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Join NCAMC

Know a clerk or deputy clerk who wants to join NCAMC? Encourage them! For membership information, email committee chair Donna Strickland, CMC, at:

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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:

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President Campanello's October Message:

'Clerks preserving history'

Dear Fellow Clerks:

I am humbled to follow in the footsteps of so many stellar individuals who have served this Association as president. I am honored that you have given me the opportunity to serve as your president.

It is because clerks are willing to "step up to the plate" that our association continues to thrive. Most of you have heard the phrase "it takes a village....", I think you will agree, it also takes every member of an organization to get involved in any way possible to ensure that the organization grows and matures; I feel confident that we are well on our way as we support the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks.

I encourage each of you to consider how you can contribute to this organization that has gained respect from so many groups from across our state. Each February or March, our newsletter "Minute-by-Minute" has applications for interest in becoming an officer, director or committee member. I encourage all members to take advantage of the opportunity in 2008. I must also thank the clerks that have agreed to serve on one or more committees this coming year. I really appreciate each one of you, over 85 clerks who either applied or answered my plea.

I am excited about the coming year, as each year presents new challenges...but, I have no doubt that the decisions we make will be in the best interest of our organization and our members.

My theme for the year is: "Clerks Preserving History, One Page at a Time."

History is being recorded with every set of

minutes that we prepare for our governing bodies. In the early ages we would have been called "Remembrancers," those called upon as scholars to remind councilors of what transpired at their previous meeting since meeting actions were not written records.

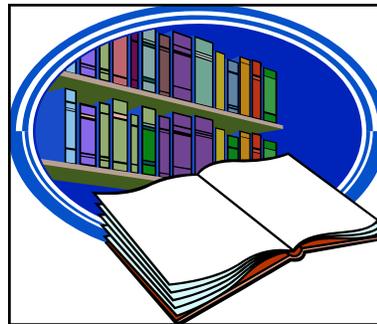
The municipal clerk is the oldest of public servants in local government, along with the tax collector – the profession dates back to biblical times. Each of you is the historian of your community...the entire recorded history of your city or town is in your care.

To quote, Professor William Bennett Munro, a political scientist, writing in one of the first textbooks on municipal administration (1934),

"No other office in municipal service has so many contracts. It serves the mayor, the city council, the city manager (when there is one), and all administrative departments without exception. All of them call upon it, almost daily, for some service or information. Its work is not spectacular, but it demands versatility, alertness, accuracy, and no end of patience. The public does not realize how many loose ends of city administration this office pulls together."

These words were written over 50 years ago and are even more appropriate today. So when things get crazy and seem out-of-control, remember the importance of your professional role as the historian of your community, and the steadfast individual with patience, alertness, and versatility....recording history one page at a time.

Josann Campanello, CMC
NCAMC President



*'Clerks Preserving History,
One Page at a Time.'*

'Premier Community for Active Families'

Check out Clayton

By Sherry L. Scoggins, CMC
District 4 Director

Perhaps you've heard of Riverwood Athletic Club with its unique combination of shops, schools, athletic club, indoor and outdoor pools, and golf course community. Or maybe Glen Laurel on the Neuse with beautiful homes nestled around a golf course. These are only two of the many neighborhoods of Clayton that encompass the spirit of "Premier Community for Active Families." But have you heard what is being offered at the Clayton Center, the one-of-a-kind, historic performing arts and conference center located in Downtown Clayton?

You may be wondering how this can be. Where did Clayton come up with the space to host functions? If it's been awhile since you've been to the Clayton Town Hall, you may not have realized that we've moved. The original Town Hall, built in 1927, still stands and is now our Town annex. Like so many other North Carolina communities, we're growing. And with the growth, we outgrew our original Town Hall.

If you walk a block from the original Town Hall to the original school site, you will be at the new Town Hall, also called the Clayton Center. The original school site, located at 111 East Second St., consists of several buildings. The high school, the elementary building, auditorium and gymnasium were each stand alone structures. As each structure fell into disrepair, each was boarded up and abandoned. Caddy corner from the school site was the old school playground. Had it not been for citizens and businesses in the community wanting to preserve the past while moving forward with the future, the site would have been razed. Today, the

former elementary school serves as the government services building and citizens can come in to set up utility accounts, have building plans reviewed or pick up a job application. The high school building is a multi-purpose building as the second floor is used for conference center rentals while the third floor is used for Parks & Recreation programs. The auditorium has been restored and is used for shows and productions. And, last but not least, the gymnasium is now the Town's Council Chambers and can also serve as a large meeting room. Through renovation, the buildings were conjoined by a central lobby, thus giving unity to the complex while each building maintained its own character. The new lobby space, serves as an art gallery, reception space, and public information center.

What has the renovation of the original school site done for Clayton? It has given the Clayton Center an opportunity to serve as the community hub again. The Town is able to provide rental and entertainment facility opportunities. The renovations took into consideration the historical charms of the buildings – the hardwood floors, slate chalkboards in the classrooms, the shelving in the hallway used by the children for their lunch pails - while incorporating technologies. The second floor meeting rooms host educational and business workshops. The third floor hosts a variety of Parks & Recreation programs such as yoga, guitar, sewing, and pottery. With imagination, creativity, decorations, and props, the Clayton Center lobby, Council Chambers, and auditorium can be transformed to host receptions, class reunions, pageants, and employee functions

such as wellness fairs and the holiday luncheons. The 600-seat auditorium is a major success, drawing sold-out crowds to professional performances and standing room only gatherings for community and school productions. This year the Clayton Center is celebrating five years, and the season schedule has something for everyone:

- ★ Hills of Home featuring Doc Watson with Richard Watson and David Holt; Saturday, Oct. 20, 8 PM
- ★ Heartland, Saturday, Nov. 3, 8 PM
- ★ The Flying Karamozov Brothers, Friday, Jan. 11, 8 PM
- ★ Freddy Cole, Saturday, Feb. 9, 8 PM
- ★ Blues Bash III: Girl Power, Friday, Feb. 29, 8 PM
- ★ Chris Thile and the Tensions Mountain Boys, Saturday, March 29, 8 PM
- ★ Travis Ledoyt, Sunday, Nov. 11, 4 PM
- ★ Mighty Clouds of Joy Holiday Gospel Explosion, Sunday, Dec. 9, 4 PM
- ★ Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul, Sunday, Jan. 27, 4 PM

As for the old school playground, it is slowly being transformed into a Town Square. A small portion of the Town Square has been paved for overflow parking and the remainder has been seeded and landscaped to accommodate outdoor festivals and programs. Once again the children have an area that is safe for free play or just hanging out.

Whether you're coming to play a round of golf, watch a child in a sport tournament, or taking in a show at the Clayton Center, I hope you have a big time in our small town.

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Clerks: Know your region and district

If you are a new clerk, it may be confusing when you hear other clerks talking about regions or districts.

The State of North Carolina is divided into four regions, which are further divided into districts. Within those regions and districts are the counties and municipalities in which you work and reside.

The chart at right shows by region and district where your county is located. These same regions and districts are used not only by the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks but also by the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

The Directors who represent you on the NCAMC Board are listed on page 2. Please contact them for any assistance they may be able to provide.

Region	District	To Determine Your District, Please find your County
I	1	Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Washington
	2	Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Hyde, Jones, Onslow, Pamlico
	3	Bladen, Brunswick Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover, Pender, Sampson
II	4	Greene, Johnston, Lenoir, Pitt, Wayne, Wilson
	5	Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Nash, Northampton, Warren
	6	Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Granville, Orange, Person, Vance, Wake
III	7	Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Moore, Robeson, Scotland
	8	Anson, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Richmond, Stanly, Union
	9	Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes
IV	10	Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Iredell, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin
	11	Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, McDowell, Rutherford
	12	Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Swain, Transylvania, Yancey

Clerks' ideas sought for MMC Academy

The Program and Education Committee is seeking your help!

Chair Elaine F. Hunt, CMC, Deputy City Clerk for the City of Clinton, said the committee is looking for suggestions for the upcoming Master Municipal Clerk Academy classes.

If anyone has an idea for any topics they'd like to see covered or any speakers they think would be good, please let Elaine know. She can be reached by phone at (910) 592-1961 or by email at depcclk@cityofclintonnc.us.

Remember! The committee wants to make sure that the academies and schools they work on are beneficial to their fellow clerks. They truly want your ideas and feedback. This is your chance to get what you want discussed on the agenda! Just let them know!

News from around the Association of Municipal Clerks



Congratulations to several clerks with new grandbabies!

Dee Hammond, CMC, of Laurinburg became a grandmother in September to Ethan David, who weighed in at 7lbs, 4 oz. and was 20 inches long. Ethan, mom Holly and grandmother Dee are all doing fine!

Brenda Clark, CMC, of White Lake has a second grandchild! Cody Allen Clark arrived in the early morning hours of September 24, joining his proud mom, dad, big brother and, of course, a happy Nanna!

Several of our clerks have

lost loved ones in the past month.

Pat Brunell, MMC, of Oak Island, lost her mother. Please keep Pat and her family in your thoughts and prayers since her father is also experiencing health problems.

Lilesville Clerk **Lynn Whitlock's** mother also passed away in early September.

Please keep both of these families in your thoughts as they cope with their grief and loss.

In other news from around the Association, Kim Hibbard announces the following new

members of the NCAMC:

- ◆ **Joleatha Chestnutt**, deputy town clerk, Murfreesboro
- ◆ **Michelle Daw**, deputy city clerk, Goldsboro
- ◆ **Libby Ellis**, assistant town clerk, Walnut Cove
- ◆ **Barbara Harmon**, town clerk/manager, Rhodhiss
- ◆ **Angel Hudson**, town clerk, Grifton
- ◆ **Barbara Monticello**, town clerk, Pineville
- ◆ **Maggie O'Neill**, assistant town clerk, Garner

- ◆ **Sue Stuhr**, deputy town clerk, Ocean Isle Beach
- ◆ **Vivian White**, deputy city clerk, Elizabeth City
- ◆ **Elizabeth Yeatts**, deputy city clerk, Kannapolis

Kim also noted that former Goldsboro Deputy Clerk **Melissa Brewer** is now the City Clerk.

Joyce Valley, formerly the retired clerk from Dunn, has taken over the clerk duties in Angier. Congratulations to these new (and some familiar) faces in Clerkdom! We're glad you've become a part of the family!

October 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 Joan Leary Carolyn Mitchell	2 Alice Lloyd	3	4	5 Carolyn Patterson	6
7	8 Kimberly Edmondson JoAnn Kuhn Kim Tester Melanie Hester Columbus Day	9 Kitty Coley Steve Smith	10 Shirley Bass	11 Pam Lisenby Judy Colgate	12 Nelda Johnson Trevie Adams Eva Coble	13 Janet Anderson
14 Angela Woodson Carol Ann Floyd	15 Bonnie McManus	16 Clerk's Breakfast Fayetteville	17 Jeanette Newbern	18 Marilyn Smith Carol Barwick	19 Sabrina Oliver Karen Fink Barbara Bounds	20 Joy Garland
21	22 Tanita Howard	23 Cora Nunes Bridgette Bell Juanita Faircloth JoAnn Strickland	24	25 Kaye Foster	26 Vickie Wilson Kimberly Cochran Gaynell Donnelly	27 Sharon Edwards Sandy Kline
28	29 Sara Rodriguez Michelle Gray	30 Phyllis Register	31 Lola Andrews Stephanie Kelly Cynthia Brake  Halloween			