



TOIRMA Update

An Appropriate Thank You

TO THOSE OF YOU who have already read the latest issue of the TOIRMA News, I respectfully ask your indulgence as I once again mention the departure of two long-time TOIRMA board members. Ambrose Reuter, retired supervisor of Dixon Township, Lee County and Dorothy Nagy, retired supervisor of Foster Township, Madison County have completed their elected positions on the TOIRMA Board of Trustees.

Ambrose and wife Lorene, along with Dorothy and husband Bill, have attended many functions representing their township and TOIRMA. Ambrose has served two years longer on the board than Dorothy but both have served township government well. Their warm smile, firm handshake and genuine hugs show their personalities and commitment to serving others. They both exemplify township involvement to the fullest measure. The fact of saying good-bye each time being

difficult and hello eagerly anticipated has enriched those of us who are fortunate enough to have served with both of them.

They both have certainly earned a retirement, but just as certain, they will leave a void with their departure. Our loss may be a gain for their immediate families but they will be missed.

Since this may be the first exposure to TOIRMA for many of you newly elected officials, if your township is a member of our program, let me welcome you to TOIRMA. We are looking forward to meeting many of you at the Newly Elected Officials meetings scheduled at various locations, so please introduce yourselves to us at that time. Please check to see if your township has paid their contribution request by the due date of June 1, 2009. If not, it is not too late, so your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

A NEAR MISS IS A WAKE UP CALL TO AVERT A PENDING DISASTER. Please evaluate the circumstances and learn from the situation. We can all remember times when the term "near miss" failed to be a "near miss" and the result was an accident. That causes me to ask this question-IF YOU (OR I) HAD LEARNED FROM THE NEAR MISS, WOULD THE ACCIDENT HAVE OCCURRED? Only you are able to answer for yourself, but it does require some evaluation to find the answer.

Claims remain very expensive, so any effort to reduce the number or severity of claims allows TOIRMA to provide the necessary coverage to protect your township. Township protection is mandatory in the world we live in today, but the reduction of claims must also be a priority. Any effort you can provide to assist us in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Again, THANK YOU AMBROSE AND DOROTHY FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS TO HELP THE TOIRMA PROGRAM ACHIEVE OUR CURRENT LEVEL OF SUCCESS. Both of you have made the trip enjoyable.

As always, please call if I can be of assistance.

— Rod



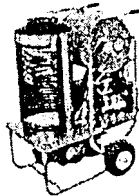
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