

N.C. Association of County Clerks

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A Message From the President



Dear Clerks,

Can you believe that our annual conference is next month? It has been almost a year since we were in beautiful Carteret County and I was sworn in as President. In a lot of ways it seems like the year sped by but when you think about all the cold weather and snow we've had it seems like winter has been around for at least six months! I have enjoyed this year, especially being able to visit each of the regions during our meetings last fall and working with such a fine group of clerks.

It was good to see all of you at Clerks School in January. And, I was glad to meet so many new clerks there too. There have been some wonderful clerks who have retired in the last couple years but it is refreshing to see that their counties have replaced them with clerks that are professional and eager to learn. I was happy to see the great attendance at our business meeting there as well. That was the most I've seen at our meetings in a long time. I believe our association is ready and on pace for the future.

Congratulations to the clerks who obtained their North Carolina Certified County Clerk designation and were recognized during the opening session of Clerks School: Karen Evans, Bonnie Huntley, Ann Clark, Misty Deanes, Debby Gore, Marjorie Stephenson, Kathy Hughes, Kay Honeycutt, Kathy Myers, Ava Gurganus, Jeanette Deese, Sandra Sublett, Maria Hass, April Crofts, Kerri Melton, Gwen Bryan, Anne Burkhart, Brenda Hunter, Effie Variimidis, Andrea Hines, Teresa Wilson, Linda Revels, Jean Moore, Paula Woodard, Gaynell Lee, Linda Hardison, Kathy Young,



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Kimberly Hines, Marian Savage, Tina Massey, Pamela McLain, Carolyn Athey, Ann Kurtzman, Lynn West, Susan Banks, Denise Hogan, Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, and Marcia Wilson.

A great thank you to Marcia Wilson, Gwen Bryan, Susan Banks, Effie Varitimidis, and Sheila Schult for the tremendous amount of time and effort they put forth to develop the certification program for county clerks in North Carolina. I hope everyone will extend appreciation to each of them for their commitment through the development and actual implementation of the North Carolina Certified County Clerk Program. I believe this will be a valuable asset to clerks who choose to participate in it.

Please join me in extending special thanks to the Executive Officers for 2009-10: Debby Gore, Jeanette Deese, and Ann Clark; the Board of Directors: Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Kristen King, Gaynell Lee, Effie Varitimidis, and Marcia Wilson; and this year's committee members. All these ladies did an outstanding job this year!!

I hope all of you will be able to attend our annual conference in Rowan County, April 15-17th at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Salisbury. Carolyn Athey is busy preparing for the event and she is excited about having you visit her county. Carolyn has been working diligently to make sure it is a memorable conference. If you have not sent in a scholarship request and would like to apply, please send it to me as quickly as possible.

I look forward to seeing you next month!

Sincerely,
Kathy Myers, President



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2010 NC Certified County Clerks



The North Carolina Association of County Clerks to the Boards of County Commissioners is pleased to announce the launching of a state certification program for North Carolina Clerks to Boards of County Commissioners, Deputy Clerks and Administrative Aides to Regional Councils of Government. Organized in 1976 for the purpose of providing "...an opportunity to exchange ideas and techniques which may be used in the performance of Clerks' duties...", the Association has broadened its focus over the years to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency and professionalism of its members through ever increasing means. At the outset, pioneers in the profession recognized the importance of being knowledgeable about current and proposed local, state and federal legislation.

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Continuing education has been a priority of the Association and through collaboration with its partners – the University of North Carolina School of Government, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks – members have had access to numerous training opportunities.

The new certification program, developed with the assistance of the UNC School of Government (SOG), will be administered by the SOG. Following completion of the required training, experiential and examination components, the NCCCC (North Carolina Certified County Clerk) designation will be conferred upon members who achieve the qualifications.

Thirty-nine Clerks, representing 35 North Carolina counties have currently qualified for the program, and were recognized at the 2010 Annual City and County Clerks School at the School of Government in January.



Check Out The Clerk's Website:
www.nccountyclerks.org

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Clerk's Receiving Certification

<u>Name of Clerk</u>	<u>Name of County</u>
Angelena M. Kearney-Dunlap	Warren
Carolyn M. Athey	Rowan
Linda G. Hardison	Martin
Gwendolyn M. Bryan	Craven
Efthemia D. Varitimidis	Guilford
Anne M. Burkhart	Davidson
Denise M. Hogan	Wake
Marcia R. Wilson	Wayne
Lynn G. West	Union
Gaynell M. Lee	Lee
Andrea S. Hines	Halifax
Kerri A. Melton	Cleveland
Paula G. Woodard	Johnston
Jeanette S. Deese	Carteret
Tina R. Massey	Rockingham
Kathy T. Myers	Caldwell
Susan J. Banks	Wake
Misty J. Deanes	Bertie
Brenda B. Hunter	Davie
Ann J. Clark	Ashe
Patricia A. Staton	Pitt
Kimberly W. Hines	Pitt
Gwendolyn Kay Honeycutt	Cabarrus
Linda L. Revels	Hoke
Pamela M. McLain	Rockingham
Kathy W. Young	Mitchell
Eva Maria Hass	Cherokee
Karen L. Evans	Alleghany
Ava J. Gurganus	Camden
Teresa L. Wilson	Henderson
Jean C. Moore	Iredell
Marian S. Savage	Richmond
Ann W. Kurtzman	Scotland
Sandra B. Sublett	Chatham
Kathy N. Hughes	Buncombe
Marjorie C. Stephenson	Brunswick
Deborah S. Gore	Brunswick
Bonnie M. Huntley	Anson
April N. Crotts	Cleveland



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***Piedmont Clerks' Regional Conference
Hosted By Gaynell Lee, CMC—Lee County Clerk***



***Eastern Clerks' Regional Conference
Hosted by JoJo Singleton
Beaufort County Clerk***



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We Are Family

Chatham County Clerk to the Board
Sandra Sublett and her family
spent the week of November 9th in
Disney World celebrating
Kristin and Addisyn's birthdays.



Nini, Pepa, and Addisyn,



*Addisyn
on the Carousel*



*Pepa, Nini, Addisyn,
& Kristen
in front of the Castle.*

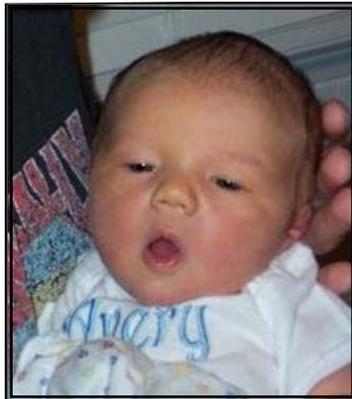


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Durham County

Michelle Parker-Evans was recently named the new Clerk to the Board for Durham County. Michelle we would like to welcome you to our clerk family.



Randolph County

Randolph County Clerk to the Board Cheryl Ivey is a grandma from the first time! Avery Lane Ivey was born on 0-29-09. His parents are Josh and Kelly Ivey of Randleman. Congratulations to the Cheryl!

Lumber River Council of Governments

Gainer Cummings-Dever, Administrative Secretary/Clerk to the Board, recently celebrated 20 years of service with the Lumber River Council of Governments. A graduate of UNC-Pembroke, Gainer has been married eight years to John Dever West Virginia.

The Lumber River Council of Governments serves as an administrative and service delivery arm for federal, state, regional, and local programs of its member governments. A Council of local elected officials (County Commissioners, Mayors, and Town Council Members) serves as the governing body. The COG represents a multi-county planning and service area.

The counties of Bladen, Hoke, Richmond, Robeson and Scotland, along with 31 municipalities within these counties, make up the current membership of the Lumber River Council of Governments. Congratulations to Gainer!

Thankful Mom

Linda Revels of Hoke County would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her son while he was Iraq. He is home and his mama is glad and so very proud of him as well as all of our soldiers!

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Condolences to Ann Burkhart

*The Clerk family would like to extend
our condolences
to Anne Burkhart, the Davidson County Clerk,
for the loss of her husband on September 4th.
May God Bless You and Keep You.*



Retirement Announcement from Lois Askew

I announced to the Board of Commissioners on September 8th my plans to retire. My last day with Washington County will be on November 30, 2009. I will have worked with the County for 28 years and 3 months and am looking forward to my retirement years. A lot have asked why not work through the end of the year, but I love decorating, cooking, etc. for the holidays and am looking forward to being home for the holidays. I have enjoyed my job as Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for Washington County and will miss the wonderful people that I have work with over the years. Being a member of the North Carolina County Clerks Association for 28 years has afforded me the opportunity to make friends across the State of North Carolina. I will miss all of you and thanks for being such a wonderful support group. The Lord has blessed me with five grandchildren and I am looking forward to spending more time with them.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

March Issue - News Due by February 27th
June Issue - News Due by May 31st
September Issue - News Due by August 31st
December Issue - News Due by November 30th

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Retirement Announcement from Bobby Wilson

Effective April 30th, I will be retiring after 30 years of service Mrs. Bobby Wilson . Ms. Debra Weary will be taking my place.

Other Clerk Retirement Announcements

- Libby Corn
- Kay Blanchard
- Linda Hardison
- Faye Fuller

Thank you so much to all retirees for your help and guidance through the years! Congratulations and you all will be missed! Enjoy Your Retirement!



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Layered Pizza Dip

www.pillsbury.com

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (8-oz.) container soft cream cheese with chives and onions
- 1/2 cup chunky pizza sauce
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1/3 cup finely chopped pepperoni
- 2 oz. (1/2 cup) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 2 oz. (1/2 cup) shredded Cheddar cheese

DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 350°F. In ungreased 9-inch pie pan or 1 to 1 1/2- quart baking dish, layer all ingredients in order listed. Bake at 350° for 10 to 15 minutes or until dip is hot and cheese is melted. Serve warm with bagel crisps, bagel chips or crackers.



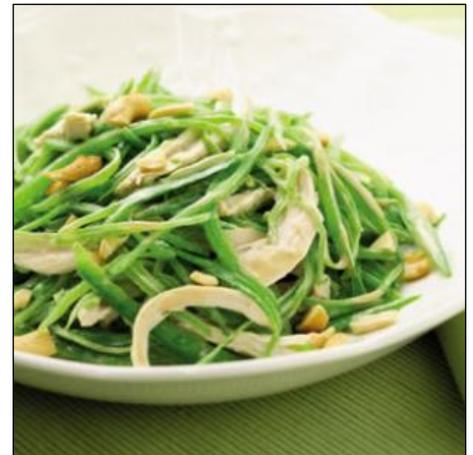
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WARM SNOW PEA & CHICKEN SALAD

www.eatingwell.com

4 servings, 1-1/4 cups each
Active Time: 40 minutes Total Time: 40 minutes



- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast, trimmed
- 1 14-ounce can reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 3 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 3 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 3 teaspoons toasted sesame oil, divided
- 2 tablespoons tahini, or cashew butter
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound snow peas, trimmed and thinly slivered lengthwise
- 2 tablespoons chopped cashews

Place chicken in a medium skillet or saucepan and add broth; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat to low, and simmer gently until cooked through and no longer pink in the middle, 10 to 12 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a cutting board to cool. Shred into bite-size pieces. (Cool and refrigerate the broth, reserving it for another use.)

Meanwhile, whisk vinegar, soy sauce, 2 teaspoons sesame oil and tahini (or cashew butter) in a large bowl until smooth.

Heat the remaining 1 teaspoon oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add ginger and garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Stir in slivered peas and cook, stirring, until bright green, 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer to the bowl with the dressing. Add the chicken to the bowl with the peas; toss to combine. Serve sprinkled with cashews.

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THE DON'T QUIT POEM

Words Of Inspiration

*When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.*

*Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow--
You may succeed with another blow.*

*Often the goal is nearer than,
It seems to a faint and faltering man,
Often the struggler has given up,
When he might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late when the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.*

*Success is failure turned inside out--
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit--
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.*

- Author unknown

