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Minute by Minute



*A woman is
like a tea
bag.
She only
knows her
strength
when put in
hot water.*

Nancy Reagan

*I know God will
not give me
anything I can't
handle.*

*I just wish that
He didn't trust
me so much.*

Mother Teresa

A Message from the President

Fellow Clerks,

Where has the time gone? It has already been two months since our Annual Conference! A special thank you goes to our host clerks from Buncombe and Henderson counties. The conference was excellent. The workshops and speakers were interesting, entertaining and provided useful and much needed information. It takes a lot of thoughtful planning and hours of hard work to coordinate a three-day conference, and all of us who attended certainly appreciate the efforts of Kathy Hughes, Stacey Keith, Libby Corn and Terry Wilson.

Congratulations to Libby Corn, Clerk to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, who received the 2008 Howard Holly Outstanding Clerk of the Year Award. It is always a pleasure to work with Libby, and she is most deserving of this honor.

Announcements. Announcements. Announcements.

- The 2008-2009 Committee appointments are attached. Thanks to all who graciously accepted when they were contacted.
- HELP – We are in need of a Newsletter Editor. Thank you Deva for a job well done. Do we have someone who is willing to step up to the plate?
- The next business meeting will be held during the NC Association of County Commissioners' Annual conference in New Bern, August 21-24, 2008. The time and location has not been determined.
- Regional workshops have been scheduled as follows and thanks to each of these clerks:
 - Western Regional – Ashe County – September 26, 2008
 - Eastern Regional – Bertie County – October 10, 2008
 - Piedmont Regional – Chatham County – October 17, 2008

(Is our theme "Back to Basics? Looks like our ABCs will be covered in the Regionals.)

Last but not least, I would like to thank each of you for allowing me to serve as your President this year. I am humbled and honored, and I will represent you to the best of my ability. I look forward to working with each of you. Also, I would like to thank Brenda Hunter for her excellent leadership last year. Her guidance has been most helpful, and I continue to rely on her.

Hopefully, all of us will soon have our budgets adopted, and we can enjoy some family time (vacations!). If I don't see you in New Bern, have a safe and relaxing summer!

Linda G. Hardison, President

A sincere Thank you . . .

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Clerks Association for my gift. The pieces of Rowe Pottery (pitcher and matching candlesticks) are beautiful. They will serve as a wonderful reminder of my year as President and the many friendships that I have made. Thank you.

**Warmest regards,
Brenda Hunter
Immediate Past President**

**Now you know –
What not to wear!**



**NC ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS
2008-2009 Committees**

Nominating Committee

Brenda Hunter, Chair, Davie County
Marsha Wilson, Wayne County
Susan Banks, Wake County
Linda Hardison, Martin County

Membership Committee

Kathy Myers, Chair, Caldwell County
Brenda Hunter, Davie County
Wanda Smith, Caswell County
Gaynell Lee, Lee County
Carolyn Hedgepeth, Edgecombe County
Mary Hunnicutt, Perquimans County

Budget Committee

Jeanette Deese, Chair, Carteret County
Marian Savage, Richmond County
Linda Hardison, Martin County

Professional Development Committee

Gwen Bryan, Chair, Craven County
Marcia Wilson, Wayne County
Effie Varitimidis, Guilford County
Jean Moore, Iredell County
Shelia Shultz, New Hanover County
Kay Honeycutt, Cabarrus County
Beth Purcell, Onslow County

Site Selection Committee

Brenda Hunter, Chair, Davie County
Carolyn Athey, Rowan County
Effie Varitimidis, Guilford County
Anita Fogle, Watauga County

Homepage Administrator

Bonnie Huntley, Anson County

Newsletter Editor

Waiting for a volunteer

Outstanding Clerk Committee

Libby Corn, Chair, Henderson County
Kathy Hughes, Buncombe County
Kay Blanchard, Harnett County
Susan Banks, Wake County
Faye Fuller, Person County

Program Committee

Kathy Myers, Chair, Caldwell County
Ann Clark, Ashe County
Barbara McCoy, Ashe County
Sandra Sublett, Chatham County
Marilyn Collins, Chatham County
Misty Deanes, Bertie County
Jeanette Deese, Carteret County
Gwen Bryan, Craven County
Linda Hardison, Martin County

Scholarship Committee

Linda Hardison, Chair, Martin County
Brenda Hunter, Davie County
Jeanette Deese, Carteret County
Misty Deanes, Bertie County
Kathy Hughes, Buncombe County

Records Retention Committee

Debby Gore, Chair, Brunswick Co.
Lynn West, Union County
Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Warren County

Scrapbook Committee

Kathy Myers, Caldwell County
Ann Clark, Ashe County
Sandra Sublett, Chatham County
Misty Deanes, Bertie County

Historian

Brenda Hunter, Davie County

Clerks in the News

To All Clerks:

Although we've never met, thank you for thinking of me while I was recovering. I appreciate the flowers, they were beautiful.

Victoria Paige Collins
(Daughter of Marilyn Collins)

Laura B. Morton (Troy, NC) has graduated Montgomery College with an Associate Degree in Office Systems Technology.



Fellow Clerks,

Thank you so much for the MMC plaque presented in Asheville. It has prompted several positive comments, both by the general public as well as other staff members.

Jean C. Moore, Iredell County.

NCACC Outstanding County Program Award – “Project Hospitality”

Onslow County program wins statewide award

An initiative to make county government more accessible and accommodating has earned Onslow County a statewide award from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC). The Project Hospitality program was one of 12 county programs from around the state to win a 2007 Outstanding County Program Award from the NCACC.

Project Hospitality promotes public outreach and interaction between the Onslow County Board of Commissioners and the public during the board’s regular bi-monthly meetings. County staff members personally greet each citizen attending the board meeting and provide a copy of the agenda. Staff members also explain the public comment and public hearing process, in case any citizens are interested in addressing the Board of Commissioners, and answer any other questions about the board meeting.

Citizens are also introduced to the Board of Commissioners and other county staff members, including the county manager and county attorney. During a typical meeting, as many as 50 citizens may be in attendance, meaning that the program could impact more than 1,000 Onslow County citizens per year.

“Onslow County’s program is a low-tech way to address citizen concerns about accessibility to their local elected officials and proves that the notion of ‘Southern Hospitality’ is not dead,” said NCACC President David Young, a Buncombe County Commissioner.

The intent of the Outstanding County Program Awards is to recognize and share information with other counties about programs that involve a uniquely innovative process, solution or idea to address a county or multi-jurisdictional issue and/or to prevent a future problem from developing. More than 50 programs in three categories – Public Information/Participation, General Government and Human Services – were nominated for the 2007 awards. Onslow County was one of three winners in the Public Information/Participation category.

“Counties in North Carolina are facing many challenges, and this awards program is a great way to highlight some of the outstanding work being done by our counties,” said NCACC Executive Director David F. Thompson. “As the demands being placed on county governments become more complex, counties are forced to find new solutions to old problems. This awards program is a way to bring attention to excellent programs that other counties might want to emulate.”



*NCACC Member Services
Director Ed Wooters presents an
Outstanding County Program
Award to Onslow County
Chairman Lionell Midgett and
Clerk to the Board Beth Purcell.*

21st Annual Clerk Conference of the NC Association of County Clerks – Asheville, NC

The 21st Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Clerks was held at the Doubletree Hilton in Asheville, NC. It was hosted by Kathy Hughes, Clerk to the Board in Buncombe County; Libby Corn, Clerk to the Board in Henderson County; Stacey Keith, Deputy Clerk in Buncombe County; and Terry Wilson, Deputy Clerk in Henderson County.

*May the stars carry
your sadness away,
May the flowers fill
your heart with beauty,
May hope forever wipe
away your tears,
And, above all, may
silence make you
strong.*

The following clerks were recognized for achieving the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) and were presented nameplates:

Carolyn Athey, Clerk to the Board, Rowan County
Carolyn Hedgepeth, Clerk to the Board, Edgecombe County
Deva Holt, Deputy Clerk to the Board, Johnston County
Kay Honeycutt, Clerk to the Board, Cabarrus County
Beth Purcell, Clerk to the Board, Onslow County
Vonda Sessoms, Clerk to the Board, Durham County

The following clerks were recognized for achieving the prestigious designation of Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) and were presented nameplates:

Jean Moore, Clerk to the Board, Iredell County
Marcia Wilson, Clerk to the Board, Wayne County
Pam McLain, Clerk to the Board, Rockingham County (Pam received the designation in 2004 and was the first county clerk to receive the MMC designation.)



Photos from the Conference . . .

Enjoy!

Note from the Editor:

Thank you for the opportunity to publish the Minute by Minute newsletter. I am embarking on a new career and will miss each and every one of you that I have had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know over the years.

If you ever find yourself needing to buy or sell a home in Johnston County, give me a call!

Thank you,
Deva



A Smile

A smile costs nothing, but gives much-
It takes but a moment, but the memory of it usually lasts forever.
None are so rich that can get along without it-
And none are so poor but that can be made rich by it.
It enriches those who receive, without making poor those who give-
It creates sunshine in the home,
Fosters good will in business,
And is the best antidote for trouble-
And yet it cannot be begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is of no value
Unless it is given away.
Some people are too busy to give you a smile-
Give them one of yours-
For the good Lord knows that no one needs a smile so badly
As he or she who has no more smiles left to give.