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# NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS NEWSLETTER

February 2005



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## Message from the President

*By Jolynn Weber  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer  
Albion  
NMCA President*

March is upon us next week, which means spring is coming, Clerks' Institute in three weeks, and then Easter. Spring is one of my favorite seasons, it is a beautiful time with the flowers and grass sprouting out of hibernation, and just the overall feeling that winter is over. I personally feel better, more energized, and the days start to get longer, which allows me to do the things in the evening that I like to do.

I encourage everyone to take one last look at your Clerks' Institute registration. Plan your classes, dress accordingly (bring sweaters in case of cooler rooms). But most of all, come energized and ready to participate in all the nightly functions. The committees are working hard to make the Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday night functions a success. Monday evening will be a casual event, jeans would be appropriate. Wednesday

evening is a Hawaiian Theme, bring colorful clothing, and a fun filled spirit to enjoy one night in paradise. Thursday evening is planned for evening gown attire, but.....not all of us are wanting to be uncomfortable. So wear what you want, and what you will feel comfortable in. No matter what the theme, we are all there to

celebrate the completion of the long week at the Institute, and honor the graduating class.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in March, and let's all have one heck of a good time!!



### The Importance of Attitude .... by Charles Swindoll

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude of life. Attitude to me is more important than facts.

**It is more important** than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do.

**It is more important** than appearance, giftedness, or skill.

**It will break** a company...a church... a home.

**The remarkable thing** is you have a choice every day regarding the attitude you will embrace for that day.

**We cannot change** our past.

**We cannot change** the fact that people will act in a certain way.

**We cannot change** the inevitable.

**The only thing** we can do is play on the string we have, and that is our attitude.

**I am convinced** that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it.

**And so it is with you.** You are in charge of your attitude.



## Nominations sought for Honorary Membership in Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Association

*Editor's Note: What follows is text revised from the January Newsletter to reflect changes adopted last year in the qualifications for honorary clerk.*

We are, once again, seeking nominations for Honorary Membership in the Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Association. Section 3 of the NMCA Constitution and Bylaws reads as follows:

*"Any member who has been an active or associate member of the Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Association, and is a member of the Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Association at the time*

*of his/her termination, shall be eligible for Honorary Membership. Recommendations for Honorary Membership shall be submitted by a Clerk or Deputy Clerk who is a current member of the Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Association and shall be submitted to any member of the Executive Committee for presentation at the next Annual Meeting. Approval of such Honorary Membership shall be by major-*



*ity of those voting members present at such Annual Meeting."*

The Honorary Members are presented a certificate of Honorary Membership following Clerks' School.

If you would like to nominate someone for Honorary Membership, please send his or her name, and current address. Please send this to me by March 7, 2005.

Thank you for your assistance.  
– Submitted by Barbara S. Rabe, Chair, Honorary Membership Committee, PO Box 367, Wisner, NE 68791

## Neiman receives 1st level membership in IIMC Academy

Kimberly A. Neiman, CMC, Village Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Pilger, has been accepted into the First Level Membership of the IIMC Master Municipal Clerk Academy.

IIMC President Elizabeth H. Kiss, MMC, Municipal Clerk of East Brunswick Township, New Jersey, said: "I am honored to welcome Ms. Neiman as a member in the First Level membership of the IIMC Master Municipal Clerk Academy."

Ms. Neiman has been employed with the Village of Pilger since March 1998, serving as Village

Clerk/Treasurer.

She received the IIMC Certified Municipal Clerk's Award in June 2001 and was accepted into the IIMC Master Municipal Clerk Academy Program in November 2002. She joins an elite group of municipal clerks from Nebraska who have achieved membership in the first level of the IIMC Master Municipal Clerk Academy.

During this sustaining period she has continued her education by completing IIMC-approved Educational Programs conducted by the School of Public

Administration, University of Nebraska, Omaha, and has completed other seminars and conferences relating to local government.

Active in her professional affiliations, she is a member of the IIMC, Nebraska Municipal Clerks Association, Northeast Nebraska Clerks Association, and Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association. She has been an IIMC members since August 1998.

**CHEERS!**





## Northeast Nebraska Clerks Association

The Northeast Nebraska Clerks Association met on Jan. 20, 2005 at the Hy-Vee West in Norfolk. President Jolynn Weber called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. Vice President Nikki Johnston and Treasurer Connie Foust were also in attendance. Secretary Amy Kuchar recorded the minutes. Clerks from the following communities were present: Jeanne Stokes-Petersburg, Betty Raabe-Hadar, Dianne Werner, Battle Creek, Alisha Bartling-Verdigre, Lori Wragge-Plainview, Elaine Hamm-Neligh, Crystal Lenzen- Hartington, Linda Hazen-Butte, Shari Nygren-Newman Grove, Denise Peterson-Ponca, Kim Butler-Homer, Paula Biehle-Madison, Nancy Kopejtka-Atkinson, Irene Dresch-Primrose, Karen Kleinschmit-Wausa, Barbara Rabe Wisner.

Jolynn Weber introduced the guest speaker, Pam Carder, the dietician for Hy-Vee. She discussed the "10 Superfoods for Health," which include 1. Fruits and Vegetables; 2. Broccoli; 3. Beans; 4. Whole Grains; 5. Oatmeal; 6. Flaxseed 7. Salmon and Fish; 8. Yogurt; 9.

**Mark your calendars  
for the  
Municipal Accounting  
and Finance Conference**

**June 22-24  
Ramada Inn, Kearney**

Nuts, and 10. Soyfoods. She thoroughly explained why each was important and how to easily incorporate them into our daily eating routines. She also explained what is new in the supermarket today and how to shop for such items. She also made the Clerks aware that dieticians are available at Hy-Vee for in-store tours for people with diabetes, cardiac issues and/or weight management.

Samples were given on several of the foods discussed. Many questions were answered and Pam was then thanked for attending our meeting.

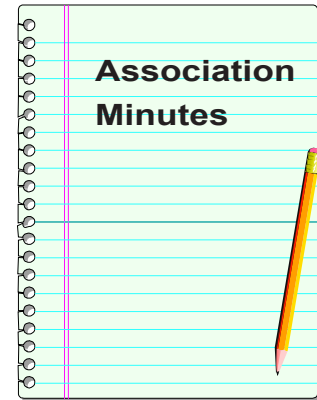
The October meeting minutes were read. Dianne Werner motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Karen Kleinschmit. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

The Treasurer Report was read. Amy Kuchar submitted one claim for postage, for meeting notices. A total of \$5.55. Cystal Lenzen motioned to approve the treasurer report and the postage claim for \$5.55, seconded by Barbara Rabe. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Clerks were reminded that membership dues for 2005 are due in April.

The Sunshine committee gave an update. A sympathy card was sent to Amy Kuchar for her father-in-law's passing. There was also a Clerk's Institute and Midwinter Conference update.

Amy Kuchar gave an update on the banquet committee's meeting. The Clerk's Association banquet will be held at Clerk's School



March 17. The theme is "New York, New York." The committee chose black top hats and votives for the table centerpieces and discussed how the room would be decorated. The entertainment had been booked and the program ideas were discussed among the group. The banquet committee will meet again at the end of February to finalize details. The committee will send out an email in March to all the Clerks to let them know where they will meet at the hotel on March 16-17 for decorating the banquet hall. Jolynn Weber explained that the election of officers would take place during the April meeting. Dianne Werner and Nikki Johnston volunteered to be the nominating committee.

The next meeting will be held at the Norfolk council chambers on April 21, 2005 at 1 p.m. with Steve Hecker from the Norfolk Police Dept. He will discuss "Drugs and Meth in our communities."

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.  
– Submitted by Amy Kuchar,  
Secretary



## Southeast Area Clerks' Association Minutes

### MINUTES OF DECEMBER, 2004

The Clerks met at DaVinci's Restaurant in Lincoln. This meeting was hosted by Elmwood City Clerk, Bonita Drake.

Members Attending: President Dolores Costanzo, Vice President, Donna Suhr; Ralston; Secretary, Joan Ross, Lincoln; Treasurer, Michele Lincoln, Palmyra; Gwen Grabouski, Beatrice; Kay Dammast, Bellevue; Beverly Hrdy, Bellevue (retired); Bonnie Drake, Elmwood; Bea Kellogg, Greenwood; Nancy Votta, Hickman; Ritz Rameriz, LaVista and her guest Linda Gooch; Teresa Meier, Lincoln; Linda Secord and Mary Wallen, Nebraska City; Sandie Moses, Omaha; Jennifer Niemier, Papillon.

President Costanzo called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

**October Meeting Minutes** - Gwen Grabouski moved approval; seconded by Bonnie Drake; Nays: None; Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report** - Michele Lincoln reported she did not prepare a report because there had not been any activity since the last meeting. Michele did report a balance on hand of \$1,473.35. Kay

Dammast moved approval; seconded by Dee Arias; Nays: None. Motion Carried.

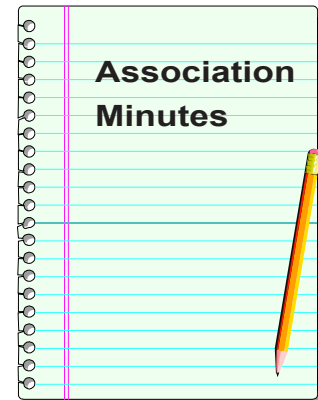
#### Old Business -

**A. Tee Shirts** - Rita Ramirez asked about Tee shirts for our association. Michele Lincoln said she would bring samples or pictures from a catalogue. If we go back to our original vendor, they may allow samples. It was suggested that we keep the same logo, and use the same vendor, which would save "set-up" charges.

**B. February Meeting** - It was decided the meeting will be held in Lincoln at DaVinci's. **However, the start time will be 11:30 a.m. rather than Noon.**

#### New Business -

**A. Elected Officials Dinner** - The annual event is held each April. President Costanzo and Vice President Suhr offered to host this event. It was suggested that the cost be held within the range of \$15 to \$20 per person. The keynote speaker will again be Lynn Rex, Executive Director of the League of Nebraska Municipalities. The tentative date is April 20. It was noted that the event may have to be held on a date that Ms. Rex is available if we wish her to be the speaker. Linda Secord also offered to host the event in Nebraska City.



The dinner could be held at the Lied Center followed by a golf outing.

**B. Fundraising Prospects** - Jennifer Niemier suggested a "trail walk." Under the Keep America Beautiful program, an organization can pledge to walk a mile while cleaning up litter and is paid \$50. Two miles would earn \$100. The money raised could be used for Clerk's School scholarships. A picnic lunch was suggested.

**C. Clerk Institute/Academy March 14-18** - President Costanzo suggested that the Clerks attending set aside one day for a group luncheon. This idea was well received.

Gwen Grabouski moved approval of both the fundraiser event and the group lunch. Seconded by Kay Dammast; Nays: None.

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## Borgelt accepted as IIMC Academy member

Patricia A. Borgelt, CMC, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator of the City of Tilden, has been accepted as a member in the Master Municipal Clerk Academy Program of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC).

IIMC President Elizabeth H. Kiss, MMC, Municipal Clerk of East Brunswick Township, New Jersey, said: "I am honored to welcome Ms. Borgelt as a member in the Master Municipal Clerk Academy. She is dedicated to

municipal service and an inspiration to all members of our profession."

To date, about 15 percent of 10,300 members of the IIMC have qualified for the Master Municipal Clerk Academy status.

Ms. Borgelt has been employed with the City of Tilden since August 1975 where she serves in the position of municipal clerk/treasurer/administrator.

She completed an IIMC-approved certification program and received her Certified Municipal



Clerk (CMC) designation in December 1992.

Continuing her professional education, she has completed IIMC-approved Academy Programs. She has also completed other courses, seminars and conferences relating to local government.

Active in professional affiliations, she is a member of the IIMC, Nebraska Municipal Clerks Association, League of Nebraska Municipalities and Northeast Clerks Association.

Ms. Borgelt has been a member of the IIMC since September 1983.

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Discussion was held on sending out meeting notices. It was decided that Vice President Suhr would send out meeting notices.

### Other Business –

**A. Bev Hrdy** – Brought up discussion about the IIMC Conference in St. Paul, MN. A chartered bus and

package deal was discussed.

**B. Michele Lincoln** – Brought up discussion on insurance for municipalities. There is an insurance pool in which communities can participate.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

– *Submitted by Joan Ross, CMC Secretary*

## 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](http://www.unicam.state.ne.us).

## Share your news

Share your city or village's news with fellow municipal officials from across the state by sending information for the *Nebraska Municipal Review* to the League of

Nebraska Municipalities, Attn: Lynn Marienau at 1335 L Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-476-2829 by phone, 402-476-7052 by fax, or [lynnm@lonm.org](mailto:lynnm@lonm.org) by e-mail.



## 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.

## March Birthdays

Donna J. Rust .....	Chadron .....	3/1
Arlene Vorce .....	Davenport .....	3/1
Todd C. Crone .....	Kennard .....	3/1
Tami Comte .....	David City .....	3/2
James Mastney .....	Dwight .....	3/3
Donna Ossenkop .....	Eagle .....	3/3
Terry Nelson .....	Loomis .....	3/3
Patricia Chapman .....	Gresham .....	3/4
Pamela Buethe .....	Gretna .....	3/6
Charles P. Jasa .....	Steinauer .....	3/6
Vivian Bunger .....	Upland .....	3/6
Crystal Lenzen .....	Hartington .....	3/7
Rhonda Haumann .....	Theford .....	3/9
Lois Plebanek .....	Fullerton .....	3/10
Annette Gallaway .....	Loup City .....	3/11
Debra Loontjer .....	Deshler .....	3/12
Barbara O'Neill .....	Pleasanton .....	3/12
Linda Sokol .....	Verdigre .....	3/15
Gene Whitefoot .....	Boelus .....	3/20
Janice Elbert .....	Oxford .....	3/20
Connie Jo Beck .....	St. Paul .....	3/21



Pam Becker .....	Rockville .....	3/22
Sue Meline .....	Red Cloud .....	3/23
Ivy Bloom .....	Weston .....	3/23
Patsy Cook .....	Springview .....	3/24
Jan Diehl .....	Superior .....	3/24
Ethel Watson .....	Arapahoe .....	3/25
Cindy Keslar .....	Ravenna .....	3/25
Rose Marie Whiteley .....	Benkelman .....	3/26
Jo Leyland .....	Imperial .....	3/27
Loris Roettger .....	Otoe .....	3/27
Jeanette Cordes .....	Scribner .....	3/29
Sandra Powell .....	Springfield .....	3/29
Maria Knecht .....	Wood River .....	3/31



## **Municipal Legal Calendar**

**(All statute citations to Revised Statutes of Nebraska)**

### **APRIL 2005**

#### **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. (19-1102)
End of each quarter .....	Report from depository banks. (16-714)
Semiannually .....	Mayor and Council publish a statement of receipts and expenditures (16-722)
Last Day .....	Clerk files monthly report. (16-317)
Last Day .....	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)
Last Day .....	Treasurer files monthly financial report. (17-606)
April 30 .....	Liquor licenses (other than Class C) expire unless renewed. (53-124)
** .....	Clerk must prepare agenda prior to next Council meeting. (84-1411)

#### **VILLAGES**

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)
Last Day .....	Treasurer files monthly financial report. (17-606)
April 30 .....	Liquor licenses (other than Class C) expire unless renewed. (53-124)
** .....	Clerk must prepare agenda prior to next Board meeting. (84-1411)



## Nebraska Clerks' Association Nominees

*By Jane Skinner, City of Ogallala  
Chair of the Nominating Committee, NMCA*

Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Association nominees for officers and directors are as follows:

- President:** Harold M. Farrar  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Joan E. Kovar  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Jerry L. Wilcox  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** Beth Deck  
Ginger Neuhart  
**District 3 Director:** RaNae Edwards  
Diane Fries  
**District 4 Director:** Mary Kempf  
Dianne S. Werner  
**District 5 Director:** Vane Holtmeier

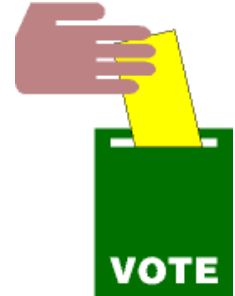
### President

**Harold M. Farrar**, CMC/AAE, has served as Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Kimball for 10 years. Prior to his position with the City of Kimball, Harold was Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Curtis for five years. He has held the offices of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer for the Nebraska Clerks Association. Harold has also served on the audit, silent auction committees and has worked with the vendors. Harold is a member of the Panhandle Clerks Association. He is married to Melody and they have two sons, Seth-a sophomore at University of Wyoming, and Ross-a senior at Kimball County High School. Harold is very active in his community and school system.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

**Joan E Kovar**, CMC/AAE, has served as City Clerk/Treasurer for the City of David City for 11-

and-a-half years. Prior to that, she served as Deputy Clerk for 19 years and Account Clerk for two years. Joan has been involved in the Nebraska Clerks Association as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and District Director. She also has held the offices of President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Southern Seven Clerks Association. She has also worked on the Nebraska Clerks Association Clerks Directory, Welcome Committee, Awards Committee, and discussion leader at Clerks School Round Tables. Joan is married to Tim Kovar and has two daughters, Nicole (21-married) and Michaela (17).



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

**Jerry Wilcox**, CMC/AAE, has served as Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Curtis for 10 years. Prior to that, he served as a Curtis City Council Member for four years. Jerry has held an office of the executive board for four years and is currently serving as secretary/treasurer. Jerry has worked on the silent auction and Wednesday Night Hospitality Committees. Jerry has been married to his wife Denise for 25 years, and their children are Erin, Jesse, and Jordan.

### Secretary/Treasurer

**Beth Deck**, CMC/AAE, has served as City Clerk for the City of Norfolk for 11 years. Prior to that, she served as Deputy City Clerk, as well as Administrative Secretary for the City of Norfolk. Beth has been involved in the Nebraska Clerks'

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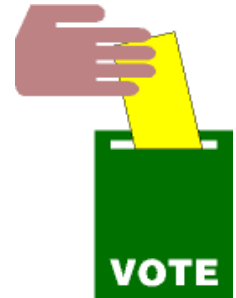
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Association as Region IV Director (two terms), Northeast Nebraska Clerks Association President, Vice-President, and Secretary. She has worked on the Nebraska Clerks Association Certification Committee (Chairman), Audit Committee, Silent Auction, Clerks Week, Municipal Clerks Proclamation Committee, Group leader for "Nuts & Bolts" Roundtable discussions at Clerks School, and Clerk of the Year Committee Chairman. Beth is married with three married daughters, three grandsons (ages 5, 3 and 3 months) and is also a member of Christ Lutheran Church.

**Ginger R. Neuhart**, CMC/MMC, has served as the Deputy Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Waverly for four-and-a-half years. Prior

to her employment with the City of Waverly, she served as the City Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Deshler for 15 years. Ginger has also held the offices of Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-President and President of the South Central Clerks Association. She has served on the audit committee and the nomination committee. Ginger is also the Village Clerk/Treasurer for the Villages of Alvo and Memphis. She is a member of the SE Area Clerk's Association and a member of the National Notary Association.



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## Aquatic Conference to be held April 2-3 in Omaha

The Nebraska Recreation and Parks Association will hold its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Aquatic Conference, for Lifeguards, Pool Managers and Aquatic Supervisors April 2-3 at Brownell-Talbot School, 400 N. Happy Hollow Blvd. Omaha, NE 68132.

This year's featured speaker is James Wheeler, Recreation and Park Manager, City of Nevada City, CA. Wheeler is known nationally as a speaker and author. He has over 20 years work and leadership experience in the field of Aquatics. His upbeat presentation style and hands-on information is sure to

spark your interest and provide you with tools to be used in your own operation. Wheeler is the past President of the National Aquatic Branch, and is very active in his home state with the California Parks and Recreation Society.

The registration fee is \$30 per person. The conference will be held from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. on April 2 and from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on April 3. A State of Nebraska Pool Operator's Clinic will be held on April 3 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. A separate fee of \$40 is required for this clinic. Please make checks

payable to the State of Nebraska.

The conference is sponsored by the Nebraska Recreation and Parks Association, The Schemmer Associates, Aqua-Chem, INC., Associated Supply Company, Inc., Outdoor Recreation Products, ACCO, The City of Omaha, Parks & Recreation, and Brownell-Talbot School.

For more information, please call 402-444-5918. Registration information is available on the Nebraska Recreation and Park Association's web site:

[www.nerpa.us](http://www.nerpa.us)



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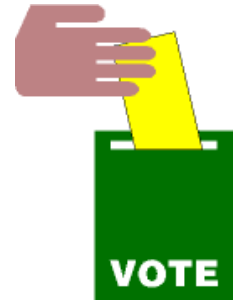
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### District 3 Director

**RaNae Edwards**, CMC, has been the City Clerk for the City of Grand Island for four-and-a-half. Prior to her employment as City Clerk, RaNae was a legal secretary with the City Attorney's office, City of Grand Island for one-and-a-half years. She was also elected Howard County Clerk for 16 years prior to that. RaNae was President of the Central District County Officials Association and held many offices while serving as the County Clerk. RaNae was a member of the Nebraska Intergovernmental Data Communications Advisory Council (NIDCAC). She is also an Admiral of the State of Nebraska, Leadership Tomorrow graduate – Class of 2001, a member of the Grand Island Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians and a two gallon blood donor.

**Diane Fries**, CMC/AEE, has been the City Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Franklin for 14-and-a-half years. Prior to coming to work for the City of Franklin, Diane was the Secretary for Lower Republican NRD (18 years). Diane is currently the District 3 Director, President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer of Heartland Clerks Association. She is also a past officer with the League Municipal Finance & Accounting Committee, as well as presently being a member of the NMPP Computer Services Review Committee. Diane has worked on the Hospitality, Silent Auction, Audit, Nominating, Banquet, and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committees, as well as the Outstanding Clerk Award Committee. Diane has served as a facilitator for Clerks Roundtable session. Diane is a member of Zion American Lutheran Church. She has been married to Bill

for 40 years and she has two daughters and seven grandchildren. She is active in Golf Association and committees at the Franklin Country Club. She works with her grandkids in 4-H and FFA projects. She follows the kids in their athletic events and promotes them in school events, keeping score for their volleyball and basketball games. Her challenge this year will be teaching the 8-year-old twins to sew, as this is their first year in 4-H.



### District 4 Director

**Mary Kempf**, CMC/AEE, has served in the capacity of City Clerk at the City of West Point for 11 years. Prior to that, she served as Deputy City Clerk for one-and-a-half years and a legal secretary for 20 years prior to her work with the city of West Point. She has held the office of President of Three Rivers Clerks Association. Mary has worked on the Monday Night Hospitality Committee, helped with the Silent Auction, Three Rivers Clerks Association – Nominating Committee and Mayor/Council Forum Committee. Mary is active in church and community. She is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church (EME, Perpetual Hour of Adoration, Church Cleaning Group, Church Collection Counting Group, Family Fun Day Auction Committee and videotaping Mass to show on local cable channel). She is also a member of Catholic Daughters of America and served as Regent, she is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary-served as Treasurer, Vice-President, President and County President. Mary is a member of the St. Francis

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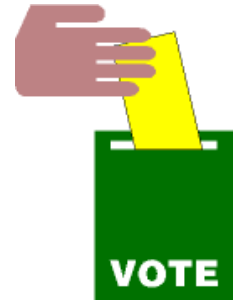
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Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Mary and her husband Ray of 31 years have two children. Roger who lives in Lincoln and Kari who lives in Bellevue.

**Dianne S. Werner**, CMC/MMC, has served as the City Clerk/Treasurer for the past 24 years for the City of Battle Creek. Prior to serving as City Clerk/Treasurer, Dianne served as Assistant City Clerk/Treasurer for over six years. She has also served as President of her area association, the Northeast Nebraska Area Clerks' Association. Dianne has worked on the nominating committee, Clerks' Awards Committee, Silent Auction Committee and Banquet Entertainment Committee. Dianne is a member of IIMC, Nebraska Municipal Clerks Association and Northeast Nebraska Area Clerks Association, as well as being a League of Nebraska Municipalities Legislative Committee member since 1985. Dianne is a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Choir member, Parks of Pride Foundation Board of Directors; cochaired Parks-of-Pride Holiday Parade of Homes Fund Raiser, chaired the 2002 Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska (BRAN) event in Battle Creek. She is a member of Nebraska Prairie Angels (Nebraska Chapter of Angel Collector's Club of America), secretary, past five years. Former member of Battle Creek Toastmasters, treasurer, two years, and Battle Creek Community Club, treasurer, 2 years. Dianne graduated from Battle Creek Public High School and earned her Associate of Arts degree from Northeast Community College, Norfolk, Nebraska. Dianne received the Second Class City Clerk of the Year, 1991; Honorable Mention Winner, 1994 American Community Leadership

Awards Program, National Association of Towns and Townships. Dianne has one daughter, one son and four grandchildren. She enjoys Angel Collecting, Genealogy, Reading and spending time with family.



### **District 5 Director**

**Vanee Holtmeier**, CMC/AEE, has been the Village Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of McCool Junction for 14 years. Vanee is currently the District 5 Director, Southern 7 Clerk's Association President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. Vanee has worked on the Celebration of Clerks, Silent Auction, and Banquet Committees. She has two children, Jackie and Christopher. Vanee is involved in Leadership York planning committee and a Leadership York graduate, member of McCool Community Club and also McCool Junction First Lutheran Church, where she is a church council member.

### **Writing to 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, PO Box 94604  
Lincoln, NE 68509

In addition, many Senators have e-mail addresses available on the Legislature's web site, [www.unicam.state.ne.us](http://www.unicam.state.ne.us).