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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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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 web-site:

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

**President Hammond's October Message:**

# *Directors face full agenda*

**Dear Fellow Clerks,**

First, let me say that I really enjoyed my Board of Directors meeting as President of your association and look forward to an educational and eventful year. We accomplished a lot of good things.

The NCLM Annual Conference will be held in Greenville, North Carolina October 25-27, 2009. Our clerk's breakfast is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2009 at 7:15 a.m. The Program and Education Committee is off and running in bringing you educational programs that will be beneficial to all that attend conferences, schools, MMC sessions and regional schools. During our Clerk's Breakfast at the League Annual Conference, Dr. John Morrow, Health Director for Pitt County, will be our guest speaker making a presentation on the H1N1 Flu. I hope all of you that will be at the conference will attend. For those of you that would like to attend just the breakfast, you may purchase your ticket on-site the morning of the breakfast.

Jeanne Giblin also reported that our City/County Clerks School will be held at the Sheraton, RTP. The dates are January 20, 2010 through January 22, 2010. The MMC Session will be held on Wednesday, January 20 as well as the New Clerks School. The full conference and business meeting will be held January 21-22, 2010. The Committee is also looking ahead for sessions for our MMC Session and Regional Schools as well as our Annual Conference which will be in Asheville in August 2010. Thanks to Jeanne and her Program and Education committee for their vision of providing us with informative programs throughout the year.

Some of the items of business at the September Board meeting included the appointments of several NCLM Committees, appointment to the NCLM Board, and appointments to the Association's Executive Committee. I am pleased to report that Connie Sorrell, CMC, Benson, was re-appointed to serve on the Finance & Administration-Legislative Action Committee; Brenda Clark, MMC, White Lake, Finance & Administration-Technical Advisory Committee; Joyce Walker, CMC, Lewisville, Planning & Services Technical Advisory Committee. We have a vacant position open for the Planning & Services-Legislative Action Committee. I sent out a request on Clerk Net asking for volunteers to serve on this committee. Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter, I will have had several volunteers that express their desire to serve. The appointments to the NCAMC Executive Board along with the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President and Recording Secretary are Jeanne Giblin, MMC, Morehead City and Carol Ann Floyd, MMC, Leland.

Our nominee to the League Nominating Committee for the Association's NCLM Board member is Penelope "Penny" Spicer-Sidbury, CMC, Wilmington. Josann Campanello, MMC, St. James, was nominated as the alternate appointee. The alternate nominee covers our position on the Board in case the primary appointee has another individual appointed to the League's Nominating Committee from the same municipality. These nominees from our Association will be provided to the League's Nominating Committee for approval.

Beth Hamrick, MMC, Mint Hill, served on the NCLM Board for two 2-year terms and was not eligible to be nominated or appointed. Beth was an active member on this Board and served willingly and unselfishly for our Association. Please give Beth a big "**HATS OFF TO YOU**" when you

# Visit Historical Kings Mountain

By Ann L. Sessom, MMC  
District 11 Director

Kings Mountain takes its name from the historical Revolutionary battle fought on October 7, 1780. This battle was the first major patriot victory to occur after the British invasion of Charleston, South Carolina, in May 1780. Nearly half the men who fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain were Tennessee "Overmountain Men," and the Battle of Kings Mountain is credited with having turned the tide of the Revolution.

Originally a postal route named White Plains, Kings Mountain is the second largest city in Cleveland County. In addition to our rich military history, the county is also known for its rich mineral mines and textile mills. The city was renamed "Kings Mountain" in 1872 by the postmistress in honor of the Revolutionary battle.

Kings Mountain is located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, in an area known as the Piedmont of North Carolina. It is approximately 30 miles from Charlotte, where Interstate 85 and U.S. Highway 74 meet. Gardner Webb University is only a 30-minute drive and UNC-Charlotte is 45 minutes away.

Some famous former residents of Kings Mountain are NFL running back Kevin Mack, and country musician, Jimmy Wayne.

Recreation is not hard to find in Kings Mountain. Moss Lake, named for long-time Mayor, John Henry Moss, offers boating,

swimming, fishing and camping. Not only is Moss Lake a recreational site, it also provides water for the City. At Kings Mountain National Military Park, you can hike the battleground and view the 83-foot U.S. government monument from 1909. At the State Park, you can visit the "Living History" farm. The City offers a yearlong calendar of exciting, family oriented events free to the public. Two examples "Beachblast", held at Patriots Park Gazebo and "Gateway Festival", held in downtown Kings Mountain. There is also the annual "Over the Mountain Triathlon", a USA Triathlon sanctioned race which begins with the 1500-meter swim at Moss Lake, followed by the 45k bike race through two State Parks and one National Park and ends with the 10k foot race.

The City has an attractive new Senior Center that provides easy access to programs and services for elders and their families while doubling as a community and retreat facility. Some City Clerks have attended NCAMC classes at our Senior Center in the last few years. The City owns and operates its own gas, electric, water and sewer utilities.

This is a perfect city for families of all ages to not only visit, but also reside in.

For more information on our special events, please visit our web page at [www.cityofkm.com](http://www.cityofkm.com).

*Ann L. Sessom, MMC, is the Clerk of Kings Mountain.*

## News from around the NCAMC



Several Association members have good news to report.

**Linda Bethune** of Caswell Beach says her 13-year-old granddaughter Nicole is back at home in Boiling Spring Lakes. Nicole is "doing just great" as she recovers from the two surgeries performed on her brain at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Linda wanted to let her fellow Clerks know that their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time were greatly appreciated.

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**Jeannette Newbern**, Village Clerk of the Village of Simpson, has been able to move to a rehab center in Rocky Mount following her two surgeries.

Sandra Jones, Deputy Clerk, reports that Jeannette is making progress and plans to come back to work in the future. She appreciates your calls and cards.

Please continue to keep Jeannette and Nicole and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they continue on the road to recovery!

## NCAMC

2009-10 Officers

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### Region I

**District 1**  
Becky Breiholz, MMC\*  
Manteo

**District 2**  
Jeanne Giblin, MMC  
Morehead City

**District 3**  
Carol Ann Floyd, MMC  
Leland

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Fairmont

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Rockingham

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Ann Sessom, MMC\*  
Kings Mountain

**District 12**  
Darlene Johnson, CMC  
Spruce Pine

\* = Regional Chairperson

# Three NC Clerks earn IIMC designations

Three North Carolina clerks have earned either the coveted designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) or Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

They join a very prestigious group of professionals who have excelled in their educational pursuits.

**Brandi Henson King**, CMC, of Sylva, **Melissa P. Adams**, MMC, of Carthage, and **Brenda Clark**, MMC, of White Lake, have received their designations from IIMC.

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**Brandi Henson King** came to work for the Town of Sylva in May of 2006 as Town Clerk/Personnel Technician. In July of 2006, the title, Tax Collector, was added to her list of responsibilities.

She earned her CMC in June of 2009. Brandi has been a member of both the NCAMC and the IIMC since 2006.

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**Melissa P. Adams** began her employment with the Town of Carthage in April of 2001 as Town Clerk and Zoning Administrator. In 2008, she was given the additional title of Assistant Finance Officer.

Prior to coming to work in Carthage, Melissa served as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the Town of Pinebluff from 1992 to 2001.

After obtaining her CMC in 2002, she entered the MMC Academy in 2004. Melissa was notified that she had received her designation in March of 2009.

Melissa has been a member of NCAMC since 2001 and IIMC since 1999.

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**Brenda Clark** began working for the Town of White Lake in July of 1997 as an Administrative Assistant.

She was appointed Deputy Clerk in March of 1999 upon completion of her CMC certification. Brenda was sworn in as Town Clerk in January of 2004. Other titles include Finance Director and Administration Director.

Brenda joined the IIMC in 1999 and the NCAMC in 2003.

Congratulations to Brandi, Melissa and Brenda for earning these coveted designations!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 24-26:** North Carolina League of Municipalities Conference, Greenville, NC.
- **October 26:** Clerk's Breakfast, NCLM Conference, Greenville, NC
- **December 11:** Committee Meetings as scheduled by Chairpersons, NCLM Building, Raleigh.
- **December 11:** Board of Directors Meeting, NCLM Building, Raleigh.
- **January 13-15, 2010:** IIMC Region III Meeting, Orlando Hyatt Regency International Airport, Orlando, Fla.
- **January 20:** Master Municipal Clerk's Academy, Research Triangle Park.
- **January 20-22:** City and County Clerk's School, Research Triangle Park.
- **March 12:** Committee Meetings as scheduled by Chairpersons, NCLM Building, Raleigh.
- **March 12:** Board of Directors Meeting, NCLM Building, Raleigh.

## Web Site Committee description adopted

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see her.

The IIMC Region III meeting to be held in North Carolina was discussed and we are still contemplating locations and dates for the 2011 meeting. The Board of Directors unanimously voted to adopt guidelines for the IIMC Region III meeting. This will guide us as to consider locations, dates, times, and a proposed format for the meeting. We will keep you informed as to the progress of this event. Make plans now to join North Carolina as the host to the 2011 IIMC Region III Meeting.

The Board unanimously voted to adopt a committee description for the web site committee members. This will assure that those volunteering to serve on it will have guidelines in order to maintain and update the site to ensure that our site remains a primary communication vehicle for those served by NCAMC. Also adopted at this same time was a Web Site Committee Action Plan which will be a work in progress. **HATS OFF TO** Lisa Markland, CMC, Zebulon, Sue Rowland, CMC, Cary, and Amy Harvey, CMC, Chapel Hill for a job well done on compiling the information for the Board's consideration and approval.

I know by now you are tired of reading my long-winded article, but our Association is important to us and I want you all to be aware of happenings that your District Directors are involved in as your elected member of the NCAMC Board of Directors.

**HATS OFF TO THOSE ELECTED TO SERVE ON OUR NCAMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND THEIR MEMBERS FOR GETTING OFF TO A GREAT START!!**

**Dolores "Dee" Hammond, MMC  
NCAMC President**



Fleming Bell and his lovely daughter, Lucretia, show off their hats after Dee Hammond's swearing-in at the August conference.

# October 2009



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Joan Leary Carolyn Mitchell	2 Alice Lloyd	3
4	5 Carolyn Patterson	6	7	8 Kim Edmondson JoAnn Kuhn Kim Tester Melanie Hester Kimberly Brown	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	17 Jeanette Newbern
18 Marilyn Smith Carol Barwick	19 Sabrina Oliver Karen Fink Barbara Bounds	20 Joy Garland Lynn Trivette	21	22 Tanita Howard	23 Cora Nunes Bridgette Bell Juanita Faircloth JoAnn Strickland	24
25 Kay Foster	26 Vickie Wilson Kimberly Cochran Gaynell Donnelly	27 Sharon Edwards Sandy Kline	28	29 Michelle Gray	30 Phyllis Register	31 Lola Andrews Stephanie Kelly Cynthia Brake