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**Join NCAMC**

Know a clerk or deputy clerk who wants to join NCAMC? Encourage them! For membership information, email committee chair Donna Strickland, CMC, 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](http://www.iimc.com)

President Spicer-Sidbury's February Message:

## *Updates from IIMC regional*

Dear Fellow Clerks,

I hope everyone is weathering the hustle and bustle that is taking place all over our cities, state and country and that everyone has recovered from the recent winter storm. What a way to start a new year!

I had the opportunity to travel to the 2009 IIMC Region 3 Conference. The Conference was held in Gainesville, Georgia, with a full agenda and heartfelt welcome from the Georgia Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association. The sessions were awesome and Dyanne Reese, our IIMC President, was there working hard alongside the other IIMC Board members. The weather was cold and a crisp 12 degrees. We were updated on the educational and certification programs. It was noted that the education process for CMC/MMC is being reviewed and revamped. Understanding the budget restraints that we are all under, we were encouraged to please try to attend the IIMC Annual Meeting to be held in Chicago, Illinois, May 19-23, 2009. It was announced that the 2010 IIMC Region 3 Conference will be held in Orlando, Florida, and the date will be announced later.

As you all know, the Institute of Government cancelled the 2009 City/County Clerks School, the MMC Academy and the New Clerks School due to inclement weather. The Institute of Government has rescheduled the MMC Academy and the New Clerks School. (See page 3 for details.)

The IIMC Clerks Certification Institute is scheduled for February 23-27, June 8-12 and October 12-16, 2009 at Knapp-Sanders Building, School of Government. Application deadline is Monday, February 2, 2009. Clerks are to be reminded to apply for the various scholarships offered by our Association, the Institute of Government and IIMC. Please note that the Institute of Government has a new way of sending out announcements and registration materials for their programs and workshops. Please be aware and/or reminded that they are using post cards to inform us of upcoming events/programs and directing you to their website to do online registration.

Please be reminded that the Spring MMC sessions are scheduled as follows:

<b>March 6</b>	<b>Regions 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>Hosted by Carol Barwick, Kinston</b>
<b>March 13</b>	<b>Regions 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>Hosted by Johnsyne Lunsford, Rockingham</b>

The Regional Meetings are scheduled as follows (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.):

<b>March 27</b>	<b>Region 1</b>	<b>Hosted by Carol Ann Floyd, Leland</b>
<b>April 3</b>	<b>Region 2</b>	<b>Hosted by Carolyn Patterson, Louisburg</b>
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Region 3</b>	<b>Hosted by Dora Moore, Rural Hall</b>
<b>April 24</b>	<b>Region 4</b>	<b>Hosted by Shirley Cannon, Lenior</b>

Also, please be reminded that the 2009 Annual N.C. Municipal Clerks Conference will be held at the Embassy Suites Resort Hotel and Concord Convention Center in Concord, North Carolina, August 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

We encourage each Clerk to attend as many sessions as possible as the Program/Education Committee has worked hard to put together educational programs to continue our path to **"Build a bridge to the future"**.

Penelope Spicer-Sidbury, CMC  
NCAMC President

# Musings on being a Clerk ... Continued ...

By Jeanne M. Giblin, MMC  
District 2 Director

You know, as Clerks, you never really know what kind of day you are going to have. You enter your office bright and cheery, turn your computer on, grab that constant cup of coffee and the world just sometimes seems to make a path to your door. Some days are rewarding as can be, and others, well, let's just say you are glad when they are over and you can escape!

You never know what kind of things you will be called upon to do....

Picture this ..... my first job working as a municipal employee in a little village of 3,000 in upstate New York. The day started off as any other ..... the Mayor left for an out-of-town appointment and admonished the staff, "Not to sell the village while he was away, and to stay out of trouble!" But sometimes, trouble just finds you.

Around ten o'clock, a disheveled young man comes to the front desk and yells, "My wife is having a baby in the car in your parking lot!!!" We all thought yah, right? But as municipal employees we were obligated to check it out.

So two of us race out to the municipal parking lot and there in the back seat of a car is a woman having a baby! The baby's head was already crowning. My co-worker said "no" to the business end of the event and immediately crawled into the back seat to hold the woman who kept saying she was sorry.



Now as mothers who have been through hours of labor, we just kept telling her everything would be fine and how lucky she was to be having a baby so fast. I opened the trunk and managed to find a coat to wrap the child in and positioned the Dad to catch the baby. With just a few short pushes, out came the baby....a boy! He was blue and our hearts just sank, but he took a breath, cried, and immediately turned a beautiful pink! Meanwhile, in the background, you could hear the sirens from the approaching ambulance. It was an exhilarating experience, but we were so lucky that the little one was healthy and that the mother was fine.

It was the first child for the young couple and they were trying to make it to the hospital, but time was too short and they thought the municipal offices could offer help. Well, help we did.

So, you just never know what you may be called upon to do in this line of work.....

*Jeanne Giblin is the Clerk of Morehead City.*

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This article is called "Continued" because Jeanne shared her first "Musings on being a Clerk" in the March 2008 edition of Minute-by-Minute. I believe you'll all agree that at least on this day, Jeanne went "beyond the call of duty" for Clerks!

**Check out the new Association Website!!!**

Clerks are encouraged to check out the  
new website at [www.ncamc.com](http://www.ncamc.com)

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **February 10, 2009:** New Clerk's School, School of Government, Chapel Hill.
- **February 11, 2009:** Master Municipal Clerk's Academy, School of Government, Chapel Hill.
- **March 6, 2009:** MMC Sessions for Region 1 & 2, hosted by Carol Barwick, Kinston.
- **March 13, 2009:** MMC Sessions for Regions 3 & 4, hosted by Johnsyne Lunsford, Rockingham.
- **March 20, 2009:** NCAMC Board & Committee Meetings, NCLM Building, Raleigh.
- **March 27, 2009:** NCAMC Region 1 Meeting, hosted by Carol Ann Floyd, Leland.
- **April 3, 2009:** NCAMC Region 2 Meeting, hosted by Carolyn Patterson, Louisburg.
- **April 17, 2009:** NCAMC Region 3 Meeting, hosted by Dora Moore, Rural Hall.
- **April 24, 2009:** NCAMC Region 4 Meeting, hosted by Shirley Cannon, Lenoir.
- **May 19-23, 2009:** International Institute of Municipal Clerks Annual Conference, Chicago, Ill.
- **June 19, 2009:** NCAMC Board & Committee Meetings, NCLM Building, Raleigh.
- **Aug. 13-15, 2009:** NCAMC Annual Conference, Concord.

*Mark your calendars for Feb. 10 or Feb. 11*

# School for New Clerks & MMC Academy rescheduled

As most of you are probably aware, the Workshop for New Clerks and the Master Municipal Clerk Academy, both cancelled due to inclement weather, have been rescheduled.

The Workshop for New Clerks will be held on Tuesday, February 10, at the School of Government's Knapp-Sanders Building in Chapel Hill.

The Master Municipal Clerks Academy will be held the next day, Wednesday, February 11, also at the Knapp-Sanders Building.

Start times have been delayed until 9 a.m. instead of the original 8:30 a.m. to allow those who will be driving in the morning a little more time to get there.

Directions to the School of Government are found at [http://www.sog.unc.edu/about/pdfs/SOG\\_Map.pdf](http://www.sog.unc.edu/about/pdfs/SOG_Map.pdf)

Nearby hotels that are popular are the Hampton Inn & Suites (919-403-8700) and Holiday Inn Express (919-

489-7555). Both are located off of Highway 54 near the intersection with I-40 (exit 273). Other listings are available by checking out <http://www.visitcapehill.org/lodging/list/c/hotels-motels/>.

If you hadn't originally planned to go but can attend on the rescheduled dates, go to the SOG website at <http://www.sog.unc.edu/courses/0490/> and click on the name of the program for which you want to register.

For those who cannot attend the rescheduled sessions, full refunds will be issued if you notify the Registration office via email by Thursday, February 5. No refunds will be given after this date.

Brian Newport says the School of Government is still exploring options for rescheduling the City and County Clerks' School, originally scheduled for January 22-23. They hope to have something finalized soon and will let everyone know once they do.



## News from around NCAMC



Our condolences to **Sandy Marsh**, Clerk for the Town of Huffman, whose mother, Mrs. Edna Faircloth, passed away in late January. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

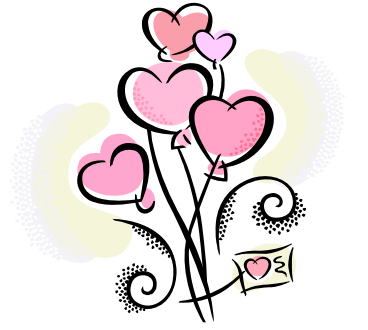
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Former Swansboro Town Clerk **Pat Elledge** passed away in early January after a long illness. She had worked for the town from May of 1985, beginning as a Water Clerk, until her retirement in 2001. The family has requested no cards or phone calls, but please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as well.

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For some good news ... **Beth Hamrick**, Clerk of Mint Hill, welcomed grandson Shafter Carleton Hamrick IV into the world last month. Shafter, son of Beth's son and daughter-in-law Carleton and Noel, weighed in at 8 pounds, 13 ounces. Congratulations, Beth!

# February 2009



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

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				<b>1</b> Cora Moore Pat Prescott Rita Thompson	<b>2</b> Ann Burgess	<b>3</b> Robyn Watts Kim Hensley
<b>4</b> Janice Thomas Jeanne Martin Angela Young	<b>5</b> Jenny Tippet	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Debbie Ogle	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Lorraine Tucker Jane Dreher Mary Craddock Peggy Piontek Linda Merry Mary Boggs	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Letha Hines	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Leighanna Worley	<b>17</b> Ella Caudle
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Teresa Boykin Vickie Weant	<b>20</b> Teresa Vaught	<b>21</b> Janice Costner	<b>22</b> Sue Giles	<b>23</b> Donna Flowers Cara Reed	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Heather Finnell	<b>28</b> Minerva Williams Sandy Marsh	<b>29</b> Sharon Lee	<b>30</b> Dorothy Bridges Bettie McDuffie Elmar Holmes	<b>31</b> Robin Key