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ASSESSORS LEARN ABOUT LAND VALUE TAXATION

New York State Georgists have focused their attention recently on educating the members of assessors associations across the state on the merits of land value taxation.

Representing the Center for Local Tax Research, Al Hartheimer addressed the Albany - Schenectady Assessors Association meeting on November 10. Al reports that 20 assessors attended and that "there was a lot of agreement that this was a very positive direction in which to go." A number of those in attendance opted to subscribe to Incentive Taxation to keep abreast of the issue.

Long Island Director Stan Rubenstein addressed a similar meeting of assessors from Suffolk County. Although the reaction there was "somewhat less than a warm embrace of the idea," a number of assessors endorsed the LVT concept after an occasionally heated question-and-answer period which followed Stan's remarks.

Al Hartheimer went to bat once again on November 30 before the Warren County Assessors Association, finding that audience "particularly receptive." As with the assessors from the Albany - Schenectady region, a number in attendance subscribed to Incentive Taxation.

These efforts were the result of the Center's offer to inform assessors of the implications of LVT for New York State.

WORKSHOP FOR NEW YORK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

More than 80 high school students and their guidance counselors attended the Eleventh Annual Urban Workshop sponsored by the New York City Council on Economic Education and the New York School on November 15th.

The theme of the all-day program was "Changing Careers in a Changing City." It featured a morning session devoted to the examination of five key industries and an afternoon session on the role of guidance counselors in preparing for a career.

A panel of five top business leaders engaged the students in a lively discussion on the nature of their businesses, the "constancy of change," and the need to be prepared to meet that change.

The panelists were: Bernard Eichwald, president of B. Eichwald & Co.; Seymour Durst, president of the Durst Organization; Rachel Lipari, president of the Standard Security Life Insurance Company; Hunter Haynes, vice president of Kidder, Peabody & Co.; and Herbert Barchoff, chairman of Eastern Rolling Mills, Inc..

After lunch, Irma Godlin, assistant director of the New York City Bureau of Educational and Vocational Guidance, addressed the group on "How Your Guidance Counselor Can Help You In an Era of Changing Careers." She stressed the need for student preparation for better career understanding and the need to take advantage of as many avenues of career information as possible. An exchange with students followed, in which the strengths and weaknesses of the present system were examined and new state requirements were outlined.

A number of students expressed interest in the school and its courses. A special program introducing high school students to Henry George and the New York school has been planned in response to these inquiries. It is to be held in mid-December.