

# Minute-By-Minute

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## Join NCAMC

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## Now, join IIMC

If you have joined the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks and are wondering what else you can do to grow in your profession, you definitely need to consider joining the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. IIMC is the certifying arm for clerks worldwide. For more information go to the website:

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

## President Bigley's May Message:

# A new respect for officers

### Dear Fellow Clerks:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and shared plenty of quality time with family and friends. By the time you get this issue of the newsletter, you will have hopefully attended the Region School in a district of your choice. I have attended one already and plan to attend the next three.

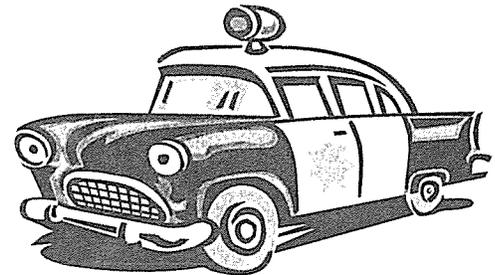
I feel compelled to share with you a recent experience that gave me a new respect for our police officers.

On March 12, I was involved in a minor fender-bender that just happened to be my fault. A nice lady stopped to allow me to cross traffic slowing for a stop light in front of Burger King. It had been a long day culminating in a visit to the funeral home to pay my last respects to a long time friend. All I wanted was a Whopper Junior with cheese.

As I crossed in front of the nice lady, I did not remember that I was about to also cross over a turning lane. Well, a little black car that I never saw coming adjusted my right front bumper to the tune of \$2,500. The little black car barely got scratched! Thankfully, no one was hurt.

The repair shop said it would take about a month to repair my car; therefore, I had to rent a car to take me to my favorite places, namely work. We have very good automobile insurance but never paid any attention to what the coverage was on rental cars. My rental car was \$31 per day and my insurance would pay \$15.

When I returned to work on Monday, no one came into my office until after noon because they did not see my car in the



parking lot. When the Police Chief found me working in my office, he spread the word that I was, in fact, at work and the strange car in the parking lot was my rental car.

I mentioned (complained) to the Chief that I felt I was throwing my money out the window on that rental car. I like to shop like the rest of you, and I was not getting one single thing in my little hot hand when paying for that rental car!

Well, the Chief made a very surprising offer to me. He said the Reserve Officers' police car was just sitting in the parking lot and none of the reserves were working any time soon and I was welcome to drive it to and from work until my car was repaired. Well, I could just see dollar signs all in front of my eyes with all the money I was going to save by driving the police car.

In a couple of days, my husband drove me to work so I could start driving the police car when I got off work.

**WELL, FRIENDS!** I have thought and thought and I cannot for the life of me think of anything any more embarrassing than

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# Queen City mourns loss of two police officers

Not a headline that anyone wants to hear or read, but unfortunately this is a reality we are now forced to deal with. On Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Officers Sean Clark and Jeff Shelton, two Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officers were killed in the line of duty.

This tragedy however, is not the emphasis of this article. What I thought was absolutely astounding and heartwarming was the outpouring of support, love and respect for the two slain officers, their families and those brave officers left to serve our city.

Now, being the largest city in the state with a population of more than 650,000, one wouldn't think that such a tragedy would or could catch the attention of the average citizen. Generally, in a large city, people are too busy carrying out their normal day-to-day activities to stop and pay homage to complete strangers.

The citizens of Charlotte have shown just the opposite. With flags flying at half-staff around the city, this tragedy in some strange way has opened the hearts of many and brought together folks that wouldn't ordinarily come together. The apartment complex where this incident took place has now become a

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make-shift memorial for the two lives senselessly taken. Flowers, cards, stuffed animals and candles mark the spot where this happened. Plans are to erect a more permanent memorial for Officers Clark and Shelton someday.

The community has been obviously touched by this misfortune. There have been prayer vigils both at the site of the shooting and in uptown Charlotte. Blue ribbons have been placed on buildings, trees and light poles as a show of support for law enforcement. People of all walks of life have also been wearing blue ribbons over their hearts.

But perhaps the greatest symbol of community respect and honor was in how people of all races, ages and gender lined the routes of both post-funeral processions. Never would you imagine seeing the streets of Charlotte lined with peo-

ple as if waiting for some important dignitary or for the annual Carousel Parade. Some people were carrying babies, some waving American flags, some with hands over their hearts and yet others with just solemn expressions.

Having grown up and worked in a small town, I was touched to see people in the "big city" stop to show their respect for the fallen officers, their families and the hundreds of law enforcement officers that came from all across our state and nation. And for those of us that did not know what else to do, it seemed as if it were the only fitting thing to do. I happened to have been one of thousands that stood in anticipation for the opportunity to show my respect.

I believe this tragedy will be a catalyst for change in Charlotte. It will cause the community and neighborhood leaders to take a long, hard look at ways to avoid such senseless acts. It shows that people in a city this size still have a heart, that they mourn their losses and will stop to honor those that make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Stephanie C. Kelly, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk, Charlotte  
District 8

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*Thank you to all of our law enforcement officers!!!*

## 2007 NCAMC Annual Conference

# Silent Auction items are needed

The NCAMC Annual Conference is scheduled for August 16-18 2007, at the Crown Plaza Resort, Asheville, NC.

We will have a Master Municipal Clerk Academy on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, and the Program and Education Committee are working hard to finalize educational programs for the remainder of the Conference.

As always during the conference, we will be holding our annual Silent Auction with proceeds going to benefit the NCAMC Clerks Scholarship Fund. In the past, Clerks have provided some very nice and interesting auction items for the Conference.

Town Clerk Becky Breiholz of Manteo is chairing this year's Silent Auction Committee. If you are able to bring a Silent Auction item, please give Becky a call or send her an email to let her know you will be participating. You can reach Becky at 252-473-2133 ext. 227 or email her at the following address, [breiholz@townofmanteo.com](mailto:breiholz@townofmanteo.com).

Silent auction items can be checked in at the registration desk when you arrive. Included in this newsletter is the Silent Auction Donation Form (*SEE NEXT PAGE*). Please fill out one form for each of your donations and bring it with you to the Conference.

Don't worry if you forget, we will

have extra forms on hand, but we thought providing it to you in advance would save you time at the Conference checking in your items.

While it is preferable that you bring your item with you, you may ship it in advance by sending it to: Becky Breiholz, Town of Manteo, 407 Budleigh Street, Manteo, NC 27954.

Remember the Silent Auction benefits a very good cause, not to mention it is a lot of fun for all of us. Thank you to everyone in advance for helping to make our Annual Conference a success again this year.

Carmen Miracle, CMC  
Program and Education Chair

## Celebrate Municipal Clerks Week

RANCHO CUCAMONGA – The International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) announces its 38th Annual Municipal Clerks Week — April 29 to May 5.

This event features a weeklong series of activities aimed at increasing the public's awareness of Municipal Clerks and the vital services they provide for local government and the community.

IIMC has sponsored Municipal Clerks Week since 1969.

In 1984 and in 1994,

Presidents Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton, respectively, signed a Proclamation officially declaring Municipal Clerks Week the first full week of May and recognizing the essential role Municipal Clerks play in local government.

During this week, Municipal Clerks throughout the world will host open houses and tours of the Municipal Clerk's office, visit local schools and participate in other various events.

One of local government's oldest positions is the



Municipal Clerk. Their duties have expanded over the years and, today, modern technology assists them with their increasing responsibilities.

To stay abreast of new computer applications, records management and other relevant information, many Municipal Clerks return to the classroom to increase their knowledge of these issues, learn new material and sharpen old skills.

Founded in 1947, IIMC is a professional nonprofit association with more than 10,000 members throughout North America and 15 other countries, representing municipalities with populations of 1,000 to more than 8 million.

### Update on CMC & MMCA recognitions

For all Clerks who have received their CMCs or attained membership or a new level in MMCA:

I apologize that no recent recognitions have been included in Minute-By-Minute, but I have received no such notifications from IIMC regarding such honors in several months. If you should have been so recognized, please contact IIMC and ask them to send the information to us. Thank you.

Angela G. Stadler, Minute-By-Minute Editor



# A humiliating journey

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driving a police car and not being a police officer.

It took me forever to get off the island because everyone in front of me slowed down to 30 mph because they saw a police vehicle in their rear view mirror. The speed limit is 45 mph.

The absolute worst thing was that I was wearing a hot pink sweater with flamingos done in sequins! I also had a monumental birthday in March and turned \_\_\_ty! All I could think was everyone was looking at this old lady with a bouffant hairdo, wearing a hot pink sequined sweater driving a **marked**, did I mention it was a **marked** police car?

Firemen in fire trucks waved to me. Police officers in police cars waved to me. Motorcyclists waved to me but all of them did a double take. I felt like an idiot! And

all to save a buck.....

When Bill got home from work I told him about my humiliating journey home in the police car. I also asked him if we could take the car back to the police department under the cover of darkness.

Well, we took it back during the day, but I made Bill drive his car in front of me so people would at least go the speed limit, and I never looked from one side to the other. I kept my eyes straight ahead so I wouldn't see anyone staring at the old lady with the bouffant hairdo.

We have decided to increase our rental car coverage, and I have vowed to never ride in another police car unless I am in the rear seat wearing handcuffs!

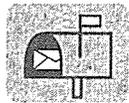
I look forward to seeing you all soon,

Bev  
Beverly Bigley, CMC  
NCAMC President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 29-May 5, 2007:**  
Municipal Clerks Week recognized.
- **May 9, 2007:**  
Town Hall Day, Quorum Center, Raleigh.
- **May 20-24, 2007:**  
International Institute of Municipal Clerks Annual Conference, New Orleans.
- **June 4-8, 2007:**  
Clerks Certification School, 2nd Session.
- **June 8, 2007:**  
NCAMC Board of Directors Meeting, Albert Coates Local Government Center, Raleigh
- **August 16-18, 2007:**  
NCAMC Annual Conference, Asheville Crown Plaza Resort, Asheville.
- **October 14-16, 2007:**  
NCLM Annual Conference, Fayetteville.
- **October 15-18, 2007:**  
Clerks Certification School, 3rd Session

## News from the NCAMC



Friday, April 27, was the last day of work for Loraine M. Carbone, CMC, Town Clerk of North Topsail Beach.

Loraine announced via the ClerkNet that she will be helping her husband with his home building and sunroom company. Good luck, Loraine! You'll be missed.

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Our condolences to Clinton Town Clerk Betty Fortner, whose father Charles West passed away Sunday, April 22.

Cards can be sent to Betty at 5221 Union High School Road, Clinton, NC 28328. Please remember the family in your thoughts and prayers.

## Submissions for Minute-by-Minute

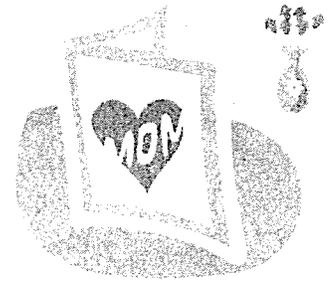
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Deadline for submission of articles is the 10th of each month for publication in the next month's newsletter.

Submit articles in writing to: **Angela G. Stadler, CMC; City of Reidsville; 230 W. Morehead Street, NC 27320 (ATTN: Minute-by-Minute); Fax: (336) 342-3649; or by email to [astadler@ci.reidsville.nc.us](mailto:astadler@ci.reidsville.nc.us)**

If you need assistance, have questions or need more information, feel free to call Angela Stadler at (336) 349-1040.

# May 2007



The monthly NCAMC Calendar is prepared for you by Dawn Davis, CMC, Deputy City Clerk, High Point.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Lora Flieger	2 Luellen Norris Kathleen Townsend	3	4 Lannette Johnson	5 Michelle Dawson
6	7	8	9 Kathie Fields Lisa Vierling	10	11	12 Dianne Spellman
13 Mother's Day	14	15 Elaine Hunt	16 Patricia Brunell	17 Misty Hagood Kim Greene	18	19 Sheila Barefoot
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