



Minute-By-Minute

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Join NCAMC

Know a clerk or deputy clerk who wants to join NCAMC? For membership information, email committee chair Jim Byrd, CMC, NCCMC of Wilkesboro at the following address:

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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

If you would like to submit an article of interest for the newsletter, email committee chair Tammy Hatley, CMC, NCCMC of King at the following address:

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President Martin's February Message: Let's Hit the Ground Running In 2014



2014 is in full swing here in Kernersville and I'm sure it is in your community as well. Winter is in full swing too with temperatures expected to be in the teens in the Piedmont this week. No snow yet, but I keep hoping we will get some soon!

My message will be very short this month since I want you all to focus on upcoming openings for Directors in Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 or 11. This Association can't function without volunteers and we need Clerk's from all types of municipalities: from large to small and from the coast to the mountains. So yes, that's YOU - we need you! For those of you that have already served as a Director, you are now qualified to serve as an Officer. The Officer positions open will be for Recording Secretary and 2nd Vice President.

Immediate Past President Kim Worley has provided the information you will need to apply for one of the Director's positions. The information is available to you at any time by being posted to the NCAMC website at www.ncamc.com. The application deadline is April 15, 2014. The Nominations Committee will get busy reviewing all applications after the deadline and bring a recommendation to the Board of Directors at their June meeting. The Board's recommendation will be brought to the membership at the Business Meeting held during the Annual Academy in Wrightsville beach in August.

The first step in getting involved is serving on one of the many committees of the Association. At this year's January Clerk's Academy, January 23rd & 24th you had the opportunity to hear from each of the committees and what they do. This is the perfect time to ask questions and find out more about ways you can get involved. 1st Vice-President Stephanie Kelly has provided you with the Committee Interest Form and other information you will need to get your form submitted. As upcoming President she will be making the Committee appointments in the spring.

Celebration

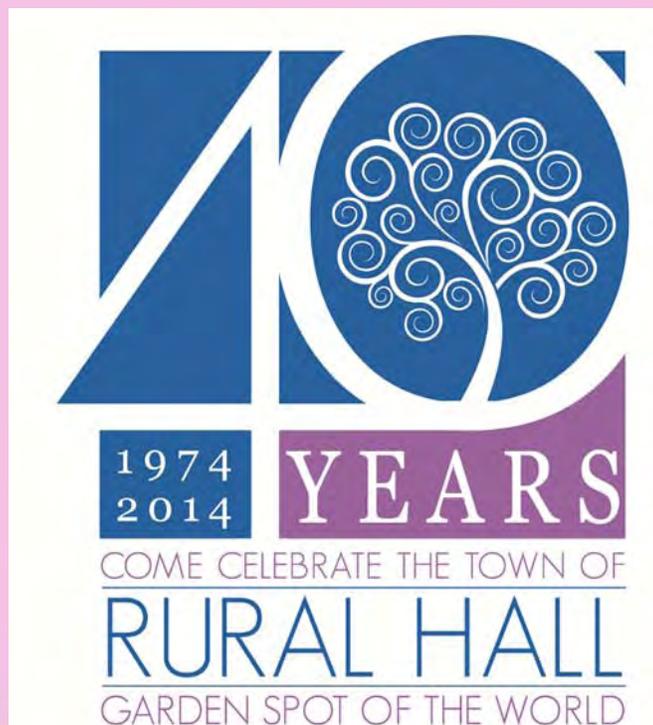
Dora Moore, District 9 Director

With each passing season, we see so many changes. This season is none like we have ever seen before. There will be sadness and there will be joy. When looking back how will we recall this season of time?

In Rural Hall, we will recall it as a celebration. A celebration of 40 years of incorporation. On June 1, 1974 Rural Hall was incorporated as a municipality. Prior to its incorporation, Rural Hall was a sanitary district that was formed in 1935. The transition to a municipality from a sanitary district I'm sure was challenging but in looking over records you can see the basic setup was in place. Prior to incorporation the sanitary district had a clerk, 3 board members and an attorney. They were already providing services including water, sewer, and fire protection and had taxing authority. Upon incorporation, they transitioned to 5 board members.

On May 31 from 9 AM until 3 PM, Rural Hall will have a birthday celebration at our local park. Plans are well underway for a day of fun and relaxation. Covington Memorial Park will be the hub for the events which includes day-long stage entertainment, face painting, balloon art, vendors (businesses and craft), food and so much more. A historical tour will be held off-site that will include a tour of two historical homes.

Come join us for our season of celebration!





February Birthday Calendar

1 **Camela Dungee**
Brandi Ashe
Lora Flieger
Lori Hunt

4 **Bernice Cato**

5 **Molly Eubank**

6 **Amy Miller**
Connie Spell

7 **Regina Rosy**
Sherry L. Hudson

8 **Lisa Markland**
Lori Kopec
Kim Bryant

10 **Linda Bethune**

11 **Susan Powell**

12 **Vickie Best**

14 **Diane Starnes**
Wendy Morton
Valentine's Day

15 **Peggy Hinshaw**
Valarie Halvorsen
Laura Duval
Jodi Laird

17 **Amy Johnson**
Phillip Britt

18 **President's Day**

19 **Jennifer Gray**

21 **Tracy Sullivan**
Carmen Gonzalez

22 **Teresa Wiliford**
Cristal Jenkins
Patricia Laws

24 **Laney Mitchell**
Valarie Lynn Thomas
Cynthia Bennett

25 **Virginia Creighton**
Tina Woolard
Amy Falowski
Marie Garris

27 **Jeanine Burus**
Joyce Bailey

If you have an additional or correction to the birthday calendar, please contact Biscoe Town Clerk Laura Morton, at laura.morton@townofbiscoe.com.





Thompson earns MMC Designation

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North Carolina Clerk, Sheralene Thompson has received the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Master Certified Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation.

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Sheralene Thompson, MMC began her career at the City of Eden as Receptionist and the Administrative Assistant to the City Manager in 1996. In 2000 she was appointed as the Deputy City Clerk. In 2008 she was promoted to City Clerk for the City of Eden. In October 2007 she received the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation.

Sheralene Thompson joined NCAMC and IIMC in 1997, and was notified on December 16, 2013, that she had obtained her MMC designation.



News from around the Clerk's Association

- ♥ Please keep Brevard City Clerk, **Desiree D. Perry**, in your prayers for the loss of her mother, Anna Regina "Nancy" Dowling.
- ♥ Please be in prayer for Beaufort Town Clerk, **Michelle Davis**, for the loss of her father, Richard Walker.
- ♥ Please keep White Lake Town Clerk, **Brenda Clark** and her family in prayer as her 6-year old grandson Cody continues to recover from surgery and begins the process of radiation and chemotherapy.
- ♥ Please keep retired Foxfire Village Clerk, **Janice Thomas**, in your thoughts and prayers as she faces day-to-day challenges due to an ongoing medical situation.



I wrote your name in the sky
but the wind blew it away.
I wrote your name in the sand
but the waves washed it away.
I wrote your name in my heart
and forever it will stay.

Interesting Facts & Information on Valentine's Day

- ♥ Valentine's Day is named after the Patron Saint - Saint Valentine.
- ♥ Around 15% of U.S. women are believed to send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.
- ♥ Valentine's Day is believed to have its roots in the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia.
- ♥ It was around 496 that Pope Gelasius I renamed Lupercalia festival as Valentine's Day and moved its date to from February 15th to 14th.
- ♥ It has been estimated that as many as one billion cards are sent world-wide each year, on Valentine's Day.
- ♥ Shakespeare made a reference to Valentine's Day in his play 'Hamlet', (Act 4, Scene 5)
- ♥ It has been estimated, by Greeting Card Association, that of all the people who purchase cards on Valentine's Day, around 85 percent are women.
- ♥ NECCO has been making heart-shaped valentine candies, with sweet sayings printed on them, since 1902.
- ♥ It was only in the 1980s that the diamond industry began to promote Valentine's Day as an occasion for gifting diamond jewelry.
- ♥ Elton John-Renate Blauel, Meg Ryan-Dennis Quaid, Pamela Anderson-Tommy Lee and Sharon Stone-Phil Bronstein are amongst the couples who got married on 14th February.
- ♥ Alexander Graham Bell applied for his patent on the telephone on 14th February i.e. Valentine's Day, in 1876.
- ♥ St. Valentine's Day was declared an official holiday in 1537, by England's King Henry VIII.
- ♥ It is believed that it was on February 14th, that St. Valentine was put to death. Before dying, he wrote a note for his love - the jailer's daughter, signed "From Your Valentine".
- ♥ A heart-shaped outline and the figure of the winged cupid are amongst the most popular Valentine's Day symbols.
- ♥ Two out of every three Valentine's Day cards are accompanied by a gift.
- ♥ In the Middle Ages, men and women used to draw names from a bowl to see who their valentine would be.
- ♥ In Victorian times, if you got a card on Valentine's Day, it meant bad luck.
- ♥ Sweden is the only country that does not celebrate Valentine's Day.
- ♥ The launch of penicillin was announced on Valentine's Day.
- ♥ Flowers are the most popular Valentine's Day gift.
- ♥ On 14th February 1962, Jackie Kennedy hosted the first televised tour of the White House.
- ♥ It was believed that 14th February is the day when birds and fowls select their mates.
- ♥ Duke of Orleans sent the first Valentine's Day card, after being captured in 1415.

Sweet treats for your Sweethearts

Sweetheart Buddies



INGREDIENTS

- ◆ 5 ounces white almond bark or white chocolate chocolate chips
- ◆ 5 ounces red candy melts (I found them at Michael's craft store)
- ◆ 1 teaspoon shortening
- ◆ 5 cups chex cereal
- ◆ 1 cup strawberry cake mix
- ◆ 1/2 cup powdered sugar

DIRECTIONS

1. Start by dividing the chex mix into two bowls. (2 1/2 cup in each)
2. In microwave safe dish, melt the 5 ounces white almond bark or white chocolate chips. Add 1/2 teaspoon shortening so that the almond bark will spread evenly. Microwave 30 seconds at a time and be careful not to burn the almond bark. Dump this in the first bowl of chex and mix evenly to coat all of the chex cereal.
3. Melt the red candy melts next also checking and stirring the candy melts 30 seconds at a time. Once this is melted, pour this over the second bowl of divided chex and mix until coated.
4. In two gallon size ziplock bags, put 1/2 cup strawberry cake mix and 1/4 cup powdered sugar in each bag. Dump each bowl of chex mix in each bag and shake until coated with the powdered sugar and strawberry powdered cake mix.



INGREDIENTS

- 2-3 scoops French vanilla ice cream
- Cherry 7-Up
- Whipped cream
- Maraschino cherry

DIRECTIONS

1. Scoop ice cream into a tall glass
2. Slowly pour 7-Up over ice cream
3. Swirl whipped cream on top
4. Top with maraschino cherry

