



COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

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TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OZAUKEE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

It is the mission of the County Clerk's Office to provide knowledgeable support for the activities of the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors, to provide the citizens with responsive government and quality services in a fiscally responsible manner through innovation, leadership and dedication and to provide mandated functions within the applicable laws.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

2007 brought many changes to the County Clerk's Office. This was my first year as the Ozaukee County Clerk and can honestly say that it was exciting and very eventful! In preparation to take office, I observed several areas requiring updates in order to provide the citizens of Ozaukee County with quality services within a friendly, helpful environment.

First and foremost, aesthetic changes were made and have proven to be more "customer friendly" and also provide better working conditions and communication amongst staff. The information window has re-opened, once again providing the citizens with friendly, helpful assistance upon arriving in the building. This has been well received by staff, as well as the public.

Another major accomplishment for providing the citizens with quality, efficient service is the reorganization of staff duties. In cooperation with Jeff Schmidt, Clerk of Courts, this office was granted approval to become a Passport Application Acceptance Facility for 2008. This move from the Clerk of Courts to the County Clerk is a positive move for the citizens as this allows them the convenience of obtaining a birth certificate and passport in one building while they do not have to pass through security in order to do so.

There were two elections held in Spring of 2007 and both proved to be successful.

A long time county employee, Marie Strauss, retired from our office. Her bright smile, her positive attitude, her diligent work ethic and her commitment to the tasks at hand, whether it was the employee Christmas parties or the fund raising events, have indeed been missed.

I would like to recognize the fine staff in my office. Lisa Henning was appointed as Deputy Clerk and has certainly met the challenge of that duty. Mary Sampont has been a long term employee and has accepted the challenges that come with new office staff. Wendy Weeks, former Town of Grafton Clerk, was welcomed to the office. Her knowledge and experience in municipal government has proven to be a tremendous asset.

