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President Campanello's November Message:

Keeping you updated

Dear Fellow Clerks:

I will take this opportunity to update you on the activities of your committees and Board of Directors since the August Conference in Asheville.

On Sept. 14, the Program and Education Committee, chaired by Elaine Hunt of Clinton, met at the Albert Coates Building in Raleigh and began planning educational sessions. There was a great turnout of committee members with only three of the 15 members unable to attend.

Just after the August conference, Elaine and I discussed the possibility of having a speaker for the Clerk's Breakfast at the League Conference in Fayetteville. Elaine contacted the office of Secretary of State to invite Elaine Marshall to our breakfast.

Ms. Marshall agreed to attend and was asked to speak to the clerks on the various functions of her office, and to discuss the notary laws and the annual gender appointment report. I look forward to meeting our Secretary of State, Elaine Marshall.

The Program and Education Committee decided to apply for the Municipal Clerks Education Foundation Grant again this year. Our association has yet to be awarded this grant. Jeanne Giblin of Morehead City volunteered to draft the 200-word grant request for the committee. The final application was sent to IIMC on Sept. 27, well in advance of the Oct. 15 deadline. We will wait and see if our request makes the grade this year. If it does, we will have \$500 to assist clerks who need financial help to attend an IIMC Educational Session.

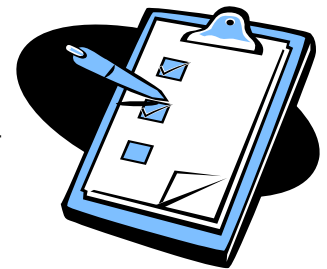
The remainder to the meeting focused on educational topics and speakers for the MMC Academy in January and those of interest for the January 2008 Clerks School.

On Sept. 25th, at the UNC School of Gov-

ernment, Kim Hibbard, Elaine Hunt and I joined with the County Clerk representatives, Fleming Bell and Brian Newport to plan for the January City/County Clerks' School. This meeting went very well and was extremely productive. The group agreed to have Rog Bates, a resident of Cary, present the MMC Academy program on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008.

Rog's presentation purpose is to: *Provide a fun time while increasing participant's awareness of the benefits of humor for managing stress, communicating, developing rapport with others, working through problems, enjoying work, and staying healthy and happy.* He has customized presentations for many Fortune 500 companies. The educational sessions on Thursday and Friday will meet the needs of all clerks regardless of their various duties or town population. Clerks will not be asked to bring door prizes to the school this time, but we will solicit a few really nice door prizes from companies who provide equipment and services to counties and municipalities.

The Board of Directors also met on September 14th; the first quarterly meeting of the new officers and directors. Beth Hamrick, of Mint Hill, was appointed to the North Carolina League of Municipalities Board of Directors, and Dee Hammond, of Laurinburg, was appointed as an alternate. The following clerks were appointed to the four League Committees: Sherry Scoggins, Town of Clayton, will serve on the Finance & Administration Legislative Action Committee; Brenda Clark, Town of



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Great to be a Mountaineer!

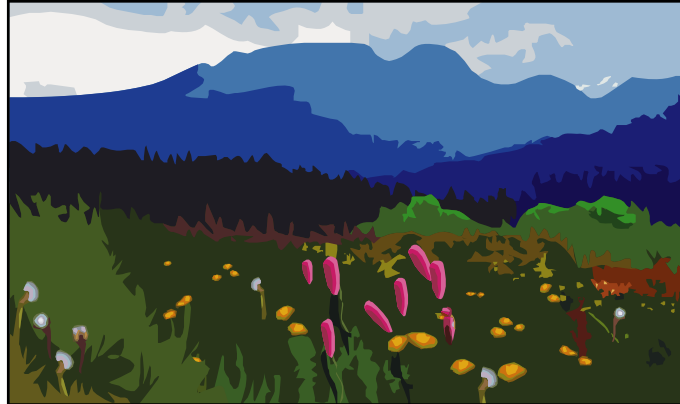
By Freida Van Allen, MMC
District 10 Director

Since Saturday, September 1, 2007, folks nationwide have been introduced to our small mountain community of Boone, North Carolina, home of the Appalachian State Mountaineers. When you think about the hard work and determination of that football team to beat a powerhouse, nationally ranked Michigan team, it makes you proud to be a part of a community that is marked by natural beauty and a history of determined individuals.

Boone is the county seat of Watauga County, has a population of 14,473 people, and is located in a scenic valley in the northwest corner of North Carolina. Boone was named after the famous explorer and frontiersman Daniel Boone, who had several cabins in Boone and Watauga County. Daniel Boone frequented our area on hunting expeditions and used the cabins during his long hunts.

Boone incorporated in 1872 with a population of 850 persons and, at an elevation of 3,333 feet, had the claim of the highest county seat east of the Rockies, until Avery County was formed in 1911. Early transportation routes to Boone were to and from Tennessee, with Boone being served with the East Tennessee and Western NC railroad (Tweetsie) until a flood washed out most of the tracks in 1940.

Boone is located in the Appalachian Mountain range, which is one of the oldest mountain ranges in the world. We have four distinct seasons up here, winter and summer ;-)! Cold weather usually starts in late October and lasts until early May; then we have warmer weather for the remaining months. Boone has always been a popular destination because of its cool climate in the summer and since the



1960s, skiing in the winter makes Boone a year-round destination. Howard's Knob, which is the focal point in Boone, stands at 4,420 feet above Boone and was once home to the largest wind turbine in the United States. NASA developed a wind turbine and I remember it was quite an obstacle to get the blades up to the top of the mountain. The project was removed in 1983 because the "whoshing" noise interfered with TV reception.

Today, Boone is the economic engine of the High Country and has been consistently listed over the past few years as one of the "best small towns" in the United States. We are home to a major university, a state-of-the-art medical facility, the nation's oldest revolutionary war drama and, in my opinion, more banks, real estate agents and sub shops per capita than the City of Charlotte.

Appalachian State University was founded in 1899 as Watauga Academy by Blanford and Dauphin Dougherty. The Dougherty brothers had a desire to educate teachers for the mountains of Northwest North Carolina. In 1929, the school became a four-year, degree-granting institution named Appalachian State Teachers College, which offered bachelor of science degrees in primary education, physical education,

math, English, science and history.

In 1967, the State Teachers College joined the University of North Carolina system and became known as Appalachian State University. Today's enrollment is over 15,000 students and ASU is still known as one of the premier teaching colleges in the State. Appalachian State is the largest employer in our area with more than 700 full-time faculty members. In recent years, Appalachian State has been named one of "American's Best Values in Colleges" and one of the top five masters degree granting universities in the South. Last but not least, the Appalachian State University Mountaineer football team has won, back to back, NCAA Division I-A football championships in 2005 and 2006. No other NC university has that claim to fame; plus, we beat Michigan!

If you have never been to Boone and the High Country area, you don't know what you are missing, especially during the summer — nature's air conditioning is what I call it. And if you like snow the way I do, there is no better place than Boone to be in North Carolina.

As you can tell, I'm proud of my hometown, often telling people that there is no other place I would rather live in North Carolina ... unless it is colder and has more snow.

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* = Regional Chairperson

Thompson gets CMC

Sheralene Thompson, Deputy City Clerk for the City of Eden, has received her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation.

Sheralene received email confirmation from Mr. Mohammad H. Eftekhari, Ph.D., Director of Education and Research, for the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) in October. "I extend my warmest congratulations to you and wish you all the best in your professional endeavors," Dr. Eftekhari stated.

Sheralene came to work for Eden full time in August of 1996 serving as Administrative Assistant to the City Manager. She held that position until 2000 when she became Deputy City Clerk. Sheralene has been a member of the NCAMC and the IIMC since around 1997.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Friday, Dec. 14:** NCAMC Board/Committee Meetings, NCLM Building, Raleigh.
- **Jan. 23-25, 2008:** IIMC Region III Conference, Greenville, S.C.
- **Jan. 23, 2008:** Master Municipal Clerk's Academy/Workshop for New Clerks, Research Triangle Park.
- **Jan. 24-25, 2008:** City & County Clerks School, Research Triangle Park.
- **March 14, 2008:** NCAMC Board & Committee Meetings, NCLM Building, Raleigh.
- **April:** NCAMC Regional Schools (TBA)
- **May 18-22, 2007:** International Institute of Municipal Clerks Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- **June 13, 2008:** NCAMC Board & Committee Meetings, NCLM Building, Raleigh.
- **Aug. 14-16, 2008:** NCAMC Annual Conference, Wilmington.

Clerks assigned responsibilities

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White Lake, will serve on the Finance & Administration Technical Advisory Committee; Shelia Taylor, Town of Littleton, will serve on the Planning & Services Legislative Action Committee; and Joyce Walker will continue another term on the Planning & Services Technical Advisory Committee. I thank each of these clerks for their interest and participation.

Our constitution requires that two NCAMC Directors be appointed by the board to serve on the Executive Committee. This committee can be called upon by the President to meet on short notice when it is not feasible to hold a meeting of the entire board. Shelia Taylor, District 5 Director, and Re-

gina Alexander, District 3 Director, were appointed to the Executive Committee.

This year, as President, I have asked that the NCAMC Reference Guide be thoroughly reviewed and updated. This is the notebook that I received when I first joined the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks. It was last updated in 1995, and the board felt that this guidebook should be maintained as a resource in addition to the MORE Manual (Minutes, Ordinances, Resolutions, Etc.). Joyce Walker of Lewisville will chair the committee on this project working with Sandra Harper of Creedmoor and Carmen Miracle of Jacksonville. If any clerk has suggestions for consideration in the update of the guidebook, please contact

myself or Joyce Walker. We want to hear your ideas.

The board will meet again on Dec. 14.

The 12 directors on the board are your voice at these meetings. If you have any concerns or information that you would like to share, please let your district representative hear from you so they can present the information to the board in December.

In closing, I would ask you to remember the importance of your duties as clerks and historians of your communities. When things get crazy and out of control, step back a bit and remember — you are *Creating History, One Page at a Time*.

Josann Campanello, CMC
NCAMC President

News from around the Association



Shallotte Town Clerk Sandy Hewett and fiancé Mark Strickland were married on October 6, 2007, at Farmstead Golf Links in Calabash, N.C.

Surrounded by many family and friends, the following Clerks also attended: Lynn Whitlock (Lilesville), Bonnie White (Sanford), Kim Cochran (Sunset Beach), Debby Gore (Brunswick County), Marjorie Stephenson (Brunswick County), Luellen Norris (Varnamtown), Carol Ann Floyd (Leland), Lisa Anglin (Carolina Shores), Alfrieda Turner (retired), Regina Alexander (Southport) and NCAMC President Josann Campanello (St. James).

After a honeymoon at Sandals Resort in Jamaica, the couple will reside in Little River, SC.

Michelle Daw, Deputy City Clerk of Goldsboro, has added to her family. Michelle gave birth to Zackary Parks Daw on August 15, 2007. Zackary arrived weighing 8 lbs, 5 oz., and was 22 1/2 inches long. Both Michelle and Zackary are doing well.

Michelle returned to work October 1. She and Melissa Brewer, former Deputy City Clerk, had switched positions in May of 2007.

It incorrectly stated in the October edition of Minute-by-Minute that Michelle was a new member of NCAMC. In fact, she has been a member since 2004.

Dale Martin returned to the Town of Kernersville as Town Clerk on Oct. 15.

She had left Kernersville several months ago to accept the Deputy City Clerk's position in Greensboro. Her last day in Greensboro was October 10.

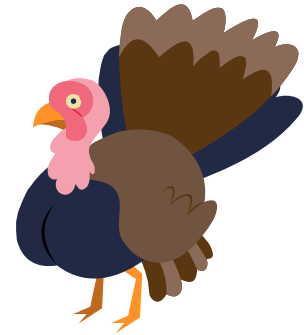
While Juanita and Greensboro will undoubtedly miss her, we're sure Kernersville is glad to have her back!

While not a member of the NCAMC, our group lost a friend with the passing of Cheryle Ratliff, the former IIMC Region 3 Director from Greenville, S.C., in early October.

Cheryle had attended the IIMC Region 3 Conference in Wrightsville Beach in January of 2006 and the IIMC Conference in New Orleans. She passed away from complications from cancer. Please keep her husband, Grover, and her family in your prayers.

If your birthday has been listed incorrectly on the Birthday Calendar, we must not have the right information!!! Please drop a line to Calendar Editor Dawn Davis at dawn.davis@highpointnc.gov to let her know. Thanks!

November 2007



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 Kay Minton Bonny Alexander Kim Scott	2 Nancy Jackson	3 Ann Katsuyoshi Lois Worthington
4 Cathy Whittington Diane Pierce-Tamplen <i>Daylight Savings Time</i>	5 Phyllis McClure Catina Smith	6	7 Elaine Bryan Terry Bullock Joy Davis	8 Martha Wolfe Ronda Lambert Tamara Hatley Frances Hildebran	9 Juanita Owens Jennifer Castevens	10
11 Tamra Swanson Vickie Brooks Veterans Day	12	13 Cheryl Bennett	14 Regina Alexander Rebecca Davis Rose	15 Timothy Burgess Tammy Drake Mary Lucus Rhonda Webb	16	17
18 Paula Pulley	19	20	21 Leigh Summerour Diane Autry Brenda Freeze	22 Kelly Baker DiAnne Enoch  Thanksgiving	23	24 Natashia McCants Glenda Sansosti Linda Brown
25 Jacqueline Nicholson Melody Hancock Holly Doerr	26 Sheila Miller Diana Davis Mary Carter	27	28 Amy Harvey	29 Betsy Nicholson Gail Thomas	30	