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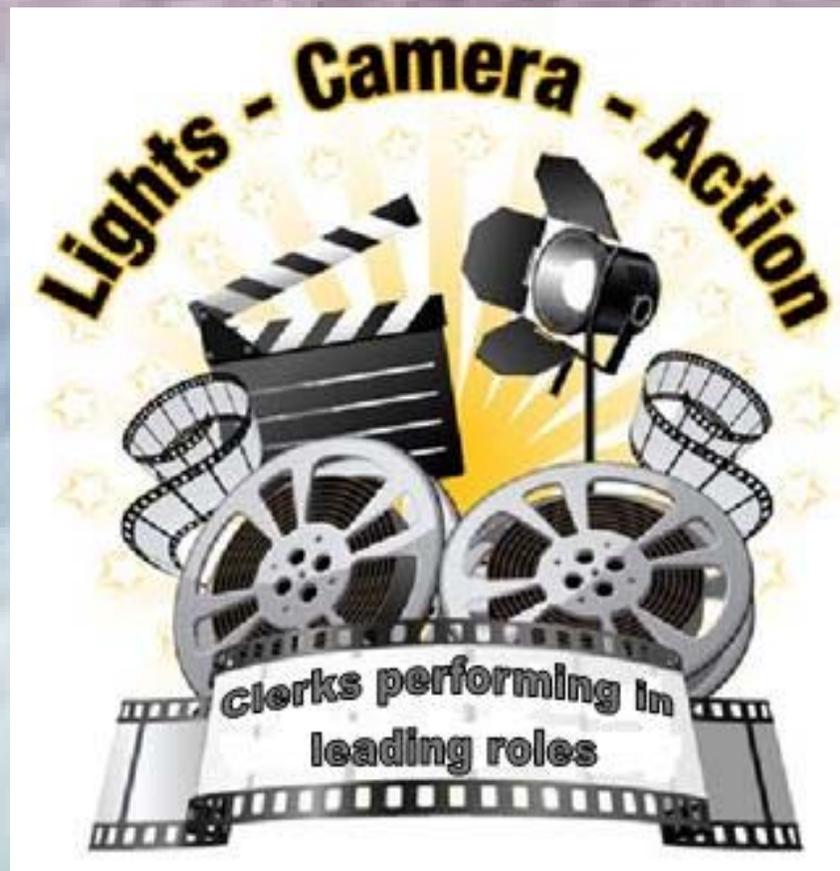
If you would like to submit an article of interest for the newsletter, email committee chair Tammy Hatley, MMC, NCCMC of King at the following address:

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2015 NCAMC Summer Conference

Registration has now opened for the 2015 NCAMC Summer Conference which will be held August 13-15 at the Washington Duke Inn and Golf Club in Durham, NC. Our Program and Education Committee has been hard at work developing a great agenda and lining up interesting speakers for this event. For an additional cost on Thursday evening you will have the option of attending Wine and Design where you will create a piece of art or a Durham Bulls baseball game. You may use this link to register for the 2015 NCAMC Summer Conference:

<http://www.cvent.com/d/Orqc2j>



The “stuff” of life

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District 6 Director

This was sent to me a week or so ago and it came at a time when I felt like I was being sucked under by all the currents of life pulling me in so many different directions. But after receiving this I was reminded that I needed to make sure that I did not allow the busyness of life to suck me under. There is too much to see and appreciate in the day to day than to allow for busyness to drown out the simple things that make us smile, bring us joy and are gifts to be cherished.

I had a very special teacher in high school many years ago whose husband died suddenly of a heart attack. About a week after his death, she shared some of her insight with a classroom of students. As the late afternoon sunlight came streaming in through the classroom windows and the class was nearly over, she moved a few things aside on the edge of her desk and sat down there.

With a gentle look of reflection on her face, she paused and said, 'Class is over, I would like to share with all of you, a thought that is unrelated to class, but which I feel is very important. Each of us is put here on earth to learn, share, love, appreciate and give of ourselves. None of us knows when this fantastic experience will end. It can be taken away at any moment.

Perhaps this is God's way of telling us that we must make the most out of every single day. Her eyes, beginning to water, she went on, 'So I would like you all to make me a promise. From now on, on your way to school, or on your way home, find something beautiful to notice.

It doesn't have to be something you see, it could be a scent, perhaps of freshly baked bread wafting out of someone's house, or it could be the sound of the breeze slightly rustling the leaves in the trees, or the way the morning light catches one autumn leaf as it falls gently to the ground. Please look for these things, and cherish them. For, although it may sound trite to some, these things are the "stuff" of life. The little things we are put here on earth to enjoy. The things we often take for granted.

The class was completely quiet. We all picked up our books and filed out of the room silently. That afternoon, I noticed more things on my way home from school than I had that whole semester. Every once in a while, I think of that teacher and remember what an impression she made on all of us, and I try to appreciate all of those things that sometimes we all overlook.

Take notice of something special you see, hear, smell, taste or touch today. Go barefoot. Or walk on the beach at sunset. Stop off on the way home tonight to get a double dip ice cream cone. For as we get older, it is not the things we did that we often regret, but the things we didn't do. – author unknown



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7	Sharon Greene Laura Getz Joy Heller	16	Connie Smith
8	Peggy Choate Amy McCollum Joyce Walker Yvonne Russell		

INGREDIENTS

Frozen mixed berries
1 tub Cool Whip*
1 large container of vanilla yogurt
1 small package of cheesecake pudding mix

DIRECTIONS

Pour berries into a large bowl. Add the Cool Whip and yogurt and then sprinkle on the pudding mix. Stir together really well until it's all combined and looks pretty. Chill before serving

Creamy Berry Goodness



Brownie Fruit Kabobs



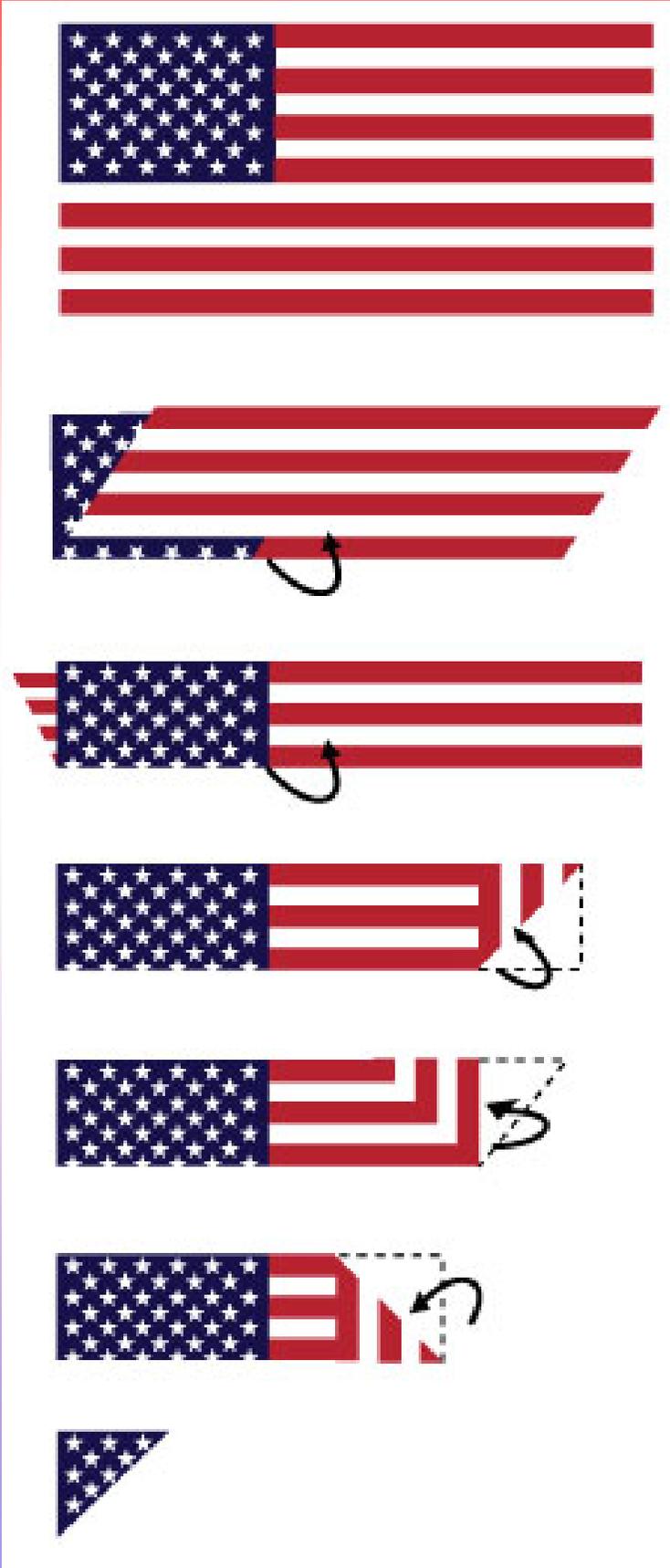
INGREDIENTS

- 9X13-inch pan of Brownies (chilled and cut into 1-inch cubes)
- 1 pint blueberries, washed
- 1 pint strawberries, washed and hulled
- Large marshmallows
- Hot Fudge Sauce for drizzling, if desired
- Bamboo/wooden skewers

DIRECTIONS

- Alternate threading brownies, fruit and marshmallows onto wooden skewers. Drizzle with hot fudge sauce, if desired. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

HOW TO FOLD AN AMERICAN FLAG





Association News

- Best wishes for former Kinston City Clerk, **Christina Alphin**, as she begins her new career as Assistant City Manager with the City of Albermarle.
- We extend a warm welcome to **Monique Hicks** on her appointment as City Clerk for the City of Kinston.
- White Lake Town Clerk, **Brenda Clark**, has shared that her grandson, Cody, has had another good follow-up appointment with his doctors.

