives you a feel for the Capitol, and by going on to the floor of the House and

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## MCTA eNews' Maiden Publication...Bon Voyage!

This is the maiden publication of MCTA's new monthly source for up-to-date information and events for MCTA members. Regular features will include announcements where personal news can be shared with fellow

members, Message from President Cheslik, and two county treasurer profiles. MCTA eNews will have well-researched, substantive articles on the types of issues we recognize from our own daily work and responsibilities.



Primary writing and production responsibilities are undertaken by Cole County's Eric Peters.

MCTA eNews is a work in progress, so members are encouraged to submit announcements and article suggestions (see contact information on page 4). Bon voyage!

**“This is such an ideal location for MCTA to have their annual conference. I’m looking forward to September!”**

**- Denita Williams  
(Dent Co.)**

## Warm Up to Excelsior Springs

Time to think about your reservations! For The Elms, that is. MCTA’s 2014 Annual Fall Conference is Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> through Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. And if you’re arriving a day early, The Elms in Excelsior Springs has blocked plenty of rooms for early birds. The conference room rate applies up to three days pre- or post-conference.



Among other amenities, one feature of this splendid establishment is the spa featuring soaking

tubs with natural mineral waters, steam room, sauna, spa

boutique, and The Grotto – “a modern twist on a Roman bath”. Apply their custom blend of sea salts,

herbs and essential oils to exfoliate, soften and smooth skin while increasing circulation (now that sounds like it will help us better reconcile monthly accounts!).



President Steve Cheslik noted that while there are plenty of king rooms and some double queen rooms (and they cost the same) he’s encouraging those sharing a room with another treasurer, or with a spouse and kids, to get preference for the double queen rooms.

So warm up to Excelsior Springs and call The Elms (800.843.3567) for reservations.

## A Facebook Future for MCTA?

Ever had the urge to post your treasurer-related question on Facebook to read what other treasurers think? Ever wanted to share information you know MCTA members would find helpful? Or enlightening?

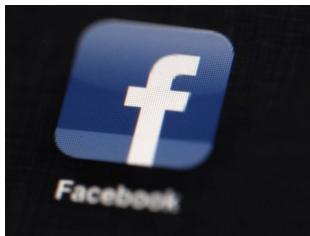
Well that might be possible in the coming months. Discussions are underway to determine the interest and commitment to building and maintaining a MCTA Facebook page.

MCTA President Steve Cheslik observed, “This could be a useful tool for our members and would compliment MCTA’s existing website and our new monthly MCTA eNews”.

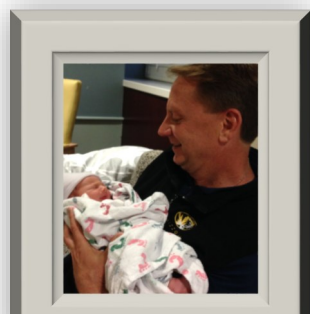
Shannon County’s Michelle Shedd commented, “A Facebook page could be a real educational source for our members”. The discussion she has had with fellow treasurers, “... has been completely positive in every way”. She also pointed

out the need for a few treasurers who are familiar with social media and who regularly access Facebook to oversee the association’s page.

Steve concluded, “Discussions will continue and, ultimately, it will be up to our members to create and responsibly administrate a MCTA Facebook page”. [An update on this development will appear in June’s MCTA eNews]



## Profile: Buchanan County’s John Nash



John & Charlie Joseph  
Nash

**Years serving as County Treasurer:** “Since 1993”

**What I like most about being a treasurer:** “Public service”

**Most difficult thing about being a treasurer:** “Nothing difficult, just fun challenges!”

**Favorite politician:** “John F. Kennedy”

**My favorite movie is:** “The Passion of the Christ”

**Favorite book:** “The Bible”

**Favorite pastime:** “My three grandsons”

**Most people don’t know about me:** “God willing, I will be ordained a permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church on 6/7/14”

**My family:** “My wife Bernadine, three sons and one daughter, three grandsons!”

**Interesting tidbits:** “Former Police Officer—13 years—fourth generation”

“Third generation to serve as Buchanan County Treasurer”  
“Truly Blessed”

## ...Pies, Pies, and More Pies

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 Senate gives you a more in-depth feeling of how things are and how they work – to me, that’s meaningful and helpful.”  
 Indeed, her legislator, Rep. Paul Fitzwater, insisted on having a photograph (above)



of her visit with him which he later sent to the Wayne County Journal Banner for publication. It was duly printed and though she is not a fan of publicity she admits the results underscore how participating in MCTA’s Annual Pie Day can be enjoyable and useful to



her as an elected county treasurer.  
 Wondering who bakes these much sought-after pies? Mystery solved – Lehman’s Restaurant and Bakery located on Hwy. 5 in Versailles, Missouri (traditional Mennonite home cooking).  
 Thanks to everyone!



*“It is so important that you stay engaged with your State Representatives and State Senators. I have a great working relationship with my County Treasurers”.* –Majority Whip Sandy Crawford

## Interview with Scotland County’s Kathy Kiddoo

Scotland County’s Kathy Kiddoo is finishing her first term, and was given recently the gift others might envy – no opposition this election year. Talking with her, you get the idea she deserves it.  
 Being employed previously in the Scotland County prosecutor’s office gave her a helpful bird’s eye view of county operations. Following the passing of former treasurer LaMayra Brown, and two temporary treasurers, Kathy’s election provided much-needed stability and normalcy for other county offices and employees.

And Kathy enjoys people. “I’ve enjoyed meeting the other treasurers and they are so friendly and supportive”, she said. She certainly must like people because she and her husband of 36 years renovated their family farm’s 1890’s oak bridge barn to host events. Kathy explained, “We have seven weddings booked this year, and several class reunions and



graduation parties”. Recently, her eldest daughter, an attorney, moved to New Jersey and her youngest daughter, a legal publication assistant editor, moved to Texas. Kathy said, “And spending time with our barn guests has helped fill the time since my two girls relocated”.  
 Kathy admits there is a different feel to this year’s election. “I’m still taking the election campaigning seriously, but I sure am more relaxed this time around”, she said.



**“I like the safety net of MCTA...I know I have a backup”**  
 –Kathy Kiddoo  
 Scotland County

## Hot Off The Press...2014 MCTA Membership Directory

Did you receive anything from MCTA in the mail recently? Had a bunch of pictures of other people who do the same thing you do? Well, that would be the new 2014 MCTA Membership Directory to help you recognize your fellow county treasurers, and to pro-



vide easy-to-find contact information.  
 “There has been a real interest from MCTA members in being able to contact a fellow treasurer...or if you can’t remember someone’s name or face this little publication comes in handy”, said MCTA President Steve Cheslik.

Now, if any of your office information is incorrect, use the contact information on the last page of this eNews to submit corrections for future editions.  
 If you find this new directory useful and convenient, let a MCTA officer know so that whether or not to publish future up-to-date directories will be an easy decision for them to make. And enjoy!



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Don't forget we're on the  
web! [motreasurers.org](http://motreasurers.org)

The purpose of the *Missouri County Treasurers' Association* is to bring about a closer and more cooperative relationship among Missouri's County Treasurers, and to afford opportunities for its members; to obtain a broader and more practical knowledge of the duties and powers of their offices; to study and discuss questions and laws relating to their offices; to thoroughly investigate any contemplated legislation that in any way affects the office of County Treasurer; and to strive at all times to give to the office of County Treasurer the high standing among the county offices of the State to which it belongs.

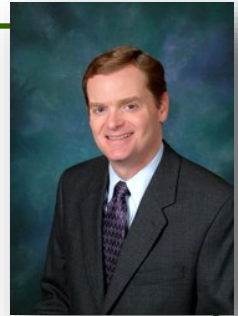
### Message from President Cheslik

Fellow Treasurers, I hope this letter finds you well. I must give a huge public thank you to Eric Peters for taking on this MCTA eNews project.

The letter is top notch- very professional and informative.

As you can see, we have a lot going on as an organization. Along with Eric's eNews and Michelle Shedd (Shannon) creating the MCTA Facebook page, Roger Hudson (Cape Girardeau) has started revamping the MCTA website. We will be working diligently over the next several weeks to coordinate these projects in an attempt to avoid redundancy and make each as useful as possible.

As president, I feel like the manager of a baseball team that is loaded with All-Stars. People have been stepping up to the plate taking on projects. If you have an idea or concern, always feel free to contact me. -Steve



### Announcements

Invitation to MCTA members: Former Franklin County Treasurer Alvin "Squeaky" Marquart's 80th Birthday 2:00-5:00pm, Sunday, May 25 at Syberg's on Dorsett, 2430 Old Doresett Road, Maryland Heights, MO (I-270 @ Old Dorsett Road) – or send Squeaky a birthday card to 1402 N. Park Drive, Washington, MO 63090.

Sympathies to the family of Gay Quick (Holt County) whose father, James R. "Scuddy" Schoonover, 86, passed away on April 18. He is survived by his wife, four children, fourteen grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren.

Congratulations to John Nash (Buchanan County) on



**"When you look kindly on someone often overlooked, you both are blessed"**

the birth April 29th of his third grandson, Charlie Joseph Nash.

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MCTA members are treasurers. And collector/treasurers. We take our civic duties seriously. We work professionally in our offices to deliver the best service we can. And we also happen to be humans, right? We have lives. Personal lives. We have families that enrich us, and loved ones on whom we rely and whom we remember and cherish.

So this section of our newsletter will be faithfully reserved for our own collective, personal space to inform our fellow members of the moments and events in our lives that we wish others to rejoice, empathize, and celebrate with us.

Please email or text your announcement to Eric at epeters@colecouny.org or 573.291.9995.

Your announcement should appear in the very next issue!