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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:
dstrickland@townofleland.com

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

President Campanello's June Message:

Thanks to schools' hostesses

Dear Fellow Clerks:

First and foremost, I would like to recognize the clerks who graciously hosted the spring MMC academies and the Regional Schools. These ladies went above and beyond our expectations to make each event a success. At each location there were a number of clerks and office staff who assisted with the planning, but unfortunately, I do not have all of the names of those individuals who should also be thanked.

Brenda Clark of White Lake hosted an MMC Academy for Regions 1 and 2, and Beth Hamrick of Mint Hill and Jill Pleimann of Matthews hosted the academy for Regions 3 and 4. Jeanne Giblin of Morehead City hosted the Region 1 School and Rebecca Rose was the host for the Region 2 School in Wilson. Candice White of Fayetteville was the host for Region 3 and Phyllis McClure of Waynesville hosted the School for Region 4.

Ladies, a huge thank you from me and the entire membership, without your participation we would have not been able to reach out to our members with educational opportunities. Our organization sponsors these sessions each spring, so start planning to be a host in 2009, and be sure to let the Program/Education Chairperson know that you are interested in being a host.

In the last newsletter, I was able to report on my travels to three of the four Regional Schools. Waynesville, North Carolina was to be my last venture. My husband and I traveled Interstate 74 the entire way, from the southeast coast to Waynesville, which is not far from the Tennessee state line. This was an overnight trip. Just outside of Charlotte heading west, we passed a pasture full of bison, and that is the first time I have seen that many *buffalo* in one place. It was really something to see, and I certainly did not expect to find a herd of bison in

North Carolina.

The location for the regional school was the Waynesville Recreation Center, a wonderful facility that offered an indoor swimming pool, children's indoor water play area, aerobic exercise room, basketball court, weight training and a second floor walking track. This facility is relatively new and according to Phyllis McClure, was something the Waynesville elected officials wanted for their citizens. I was very impressed with the amount of activity that took place at the recreation center that day. There were even several school buses in the parking lot and swimming lessons being taught to children.

Waynesville is a much larger town than I expected, and before leaving my husband and I checked out the downtown area which is quite charming. They have a Mast General Store there and, yes, I did a little shopping before heading home.

IIMC Conference News

Now I will fill you in on the 62nd IIMC Conference activities in Atlanta, Georgia. Thirty-three city clerks and two county clerks represented North Carolina at this conference with 764 attendees registered. Forty-seven states were represented, along with clerks from Canada, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, England, Israel, Nepal, Scotland, South Africa, and the Netherlands.

The conference officially opened on Monday, May 19th, with a "Parade of Flags" where each member state and country has a representative carry their respective flag in a procession to the front of the room. During the practice for this parade I met many other state presidents and really enjoyed the conversations that we shared. The keynote speaker was former U.S. Ambassador and Mayor of Atlanta Andrew Young. Much to everyone's surprise, the Geor-

Lenoir & Reidsville, North Carolina

Being an ‘All-America City’

**By Angela G. Stadler, CMC
Reidsville City Clerk**

Congratulations to the cities of Lenoir and Reidsville, North Carolina for being named “All-America Cities” by the National Civic League.

Some 200 applications were received by the National Civic League for what has been described as the “nobel prize” for cities. Seventeen municipal or county finalists were named for the coveted award, but only 16 made it to Tampa, Florida, for the presentation Thursday, June 5. One finalist dropped out because that city said it couldn’t get ready in time.

The finalists have only five to six weeks to prepare their presentation, make travel plans and do the hundreds of “little things” — including fund-raising — to make the trip. Once there, the different groups participated in orientation, made their presentations, took part in a civic fair and waited for the banquet June 6 when the ten award winners were announced.

While I can only speak for Reidsville, I believe Lenoir also received advice from 2007 All-America City Hickory, North Carolina in preparing its presentation. North Carolina has always been well presented at the AAC conference. Clinton also won the award in 2007.

The purpose of this article is three-fold. First, I wanted to explain why the June newsletter was late in coming out this month. I couldn’t work on our AAC presentation and get *Minute-by-Minute* out in a timely manner. A special thanks to NCAMC President Josann Campanello for letting me have a little longer to get the newsletter out.

Secondly, I wanted to “toot the horn” for Lenoir and Reidsville. Both cities worked extremely hard on their presentations, and it was reflected by the judges’ decision. Luckily, Reidsville had its name called second after Akron, Ohio. Lenoir had to wait a little longer, being the 10th and final city called. When their name was called, our delegation jumped up and yelled along with Lenoir, shouting “North Carolina.” We were proud that for a second year in a row,

two municipalities from North Carolina received the award.

Thirdly, and most importantly, I wanted to encourage other cities in our wonderful state to apply for this prestigious award. The National Civic League application seeks three projects from the community worthy of highlighting. For us, it was humanitarian efforts such as our Free Clinic of Rockingham County, the Reidsville Outreach Center and the Reidsville Teen Center. For Lenoir, their projects were downtown revitalization, the Caldwell Health Access Program and the James C. Harper School of Performing Arts.

Many naysayers are quick to ask, what makes Reidsville or Lenoir an All-America City? National Civic League presenters stressed that the award doesn’t mean your city is perfect. It means your city has acknowledged that it has problems and has worked to find solutions to those problems. Oftentimes, these solutions can be replicated in other towns and cities across the United States.

It was truly a bonding experience. While I knew the City officials who went, it was wonderful talking and hanging out with the clients from our various organizations. It made each of us realize how wonderful we have it after listening to stories of people unable to get health insurance or food and medications. The youth from our Teen Center really touched us and the judges with stories of how they have had to fend for themselves but haven’t wanted to take to the streets and lives of drugs and crime.

I believe if your community has three worthwhile projects and is willing to put the time and effort into preparing the application, you will definitely reap the benefits. Please consider doing so. It is a truly wonderful experience. Check out the National Civic League website at www.ncl.org and learn more about it.

Angela G. Stadler, CMC, is the editor of the Minute-by-Minute newsletter and the proud Clerk of 2008 All-America City Reidsville, North Carolina.

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* = Regional Chairperson

Membership Directory Information Needed

The new NCAMC Membership Directory will be distributed in August at the Annual Conference in Wilmington. Please fill out the membership update form on page 4. Send the information to Membership Committee Chair Donna Strickland, CMC, at the following address: dstrickland@townofleland.com by **June 30, 2008**.

Save water, Save money

By Pamela S. Addison, CMC
District VII Director

The Town of Erwin has been one of the towns in a severe stage of drought this year. Our County, along with all 100 North Carolina counties, had to impose immediate water conservation measures. With a hot summer upon us, it is definitely time to get serious about implementing water saving techniques.

I received this article from our Local Government Federal Credit Union and wanted to share these 10 tips to help your area conserve water and save you some money, too.

1. Check faucets and toilets for leaks—they can account for up to 15 percent of all household water use. Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak. Find it and fix it!
2. Place a water-filled bottle or brick in your toilet tank to reduce the amount of water needed to fill it.
3. Take short showers instead of baths. A bathtub holds up to 50 gallons of water, while a five-minute shower uses 10-20 gallons. Short showers also conserve energy used for heating hot water.
4. Install low-flow fixtures. Toilets will conserve up to four gallons per flush, while showerheads and faucet aerators can reduce water flow by up to 50 percent.
5. Wait until you have a full load of dishes or laundry to wash a load. Running the dishwasher uses around 25 gallons of water per wash; the washing machine uses anywhere from 30-35 gallons.
6. Buy or build a rain barrel. These are simple devices that catch rainwater runoff from your gutters. Then use this supply for watering your lawn or garden.
7. Mulch your plants. A couple of inches of mulch not only helps the soil retain moisture for your plants, but it also protects roots and inhibits weeds.
8. Set lawn mower blades an inch or two higher. Taller grass means less evaporation and less need to water the lawn.
9. Cut down on washing your car at home. If you must wash it, go to a commercial car wash where computer controlled systems and high-pressure nozzles and pumps minimize water usage. Many also recycle and reuse the rinse water.
10. Share water conservation information with friends and neighbors. Others will be surprised that just a few easy changes can make a big difference.

Cutting back on the amount of water you use may seem like a difficult task at first, but once the habits kick in—and your utility bills begin to go down—you'll probably find conserving water is something you'll want to do year-round.

Pam Addison is the Clerk for the Town of Erwin.

NCAMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE
AUGUST 14-16, 2008
WILMINGTON
AT THE HILTON WILMINGTON
RIVERSIDE

**Get Ready! Get Ready!
Get Ready!**

I hope you are excited or getting excited about our upcoming Annual Clerks' Conference. Your registration forms have been mailed out. In addition, this year we will have an option to register online beginning June 17 and ending August 3. Online registration instructions are as follows:

Go to www.nclm.org and click on "Register for NCLM & Affiliate Meetings." Then select "Clerks Conference."

You will still need to make your hotel reservation by July 14. You can call the Hilton Riverside at toll-free 1-888-324-8170 or make reservations online at www.wilmingtonhilton.com with the group code MUN.

Special thanks to the Program & Education Committee for all of their hard work. We have worked hard to provide sessions that will be beneficial to you.

The conference will begin on Thursday, August 14, 2008 with a dynamic MMC session led by Laura Hamilton entitled, "Life's Choices and Changes!" Thursday's lineup will conclude with the President's Welcoming Reception.

Regular conference sessions will begin on Friday morning, August 15 and continue through noon on Saturday, August 16 climaxing with the Annual Banquet on Saturday night.

The host clerks, led by Vice-President Penny Spicer-Sidbury, are looking forward to welcoming us to their very fine area. A dinner boat cruise at Carolina Beach has been planned. A night to remember!

We will have an opportunity to win door prizes, bid at the silent auction, and check out new products by our exhibitors, and purchase jewelry.

See you in August! In the meantime, please keep cool!

The Program/Education Committee
Elaine F. Hunt, Chairperson

NCAMC Membership Directory Update

To update your information in the NCAMC Membership Directory by Email:

Is the most recent published contact information for you **correct**?



If YES:

1. Email Membership Committee Chairman Donna Strickland at the address below with your full name and the word **"CORRECT"** in the subject line.
2. Attach a recent photograph of yourself either from a digital camera or a scanned image and your done!

If NO or You Don't Know:

1. Email Lisa with your full name and the word **"INCORRECT"** in the subject line. Or, if you don't know, then use your full name and the words **"NOT KNOWN"** in the subject line.
2. Attach a digital photograph to your email.
3. Use the body of the email to provide your current name, title, certification (CMC or MMC), municipality, business mailing address, office phone number, office email address, birthday and home phone number (optional).*

* If you omit any information, please let us know you are omitting the information on purpose so we don't try to call you later to obtain it.

Direct your emails by **June 30**, to: Donna Strickland, CMC, at dstrickland@townofleland.com

To update your information in the NCAMC Membership Directory by Mail:

Is the most recent published contact information for you correct?

(Check One)

- YES NO I'm Not Sure



If you checked "YES,"

1. Fill in your name (only) below.
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- ◆ If you omit any information, please let us know you are omitting the information *on purpose* so we don't try to call you later to obtain it. Mail your form and photograph by **June 30, 2008**, to: Donna Strickland, CMC, Town of Leland, 102 Town Hall, Leland, 28451-0102.

Annual Report info, pictures needed

It's that time of year again ... almost time for our Annual Conference. With the conference comes the need to finalize year-end reports.

If you are currently serving as an Officer of the Association, or serving on the Board of Directors, or chairing a committee, please send in your report summarizing the year's events and provide a picture for the Annual Re-

port.

This information can be forwarded to Dawn Davis as follows:

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City of High Point
P.O. Box 230
High Point, NC 27261
Phone: (336) 883-3294

Fax: (336) 883-3052

dawn.davis@highpointnc.gov

Dawn is also looking for photos of NCAMC events as well as the IIMC conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

The deadline for submissions is June 30 so please get them into Dawn as soon as possible! Your help is appreciated!

IIMC Conference news

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gia Clerks were able to have Ruben Studdard, American Idol Star, come to the stage and sing "Georgia on My Mind" – fantastic!! He also sang "Flying Without Wings".

The Host City Reception was held at the World of Coca-Cola Center within walking distance of our hotel. Each day began with a General Session and the remainder of each day offered up to seven concurrent sessions to choose from, along with various committee meetings and regional meetings.

Our Region III clerks gathered for "An Evening of Reflections and Fellowship" that included a good-ole-southern buffet dinner and a tour of the Martin Luther King Center, which was very impressive. Rhonda Johnson, the Atlanta City Clerk, arranged for a really great jazz band to entertain us during dinner. The event closed with a time for "Reflection" in memory of Cheryle Ratliff, the former Region III Director from Greenville, South Carolina. A wonderful mime presented a rendition to the song "I think I Can Fly," which was extremely touching. The entire conference was well planned and managed through the efforts of many Georgia clerks and officials, as well as, the IIMC staff.

News From the IIMC Directors

Meeting in Atlanta

If you are not already aware, North Carolina is one of five states in IIMC Region III, joined by South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama. Region III has two directors that serve on the IIMC Board of Directors, Glenda Morgan of Mobile Alabama and Stephanie Kelly of Charlotte, North Carolina. Both ladies are our voice on the IIMC Board. They can be reached via e-mail: Glenda/gmorgan@cityofmobile.org, and Stephanie/sckelly@ci.charlotte.nc.us.; both ladies are eager to hear from their constituents. The following statement was read at the meeting:

"At their Annual Meeting in Atlanta, the IIMC Board of Directors spent the first portion of their meeting discussing IIMC's education philosophy, purpose, policies and the need to involve all members of the IIMC "family" in discussions and changes affecting education.

As part of the discussion, directors shared the perspective of the role of membership and leadership regarding education; that education must be attainable and flexible; that it must be meaningful and measureable; and that education is a vehicle that em-



President Campanello represented North Carolina in the "Parade of Flags."

powers Clerks.

The Board is also cognizant of on-going concerns with the education program guidelines and unanimously voted to immediately implement the following items:

- Reduce the MMC annual point candidacy requirements from 12 to 6;
- Eliminate the bachelor degree requirement for MMC certification; and

Extend the "grace period" to complete CMC and MMC certification programs through 2009.

Education discussions will be on-going and will include a membership survey in upcoming months.

The Board's actions are a concrete signal to members that IIMC's existing CMC and MMC programs will continually be evaluated and researched, keeping the members' education endeavors as its first priority."

Go to www.iimc.com for complete information on education guidelines and related information.

Josann Campanello, MMC
NCAMC President

June 2008



The monthly NCAMC Calendar is prepared for you by Dawn Davis, 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>
1 Pam Addison Lisa Vincent Darlene Johnson	2 Bonnie White	3 Debi Sherlin Jody Smith Freida Rhinehart	4 Mary Quidley Karen Zornes Maria Stroupe	5 Jill Pleimann	6 Lynn House	7 Stephanny Marshall
8 Tammy Keesler	9 Susan Bell	10 Annette Silver	11 Pam Tallent	12 Donna Armbrister Theresa Cieslinski	13 Committee – Board of Directors Meetings Raleigh	14
15 Angela Stadler Josephine Cass Father's Day	16	17 Beth Hamrick Rhonda Ferebee	18	19	20 <i>1st Day of Summer</i>	21 Donna Norris
22 Judy Collier Elizabeth Fortner Becky Breiholz Judy Collier	23 Kristie Kersey	24	25 Martha Orr	26 Jennifer Hemphill	27	28 Dolly Urdanick Judy Jeffreys Nancy Jackson
29 Sheralene Thompson	30 Donna Prince					