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**Join NCAMC**

Know a clerk or deputy clerk who wants to join NCAMC? For membership information, email committee chair Jenny Larson, CMC, of Fairmont 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:

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**President Hammond's February Message:**

# *News from recent conferences*

**Dear Fellow Clerks,**

HAPPY FEBRUARY! North Carolina's winter weather has been a little better to us than it was last year. We were very fortunate that SNOW did not delay our City/County Clerks School this year.

As fortunate as we were not to have snow to delay our school, folks in Haiti were devastated with the onset of an earthquake. As I write this newsletter, there have been more than 150,000 deaths accounted for with speculation of many more. Let's keep Haiti in our prayers and if we can find an extra dollar or so, please contact your American Red Cross with your donation.

Before I begin to discuss our City/County Clerks School, let me share a little information about the IIMC Region 3 meeting held in Orlando, Florida. The weather there was not as warm as it usually is; therefore, we had a few cold days. The warmest day was only 70 degrees and that was the day we returned home.

There were seven North Carolina Clerks that attended the IIMC Region 3 meeting. Those attending were: Dee Hammond, NCAMC President, Laurinburg; Carmen Miracle, NCAMC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Jacksonville; Melissa Brewer, City Clerk, Goldsboro; Sabrina Oliver, City Clerk, Chapel Hill; Linda Bratcher, Deputy City Clerk, Durham; Beth Usery, City Clerk, High Shoals; and Jasman Smith, Executive Assistant, Winterville.

The Florida Association of City Clerks put on an awesome conference. Mary Lynn Stratta (Bryan, Texas), IIMC President was the keynote speaker. We were instructed on how to organize a Citizen's Academy to discussing the world of advanced technology. This meeting was somewhat different than those I have attended in the past. If you attended the conference, you were eligible for eight (8) MMC or CMC points. The difference was the way the points were awarded to each clerk and that the sessions ended each day around 6:00 p.m. Upon completing a session, an evaluation form was provided to complete as is the norm; but your name tag contained a bar code and when the session was over, your name badge was scanned. We also had to fill out an ITA (Ideas To Action Plan) and return it to the conference registration desk before leaving the conference. This ITA was a document that you had to complete listing what you learned from the session; the most important part of the session; and what and how you would implement some of the ideas from the sessions. When this document was returned, your name badge was once again scanned. Following these procedures, a certificate will be mailed to the clerk attending the meeting. I cannot tell you if this will become a requirement for all IIMC Region meetings. I can share with you that if you are planning to attend the IIMC Conference in Reno, NV that the scanning of your name tag following each session will be required. I reported to the Region 3 attendees that the 2011 IIMC Region 3 meeting will be held in Charlotte, NC. The dates are January 9-11, 2011 and the motel is the Marriott Charlotte Executive Park. The room rates for this event are \$100.00. Once again, mark your calendars for this meeting. When you plan your budgets, please keep this very important meeting on your agenda. North Carolina will have a great attendance!

The City/County Clerks School was a huge success. The sessions were informative and educational. The School of Government's website will post presentations that were given at the

# Wilson proves to be a progressive city

By Becky Rose  
District 4 Director

I am so excited about the opportunity to write about my city — Wilson, a city zooming in on a population of 50,000. Wilson's progressive growth over the years included its reservoir, rose garden, the J. Burt Gillette Athletic Complex (soccer, Little League, and handicapped park for children), and greenlight, the fiber optic broadband network.

Years ago city officials realized that the city could not grow without a better water source. No rivers or other major water resources flowed through the city. The 2,300-acre lake, Buckhorn, became a dream. Working around the 12 endangered dwarf mussels and a bald eagle's habitat, the lake became a reality. Officials said it would take at least six months for the water to come, but Hurricane Floyd came instead and filled up the dry lake in one day. Wilson has not had a water shortage since the completion of Buckhorn Reservoir.

The city's rose garden, nationally accredited by the All American Rose Association, boasts over 200 varieties of roses. It is absolutely beautiful from late April through October. People from Japan, France, and England, to just mention a few countries, as well as, folks from all over the



United States come to visit the rose garden. As a "deadheader" (cuts the dead roses off), I came to see our mayor in a different light. Early one Saturday morning with my radio, and dressed like a bum, the mayor came along as a guide for a tour group. To no avail did ducking behind my rose bushes work as a hiding spot. But, that was okay. We were married approximately a year and a half later — in the Wilson Rose Garden.

Oh, the J. Burt Gillette Athletic Complex! The soccer tournaments bring young people and their parents from all over the country to Wilson. Our city recreation department loves the challenge of organizing all the teams to play on the six "state of the art" soccer fields. Not only do the employees work with the soccer teams, they recruit many folks in the community to volunteer their services as coaches, to welcome visitors, work at the concession stands, sell tickets, and transport handicapped spectators by golf carts from field to field. What fun and excitement.

The past year a small replica of the city's collegiate baseball stadium, Fleming Stadium, was completed for Little Leaguers. It is quite a view to watch the main Little League field from the smaller version of Fleming Stadium. Three other fields surround the stadium and serve very well during Little League tournaments. Those little kids feel they are big timers just knowing their folks are sitting in the stadium watching them play on the "little" professional field. State tournaments were set even before the ground work began for the stadium and baseball fields. Pressure was on big time to get it completed; even with a wet and cold winter, the mission was accomplished.



The Gillette Complex has the only park in eastern North Carolina designed for kids of all physical and mental levels, including those in wheelchairs or with autism. With many financial sponsors and volunteers to assemble the equipment, the "all children's playground" became a reality. Other features are added as funds become available. All kids enjoy playing in this park; it doesn't hurt nearly as much to fall on the "cushioned" ground. Children from other cities come to play and have family picnics at the park.

The city's current pride and joy — greenlight, is a fiber optic broadband network. Wilson is the only city in North Carolina to offer citizens cable for television, telephone and the fastest of internet speeds. Wi-Fi downtown is a plus for those traveling through the city on Amtrak. The colleges, banks, industries, and medical facilities place a high regard on their ability to move data at such an unbelievable speed. Greenlight is wired to every residence, facility, industry, etc. in the city of Wilson. All a citizen has to do is request the service. The business plan has far exceeded its customer expectations.

So, can you understand why I am a proud city of Wilson employee? Besides providing great municipal services, it does not include fun things such as Imagination Station, the Arts Council, the Boykin Theatre where great plays are held by the Play House, Act for Youth and Theatre of the American South. Concert performances are exceptional.

Come visit Wilson. The mayor would love to give you a tour!

*Becky Rose is the proud Clerk of Wilson.*

## NCAMC

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\* = Regional Chairperson

## Clerks receive IIMC honors

Two North Carolina Clerks have earned the coveted designations given by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC).

**Jayne Danner**, Deputy Clerk of Kernersville, received her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) and **Renee Phillips**, City Secretary for Winston-Salem, earned her Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) from IIMC.

Each joins a very prestigious group of professionals who have excelled in their educational pursuits.

**Jayne Danner**, CMC, came to work for Kernersville in October of 2005 as an ASA11 and in July of 2006, was reclassified to Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk.

To earn the CMC designation, a Clerk must attend extensive education programs. The designation also requires pertinent experience in a municipality.

Jayne was notified of her CMC designation in January of 2010. She joined the NCAMC and IIMC in 2008.

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**Renee Phillips**, MMC, began her employment with the City of Winston-Salem in March of 1994 as a Business License Inspector in the Finance Department. Five months later she was named Financial Technician and in October of 1995, she became a Financial Analyst within the department.

In September of 1997, she became City Secretary, a title she holds to the present day.

Renee earned her CMC in March of 2000 and earned her MMC in January of 2010.

She joined both the NCAMC and the IIMC in October of 1997.

Congratulations to both Jayne and Renee for striving to earn these coveted designations.

## Dates for Spring MMC sessions confirmed

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school. You may also access the site through our website ([www.ncamc.com](http://www.ncamc.com)) and follow the link to the School of Government.

Your Program/Education Committee held a "Volunteer Fair" at the School to allow for you all to learn more about committees and how your association functions. A big "HATS OFF TO" Sue Rowland of Cary for all her hard work in putting this fair together and to the Program/Education Committee for having such a great idea.

The dates for the Spring MMC sessions have now been confirmed. The March 5, 2010 MMC Academy will be held in Clayton, and the March 19, 2010 Academy will be held in Kernersville. Details will be forthcoming.

The Regional meetings have also been completed and will be held in April with Region I, April 9, 2010, Town of Turkey; Region 2, April 16, 2010, Town of Chapel Hill; Region III, April 23, 2010, Town of Lewisville; and Region IV, April 30, 2010, City of Gastonia.

January 1, 2010 began with new educational guidelines from IIMC in order to obtain your CMC and MMC. Please visit its website, [www.iimc.com](http://www.iimc.com), and click on 2010 Education Guideline Changes. Mary Lynn Stratta, IIMC President; Dyanne Reese, IIMC Immediate Past President; Lisa Burns and Stephanie Kelly, Region 3 Directors; and a committee selected to review the requirements for the CMC and MMC designations have worked hard on developing a better avenue in receiving points.

As you may have heard, the North Carolina Association of County Clerks just completed its first State Certification Program. County Clerks who met the criteria were awarded their certificates at the City/County Clerks School. The County Clerks provided a presentation on how and why they chose to have a State Certification Program. Now, let me assure you that this will not be an overnight decision, but your Board of Directors is preparing to have discussions regarding such a program.

I would also like to remind you all, that if you would like to attend the IIMC Conference in Reno, NV that there is an MCEF (Municipal Clerk Education Foundation) funded IIMC Annual Conference Grant Program. The program provides for one IIMC member from each Region (I through XI) a grant covering registration expenses for the 2010 IIMC Annual Conference. If you are interested in applying and meet the established criteria, you can download the application, complete it in full, and submit it the IIMC Headquarters. **The application must be postmarked no later than February 16, 2010.**

**Hats Off** to the following clerks that recently received their CMC designation:

Jayne Danner, Town of Kernersville

Kerri A. Melton, City of Shelby

**Hats Off** to the following clerk that recently received her MMC designation:

Renée L. Phillips, City of Winston-Salem

To all our clerks that celebrate another year of experience in February, "HAPPY BIRTHDAY".

**Dolores "Dee" Hammond, MMC**

**NCAMC President**

## News from around the State



Please keep Retired Oak Island Clerk Pat Brunell and her family in your prayers following the passing of her father, Ivren Hughes, on January 11.

Cards can be sent to Pat at 332 NE 42nd Street, Oak Island, NC 28465.

Before we went to press,

Pat sent this following thank you:

*Dear Clerk Friends,*

*Many, many thanks for your cards, phone calls and especially your prayers through this difficult time. Being able to care for my Dad and allow him to die at home*

*was such a blessing. It has been a comfort to know that I have so many wonderful friends who care.*

*I miss you all since my retirement and look forward to seeing you soon.*

*Love,*

*Pat Brunell*

# February 2010



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:	1 Camela Dungee Brandi Ashe Lora Flieger Maggie O'Neill	2	3	4 Bernice Cato	5 Molly Eubank	6 Mary Flack Amy Candler Connie Spell
7 Regina Rosy	8 Lisa Markland	9	10 Linda Bethune Amy McLamb	11 Susan Powell	12 Vickie Best	13
14 Dianne Starnes Wendy Morton	15 Freda Van Allen Peggy Hinshaw	16	17 Amy Johnson	18	19	20
21	22 Teresa Wiliford Cristal Jenkins Patricia Laws	23	24 Laney Mitchell Valarie Lynn Thomas	25 Virginia Creighton Tina Woolard Amy Falowski Marie Garris	26	27 Jeanine Barus Joyce Bailey
28	<i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i>					