

# The I.C.M.A. Newsletter



November/December 2011



## *Country Christmas Spectacular*



**When: November 26th Meal & pre-show 5:30 pm  
Show starts at: 6:45 pm**

**Where: Mt. Hope Community Hall on the square in  
McLean, Illinois**

### **Admissions**

<b>ICMA Members:</b> Adults - Show only	\$6.00	Children 4-12	\$3.00
<b>Non-Members:</b> Adults - Show only	\$7.00	Children 4-12	\$4.00

### **Meal by Donation**

We will be serving spaghetti, Italian bread, vegetable, dessert, & drink

Concessions will also be sold before the show and at half-time break.

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Entertainers wishing to participate in the show should contact  
Dave or Donna Nevius PH. 309-212-5807 or 309-212-5823  
Or email us at [neviusd@gmail.com](mailto:neviusd@gmail.com)

**Come on out, have some fun, and help us kick-off  
this Christmas Season and Celebrate the Reason !!!**

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## **Reporters Needed!**

"Country Music Tonight" articles ~ have a jam session in your area? A country music show? Let us know and we will visit and write it up, or just send us the material and we will put it into shape for printing.

## **Board News**

We are still short one state board member. Would you like to become a vital part of the I.C.M.A.? Contact any board member, or send us an e-mail at 309-378-4203.

The State Board of Directors meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion building in McLean, Illinois. We are usually out around 9:00 p.m. This is an important job, and one that can often be time consuming. However, if you love country music, this is a great way to help in the planning and promoting of our style of music in the state of Illinois.

## **Parks/Allen Nuptials**

On September 17, 2011, Travis Parks and Kristi Allen were married at the Little Chapel Church in Harrisburg, Illinois.

Congratulations and best wishes to the new Mr. and Mrs. Parks.

## **Bluegrass Entertainment**

Interested in good bluegrass entertainment? Drop a line to Jordan Entertainment, 3751 Junction Blvd., Raleigh, NC 27603 and ask to be put on the mailing list. Most of these events are staged in the North Carolina/East Tennessee area, but they are worth a look! E-mail address is: carolinaroad@bellsouth.net.

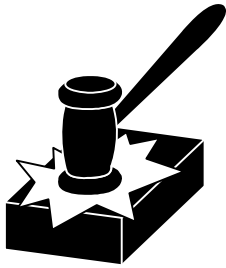
## **New Members**

To the members who have signed up since the last newsletter, we want to take this opportunity to say "welcome," glad to have you with us, and let us know how we can serve you better. Entertainers ~ take a supply of ICMA membership forms with you whenever you perform. We can print special forms with your name and photo preprinted so you get credit for the new members.

## **Referred By**

Sam Justice, Lafayette, Indiana

# Behind the Gavel



**By: President  
Ray Prince**

To: All members and Board of Directors:

In my notes last issue, I reported that I would undoubtedly be on limited duty for some time because of a knee replacement and some other scheduled work to be done. How little I knew! I was home from the hospital for a few days when something hit my stomach and put me back in the hospital. My heart then got into the act and went into full cardiac arrest and respiratory failure. Needless to say, the experts at OSF brought me back.

However, if I had not been in the hospital when this occurred, I would have probably been gone before help arrived. Does God have something for me to do yet? I think so! Thanks to all of you for your cards, prayers and support throughout this crisis.

At this time, things are coming back to me. My mind was playing dirty tricks on me at first, but things are sloooowwwly clearing up.

Which leads to a famous quote from Strother Martin in "Cool Hand Luke" - "What we have here is a failure to communicate." Well, we communicate very

well in the ICMA, so our quote must be "what we have here is a failure to delegate." I have a lot of responsibilities with the organization, just like my good friend, the late Sam Carlin had before me. However, when Sam passed away, I had a real tough time finding out just how some of the procedures worked.

I don't want my successor to go through this kind of extra work, so my goal is to write the procedures for some of the routine work, to give the next guy a "track to run on" until they can find a better way to get the job done.

Keep up your support of country music in your local area. As you will see in this issue, we are losing one of the longest running oprys in the state. We are sure sorry to see them go. This just supports the statement I make nearly every issue ~ support your local oprys and country musicians.

When you play a gig locally, for a church, whatever, be sure to get a photo or two, plus a short write-up for the newsletter. You will notice that this issue is rather short. The start of school, sports, holiday preparations, etc., has brought a lot of our personal appearances to a halt. Just remember us when things start up again!

Keep it country!!!

Handwritten signature of Ray Prince.

# PrimeTime Country

OLYMPIA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

**SHOW TIME IS 7:00 P.M.**

(Meal served prior to each show, beginning at 5:30 p.m.)

**November 12 ~**  
**Rusty Cummins**  
*plus ICMA*  
**Recognition Show**  
*See next page*

**December 10 ~**  
**Eric Gordon**



## PrimeTime Country Opry Band

- \* Janet Durham - MC & Vocals
- \* Jason Zilm - Bass Guitar & Vocals
- \* Polly Sampson - Rhythm Guitar & Vocals
- \* Craig Durham - Drums
- \* Al Alsman - Lead Guitar
- \* Janice Zilm - Steel Guitar & Vocals
- \* Linda Thomas - Keyboard and Vocals
- \* Anita Man - Comedian
- \* Jason Benefield - Guitar and Vocals

*Pre-show meals are provided by the Illinois Country Music Association, Inc Cost? A donation! ~ and all profits are placed in the general fund. This is your chance to enjoy a delicious meal and help the ICMA at the same time!*



[www.primetimecountry.com](http://www.primetimecountry.com)

**ALL shows start at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Doors open at 6:00 p.m.**

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# ICMA Recognition Show

November 12, 2011  
Meal starting at 5:30p.m.  
Show at 7:00p.m.

**OLYMPIA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

The PrimeTime Country Opry will be pairing up with the Illinois Country Music Association this year for the ICMA Recognition Show.

**Recognizing  
ICMA Songwriter  
Pioneer of the Year  
Kelly Holt Humanitarian Award  
Fan (or Fans) of the Year**

*Commercial Tables* ~ You may sell CD's or distribute your promotional material.

Admission  
Adults \$7.00 for ICMA members \$9.00 for non-ICMA members  
Children 3-12 \$3.00 Children under 3 free  
Pioneers Free

## New Salem Country Opry to Close Its Doors



After a great run of twenty-eight and one half years, the New Salem Country Opry at Petersburg gave its final performance Saturday night, October 29th with a final show entitled the "Blaze Of Glory." Kenny Rogers had a song of that title and some of the lyrics are "Let's Go Out In A Blaze Of Glory, Just Like We Came In." So that is what we wanted to do, go out in a blaze of glory with

a show that you will never forget. There are many reasons for the closing. Among those are the same negative economic climate that affects us all either on an individual or business level.



*Doris and Bill Higdon, owners*

Over the years we have met and made friends with so many wonderful folks both on and off the stage. We are blessed to have had these 28 ½ years doing what we loved and look forward to keeping in touch with many of you. We have had so many terrific musicians as part of our band during this time; words cannot describe how we are going to miss our weekly shows and sharing our Saturdays with them. Two of the musicians on stage have been with us for all of those 28 ½ years. They truly have become family.

The show on the 29th of October included many of the former band members. It was the end of an era of country music at the opryhouse at Petersburg.

**The First Christian Church of Farmer City  
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### Schedule

November 6, Garth Golden  
November 13, Band Night  
November 20, TBA  
November 27, Jason Collins  
December 4, Ken Honecker  
December 11, Mariah Henderson  
December 18, Eric Gordon  
December 25, No Program - Merry  
Christmas  
January 1, No Program - Happy  
New Year



*Branson Style Entertainment Comes To Central Illinois!*

# **Bellflower Country Opry**

***Saturday, November 26, 2011***

## ***Tribute to Dolly Parton***

*Special Guest Terry Lynn Barton,  
with Chrissy Rigby on keyboard*

*Show Starts at 7:00 p.m.*

*Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.*

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***Saturday, December 17, 2011***

## ***Family Christmas Show***

*Kathy Brake on keyboard*

*Show Starts at 7:00 p.m.*

*Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.*

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*Tickets: Adults:\$10 ~ Kids under 12: free*

*<http://www.bellflowercountryopry.com>*

# In Loving Memory

## **Larry Wooley**



William "Larry" Wooley, 71, of Decatur passed away Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at Decatur Memorial Hospital with his family at his bedside after a six month battle with a serious illness. A service to celebrate the life of Larry was held 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 19, 2011 at South

Shores Christian Church, Decatur, Illinois. Memorial contributions may be directed to the charity of the donor's choice. Larry was born July 1, 1940 in Decatur, Illinois the son of Basil and Pearl (Dial) Wooley. He proudly served his country in the U.S Air Force and retired from Firestone after 32 years. He owned his own lawn service called Larry's Mowing and drove a truck after his retirement. He and his wife Sondra own the Bement Country Opry in Bement, Illinois. Larry married Sondra Johns on March 13, 1976. Larry is survived by his wife; three sisters, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Delmar Wooley and John Wesley Wooley.

## **Donald J. Baker**

Donald J. Baker, 84, passed away October 8, 2011 at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center in Normal.

I first knew Don when he coached my wife's softball team at Beich's Candy Co. many years ago. At the time, we didn't realize we were both enterprising country entertainers. Don played lead guitar with Roy Satterfeal's band for many years. In recent years, he enjoyed singing and playing at the jam session held each Thursday at the VFW in Heyworth, which he helped organize.

Don was a good friend and a genuine fan of real country music.

## **Floyd Louis Paul**

Floyd "Sonny" Paul, 74, died September 16, 2011

at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center in Normal. The first time I met Sonny was at a grade school softball game at Houghton School south of Bloomington. I don't remember which school he attended, but he was wearing engineer boots, and I was immediately impressed when I saw him slide into base wearing that impressive footwear.

Sonny enjoyed playing lead guitar in the country band Southern Comfort and several other bands. He was also an avid motorcycle race fan and loved spending time on the family farm.

## **Johnny Wright**



Country Music Legend Johnny Wright passed away recently at the age of 97. Johnny and his partner Jack Anglin scored hit after hit as Johnny and Jack with songs including "Poison Love" "Ashes Of Love" "Oh Baby Mine" and "Down South In New Orleans." He later enjoyed a very

successful solo career with hits including "Hello Vietnam" "Nickels Quarters and Dimes" and "Walkin' Talkin' Cryin' Barely Beatin' Broken Heart." He married the Queen of Country Music Kitty Wells on October 30, 1937.

My fondest memories of Johnny Wright are not seeing him on stage, or riding with him in the bus or the countless interviews that he was kind enough to give me. It was those very relaxed times just sitting next to him on his couch in Madison, Tennessee, talking about the old days. He loved to tell stories and I loved to listen. Even in the later years, he would still break out in song time and time again showing what a true entertainer he was-whether it be before thousands or one Texas disc jockey sitting in a living room.

Thanks for the great education and the great memories, Johnny. You are already a Hall of Famer in my book.

*Tracy Pitcox*  
[www.heartoftexascountry.com](http://www.heartoftexascountry.com)

## *Wilma Lee Cooper*



Wilma Lee Cooper, Grand Ole Opry and Country Music Star, passed away September 13, 2011, at age 90, at her home in Sweetwater, Tennessee. She is pictured at left with her husband and singing partner, Stoney Cooper.

She had been a member of the Opry since 1957. Her last solo performance on the Opry was at the Ryman Auditorium on February 24, 2001. Wilma Lee joined the Opry cast at the grand re-opening of the Opry House on September 28, 2010 for a group sing-along.

Wilma Lee was preceded in death by her husband Stoney Cooper and is survived by her daughter Carol Lee Cooper, Hendersonville, Tenn.; granddaughter Vanessa Brusseau and her husband Mark of Hermitage, Tenn. and granddaughter Shannon Rogers and her husband Mark of Hendersonville, Tenn. Per Wilma Lee's wishes there will not be a memorial service. She will be remembered for her music and her faith.

Wilma Lee spent nearly her entire life singing and entertaining. Born Wilma Leigh Leary, she began working early as a member of West Virginia's regionally-famed Leary Family. Her celebrated delivery of gospel and devotional songs emerged at the same time. First achieving national prominence in the 1940s performing with her late husband, champion fiddler Stoney (Dale T.) Cooper, Wilma Lee sang and played guitar with a bursting-at-the-seams energy. From the outset, the Coopers had success with story songs, from "The Legend of the Dogwood Tree," "Little Rosewood Casket," and "Sunny Side of the Mountain" for Rich-R-Tone and Columbia Records in the 40s to "Wreck on the Highway" and "Philadelphia Lawyer" for Hickory in the early 1960s. It was likely Wilma Lee and Stoney's rousing, old-style jubilee hits of the '50s and '60s including "There's a Big Wheel," "This Old

House," and "Big Midnight Special" that audiences have responded to most of all. Wilma Lee and Stoney were members of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.

Wilma Lee continued performing with her group the Clinch Mountain Clan after Stoney's death in March 1977, and was appearing on the Opry regularly until a stroke suffered on stage in 2001 forced her to cease performing.



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*Illinois Country Music Association, Inc.  
Chapter 617*

# **Jam Session**

**Sunday, December 4, 2011**

**El Paso VFW  
El Paso, Illinois  
12:00 p.m. til ???**

**No Charge**

Potluck Dinner

Bring Covered dishes to share!!  
Coffee, Tea and Table Service will be provided.

**There will be:**

**\* Open Mic      \* 50/50 Drawing**

For information, call William Grubb,  
309-564-0228 or 309-824-6404

All **players, singers and listeners**  
are welcome to attend this jam session.

You do ***not*** have to be a member of either the  
ICMA or Chapter 617.

*The Illinois Country Music Association, Inc. is a nonprofit organization*

## Memphis: Music fans flock to Sun Studio

Michael Hallsworth stepped up to the big black X on the floor (right where Elvis stood), grabbed the microphone (the one Elvis used) and broke into "It's Now or Never." Hallsworth and his wife, Rita, came from Nottingham, England, to stand on this piece of hallowed ground for Elvis Presley fans -- Sun Studio, where the King of Rock 'n' Roll began his ascent to fame. Holding the microphone and its floor stand at an angle, Hallsworth cut about as good an Elvis pose as one could expect from a retired house painter in red shorts and plaid shirt. And he looked just fine to his wife, who videotaped everything. "Oh, it's brilliant," she said. "This is a wonderful holiday."

The studio -- all 20 feet by 35 feet of it -- wasn't much to look at in Elvis' day and still isn't. But it draws some 125,000 tourists annually, and it's also at the center of a yearlong celebration of local rock 'n' roll history. A party was held here on July 5 -- 50 years to the day after Presley came to Sun Studio to make his first commercial recording, "That's All Right."

More festivities are planned for "Elvis Week," August 7 to 16. The August celebration is an annual affair, organized by managers of Presley's estate to coincide with the anniversary of his death on August 16, 1977. Presley died at Graceland at age 42 of drug abuse and heart disease. The highlight of the anniversary week, which includes fan club meetings and parties, is a candlelight procession past Presley's grave, located in a small garden beside the house. It runs through the night of the 15th and often attracts upward of 10,000 participants.

The studio, across the street from a garage and next door to a radiator service, was opened by Sam Phillips, who recorded dozens of pioneers in blues, rhythm and blues and rock 'n' roll. In the early years, Phillips focused on blues and R&B artists such as B.B. King, Howlin' Wolf, Little Milton and Rufus Thomas. In 1951, he recorded Jackie Brenston's "Rocket 88," considered by some to be the first rock 'n' roll record.

In those days Phillips recorded for other labels, such as Chess Records, which put "Rocket 88" on the market. He formed Sun Records in 1953, and the studio -- officially named the Memphis Recording Service -- has carried that name ever since.

Following "That's All Right," Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash and Roy Orbison also made their first recordings at Sun. Phillips gave up the studio lease in 1959, and Sun was largely ignored after he left. It sat empty for more than two decades and housed a few small businesses, including a barbershop, but none for very long.

But by 1987, Sun was becoming a tourist attraction -- although on a much smaller scale than Graceland, Presley's Memphis home, which opened to tourists in 1982 and now draws more than a half-million visitors a year. Other attractions for music-loving visitors to Memphis include the Gibson Guitar Factory, the Smithsonian Rock 'n' Soul Museum, the Stax Museum of American Soul Music, and legendary Beale Street, the music district where B.B. King's Blues Club is located. While Graceland is resplendent in Elvis flash and excess, Sun Studio is a more modest affair. It was named a national historic landmark last year, but it could use some fresh paint and a few cosmetic repairs.

Sun Studio Entertainment Corp. now owns the studio as well as the adjoining two-story building

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that housed a restaurant and rooming house. The restaurant, with its original tile floor, 1950s-style booths and jukebox, is a souvenir shop. In the museum, tour guides give a brief history of the studio going back to the pre-Elvis days when Phillips recorded a group of singing prison inmates called The Prisonaires and a cowboy band named Doug Poindexter & the Starlite Wranglers. Moved along in groups of two dozen or more, visitors are then squeezed into the studio, which still has the original acoustic tiles and light fixtures put in by Phillips.

The studio floor is marked with Xs in the spots where Presley, guitarist Scotty Moore and bassist Bill Black stood while recording "That's All Right"; Phillips manned the recording booth. A standup microphone used during at least some of the recording sessions is at Elvis' spot. Sun manager John Schorr said visitors are often surprised at the studio's small size, but he said that played a role in producing the "Sun sound."

Sun Studio draws some 125,000 tourists each year. "A lot of it had to do with that small space they were recording in and the different acoustic baffles that Sam Phillips put in," Schorr said. "That's the

## Jerry Foley

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whole lure of it, that this little room had so many music legends come through it."

Besides tourists, Sun still draws musicians, too. It's a working studio, for the unknown and well-known alike.

"We've had Bonnie Raitt, Marty Stuart, Paul Simon, Ringo Starr," said tour guide Aaron Covington. "But, you know, other people can come in, too." Bands producing their own CDs can rent the studio for \$75 an hour, with an engineer included, and tourists can make karaoke-style recordings at \$30 a pop.



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## Entertainer's Directory

Any member in good standing of the Illinois Country Music Association, Inc., is entitled to free listing in the Entertainer's Directory. If more information, photo and/or show information is needed, it will be necessary to purchase an ad. (See scale at "Ramblings," in this issue.) To be listed in the Directory, just e-mail ICMAIllinois@aol.com or call (309) 378-4203.

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***Support live country music (Traditional, New/Modern, Gospel, Bluegrass)***

**Entertainers Ads**

Why not give folks a better idea of who you are and what you do, with a low cost entertainer's ad, showing your photo and contact information? It only costs \$15.00 for three issues.

If you want to include your upcoming shows, consider a larger ad, which will be billed at the same rate as regular advertising (see Ramblings for current prices).

We will ask the entertainers to pay for these ads, in advance, for three issues. Since they will now be paid ads, prices for your events may be listed. If the size of your ad fluctuates, we will ask you to pay for the largest size of ad you will be

running in the three issue period. Below is a typical "entertainer's ad" which you can run for three issues for only \$15.00.

<p><b><i>Taylor Jane Doe</i></b>  (217) 555-1212</p> <p>visit my web site at  <a href="http://www.taylorjanedoe.com">www.taylorjanedoe.com</a>  e-mail <a href="mailto:taylor@taylordoe.com">taylor@taylordoe.com</a></p>	
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## **Commercial Members Illinois Country Music Association, Inc.**

Our commercial members are on the rolls because they are interested in country music and country music people. Let them know we appreciate their support.

We want to encourage our commercial members to submit a story letting the members know who you are. The deadline for the next issue is December 1, 2011.

**Bill Robinson & Friends,  
St. Charles, IL**

**B. P. Records and Production  
& Banks of the Wabash Publishing,  
Georgetown, IL**

**PrimeTime Country Opry,  
Hopedale IL**

**Cowboy Church Band,  
Farmer City, IL**

**Watkins Jewelry, Clinton, IL**

**Iroquois County Country Line  
Dancers**

**Village of McLean, McLean, IL**

**That's Country (D.J. & Pat)  
Homer Glen, IL**

**Bellflower Country Opry  
Bellflower, IL**

**Feudin' Hillbillys  
Mahomet, IL**

**Tri-Lakes Banquet &  
Dance Hall  
Bloomington, IL**

**Marvin Lee Band,  
St. Joseph, IL**

**Eric's  
American & Mexican Food  
Breakfast Specialties  
Bloomington, IL**

**HWY 341 Country Cafe  
Wallace, Indiana**



**Est. 1890  
600 West Side Square  
Clinton, IL 61727  
217-935-4583**

**WATCH - CLOCK  
- JEWELRY,  
SALES AND REPAIR**

# Ramblings

Newsletter Editor

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## Pictures In the Newsletter

We can use color photos, black and white, CD's, digital camera memory cards, almost anything you can name can be used. *If you want your photos returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.*

## Newsletter Schedule

Our bimonthly Newsletter is scheduled to go out around the first of January, March, May, July, September and November. The *deadline* for submitting material is the *first of the month preceding* the scheduled mailing, i.e..

Jan/Feb issue.....	deadline December 1st
Mar/Apr issue .....	deadline February 1st
May/June issue .....	deadline April 1st
July/Aug issue.....	deadline June 1st
Sep/Oct issue.....	deadline August 1st
Nov/Dec issue .....	deadline October 1st

## Advertising Rates

### ICMA Members

#### (10% discount for commercial members)

1/8 Page.....	\$15 for 3 issues
	\$6 for one issue
1/4 Page.....	\$24 for 3 issues
	\$11for one issue
1/2 Page.....	\$53 for 3 issues
	\$20for one issue
Full Page.....	\$90 for 3 issues
	\$40 for one issue

### Non-ICMA Members

1/8 Page.....	\$45 for 3 issues
	\$18 for one issue
1/4 Page.....	\$81 for 3 issues
	\$32 for one issue
1/2 Page.....	\$158 for 3 issues
	\$59 for one issue
Full Page.....	\$270 for 3 issues
	\$90 for one issue

**Web Site ~ [www.ILcountrymusic.com](http://www.ILcountrymusic.com)**

**Webmaster ~ Anjanel Folkens**

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The Illinois Country Music Association, Inc. is a proud member of NACMAI, North America Country Music Associations, International.

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## Application for Membership

### Join Illinois' Most Affordable "Country Club"!

Join us today and become an active member of the I.C.M.A. When you join, you receive, as just one of your benefits, the I.C.M.A. Newsletter, the official publication of the I.C.M.A. We will keep you informed of upcoming events, awards shows and special offers only available to I.C.M.A. members.

"**General Members**" will receive a membership card, issues of the I.C.M.A. Newsletter, and special notices and offers throughout the year.

"**Family Members**" (persons residing at the same address) will also receive a membership card and special offers. Only the sponsoring General Member will receive the Newsletter.

"**Commercial Members**" will receive special recognition for their business, band or organization designating it as a supporter of the I.C.M.A. Commercial members will receive all Newsletters and publications of the I.C.M.A.

- Yes, I want to join as a GENERAL MEMBER.** Enclose \$12.50 for each General Membership. (For a two year membership, enclose \$20.00.)
- Yes, I want to join as a FAMILY MEMBER.** Enclose \$7.50 for each *additional* Family Membership. (For a two year membership, enclose \$11.25.)
- Yes, I want to join as a COMMERCIAL MEMBER.** Enclose \$30.00 for each Commercial Membership.

**\*NOTE: We need your e-mail address for newsletter distribution. If you do not have access to the Internet, leave this space blank, and we will mail the newsletter to you.**

**PLEASE PRINT IN INK**

General Member Name \_\_\_\_\_  Check if Under Age 18

\*E-Mail Address (for newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member 1 \_\_\_\_\_  Check if Under Age 18

Family Member 2 \_\_\_\_\_  Check if Under Age 18

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Were you referred by another ICMA member? (name) \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Moving??? New Address? Please Let Us Know!!!

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

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

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

(for newsletter and "What's Happening")  
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