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From the Comptroller



Season's Greetings to each of you! I hope the best for you during this holiday season and that it is filled with good health, joy and laughter.

As I reflect on the past year, I am acutely aware that you have worked side by side with one another to serve our St. Louis citizenry. I thank you for your dedication and hard work all year. All the best to you and your family in the New Year.



Deputy Comptroller John Zakibe Retires

The Comptroller's Office recently bid farewell to long-time employee, Deputy Comptroller John Zakibe. He began his career as an Accountant I in 1976 and moved up the ranks to the senior level in 2007. "It's been very gratifying to have been there so long and have worked with so many," he said. "I'm certainly going to miss all the people I've worked with over the years."



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Comptroller Darlene Green presents a proclamation to a retiring John Zakibe in recognition of his service to the St. Louis community.

New Interim Deputy Comptroller is Named



On December 1, Fiscal Manager Beverly Fitzsimmons was promoted to the position of Interim Deputy Comptroller. In this role, she is responsible for managing daily operations of the accounting section of the Comptroller's Office.

Fitzsimmons has been with the office since graduating from Southeast Missouri State with a business degree in 1980, starting as an Accountant I. She says, "The year ahead will be one of change as we work to implement a new accounting system. It is an exciting time to be in the Comptroller's Office. The staff is a great group of people to work with and their professionalism and positive attitudes will make the transition smooth."

Fitzsimmons was promoted after the retirement of John Zakibe.



On the Move.....

Beth Seright (left) returns to the Comptroller's Office as an Administrative Assistant III, after a stint in the Public Safety department. She can be reached at 314.622.8229. And Accounting Manager II LaTaunia Wilder moves from City Hall to the 1520 Market building. You can reach her at 314.657.3459.

Zakibe Retires *continued*

Zakibe’s esteem was recognized through a series of farewells that consisted of a dinner celebration at Probstein Golf Course in Forest Park where Comptroller Darlene Green presented him with a proclamation; a resolution was presented in chambers before the Board of Aldermen; and finally, on Nov. 19, an in-office gathering was held for reminiscing and tributes on his last day.

“It’s been a great career; I enjoyed it and am looking forward to the next phase in my life.” The location of that next phase will be in Scottsdale, Arizona.



Zakibe and wife Jackie show a recognition resolution that was presented before the Board of Aldermen.

Welcome New Hires



Kelley Anderson
Special Assistant to the Comptroller (Provisional)



Pamela Bolden
Public Information Officer to the Comptroller (Provisional)



Isaac Darden
Financial Analyst (Provisional)

New hires also include camera shy Jevons Brown, a Clerk Typist II.

Hot's Off On Your Promotions!



Kerri Brown
Fiscal Manager



Mary Hemme
Accounting Coordinator



Megan Mocaby
Accounting Manager I



Denise Peeples
Fiscal Officer II



Regina Reynolds
Accounting Coordinator



In Memoriam of Ivy Neyland-Pinkston
The Comptroller’s Office mourns the loss of Deputy Comptroller for Finance and Development Ivy Neyland-Pinkston, who passed on September 28 after a valiant battle with leukemia.

Comptroller’s Office Welcomes Coro Fellow Nathan Reynolds



Nathan Reynolds, a Coro Fellow, is seeing first-hand the “interconnectedness” of government with labor, nonprofits and other sectors. “After graduating, I wanted to broaden my perspective and expand my experiences and knowledge,” he said. The Coro Fellowship in

Public Affairs program is designed to develop future movers and shakers through on-the-job experiences. Reynolds’ month-long special assignment, through the Internal Audit department, is to investigate if the jury selection process could be improved; and secondly, make recommendations for best practices. His assignment will conclude on Dec. 10 with a report for the Jury Supervisor’s Office.

Reynolds earned a BA in Politics in May from Occidental College in Los Angeles and is originally from Denver, Colorado. On a personal note, he said St. Louis had been new to him and that learning about the area has “really, really been exciting.”

Comptroller Green has supported the Coro Fellows program since 2005 with placements in various departments. The full program spans nine months and is administered through Focus St. Louis.



Happy Birthday



OCTOBER

- 3 Marilyn Maxwell
- 20 Nicole Shaw
- 26 Greer Rodgers

NOVEMBER

- 2 Aubrey Tutwiler
- 3 Darlene Green
- 8 Ishmael Ikpeama
- 10 Mary Hemme
- 10 Kelley Anderson
- 16 Denise Peeples
- 17 Kerri Brown
- 25 Pamela Bolden
- 29 Leonard Bell
- 30 Megan Mocaby

DECEMBER

- 8 Yudora Watson
- 16 Marty Deiters
- 16 Sharon Holloman
- 17 Marsha Veal
- 18 Tiffany Lewis
- 19 Ray Gant
- 23 Shelby Haywood

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