

Nebraska Municipal Clerks Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Vanee Holtmeier, CMC, NMCA President

Finally, the sun is shining today. It is about time that spring gets here. I don't know about your communities, but the village people around here are really grumpy and complaining. The sun needs to come out so they can work and play outside and get some of their pent-up aggressions out of their systems instead of taking it out on us poor employees.

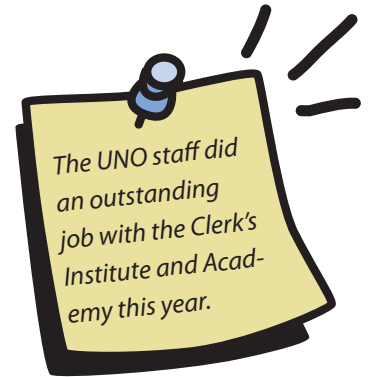
It's hard to believe that another month is gone. I'm still trying to catch up from being gone for a week. I think the UNO staff did an outstanding job with the Clerk's Institute and Academy this year. Melanie has compiled all of the comments and complaints that were written on your assessments for the NMCA officers and directors to review. I just wanted everyone to know that we review all of these comments and complaints and take them into account as we plan for future Clerk Institutes and Academies.

It is also hard to believe that in a little over a week, I will be off to Nashville, Tenn. to attend the IIMC conference to represent Nebraska as your NMCA president. My daughter will be going with me so we can enjoy some mother/daughter time together. I just want to thank you for giving me

this opportunity to attend the Nashville IIMC conference this year and I am getting really excited to go. As graduations and Mother's Day approach, I want to wish all the clerks who have someone graduating, congratulations on your children's and grandchildren's accomplishments and to all mothers and grandmothers, a very Happy Mother's Day.

"If we make our goal to live a life of compassion and unconditional love, then the world will indeed become a garden where all kinds of flowers can bloom and grow."

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Thoughts to ponder:

- **I wondered why** the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- **Police were called** to a day care where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- **Did you hear about the guy** whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- **The roundest knight** at King Arthur's roundtable was Sir Cumference.
- **The butcher backed up** into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
- **To write with a broken pencil** is pointless.
- **When fish are in schools** they sometimes take debate.
- **The short fortuneteller** who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- **A thief who stole** a calendar got 12 months.
- **A thief fell and broke his leg** in wet cement. He became a hardened criminal.
- **Thieves who steal corn** from a garden could be charged with stalking.
- **We'll never run out of math** teachers because they always multiply.
- **When the smog lifts** in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.
- **The math professor went crazy** with the blackboard. He did a number on it.
- **The professor discovered** that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.



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- **The dead batteries** were given out free of charge.
- **A dentist and a manicurist** fought tooth and nail.
- **A bicycle can't stand alone;** it is two-tired.
- **A will** is a dead giveaway.
- **Time flies like an arrow;** fruit flies like a banana.
- **A backwards poet** writes inverse.
- **In a democracy,** it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.
- **A chicken crossing the road:** poultry in motion.
- **If you don't pay** your exorcist, you can get repossessed.

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2011 Silent Auction

The 2011 Silent Auction at the Clerks Institute and Academy was a HUGE SUCCESS. We had 126 items this year with 128 bid numbers taken. These items netted \$2,605.50. We also received donations of \$105, which gave us a total of \$2,710.50 less the expenses of the prizes of \$107.12 for a grand total of \$2,603.38. As far as I can find, this is an all-time high. This is great for the scholarship program – to help clerks continue their municipal education by attending the Institute and Academy who might otherwise not be able to attend.

I hope everyone had FUN at the auction and THANK YOU to every clerk who donated an item or bid on an item. You are the ones who made this auction successful.

I also want to thank my committee members for the fantastic job they did: Kellie Crowell, Ravenna; Jennifer Carlson, Bancroft; Lori Kathol, Dodge; Linda Cech, Clarkson; Al Vacanti, Scribner; Kim McConville, McCook; Kim Volk, Fremont; Melissa Harrell, Wahoo; John Suhr, Valley; Cynthia Petersen, Oakland; June Moline, Mead; and Nancy Hert; Waterloo.

If we did it once, we can do it again. Start planning now to make the auction even bigger and better for 2012. The more money raised – the more scholarships that will be available.

Once again, thanks to everyone -- you are awesome.

*Mary Kempf, MMC
2nd Vice President
Silent Auction Chairman*

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NORTHEAST NEBRASKA CLERK'S ASSOCIATION MINUTES

January 20, 2011

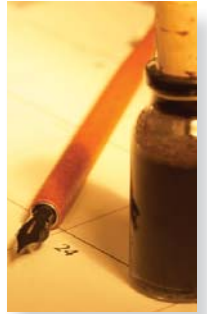
The Northeast Nebraska Clerk's Association met on Jan. 20, 2011 at Norfolk Council Chambers. President Cinda Jones called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Clerks from the following communities were present: Norfolk, Battle Creek, Ewing, O'Neill, Hartington, Neligh, Meadow Grove, Genoa, two from Tilden, Cedar Rapids, Plainview, Clearwater, Verdigre, South Sioux City, Albion, Chambers, Petersburg, Elgin, Oakdale, Wisner, Newman Grove, and Randolph. The meeting started with introductions, as there were some new clerks in attendance.

A motion to approve the Oct. 21, 2011 minutes was made by Nikki Johnston from O'Neill and seconded by Lacie Andreasen from Genoa. Motion carried.

Lacie Andreasen of Genoa gave the treasurer report stating that there was \$291.60 in the checking account and \$735.17 in the savings account. There was a motion to approve the treasurer report made by Alisha Bartling from Verdigre and seconded by Beth Deck from Norfolk. Motion carried. Claims that were presented were for a \$100 scholarship to go toward a Northeast Clerk for clerk's school along with a \$25 amount on retirement bouquets. There was a motion made by Andrew Devine from Albion to approve the treasurer report and claims and seconded by Dana Klabenes from Neligh. Motion carried.

Sunshine Committee was discussed and Jennifer will ask the current clerks on the committee if they still want to be on the committee. South Sioux City Sue Murray Lee moved up from vice president to president. Election of officers took place with two on the ballot for vice president of Michael Flear of Battle Creek and Andrew Devine of Albion. On the

ballot for secretary was Jennifer Carr from Oakdale and treasurer Lacie Andreasen from Genoa. After a couple clerks counted the votes the new vice president is Michael Flear of Battle Creek, Jennifer Carr for secretary, and Lacie Andreasen of Genoa for treasurer. It was asked if anyone was attending the IIMC annual conference in Nashville. Beth Deck of Norfolk stated that she would be going. Next topic was clerk's school and the banquet theme will be Golfing on the Green.



April 21, 2011 meeting will be held at the Norfolk Council Chamber. The topic for the next meeting will be to go through the old minutes to see what topics have been discussed. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lacie Andreasen of Genoa and seconded by Nikki Johnston of O'Neill at the time of 2:57 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be April 21, 2011 in Norfolk at 1 pm.

Speaker was Sheila Schukei, Human Resources Director with City of Norfolk. She discussed the new healthcare reform.

Jennifer Carr – Secretary

CROWELL SAYS THANKS FOR AWARD

What a wonderful surprise! I am so honored to be one of the recipients of the Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Outstanding Clerk Award. I love my job...oh sure, as we all know, some days are very interesting and stressful, but I've been very lucky to have a great support team – and a sense of humor. The support of my family, Mayors, coworkers and, of course, fellow clerks over the years has been awesome. "My cup runneth over!"

*Thank you so much,
Kellie Crowell, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer
City of Ravenna*

CLERKS NEWSLETTER INFORMATION SOUGHT

Dorene Sattler, Deputy City Clerk, City of Geneva, would like to remind you to submit your ideas and materials for the Municipal Clerks' Newsletter to Lynn Marienau at the League of Nebraska Municipalities.

As you know, the newsletter's usefulness to clerks depends on the material provided. Please use the newsletter to tell of relevant events taking place in your community, reports on workshops, seminars or meetings of interest to clerks and as an information exchange, or forum for solving problems facing you and your municipality.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Sandy Psota.....Burwell6/1
 Sharon Holtzen.....Bruning6/1
 Lori Wragge.....Plainview6/2
 Angie Kucera.....Pleasanton.....6/3
 Tammy ShermanLodgepole6/7
 Tina Snider.....Clearwater6/7
 Sabrina OhnmachtBellevue.....6/7
 Sandy Kruml.....Ord6/10
 Melissa WaldoRepublican City6/12
 Melissa HansenUnion.....6/14
 C. Jean Thiele.....York.....6/16
 Mary Tenbenschel.....Arapahoe6/19
 Mary PeschelSchuyler6/20
 Connie HartmanHastings.....6/24

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

A MAN, A DOG, AND A BAR

A man walked into a bar with his dog. The bartender took one look at the two of them and said, "You can't bring that dog in here!" The guy, without missing a beat, replied, "This is my seeing-eye dog."



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"Oh," the bartender said, embarrassed. "I'm sorry. Here, the first one's on me." And, he gave the man a drink.

A few minutes later another man entered the bar with a Chihuahua. The bartender frowned, suspicious. "Hey, you can't bring that dog in here!" The second man said, "But this is my seeing-eye dog."

The bartender said, "I don't think so. They don't use Chihuahuas as seeing-eye dogs."

The second man paused for a half-second and then said, "What? They gave me a Chihuahua?"



Nadine LinkMalcolm.....6/27
 Mindi LaakerBennington6/29

Municipal Legal Calendar

(All statute citations to Revised Statutes of Nebraska)

MAY 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 Passage.....Clerk publishes ordinances passed. (16-405)
Within 30 days following Council meetingClerk publishes official proceedings of meeting, including claims. (19-1102)
First DayAutomatic renewal of beer and liquor licenses (except Class C). (53-124)
At end of monthClerk 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

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

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