

# UP FRONT



Newsletter from John A. Cunningham, Kane County Clerk

## Economic Interest Statements

The 2015 filing year for Statement of Economic Interests is coming to a close. The total number of statements required for filing for this year is 2832. The majority of statements were filed online using the Kane County Clerk's online filing system. This year, less than 100 paper statements were mailed out via first class mail, compared to almost 3,000 before the online system's implementation in 2012. Filers can easily access the system if the unit of government provides an email address for the filer. Then during the filing period, the filer can access the system, verify their information, fill out their statement, submit it, and receive their filing receipt via email from the filing system. Please remember to file your email receipt, or paper receipt in a safe place should you need it in the future. Receipts emailed from the online system cannot be reproduced by the Clerk's office. So remember to print and save your emailed receipt. Thank you for filing your statements in a timely manner this year! See you next year!

### ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

The life events that will be made available had to have taken place in Kane County, Illinois. Birth records will be available if the document is 85 years or older; death records will be available if the record is 20 years or more; and marriage certificates will be available if the couple has been married 50 or more years.

Access our site at: <http://genealogy.kanecountyclerk.org/>

# Passport Training Day

Two employees from our office attended a training day at the U.S. Department of State's Chicago Passport office for required annual required refresher training. A few "highlights" from the day were:

-There are over 4 million passport applications in the system right now so turnaround times are taking longer.

Plan for 6-7 weeks for regular service or 3-4 weeks if expediting.

-The TSA is now requiring anyone leaving the country to have 6 months or more of validity on every passport no matter what the country you are visiting may require. Check your passports to see if you need to renew!

-California birth certificates are currently taking 6 MONTHS to receive using a regular service. Anyone who was born in CA should plan accordingly.

**What's Needed to Apply?**

1. Application: A yellow passport application form (DS-160) with a photo and signature.
2. One Photo: A small, square, color photograph of the applicant.
3. Identification: A Washington Driver License or other government-issued ID.
4. Payment: A check or money order for the passport fee, payable to the U.S. Department of State.
5. Evidence of Citizenship: A birth certificate or other document proving U.S. citizenship.
6. Photocopy of ID: A photocopy of the applicant's identification document.

**Congratulations!**

**Diane Homan on Your 20 years of Service with Kane County!**

## KANE COUNTY TAXING DISTRICTS

It is that time of year to prepare your district's annual budget. Keep in mind that by State Statute your district's budget needs to be filed with the Kane County Clerk within 30 days of passage.

# The Kane County Clerk's Virtual Library

Over the past 3 years the County Clerk's Office has undergone the task of categorizing, indexing, scanning, and filing all documents filed with the County Clerk's office into an electronic filing system. This filing system acts like a virtual library that makes finding, retrieving, and sending information more efficient.

In 2012, the office purchased the E-File system from IT Stability. In E-File we could create folders, index information, edit information, and scan documents, but due to the large amount of information being added, we quickly outgrew the storage capacity. So, in 2015 the office converted all of it's information from E-File into a new system called Laserfiche. Laserfiche has all the capabilities of E-File but has a lot more storage, scans documents more quickly, edits information easier and indexing is more efficient. Finding and retrieving information takes less time and sharing documents with other departments is a breeze.

Since May of 2012, when the County Clerk's office started indexing and scanning information into a virtual library system, the total number of images scanned from office documents totaled 270,590.

["Birds sing after a storm; why shouldn't people feel as free to delight in whatever sunlight remains to them."](#)  
Rose Kennedy



## **Voss retires after 14 years With the County Clerk**

**Many of us were misty-eyed as we relayed our best wishes and goodbyes to our retired coworker, Nada Voss, who worked 14 years in our Elections Office. She must have missed us too; she came to visit everyone the very next work day.**

**Congratulations  
on your retirement, Nada, we all hope you thoroughly enjoy your relaxing, retirement years. You will be missed but never forgotten!**

**"UP FRONT"**, a bi-monthly newsletter will be posted on the Kane County Clerk's website. If you prefer to receive newsletter via e mail, please contact Susan at: [ericsonsusan@co.kane.il.us](mailto:ericsonsusan@co.kane.il.us)

# ELECTION NEWS

The Elections Department initiated the purge process and voters were mailed new voter registration cards. The purge creates a wave of calls from Kane County voters and notifications to update voter's information.

## Preparations for the 2016 General Primary

The Illinois State Legislature has passed a bill that requires changes to the election codes. These changes have a great impact on how we run elections and the Kane County Clerk's Elections Office is in the process of intense preparations to implement all these changes.

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR ELECTION JUDGES

### Do You Have Basic Knowledge Of Data Entry Using a Computer?

Are you a registered voter in Kane County?

Earn \$145 (with training) per election

Complete the form and mail to the Kane County Clerk's Elections Office

You are invited to make out an application to serve as an election judge, please complete and return this form to:

John A. Cunningham, Kane County Clerk, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Geneva, IL 60134 OR Email this information to:

[elections@co.kane.il.us](mailto:elections@co.kane.il.us). Please visit our website, [www.kanecountyelections.org](http://www.kanecountyelections.org), for additional information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I am a registered voter. \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I am bilingual in English/Spanish \_\_\_\_\_

I WISH TO BE A JUDGE OF ELECTION FOR THE: REPUBLICAN PARTY \_\_\_\_ DEMOCRATIC PARTY \_\_\_\_