

# Good Government Means Emphasizing the Positive



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**O**n the front cover of the January 2011 New Jersey Municipalities Magazine I was quoted as saying "I want to dwell on the positive, I want to make it clear that community service is the goal of all local elected officials." I have had a number of opportunities this past year to practice what I preached, but I was never sure if the message got through.

On June 14 and 15 I was invited to attend a conference called Creative New Jersey which was a "Call for Collaboration" to look at New Jersey's future. The idea intrigued me. There would be participants from education, the arts, tourism, government and dozens of other fields. There was involvement from many top level organizations along with the League.

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