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## Monthly Reminder:

**File federal taxes early for quicker rebate checks**

## From the comptroller's desk

### *Women are vital to office success*

March is National Women's History Month and I want to take this opportunity to thank all the women who work, and have worked, in the comptroller's office.



Out of 91 employees currently in our office, 55 are women. From management to professional to support positions, the Office of the Comptroller could not function or provide the high level of services we are known for without our dedicated women employees.

I know it is at best challenging, and at worst seemingly impossible, for women to juggle work, family and personal time. Many women in this office are also mothers and wives, and they balance

working full time while doing all the things expected of them at home. To be successful in the home and at the office, women have become exceptional multitaskers. I am very proud and thankful the comptroller's office is blessed with strong, determined women who can make it all work.

The role of women in our society today has changed immensely over the years. Just 50 years ago, women lacked many of the opportunities we enjoy today. The pioneers of the women's rights movement laid the foundation for us to explore the same career options as our male counterparts.

As we recognize National Women's History Month, we should all appreciate the accomplishments of women around the world, throughout the nation and right here in our own office.

## Comptroller's February employee of the month



Congratulations to **Lillie Green** for earning the February Employee of the Month Award. Green is an accounting coordinator in the financial reporting section.

She was nominated for her willingness to maintain her full time duties with the TIF division while training to maintain capital assets for the general ledger section.

Green chose eight hours of compensatory time as her EOM reward.

## Office News

## Comptroller hires transportation center manager

On March 17, **Robin Jones** will begin her career in city government as the first ever Gateway Transportation Center manager. Jones, a St. Louis native, graduated from Vashon high school, holds an MBA from Fontbone University and is working towards her master's degree in accounting.

Jones has worked in property management for the last ten years, overseeing area properties with up to 400 units and supervising as many as 13 employees. She has two children, one who graduated from Soldan high school and one who attends Shaw elementary school. Jones also has a foster child who attends Pierre Laclede elementary.

Her top priority is to ensure the facility is a clean, safe and friendly place for all the travelers.



## Test your knowledge with the Trivia Challenge

### This month: Women's History Trivia



*Congratulations to  
Jamalia Lott  
for correctly answering  
February's  
Black History trivia*

1. Which mother led a 125-mile march of child workers all the way from the mills of Pennsylvania to President Theodore Roosevelt's vacation home on Long Island?
2. One of the most important Union spies and scouts during the Civil War was a Black woman who had escaped from slavery. Can you name her?
3. Who was the last reigning monarch of the Hawaiian Islands, deposed when American business and military interests wanted to annex Hawaii to the U.S.?
4. Her 1939 Easter Sunday concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial drew a crowd of 75,000. Who was she, and why was she singing there?
5. She is regarded as the greatest ballerina born in America. Her father was the Chief of the Osage Indians. Can you name her?
6. Why is Rachel Carson (1907–1964) considered the mother of the environmental movement?

*Submit your answers to John Farrell at [farrellj@stlouiscity.com](mailto:farrellj@stlouiscity.com). The first to reply with the correct answers wins one hour comptime.*

News & Notes

As the comptroller's office turns...

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Our condolences

The entire office extends our thoughts and prayers to **Alfred Tabron** and his family on the passing of this father, Mr. James Tabron.

Promotions

None to report this month, but stay tuned to the CompTimes for the latest personnel announcements.

March Birthdays

Chuck Ditto	10
Roland Comfort	20
Catherine Smith	22
Michael Michele Gainey	23
Antionette Thomas	23
Eileen Gassel	29
Doris Hamilton	30
Lisa Harmon	30

Continuous Service Anniversaries

Oladie Hassan	10
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New Hires

**Sherese Simmons** will be starting as an accounting coordinator in the financial reporting/TIF section on March 17. Simmons previously worked at the airport.

Back 2 school

On February 27, **Yudora Mason** began studying for a bachelor's degree in information technology. Yudora is enrolled in Kaplan University's online degree program.

February Trivia Quiz answers

1. 1857
2. April 20, 1993
3. Alton, Il
4. Congress on Racial Equality
5. Blueberry Hill
6. 1957
7. Mary Meachum Freedom Crossing
8. 51.2%