
NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS NEWSLETTER

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When life throws you a curve ball

When life delivers the unexpected and you end up with a little downtime, do you make the most of it?

Margaret Mitchell did when in 1926 she was forced to leave her job and convalesce at home because of arthritis in her ankles and feet. She spent her time reading in bed, until one day, her husband, John, bought her a used Remington typewriter instead of her requested library books. He told his wife that she had read just about every book in the public library and she should get started on writing her own because he was tired of lugging home the heavy historical tomes she preferred.

Beginning with last chapter

So Mitchell began to write, beginning with the last chapter. Slowly, the pages began to pile up and her friends jokingly began to refer to “it” as “the great American novel.” Over the next nine years, 70 more chapters would make their appearances in no particular order – sometimes typed, sometimes handwritten, sometimes scribbled on the back of laundry lists. She kept parts of the manuscript in bureaus, in desks, and on closet shelves.

Finally, in 1935, Mitchell met a vice president of the McMillan publishing company. He was scouting for new Southern talent and had been tipped off by a mutual acquaintance about Mitchell’s writing. He and Mitchell drove around Atlanta together to look at the Dogwood in bloom, but the writer was shy about promoting



her manuscript. When she later confessed to a friend that she hadn’t even talked about her book with the publisher, her friend chided her: “You don’t take your life seriously enough to be a novelist.” This cutting remark spurred Mitchell to make a late-night call to the publisher’s hotel and arrange to drop off the manuscript. He had to buy a suitcase to hold it.

Sold 1 million copies

The results: Mitchell’s 1,037-page novel *Gone with the Wind* was published and sold 1 million copies in its first six months. Today, more than 30 million copies of the book have been sold, with approximately 250,000 copies still selling each year. A Hollywood deal was struck and her story was made into a blockbuster film. Mitchell was even awarded the Pulitzer Prize for her novel.

Not bad for someone who was just killing time.



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**Silent Auction
Information:**

As I stated before, I would like to see the Silent Auction **Bigger and Better** in 2009 than it was in 2008. I am going to try keeping the thought of the Silent Auction in every Clerk's mind with an article in the newsletter and with an idea list for you to consider:

- Idea #1 is to donate a gift that you would like to receive.
- Idea #2 is to donate a Holiday gift, remember that Holiday items go on sale (usually ½ price) the day after the Holiday.

Stay continued for more ideas!!!

*Submitted by Barbara Whitley, Geneva,
NMCA 2nd Vice*



**Mark your calendars
for the League's
Municipal
Accounting and
Finance Conference
in Kearney,
June 25-27, 2008**



South Central Clerk's Association Minutes

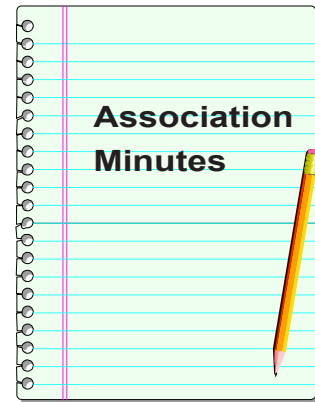
The South Central Clerk's Association met on April 16, 2008 at Grandpa Jake's in Sutton. Following the luncheon, the meeting was called to order by President Julie Buescher at City Hall. Members attending were: *President Julie Buescher of Deshler; *Vice President Jennifer Bassett of Fairfield; **Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Sanders of Guide Rock; *Barb Mikkelson and *Carol Arent of Aurora; *Debbie Thayer of Bladen; *Karen Kumke of Blue Hill; Barb Grabhorn of Edgar;

*Roxann Baumann of Grafton; *Sue Dallegge of Hampton; *Vicki Struss of Juniata; *Judy Schott and *Sandra Schendt of Nelson; *Jan Diehl of Superior; Sherrie Bartell of Sutton; and, *Bev Kimminau of Trumbell.

Motion by Bartell to approve minutes of the Jan. 16, 2008 meeting; second by Kumke. Motion carried.

Motion by Bartell to approve Treasurer's Report with a \$263.56 balance; second by Struss. Motion carried.

Hostess Sherrie Bartell provided copies of agenda and minutes from several towns. Topics reviewed were proper



procedures for executive sessions, items not on agenda and consent agendas.

Open discussion consisted of board member attendance at meetings; cell phone, clothing and insurance allowances for employees.

President Julie Buescher invited us to Deshler for the July 16, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Sanders to adjourn; second by Kimke. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance – \$263.56
Receipts – \$75 (*indicates dues paid; **2007 and 2008 dues paid)
Expenses – .00
Ending Balance – \$338.56

*Submitted by Cindy Sanders,
Secretary/Treasurer, South
Central Clerk's Association*

Attention all Clerks

Don't forget to share information about events in your community and items of interest for your city or village. These articles are the most helpful and interesting to each of us. When you submit them to the League, ask that they be put under the "City News" section.

Thanks!

*Submitted by Debra Schaefer,
Seward*

How to contact your state Senator

What address do I use to write my state Senator?

To write your state Senator, you need only to include on the envelope:

Senator's name
District number
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

In addition, most Senators have e-mail available through the Legislature's web site at www.unicam.state.ne.us.



How to register for newsletter e-mail list

Here is how you sign up to have your name placed on the newsletter e-mail list. Through this list, you will be notified of when the latest *Nebraska Municipal Clerks Newsletter* is available to view online.

1) Go to the League's website at <http://lonm.org>. Click on the Sections and Committees tab that appears on the right hand side of the main page. On the Sections and Committees page, immediately under the heading "Sections and Committees," there is a paragraph, which begins with the words "Attention Municipal Clerks."

2) Click on the underlined phrase "Sign-Up," which will link you to a Newsletters Alert Sign-Up Form. Fill out the requested information and create a username and password of your choosing. Click on the box with the words "Sign-Up" in it. Your name and e-mail address is automatically added to the list. When a new newsletter is available, a notice will be sent to you.

3) Later, if you want to remove your name and e-mail address from this list or change your e-mail address, you follow the above directions, but click on the "Sign-In" link. There you can login with your existing information and make the necessary changes.

4) To access the list of newsletters, you can go to the Sections and Committees page and click on the underlined phrase "click here" in the paragraph above the list of NMCA officers. The list of Clerks Newsletters will be at the bottom of the page filed by date and title.

June Birthdays

Joan Kovar	David City	6/1	Juila Tapia	Ravenna	6/11
Brenda Harrison	Orchard	6/1	Melissa Waldo	Republican City	6/12
Sharon Holtzen	Bruning	6/1	Patsy Williams	Wauneta	6/13
Sandy Psota	Burwell	6/1	Diane Rosenfelt	Benkelman	6/14
Lori Wragge	Plainview	6/2	Jody Dennis	Berwyn	6/14
Elizabeth Dilsaver	Taylor	6/2	Toni Siders	Gordon	6/15
Vickie Power	Gibbon	6/3	Elaine Bayer	Broken Bow	6/15
La Donna Koch	Hildreth	6/4	Jean Thiele	York	6/16
Rosalyn Covert	Plattsmouth	6/5	Cindy Moran	Peru	6/15
Tammy Sherman	Lodgepole	6/7	Arnold Ehlers	Nebraska City	6/16
Debora Daly	Mullen	6/7	Martin Gist	Falls City	6/17
Charlynn Krcilek	Giltner	6/8	Mary Tenbenschel	Arapahoe	6/19
June Went	Humphrey	6/8	Vivian Whilwind	Merriman	6/19
Carol Smith	Thurston	6/9	Mary Peschel	Schuyler	6/20
Marvin Deisley	Norman	6/10	Connie Hartman	Hastings	6/24
Sandy Kruml	Ord	6/10	Nadine Link	Malcolm	6/27
Linda Schuerman	DeWitt	6/11	Lori Rezny	Wilber	6/28
Diane Fries	Franklin	6/11	Mindi Laaker	Bennington	6/29



**Municipal Legal Calendar
(All statute citations to Revised Statutes of Nebraska)**

MAY 2008

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 Passage Clerk publishes ordinances passed. (16-405)
- Within 30 days following Council meeting Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting, including claims. (19-1102)
- First Day Automatic renewal of beer and liquor licenses (except Class C). (53-124)
- At end of month Clerk files monthly report. (16-317)
- Within 20 days after end of month Treasurer files monthly financial report. (16-318)
- * * 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, including claims. (19-1102)
- First Day Automatic renewal of beer and liquor licenses (except Class C). (53-124)
- Within 20 days after end of month Treasurer files monthly financial report. (17-606)
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VILLAGES

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