

Nebraska Municipal Clerks Newsletter

March
2011



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Vanee Holtmeier, CMC, NMCA President

It's hard to believe that the 2011 Clerk's Institute and Academy has come and gone. It's just like a wedding or a graduation. You work so hard preparing for it and then "poof" it's over. Just imagine, Chris Reed and Melanie Kiper from the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) do this every year. And, you hope nobody notices that you forgot something or did something wrong. But at least I do know what to do for next year already. I would like to thank everyone who came to the Clerk's Institute and Academy this year, especially the new first year clerks. I hope you had a good time and learned more about your jobs as clerks and deputy clerks and will be joining us again next year as second year clerks. You will be pros by next year.

A special congratulations goes out to the "Outstanding Clerk of the Year" recipients. Alisha Bartling of Verdigre in the Village Class, Kellie Crowell of Ravenna in the 2nd Class Cities, and Sue Murray-Lee of South Sioux City in the 1st Class Cities. They are all deserving of these awards and their villages and towns should be proud that they represent them.

Also, congratulations goes out to the newest NMCA Secretary/Treasurer, Kellie Crowell of Ravenna, and the three newest District Directors, RaNae Edwards of Grand Island, Jennifer Carr of Oakdale and Erin Baker of Osceola. I know you all will do a great job. I also would like to thank the three outgoing District Directors who have served the past two years. A special thanks goes to Cynthia Peterson of Oakland, Kellie Crowell of Ravenna and Linda Car-

roll of Fairmont. You all did great jobs representing your districts. Also, a thank you goes out for re-electing me as your President, Mary Kempf of West Point as your 1st Vice-President and Susan Kloepping of Cozad as your 2nd Vice-President. Also to Barb Whitley of Geneva for volunteering to stay on as Past President because of a vacancy. I really appreciate all the help that Barb gave me this year as your Acting President and hopefully I will be able to assist her next year in helping with the Celebration of Clerks and getting nominations together.

Last, but not least, a really big thank you goes out to Chris, Melanie, Christian and Matt from UNO in making the 2011 Clerk's Institute and Academy possible. Without their help, we would not have this opportunity to get together to educate ourselves in our professions. And we here in Nebraska feel that they put on one of the finest institutes and academies in the United States. Thank you for all your dedication and hard work. We couldn't do it without you. A special thank you also goes out to the Department of Economic Development for their donation to the NMCA scholarship fund and to the Silent Auction Committee for their hard work in raising funds for the NMCA scholarship fund so the NMCA can help send clerks and deputy clerks to the Clerk's Institute and Academy during these difficult financial times.



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"Volunteers like you are priceless! Always caring, always sharing, you represent our country at its best! Whether taking action in your own community or involved in a national effort, your contribution of time, talent and compassion makes a valuable difference. Volunteers like you are people who reach out to others and, in

so doing, become extraordinary! You bring joy and sunshine, and set an example wherever you go. Thanks for all you do. You're truly a treasure!"

**Vanee K. Holtmeier, CMC
NMCA President**

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Fries thanks everyone for hugs, good wishes

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone at the 2011 Clerks Institute and Academy. Thank you for the hugs and well wishes as they were greatly appreciated. I truly miss all of you. Just because I am not any longer a clerk, please feel to contact me anytime just to chat or let off steam!

I appreciated Christine and Melanie letting me help with the Academy registration. I enjoyed that a great deal. A special thank you to the vendors – it was great to see them and visit. Thank you to the NMCA officers and board for the certificate of appreciation, gift certificate and party – what a surprise and it was so much fun. I have enjoyed working with this group all these years. They do more than meets the eye.

Also, a huge thank you to the Heartland Clerks for the beau-

tiful necklace and jewelry box. This group has always been a fun group and I have enjoyed them over the years. They did an outstanding job with the banquet this year and I commend them for their dedication and hard work. I enjoyed every bit of it. In closing, I just want to say to my extended "family" and friends, thank you for the beautiful memories, the fun times and the sad times. I will never forget any of you as you all are so very special to me.

Please feel free to call me at 308-470-0590, or drop me a note at PO BOX 122, Franklin, NE 68939. God bless each and everyone of you. I couldn't have spent over 20 years with better people and you each will be missed.

**Diane Fries
Franklin NE**

HEALTH WATCH

BRISK WALKS IMPROVE MEMORY

Exercise is good for everyone, but recent research indicates it has special benefits for older people. In a study funded by the National Institute on Aging, 120 people ages 55 to 80 were divided into two groups, with half instructed to walk for 40 minutes a day three times a week. The other half did exercises to stretch and tone their muscles.

After six months, and then one year, the scientists measured the size of participants' hippocampus, a section of the brain that tends to shrink with age. **In the walking group**, the volume of the hippocampus had increased by 2 percent at the end of the year, while in the other group the hippocampus had decreased by 1.5 percent.

So whatever your age, remember that taking a brisk walk can keep you healthy throughout your life in many different ways.



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THREE RIVERS CLERKS ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Minutes January 20, 2011

The Three Rivers Clerks Association met for their regular meeting on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011 at Scotty's Broad Street Diner in Fremont, NE.

President Jennifer Carlson opened the meeting with the following members present: Lori Kathol, Dodge; Jennifer Carlson, Bancroft; June Moline, Mead; Joan Suhr, Valley; Shawn Smith, Valley; Mary Kempf, West Point; Lynne McIntosh, Fremont; Theresa Busse, North Bend; Dawn Gall, Howells; Trisha Robertson, Beemer; Linda Douglas, Arlington; Mindi Laaker, Bennington; Roxanne Meyer, Hooper.

President Carlson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Oct. 21, 2010 minutes. Lori Kathol moved to approve the Oct. 21, 2010 minutes, seconded by Lynne McIntosh. Motion carried.

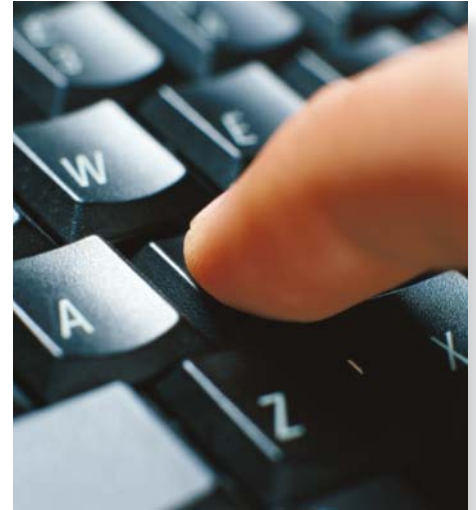
Secretary/Treasurer Linda Douglas reported the checking balance is \$2,095.43, which

NELIGH CLERK SAYS GOODBYE

There comes a time in one's life when you have to enter the next phase of life – retirement. I can't thank the League and municipal clerks enough for their leadership, IIMC training and meeting so many clerks throughout the state. I couldn't have done it without you. It has been a pleasure serving you for 32-and-a-half years. I will miss all of you.

*Elaine Hamm
Neligh, NE*

included \$50 received in dues paid for 2010-2011 and .46 cents in interest. Douglas also reported only 11 of the 42 members have paid their 2010-2011 membership dues for Three Rivers Clerks Assoc. Dawn Gall moved to approve the treasurer's report. Lori Kathol seconded. Motion carried.



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Mary Kempf gave a report on the Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Institute and Academy coming up in March 2011. Diane Fries has resigned as President of NMCA and Vanee Holtmeier has assumed the position as Acting NMCA President for the remaining year. The theme for the Clerks' Banquet on Thursday night is Golf. The Silent Auction this year will close before the banquet begins on Thursday night, with the potential of items ready to be picked up about one hour after the banquet. Kempf will pick up embroidered towels on behalf of the Three Rivers Clerks' Assoc. to donate to the Silent Auction. Clerks are encouraged to donate individual items as well. On a final note, Kempf reported scholarships have been sent out.

No changes were made to the current shirts for the Three Rivers Clerks' Association. Shirts can be ordered at Embroidery Connections in Fremont, NE.

President Carlson put to question if anyone had suggestions for the Mayor/Council Forum this year. There were none.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2011 in West Point.

Mary Kempf moved to adjourn, seconded by Theresa Busse. Motion carried.

*Linda M. Douglas
Secretary/Treasurer*

COUNTRY DOCTOR

A young doctor had moved out to a small community to replace a doctor who was retiring. The older doctor suggested that the young one accompany him on his rounds so the community could become used to a new doctor.

At the first house a woman complains, "I've been a little sick to my stomach."

The older doctor says, "Well, you've probably been overdoing the fresh fruit. Why not cut back on the amount you've been eating and see if that does the trick?"

As they left, the younger man said, "You didn't even examine that woman. How'd you come to the diagnosis so quickly?"

"I didn't have to examine her. You noticed I dropped my stethoscope on the floor in there? When I bent over to pick it up, I noticed a half dozen banana peels in the trash. That was what probably was making her sick."

"Huh," the younger doctor said. "Pretty clever. I think I'll try that at the next house".

Arriving at the next house, they spent several minutes talking with a younger woman. She complained that she just didn't have the energy she once did and said, "I'm feeling terribly run down lately".

"You've probably been doing too much work for the church" the younger doctor told her. "Perhaps you should cut back a bit and see if that helps".

As they left, the elder doctor said, "I know that woman well. Your diagnosis is almost certainly correct, but how did you arrive at it"?

"I did what you did at the last house. I dropped my stethoscope and when I bent down to retrieve it, I noticed the preacher under the bed".

*Submitted by Dorene Sattler
Deputy City Clerk
City of Geneva*



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Raquel Felzien	Franklin.....	5/1
Dawn Gall	Howells	5/1
Carol Arent.....	Aurora	5/2
Tamela Stephens.....	Pawnee City	5/3
Jessie Faber	Grant	5/4
Pamela Berke.....	Lexington	5/4
Cindy Dickinson	Scottsbluff.....	5/12
Vanee Holtmeier	McCool Junction	5/15
Loretta McCoy	McGrew	5/16
Melissa Harrell	Wahoo.....	5/20
Roxanne Meyer	Hooper.....	5/21
Al Vacanti.....	Scribner	5/21
Sherrie Bartell.....	Sutton	5/21
Ann Trickler-Wessel...	Hemingford	5/24
Melissa Waggoner.....	Potter.....	5/26



** List reflects the names of those who have paid dues thus far.*

Municipal Legal Calendar

(All statute citations to Revised Statutes of Nebraska)

APRIL 2011

CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS

Within 10 days following meeting or before next meeting (whichever is sooner)Clerk to have minutes available for public inspection. (84-1413)

Within 15 days of PassageClerk publishes ordinances passed. (16-405)

Within 30 days following Council meeting.....Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting. (19-1102)

End of each quarterReport from depository banks. (16-714)

SemiannuallyMayor and Council publish a statement of receipts and expenditures (16-722)

At end of month.....Clerk files monthly report. (16-317)

Within 20 days after end of month.....Treasurer files monthly financial report. (16-318)

April 30.....Liquor licenses (other than Class C) expire unless renewed. (53-124)

* *Clerk must prepare agenda prior to next Council meeting. (84-1411)

CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS

Within 10 days following meeting or before next meeting (whichever is sooner).....Clerk to have minutes available for public inspection. (84-1413)

Within 15 days of Passage.....Clerk publishes or posts ordinances passed. (17-613)

Within 30 days following Council meeting.....Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting. (19-1102)

Within 20 days after end of month.....Treasurer files monthly financial report. (17-606)

April 30.....Liquor licenses (other than Class C) expire unless renewed. (53-124)

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VILLAGES

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