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President Campanello's August Message:

# Adventures of an island clerk

**Dear Fellow Clerks:**

At this time as president and author of the "President's Message," I do not have any news to share about recent events and happenings, as I have already reported them to you through this publication.

As I considered what to include in this month's newsletter, I thought back to when I began working in municipal government. Hopefully my decision to write a-bit about myself as a clerk will not bore you. If you think about it, who has ever entered the work force with a desire to become a town clerk? I was employed by the developer of Bald Head Island Resort in the early 80s, working as the accounts payable clerk. The Island was incorporated as a town by the NC General Assembly in May of 1985. The newly elected village council made a decision to employ a professional manager in the spring of 1986, and they hired Wallace Martin, former manager of Sunset Beach, N.C., as the first village manager. Since there was not a town office facility at that time, Mr. Martin was provided a cubicle to work from near my workstation in the developer's administrative building. Soon thereafter, he approached me and asked if I would be interested in a position as a town clerk. That was 21 years ago.

Mr. Martin believed in empowering employees with knowledge about their respective positions and responsibilities; I was always encouraged to attend courses. As a result, I became a certified municipal clerk and certified North Carolina tax collector. I could write a book about my varied experiences working on "the rock" as we called it, and I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn so many new things. I once had to bring a Village vehicle back from the mainland and that meant driving the truck off the riverbank onto a flat barge and tug boat and sitting in the truck as the barge crossed the Cape Fear River to Bald Head Island. It was a bit terrifying to sit in that truck

and look out the driver's window at the river below. I just chalked it up to another priceless island experience. Another memorable event was the day when we had several late afternoon meetings, and by the time we traveled by golf cart from the fire station where our meetings were held to the boat landing, the boat captain had cancelled all remaining hourly runs to the mainland due to high winds. I just about lost it when I realized that I was not going home that evening, My daughter was young at the time, and I was so worried. The town manager at that time, another staff person and I were sent to a rental unit in the harbor neighborhood for the night. The wind blew so violently that I literally felt the house shifting back and forth and the shutters knocked against the walls, making an awful racket. As soon as the first boat came into the harbor the next morning, we were up and out of there on the boat home, only to return the next day. That experience probably topped all others as I think back.

When a hurricane was on track for the Cape Fear region, it was time to button down the hatches. All employees of the development company and the Village shifted into preparation mode well in advance of most localities because there were always hundreds of visitors that had to be evacuated by boat to the mainland before the boat crew took the vessels up river to safe harbor. The Village employees were always on the very last run from the island before the storm was to make landfall and those trips were a rock-and-roll event with waves pouring over the bow of the boat. The captain always managed to get everyone home safely.

Although working on the island was always interesting, I will never miss the boat ride back and forth. After 18 years of boat rides, I am very satisfied with a brief ride to the St. James Town Hall.

**Josann Campanello, MMC  
NCAMC President**

# Kernersville has a lot to offer you!

By Dale Martin, CMC  
District 9 Director

In the early 1770's, William Dobson, an emigrant from Ireland, bought 400 acres of beautiful, rolling woodland and built an inn and a store where two roads crossed. These crossroads were known as Kerner's Crossroads.

This spot is now the center of town at the crossroads of Main and Mountain Streets. The town was officially incorporated in March 1871 with a population of 147 and was officially named the Town of Kernersville.

Today the Town proudly calls our community the "Heart of the Triad." Kernersville sits right in the middle of Winston-Salem, High Point and Greensboro. The Town has seen tremendous growth over the years and has a current estimated population of 21,661. While our numbers don't necessarily support it, our citizens enjoy that small town atmosphere! Compared to our surrounding cities, we are still small.

Kernersville has lots of things to see and do when you visit.

One of our best known attractions is Körner's Folly located in the downtown historic district. The Folly was built by an interior designer, Jule Gilmer Körner, who was the creator of the famous Bull Durham bull logo. The Folly is currently known as the "Strangest House in the World." The eccentric structure was finished in 1880 and offers 22 rooms spread out over three floors and seven levels, with ceiling heights ranging from 6 feet to 25 feet. The Folly is no longer used as a residence but is open daily for tours. A group of volunteers go all out to decorate at Christmas, a must see when you visit us! Check out their website at <http://www.kornersfolly.org/>.

Also located in downtown, is

Shoppes on Main, home to a variety of unique shops and a wonderful restaurant. Along Main Street you can find antique shops, furniture shops, an art studio, a basket and bakery shop, a dance studio, a pottery shop, a NY sub & sandwich shop, a church, several ladies dress shops, a music store, a bank, a couple of hair salons, a couple of spas, a couple of jewelry stores with offices stuck in between. I'm sure you will find something to please just about everybody!

Several years ago, the Hooker Furniture factory was a big part of downtown. Unfortunately, it was closed for economic reasons. A local developer purchased the property and is redeveloping the site. At completion, the ground level will house a variety of retail stops and an upscale restaurant. The second level offers a variety of professional offices and the third floor will be high-end condominiums. The development will be a show place when finished and huge boost to our downtown.

Another exciting downtown project is the establishment of the Paul J. Ciener Botanical Gardens ([www.pauljcienerbotanicalgardens.org/](http://www.pauljcienerbotanicalgardens.org/)).

Mr. Ciener was a prominent business man in town for many years and had a love for gardens. Mr. Ciener died in 1998. His family established the Paul J. Ciener Foundation shortly after his death and began planning this garden. Fortunately for Kernersville, property was acquired in our downtown for this project. Construction has begun with the first phase expected to open in late 2009. The Garden will have a Visitor Center with a restaurant, a Learning Center for school age children, a Kitchen garden, a horticulture complex an Amphitheater and much much more.

One of the things Kernersville strives to continue are

those small town festivals. In the spring, the Chamber of Commerce puts on the Spring Folly.

The Spring Folly is held the first weekend in May and entertains crowds of more than 10,000 people on Friday night and all day on Saturday with live music, arts & crafts, a car show, lots of food and children's games and rides.

In the fall of each year, the Town's Recreation Department puts on the Honey Bee Festival in the Fourth of July Park. This festival also entertains our citizens with live music, arts & crafts, lots of food and children's activities too. This Festival was named for a retired Town Water Plant Supervisor that raised honeybees in his spare time. Brady Mullinax spearheaded the effort in 1973 to have the Honeybee designated as the State's insect by the NC General Assembly.

Our newest festival of sorts is Summerfest held the third weekend in June. If you love beach music, this is the event for you. This event is a fundraiser for the Kernersville Foundation, a non-profit organization with the sole purpose of giving back to the community and does so by giving annual grants to all the other non-profit organizations within the Town.

The holidays wouldn't be the same without the traditional Christmas Parade and Fourth of July Parade where everybody in Town participates.

So I hope you can see, that Kernersville offers something for everybody, children and adults alike. We hope you'll come for a visit soon and come back often. It's a short drive from just about anywhere in the State.

I look forward to seeing you here!

*Dale Martin is the Clerk for the Town of Kernersville.*

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\* = Regional Chairperson

## Folk moot USA takes to streets of Waynesville

By Phyllis McClure, CMC  
District 12 Director

What do a clerk and a surgeon have in common? Same income bracket? Hardly. Exceeding patience and attention to detail? Undoubtedly.

Thanks to Waynesville surgeon Dr. Clinton Border, Folk moot was born. Dr. Border traveled with a square dance team to Sidmouth, England in 1973 and came home packing big dreams. Thirty-five years later and thanks to 600-plus volunteers, Folk moot is hailed as North Carolina's Official International Festival, and rightly so.

During its run, Folk moot (an Old English word meaning "meeting of the people") has hosted 6,000 foreign performers from 100 different countries.

How do you fit in? Visit Main Street in Waynesville in July of any year for International Festival Day. How else can you visit performers from Macedonia, Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, South Korea, Croatia and Hawaii in a day (and for free)? International Festival Day boasts the glorious Parade of Nations down Main Street, a grand finale of sorts, after several full days of Folk moot USA's impressive line-up of events that bring the World to Haywood County.

This year's festival held the same challenges as previous years, those of language barriers and scheduling conflicts (sound like a day in the life of a clerk?), not to mention transporting, housing and feeding hundreds of international guests. Nevertheless, Folk moot organizers never fail to create *the* festival that is enriching, exciting and seemingly effortless and



The streets of Waynesville come alive during Folk moot in July.

flawless.

Folk moot celebrated 25 years in 2008. So join us for two weeks of events in 2009. We advise using the buddy system. You might get lost in a flurry of skirts, a flourish of flags, a stampede of spears. . . .

Need more information? Visit their web site at [www.folk moot usa.org](http://www.folk moot usa.org).

And be sure to stop by Town Hall and say "hello."

*Phyllis McClure is the Clerk for the Town of Waynesville.*

## Gray becomes Master Clerk

NCAMC member **Ann Gray**, MMC, of Durham has achieved the International Institute of Municipal Clerks' highest educational, experience and service requirements to be awarded the prestigious designation of Master Municipal Clerk.

Ann attained her MMC designation in May of 2008.

She has been employed by the City of Durham since November of 1984, first as Assistant City Clerk. In October of 1989, she became Deputy City Clerk and was named to her current position as City Clerk in February of 2000.

Ann joined NCAMC in 1989. She has been a member of IIMC since 1990. She earned her CMC designation in March of 1999.

## Kim Brown earns CMC

Kim Brown, CMC, of Boone earned the coveted designation of Certified Municipal Clerk from IIMC in May of 2008.

Since coming to work for Boone in July of 1997, Kim has been a Utility Collections Clerk/Customer Service Representative for two years, then became an Administrative Support Assistant from May 1999 to July 2001. After serving as the Administrative Support Specialist until October 2004, she became the Deputy Town Clerk in October of 2004.

Kim joined both NCAMC and IIMC in 2005. She recently got married, changing her name from Tester to Brown. Congratulations, Kim on both milestones!

## News from around the NCAMC

Congratulations to High Point Deputy City Clerk Dawn Davis ... I mean Dawn Sparks! Dawn went down to the courthouse on July 10th and married Brad Sparks. We wish the happy couple years of wedding bliss!

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We are glad to welcome Barbara Baker, who has come on board as Deputy Clerk for the Town of Bayboro.

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See you all at the annual conference in Wilmington! Don't forget to bring those silent auction items and door prizes ... but most of all, bring yourself!



# August 2008



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

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<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Josann Campanello	<b>5</b> C. Cleaton Robin Hassey	<b>6</b> Patricia Arnold Bridgette Robinson	<b>7</b> Sharon Greene	<b>8</b> Peggy Choate Amy McCollum Joyce Walker	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Elizabeth Cameron Winnifred Stanley	<b>11</b> Dina White Kay Tripp	<b>12</b> Judy Bass	<b>13</b> Karen Peeden	<b>14</b>  <b>NCAMC Annual Conf. Wilmington</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>NCAMC Annual Conf. Wilmington</b>	<b>16</b> Connie Smith Leslie Eldredge  <b>NCAMC Annual Conf. Wilmington</b>
<b>17</b> Delores Hammond	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Johnsye Lunsford Tanya Weary Daisy Ivey	<b>20</b> Ginger Barker	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Rose John
<b>24</b> Myra Heard Bettie Williams Brenda Ward	<b>25</b> Renee Boyette	<b>26</b> Cathy Payne Michelle Smith	<b>27</b> Linda Kee Shirley Raines	<b>28</b> Diane Ward Ann Goguen	<b>29</b> Sharon Twiddy Karen Alman Annie Espey	<b>30</b> Michelle Strickland
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