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## 1995 COURT CONFERENCE

Yes, it is time to start preparing for next year's Court Conference which will be held May 22 to 26. So to make sure you have a room reserved, the Lodge room reservation card is enclosed. It is not too soon to make your reservation. **YOU CAN ALWAYS CANCEL THEM.**

### IMPORTANT NOTE.... FOR ALL ....

A tourism tax will be added to your room charge. **NO ONE IS EXEMPT FROM THIS 3% PER NIGHT TAX.** This is a reminder to add this tax to the room rate when you submit your lodging request to your city.

As most of you know, the 1995 Conference is the fourth year of the Certification Program. It seems like yesterday that we were planning the Program; and as a whole, it has gone well.

We do not as yet have the number of clerks that will be certified at this conference, as we will have the April Certification Meeting to verify pending applications.

As a Board member from the very beginning of this association, I have seen it grow, even have growing pains, but I am so proud of all the clerks who have kept their goal in sight, **Certified Court Administrator.** The goal is becoming a reality. You have succeeded!

I hope your City officials know of your efforts to obtain this goal. If not, tell them and share what you have accomplished. Your Judge should also be proud of your title.

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### New Clerks Training Seminar

The New Clerks Training Seminar was held in the Jefferson City Police Department Classroom on September 16.

The seminar was attended by 48 participants --- 33 attendees had been in their position for one year or less.

Gina Ahlers of the Missouri Department of Revenue offered a tour of their facilities. Fifteen clerks toured DOR on Saturday.

The **New Clerk Grant** was won by Janet Weimar from the City of Vinita Park. This was Janet's first seminar and she is most anxious to use her Grant toward the 1995 annual meeting.

This program was co-sponsored by the **Missouri Police Chiefs Association**.

This seminar has been an asset to our organizations's educational program. Along with the efforts of the State Courts Administrator, Highway Patrol and Department of Revenue, we have been able to reach clerks from small communities who may not be able to attend the Annual meeting.

Mary Ann McGrail  
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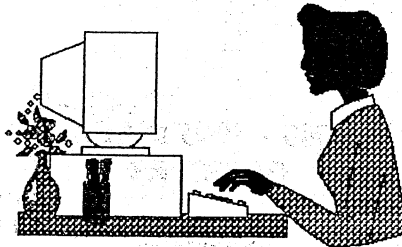
### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### State Court Seminars

November 18 . . . Kansas City  
December 2 (The Columns in  
St. Charles St. Louis

### Chicago in July....

...is not be missed! A world-class city whose myriad enticements include museums, zoos, theatre, opera, restaurants and occasional glimpses of sporting figures who may not be on strike! Remember NACM's 10th Annual Conference is July 9-14, 1995. Bring the kids and your golf clubs.



### From the Editor's Desk

This is your newsletter!

Send your comments, ideas or articles to:

### That's Life...

#### Our favorite old sayings

(Excerpts from the City of Columbia's Health Letter)

- o If you can't do anything about it, don't.
- o The lower you are on your company's organizational chart, the more you'll be missed if you don't show up for work.
- o There are only two kinds of people who fail: those who listen to nobody, and those who listen to everybody.
- o Never try to teach a pig to sing. It wastes your time and annoys the pig.
- o If you go slow enough, long enough, you'll be in the lead again.

## MACA VOTING PROCEDURES FOR 1995 ELECTIONS

by

Donna Johnson

In January "Declaration For Candidacy" forms will be mailed to every member. The positions to be voted for are as follows:

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The Nominations chairperson is the immediate Past-President as defined by Article IV of our By-Laws and shall have a nominating committee which shall consist of a Representative from each region and the Executive Board shall appoint these committee members. They will receive all the declarations for candidacy and a ballot will be prepared in the order that the declarations were received. A deadline for filing will be posted in the MACA REPORTER and on the declaration form. No other declarations will be accepted after the closing date. OUR BY-LAWS NO LONGER ALLOWS NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

Ballots will be given to all members in good standing at the business meeting. A ballot box will be located in the meeting room for each ballot cast.

The Membership and Credentials committee shall certify that candidates on the ballot are members in good standing and certify that those receiving ballots to vote are also members in good standing. This committee shall also count the ballots in private and give a written statement of the elected persons to the President during the business meeting. Past-Presidents may be called to assist in the count of ballots as authorized in the Policy and Procedures of this Association. All ballots must be kept by the Credentials Committee until the entire election has been realized and a written report has been submitted to the Secretary or a motion to destroy has been voted upon.

MAKE SURE YOU RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP so that you can vote or run for office in the May elections. Applications for Membership/Renewal will be mailed out in November. Our membership runs from January to December of each year.

## A LEGEND IN HIS OWN TIME

**GEORGE PITTMAN**  
1933-1994

*(The following article was submitted by Donna Johnson, Overland Municipal Court Clerk and Pat Siekerman, Fenton Municipal Court Clerk)*

Shock and deep feelings of sorrow pass throughout the state as court administrators, clerks, judges, prosecutors, and friends learn that George had died suddenly on September 25, 1994.

George's career included practicing law as an attorney in Clayton, MO. He was a municipal judge in many municipalities. He served as the municipal judge for the City of Sunset Hills for the past 32 years, and served as the municipal judge for the City of Fenton for the past 20 years.

He served as Past President of the Missouri Municipal Judges Association and a long-time member of the board as a Senior Advisor. He was the author of Chapter 9, "Trials," for the Missouri Bench Book. He helped with the training sponsored for judges by the Missouri Bar.

George was an integral part of the Missouri municipal law process. He demanded and received respect in the courtroom. His interest in helping young people was demonstrated by his active role in the

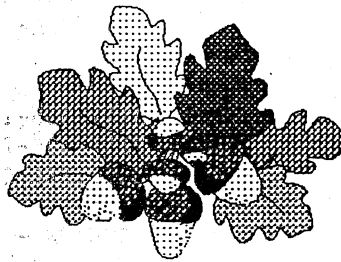
community and extended to his courtroom where he offered young people the opportunity to participate in alternative sentencing.

George served as the Master of Ceremonies for many years for the Metropolitan St. Louis Association for Court Administration's Annual Dinner. He was a large drawing card for the dinner each year.

Anyone who ever met George was immediately struck by his sense of fairness and his great sense of humor. He was mentor to many attorneys, young and not so young, and a friend to everyone.

George is survived by his wife, Joan, his three children and six grandchildren.

Over the years, George's presence made a significant contribution to the lives of those who knew him both professionally and personally. He will be missed by all.



### What to do if Your Friend Still Smokes

o Don't nag or harass. Don't make your friend feel guilty, ashamed or afraid.

If you overwhelm a smoker with medical horror stories, newspaper clippings or lectures, he or she may reach for a smoke simply to relieve the worry and pressure.

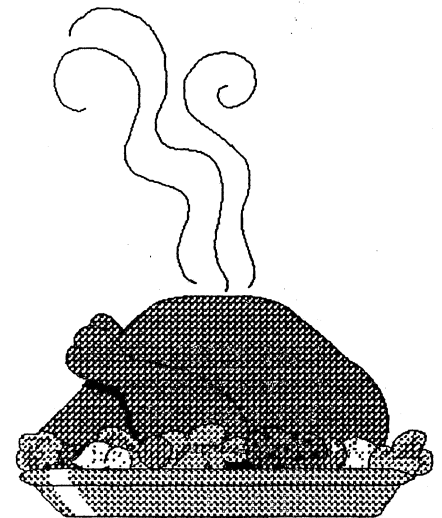
o Adopt a "hate the sin, but love the sinner" attitude.

o Let your friend know you'll continue to be a good friend, no matter what he or she decided to do about smoking.

Many smokers say unconditional support helps them find the courage to quit.

o For your health's sake, ask your friend not to smoke in your presence -- in your home, your office or in your car. But, be kind, humble, sympathetic, and nonjudgmental when you ask.

(From the City of Columbia's Health Letter)



Happy Thanksgiving!



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