



KANSAS CCMFOA WINGS NEWSLETTER FALL 2011



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Fall.....Finally!!! I'm not sure about you but I am ever so glad that fall is here, bringing in the cooler weather and the beautiful fall colors. Chores on the farm are a lot more pleasant in 70 degree weather as opposed to the triple digits, that's for sure! Speaking of the farm, I experienced my first encounter with a bull that escaped from the confines of the fence. It appeared he was trying to pick a "girlfriend" in the neighbor's pen across the road. He wanted nothing to do with the bribe I was trying to offer him with the feed bucket and was insistent on sticking close to the neighbor's fence while pacing back and forth. With a little coaxing and a firm stick he reluctantly returned to the pen. While waiting for my husband to come home, I chose to baby sit the bull as I didn't want him getting out or tearing down any more fences. Definitely not one of my more intelligent decisions! As I stood there in the pen trying to keep a 2,000 pound bull from tearing down a fence, I thought to myself.....this is what I go to rodeos for, to watch professionals in a pen with a bull NOT me.

Thinking that the bull had gone a little crazy, my husband called the veterinarian to explain the bulls' behavior and see if he was okay. Much to our surprise, the vet said that the bull was more than likely missing his buddy. His buddy was my husband's horse that we had to put down the day before due to health reasons. It made perfect sense as "bull boy" would pace the whole pen and then go stand on his buddy's grave and cry out. If I would have taken the time to look in his eyes, I would have seen the sadness. It was a great reminder to me that we should not be too quick to judge and to treat everyone with care and compassion. This is something that I have found that city clerk's do and do well! I am honored to be a part of such an incredible group of individuals that not only care about their counterparts but their jobs as well. Kudos to you all and thank you for all you do.

Now, down to business and to update you on what's going on. The League of Kansas Municipalities held their annual meeting on October 8-10 in Wichita. Brenda Chance was elected Vice President of the League of Kansas Municipalities. Her Vice President election added to the history of LKM as she is the first woman city clerk to serve as an officer in the 101 year history of the association. Only two other city clerks have been elected as officers in LKM and they were Leonard Boyd, City Clerk of Pittsburg, from 1932-1936 and Howard Payne, City Clerk of Kansas City, who served from 1937-1946.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Brenda joins a group of 7 other women who have served LKM as vice-president and then president. These women are: Jan Myers, 1969 Overland Park Councilmember who went on to represent Kansas in congress for many years; Karen Graves, 1981 Salina Commissioner; Peggy Blackman, 1984 Mayor of Marion; Irene French, 1989 Mayor of Merriam; Frances Garcia, 1990 Hutchinson Commissioner; Carol Marinovich, 1990 Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City; and Joan Bowman, 2001 Mayor of Lenexa. Congratulations on your historic accomplishment with LKM.

Erica Jones reported that the Susan Jacobs silent auction made a total of \$690.00. Thank you to all who donated and purchased and also a BIG thank you to Erica for all her hard work. This is Erica's last year to be in charge of the Silent Auction. Please consider stepping up and taking charge of this very important committee as we would not be able to provide the scholarships in the manner in which we do without it. Thank you, Erica for all your hard work!

CCMFOA provided a roundtable session on Important Tips for City Clerks. There was some good discussion and opportunity to promote the organization. The highlight of the conference was being able to present Jerry Lovett-Sperling with the Mildred Vance City Clerk and Municipal Officer of the Year Award. Congratulations again, Jerry.

Plans have been made and set for the Municipal Clerks Certification Institute and the Master Municipal Clerks Academy to be held in Wichita on November 7-11 at the Wichita Marriott. Gayle Martin, CCMFOA Institute and Education Director has once again assembled a great lineup of educational sessions. The deadline to register for Years 1, 2 and 3 is October 24; Year 4 deadline is October 26; and Academy deadline is October 27. Don't miss the deadlines as this is an excellent opportunity to get your points towards your CMC and MMC.

Looking ahead, please be sure to mark your calendars for March 14-16 for the Spring Conference to be held at the Wichita Marriott. Gayle and Brenda have been working very hard to line up some excellent sessions. Be looking for more information in the months to come.

Enjoy the fall weather.....until we meet again.

Kerry Rozman
CCMFOA President

Happy 
Halloween



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Gayle Martin

Institute and Education Director

City Clerks & Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas

KS/IIMC Institute and Academy set in November



Sessions on pursuing grants, navigating new state liquor licensing regulations and monitoring the effects of health care reform on municipalities are among offerings at the upcoming 2011 Kansas/IIMC Master Municipal Clerks' Academy Nov. 10 and 11 in Wichita.

The KS/IIMC Municipal Clerks Certification Institute is Nov. 7 to 11 also in Wichita. The institute will feature classes for students in Year 1 through Year 3 on Monday through Friday. Year 4 students attend one day of classes on Wednesday and then join the Academy on Thursday and Friday.

The traditional graduation ceremony is Thursday evening.

Both training events are at the Wichita Marriott Hotel. For more information, contact Gayle Martin, CCMFOA Education Director, Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs, Wichita State University, (316) 978-6541, gayle.martin@wichita.edu or check the CCMFOA Web site.

Hear Why You Can Make a Difference: 2012 CCMFOA Spring Conference

Imagine if you will, you are a war orphan in South Korea in 1952. Your world is one of hunger, desperation and fear. The priority in your life each day is simply to survive.

This is the story of Judge Tommy Webb, a Kansas district magistrate judge since 1988. Born in Korea in 1952 and living at a Korean orphanage in 1958, he came to the United States in 1959 when he was adopted.

Judge Webb, a graduate of two Kansas colleges, will provide a powerful message as the keynote speaker at the March 2012 CCMFOA Spring Conference. He provides a powerful message as he describes his experiences in "You Can Make a Difference." Judge Webb has spoken at high schools, colleges, teacher in-services, corporations, and local, state and national public service professional development conferences.

Mark your calendars for the Spring Conference March 14 through 16, 2012 at the Wichita Marriott Hotel.



2012 CITY CLERK/FINANCE OFFICER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

CCMFOA – 2012 City Clerk/Finance Officer of the Year Nominations Sought

Mildred Vance City Clerk/ Municipal Finance Officer of the Year



Hello, fellow CCMFOA members! It is that time of the year to begin thinking about the “Mildred Vance City Clerk/ Municipal Finance Officer of the Year” award. The information and application for this prestigious annual award is on the CCMFOA website at www.ccmfoa.org. Click on “Handbook” on the left side of the web page. Go to pages 31-34 for the criterion and the application. The nomination form should be completed and mailed to me for receipt **no later than January 1st, 2012**. We were honored last year with the selection of Jerry Lovett-Sperling, MMC, City Clerk of Lindsborg, who will be assisting the committee members of the Missouri Clerks/Finance Officers Association President, the Illinois Clerks Association President, and a League of Kansas Municipalities representative. The nominations may be submitted by a fellow city clerk or finance officer, council member, city manager/administrator, or a fellow employee. Please take a few minutes and read over the information and then send in your nomination. Please ensure you include as much information as possible in each category as these points are vital in the final computation of judging standards. The Missouri and Illinois presidents, as well as the LKM representative, are not always familiar with the nominee. Therefore, it is very important to write in as much as is possibly known about your nominee’s involvement in doing his/her job and the dates of committees he/she served on. If you have any questions, please contact me at 913.583.1182 x 110 or by email at lmcperson@desotoks.us

Lana McPherson, MMC

Chair of the Award Committee

Past City Clerk of the year recipients

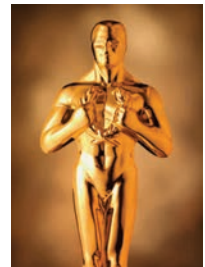
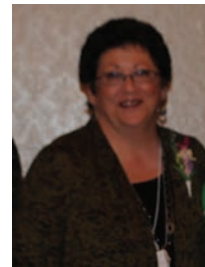
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Brenda Chance
Phillipsburg

Cheri Peine
Oswego

Lana McPherson
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Jerry Lovett-Sperling
Lindsborg

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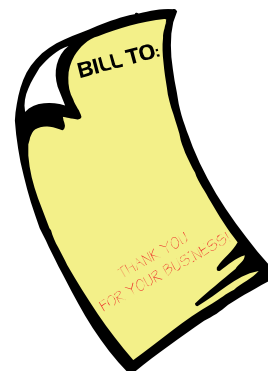
CCMFOA 2012 DUES STATEMENT

CITY CLERKS AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE
OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS
2012 ANNUAL DUES STATEMENT

Membership Period is 1/1/12 through 12/31/12

<u>Class of City</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1 st Class City	\$75.00
2 nd Class City	\$50.00
3 rd Class City	\$25.00
Associate Member*	\$25.00

(*Associate member is any member no longer serving in a position with a city)



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**MMC – Master Municipal Clerk

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CLERK NEWS

LKM CONFERENCE PICTURE



2011 League of Kansas Municipalities Conference, Wichita, Kansas. Group photo at the clerk breakfast.

THANK YOU

To my friends in CCMFOA and the Illinois and Missouri Clerks

Please accept my apology for being so late in sending my thank-you for the wonderful honor you gave me back in March. Every time I start to write, I get this big lump in my throat and I have to stop. The lump isn't going away, but here goes. Never in my life did I imagine that I would have the job I have and work with people so committed to their communities and to their mission. Somewhere there is probably a quote about being only as good as the people you associate with and clerks by and large are the best people to hang around with that I know. Being a City Clerk is one of the most precious gifts I have been given and to be honored as the CCMFOA of Kansas, Mildred Vance Clerk of the Year is indeed humbling. My parents taught me the value in giving time and energy to others and that gift has been returned to me many times over. Every clerk in the state of Kansas deserves to be Clerk of the Year because you earn it every day by your commitment to the citizens of your communities and to CCMFOA. Thank you again, WOW!

Jerry Lovett-Sperling, MMC

City Clerk, Lindsborg, KS



CLERK NEWS

REGION NEWS

REGION 7

Region 7 Clerks met for a fabulous meeting in June in Syracuse, KS. Though not many were able to make the meeting, those of us that did will remember it forever! Participating were Syracuse, Garden City, Dodge City and Fowler. The Syracuse City Clerks office had a great meal and after our meeting we went to visit the Syracuse Sand Park where we were able to experience the dunes up close. Region 7 Clerk daredevils ROCK!!!



Left to right: Risa DeVaney from Syracuse, Belinda Thornburg from Fowler, Stacey Frizzell from Garden City, and Connie Marquez from Dodge City



CCMFOA REGIONS BY COUNTY

Region 1: Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton, Phillips, Smith, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Graham, Rooks, Osborne, Wallace, Logan, Gove, Trego, Ellis and Russell

Region 2: Greeley, Wichita, Scott, Lane, Ness, Hodgeman, Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Gray, Ford, Stanton, Grant, Haskell, Morton, Stevens, Seward, Meade and Clark

Region 3: Rush, Barton, Pawnee, Stafford, Edwards, Pratt, Kiowa, Comanche and Barber

Region 4: Jewell, Republic, Mitchell, Cloud, Lincoln, Ottawa, Ellsworth, Saline, Rice and McPherson

Region 5: Reno, Harvey, Butler, Greenwood, Kingman, Sedgwick, Elk, Harper, Sumner, Cowley and Chatauqua

Region 6: Washington, Marshall, Clay, Riley, Pottawatomie, Dickinson, Geary, Wabaunsee, Marion, Morris and Chase

Region 7: Nemaha, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Atchison, Shawnee, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Douglas, and Johnson

Region 8: Lyon, Osage, Franklin, Miami, Coffey, Anderson, Linn, Woodsen, Allen, Bourbon, Wilson, Neosha, Crawford, Montgomery, Labette, and Cherokee

IIMC 66th ANNUAL CONFERENCE PORTLAND, OREGON MAY 20—24, 2012 “Ascending to New Heights”





Our Mission Statement

“Promoting Responsive and Responsible Government”

In order to promote responsive and responsible government, the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas provides a comprehensive support network of professional development resources and education opportunities for the benefit of its members and the communities they serve; encouraging competency, integrity, efficiency and accountability in the delivery of local government services.

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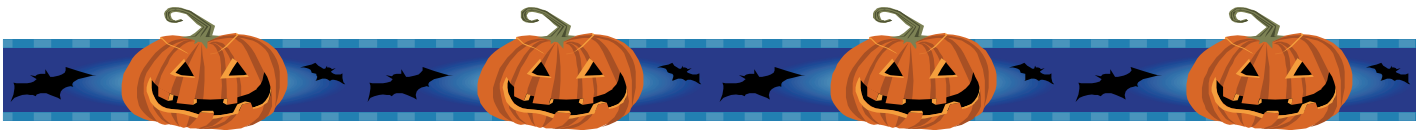
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