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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 Spicer-Sidbury's November Message:

Make plans for Clerks' School

Dear Fellow Clerks:

While we are thankful all year, we give special thanks as we enter the season of Thanksgiving and have great appreciation for the opportunities bestowed upon us.

I am thankful for all our Clerks and the great job you are continuing to do to help **"Build a Bridge to the Future."**

We are thankful for the many Clerks who attended the Municipal Clerks' breakfast held during the N.C. League of Municipalities Annual Meeting held in Charlotte, NC. There were about sixty (60) Clerks in attendance, along with staff from the N.C. League of Municipalities and Institute of Government. The Clerks were honored to be welcomed to the "Queen City" by Council Member Nancy Carter (Charlotte), who was especially courteous and complimentary to the Clerks and our professional staff. Our guest speaker, Betsy Williams, Powell Bill Manager, N.C. Department of Transportation, did an outstanding job explaining the Powell Bill process and answering many questions. Ms. Williams was most informative and was appreciative of the Clerks' role as her husband (Ronnie Williams) is the Mayor of Garner, NC.

Plans have begun for the upcoming Clerks School, scheduled for January 22-23, 2009. MMC Class will be January 21, 2009. Please mark your calendars now and make plans to attend. The City and County Association Presidents, First Vice Presidents and Program/Education Committee Chairs met with the Institute of Government and N.C. League of Municipalities staff to lay out the program for the January Clerks School as well as the MMC Class to be offered. We worked hard to develop a program that will be interesting, educational and useful to our Clerks. We hope to have lots of wonderful door prizes and ask that everyone make a donation. The County Clerks will provide the beverages for our hospitality room and the City Clerks will provide the food/snacks. Our Association merchandise will be available for sale as well. Our Program/Education Committee will handle the arrangements for City Clerks. Please feel free to contact the Co-Chairs, (Elaine Hunt, Clinton or Kim Worley, Franklinton), if you have any questions.

Please be reminded that North Carolina will host the IIMC Region 3 Conference in 2011. The Site Selection Committee members are: Sylvia Holliman, Wrightsville Beach, Chair; Stephanie Kelly, Charlotte; Sherry Scoggins, Clayton; and Regina Alexander, Southport.

I hope and pray each of you will have a wonderful Thanksgiving and ask that we all remember that it takes all of us working together as a team to continue to **"Build a Bridge to the Future."**

Penelope Spicer-Sidbury, CMC
NCAMC President

Which do you prefer?

Real or artificial?

By Freida Van Allen, MMC
District X Director

I'm talking about Christmas trees of course. Boone is home to the NC Christmas Tree Association, and I'm hoping after reading this article you will prefer to keep Christmas real. Did you know that the NC Christmas Tree industry is second in the nation in the number of trees harvested and that most of the trees are grown here in Western North Carolina at elevations over 3,000 feet?

The premier Christmas tree is a Fraser Fir which represents over 95% of the trees grown in NC. Real Christmas trees make an important economic impact to many rural communities, and one acre of Christmas trees provide the daily oxygen requirement for 18 people. Real Christmas trees are an all-American renew-



able, recyclable resource and are often used as wind and water barriers at beaches and river beds to fight sand and soil erosion. Real Christmas trees have a fragrance beyond compare, and for every tree harvested, another one is planted in its place to ensure a steady supply year after year.

Artificial trees are imported and made from non-renewable plastics which consume energy and create pollution. Artificial trees are not biodegradable and eventually go to the landfill where its plastics and lead remain in the ground for

centuries.

Now that I've convinced you that keeping Christmas real is the way to go, I hope you will visit one of the over 400 choose and cut farms here in Western NC. What better way to spend a day with the family! Most choose and cut farms serve hot chocolate or cider, provide hay rides and make your selection of that perfect Christmas tree a time to remember.

For more information about my favorite tree, visit the website of the NC Christmas Tree Association at www.ncchristmastrees.com or you can visit the Boone Area Chamber of Commerce website at www.boonechamber.com and click on the High Country Choose and Cut festival link.

Freida Van Allen, MMC, is the Clerk for the Town of Boone.

Submissions for Minute-by-Minute

The **Minute-by-Minute** newsletter for the membership of the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks is published and distributed monthly. Articles submitted may be edited for brevity. Deadline for submission of articles is the 10th of each month for publication in the next month's newsletter.

Submit articles in writing to: **Angela G. Stadler, CMC; City of Reidsville; 230 W. Morehead Street, NC 27320 (ATTN: Minute-by-Minute); Fax: (336) 342-3649; email: astadler@ci.reidsville.nc.us**

If you need assistance, have questions or need more information, feel free to call Angela Stadler at (336) 349-1040.

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* = **Regional Chairperson**

Clerks receive MMCs

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Friday, Dec. 19:** NCAMC Board & Committee Meetings, NCLM Building, Raleigh.
- **Jan. 14-16, 2009:** IIMC Region III Meeting, Gainesville, Georgia.
- **Jan. 21, 2009:** Master Municipal Clerk's Academy Workshop for New Clerks, Research Triangle Park.
- **Jan. 21-23, 2009:** City & County Clerks School, Research Triangle Park.
- **March 20, 2009:** NCAMC Board & Committee Meetings, NCLM Building, Raleigh.
- **April, 2009:** NCAMC Regional Schools (TBA)
- **May 19-23, 2009:** International Institute of Municipal Clerks Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois.
- **June 19, 2009:** NCAMC Board & Committee Meetings, NCLM Building, Raleigh.
- **Aug. 13-15, 2009:** NCAMC Annual Conference, Concord.

Two North Carolina Clerks have learned recently from IIMC that they have earned their Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation.

Tanya S. Weary, MMC, Clerk for the City of Oxford, and **Regina Alexander**, MMC, Clerk for the City of Southport, have met IIMC's highest educational, experience and service requirements to earn the organization's highest honor, the MMC designation.

Tanya Weary started working for the City of Oxford in February of 2000 as the Administrative Support Specialist. In March of 2001, she was appointed Deputy City Clerk, a position she held until being appointed City Clerk in January of 2004.

Tanya earned her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) in November of 2004 and earned her MMC in September of 2008.

She joined both the NCAMC and the IIMC in 2001.



Regina Alexander came to work for Southport in March of 2002 as its City Clerk after serving more than 16 years and six months as County Clerk of Brunswick County as well as working as the Deputy City Clerk/Tax Collector for the City of Boiling Spring Lakes for 9 years and 9 months.

Regina earned her CMC designation shortly after coming to work in Southport in March of 2002. She earned her MMC in August of this year.

She has been a member of IIMC since March of 1990 and of the NCAMC since March of 2002.

Congratulations to both clerks!

Update on CMC & MMCA recognitions

For all Clerks who have received their CMCs or MMCs recently:

If you have recently received notification from IIMC that you have achieved your CMC or MMC, please let me know via email at astadler@ci.reidsville.nc.us. Please answer the following questions: When did you come to work for your municipality? What titles have you held while there and what years did you hold them? When did you earn your CMC? When did you earn your MMC? (if applicable) What years did you join NCAMC and IIMC?

These questions will be used for a short writeup in a future edition of the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks' Minute-by-Minute newsletter. Thank you.

Angela G. Stadler, Minute-by-Minute Editor

November 2008



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>
						1 Kay Minton Bonny Alexander Kim Scott
2 Nancy Jackson	3 Ann Katsuyoshi Lois Worthington	4 Cathy Whittington Diane Pierce-Tamplen	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	12	13 Cheryl Bennett	14 Regina Alexander Rebecca Davis Rose	15 Timothy Burgess Tammy Drake Mary Lucas Rhonda Webb
16	17	18 Paula Pulley	19	20	21 Leigh Summerour Diane Autry Brenda Freeze	22 Kelly Baker DiAnne Enoch
23	24 Natashia McCants Glenda Sansosti Linda Brown	25 Jacqueline Nicholson Melody Hancock Holly Doer	26 Sheila Miller Diana Davis Mary Carter	27	28 Amy Harvey	29 Betsy Nicholson Gail Thomas
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