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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"Lend me the stone
solid strength of the past
And I will lend you wings
to the future."

Robert Jeffers

EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

TAKE A MINUTE

It's that time of year, again. Remember, it's the time you used to call the "holiday season". It's the time you used to spend building snowmen with the kids, or baking Christmas goodies for friends and neighbors, or making crafty presents for the relatives. It's even the time when you used to go caroling with the Church or just relax in front of a roaring fire. Do you remember?

Then, somehow, those simple pleasures of life got lost. It could have something to do with being a "City employee" and the fact that the auditors will be in your office at 8:00 a.m. on January 2nd. It could even be yearly salary adjustments, insurance rate changes, W-2's and City-owned vehicle mileage. Nonetheless, the youthful pleasure of the season has been replaced by the hum-drum of "year-end".

Friends, this year do one thing for yourself and your family - TAKE A MINUTE. Take the time to enjoy life - you may not always have the chance. Help the kids decorate the tree. Take a walk in the falling snow. Send a card to a friend. Hug your child.

For just a minute, put as much effort into life as you do into your job.

Think about it....

Debbie Durler, Editor

It was good to see so many of you at the business meeting when we met at the League of Kansas Municipalities convention in Wichita.

Our business meeting was well attended. We left a couple of items unfinished and will take them up again in March. The Clerk/Finance Officer of the Year Award will go back to the committee and a new idea will be presented at the March meeting. We did, however, get the Clerk/Finance Officer Scholarship through and I am looking forward to seeing "Who it will be". I am really excited about this, so get your pencils sharpened and go for it. This year the IIMC convention will be in Little Rock, Arkansas in May and the GFOA convention will be April 29 - May 2 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

This is the issue to wish everyone "Happy Holidays" and I wish each one of you a great year in your jobs. Set some different goals this year and make things happen.

Jean Krehbiel
President

GET WELL SOON, JEAN

Our Association President, Jean Krehbiel, City Clerk of Hesston, is recovering from back surgery performed on October 26th. Jean has been suffering from severe pain for quite some time now and she decided that it was time to do something about it.

We all wish you a very successful and speedy recovery, Jean. We hope that you will be back to your chipper self by the time we see you in March.

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PUBLICATION CHANGES

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this issue has been delayed. This means two back-to-back issues, a difficult task. As a result, there will not be a January issue of "Wings". The next publication will be April.

Notices of proposed bylaw changes and the proposed roster of officers for next year's Board have been included in this issue to fulfill the requirement of publication at least 20 days before the March meeting.

*** HAPPY HOLIDAYS ***

The holidays are upon us once again. It is the wish of the Board of CCMFO that each of you have a healthy and happy Christmas, and that your New Year is the very best.

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GRANDMOTHERS

**A THIRD GRADER SHARES HER COMMENTS
ABOUT GRANDMOTHERS.**

A Grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes other people's little girls. A Grandfather is a man Grandmother.

Grandmothers don't have to do anything except to be there. They are old, so they shouldn't play hard or run. It is enough if they drive us to the market where the pretend horse is and have lots of dinners ready for us. Or if they take us for walks they should slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars. They should never say "hurry up." Usually they are fat but not too fat to tie the kids' shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear.

It is better if they don't type-write or play cards except with us. They don't have to be smart only answer questions like why dogs hate cats or why God isn't married. They don't talk baby-talk like visitors do because it is hard to understand. When they read to us they don't skip or mind if it is the same story again.

"Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if they don't have television because Grandmothers are the only grown-ups who have got time.

REMEMBERING NAMES

Here are six tips to help you remember names, developed by George Bell, a Westborough, Mass., memory expert:

- 1) When you're introduced, ask the person to repeat his name.
- 2) Repeat the name to yourself. This improves recall by 30 percent.
- 3) Use the name in conversation with the person.
- 4) Look at the face. Most of us remember faces better than we do names.
- 5) Associate the name to the face, and form a mental picture.
- 6) Use the name when saying goodbye. This final reinforcer will assure you that you know the name.

**"WINGS"
PUBLICATION DATES AND DEADLINES**

"Wings" will be published in July, October, January and April. Anyone wishing to submit information should do so by the 10th of the month preceding publication.

MEMBERS RECEIVE RECOGNITION

Thirteen members of the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas were honored for their years of municipal service recently at the Annual League of Kansas Municipalities Meeting in Wichita.

Elsie George, City Clerk of Augusta, and Mary Jo Ray, City Clerk of Hoisington, were both honored for 25 years of service.

Eleven members were honored the 10-year service award. They are: Phyllis Walton, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk of Atchison; Mary Martin, City Clerk of Canton; Mary Carlile, City Clerk of Colwich; Twila Howard, City Clerk of Dighton; Helen Beashore, City Clerk of Edwardsville; Jacilyn Rundell, City Clerk of Goddard; Debbie Durler, City Clerk of Great Bend; Jan Meisinger, City Clerk of Hillsboro; Vicki Gillett, City Clerk of Larned; Connie Schaidt, City Clerk of Merriam; and Alice Sander, City Clerk of Victoria.

We should be proud that so many of the honorees are members of our profession and association. Next time you see these fellow members, please be sure to congratulate them.

CALENDAR

December 8-9, 1989
IIMC Region VII Meeting, Chicago Illinois

March ?, 1989
CCMFO School, Lawrence Holiday

IIMC REGION VII MEETING

Region VII of the IIMC will be meeting in Chicago, Illinois on December 8th and 9th, 1989. One item of interest will be Kansas' nomination of Tom Roberts, Immediate Past President of CCMFO, as a Region VII Director.

The meeting will be held at the O'Hare Hilton. Rates for a single room are \$71.00, and double rooms are \$91.00. There will be an Executive Board Meeting on Friday with a reception in the evening. The meeting will adjourn at about 2:00 p.m. on Saturday to allow more time for travel.

If you are interested in attending and would like more information, contact Tom Roberts in Kansas City.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

A "Wings" look at CCMFO members from around the State. Take the time to get to know your fellow clerks.

Beth Rawlings Dains started work as City Clerk/Court Clerk of Madison just a few days after she finished college 8 1/2 years ago. She is a native of Madison, graduating from Madison High School in 1977. She attended Southwestern College from 1977-81 where she studied mass communications. Beth also attended 4 years of night classes at Butler County Community College and Emporia State University where she studied computers and economics. She is a member of IIMC and attained her CMC designation on 11-15-85. Beth is a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Madison Star Chapter #350. She recently closed out a Federal HUD Grant which took 7 years.

Beth's husband Chris is a Patrol Officer and HPER with the City of Madison. They have one son, Joseph, 21 months, and are expecting one, maybe two, in late December. Beth says "my greatest honor is becoming a mother - it's such a wonderful feeling watching this baby grow and watching and learning about life as I watch Joseph. We spend most all of our free time together as a family."

Rose M. Gourley serves as the City Clerk of Lincoln Center, a position she has held for 5 1/2 years. Prior to that, she was Deputy City Clerk for 3 1/2 years, Deputy County Treasurer of Lincoln County for 2 years, and Head Dispatcher with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department for 6 years. Rose was born and grew up in Lincoln Center, and she graduated from Lincoln High School as the Class Valedictorian. She has taken some accounting and computer classes through Cloud County Community College. Rose is a member of IIMC, a boardmember of the Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce, a trustee for the Health Care Foundation of Lincoln County, and a member of the Lincoln Leopard Rooster Club. Rose's son, Troy, 17, is quite active in athletics, so she spends lots of time following his schedule. She also has a part-time job clerking at a convenience store and helps Troy with his paper route. Rose enjoys music, reading, snow skiing, participation in volleyball and softball, and watching live athletic events.

Roberta Kimble has been with the City of Mulvane for 21 years. She has served as City Clerk for 9 years, and prior to that, she was City Treasurer for 12 years. She is a member of IIMC and attained her CMC in November of 1983. She also has attended business college. Roberta grew up on a farm west of Mulvane, and has lived around and about the area all of her life. She and her husband John both graduated from Mulvane High School. John works as a Cemetery Caretaker, and the Kimbles have been married for 43 years and have lived in their present home all that time. They have four children - 3 grown daughters and one son, who are all married and live in the area. Roberta is a member of the Mulvane Methodist Church, the American Legion, and the Eastern Star Chapter. She served 8 years as Mother Advisor of the Rainbow Girls. Roberta and her husband enjoy traveling, and they also have 9 grandchildren coming and going at various times that keep them busy.

Alice C. Considine became City Clerk of Halstead five years ago. Prior to that, she was Deputy Clerk for our years. Alice is a member of IIMC and she attained her CMC on 9-14-89. She graduated from Halstead High School and completed courses in accounting and computer at Hutch Juco. Alice was born in Kiowa, Kansas, and lived in Wellington and Wichita before moving, with her parents, to Halstead when she was in the 3rd grade. Her husband Bill is a self employed contractor and rancher. They have seven children ranging in age from 29 to 37 - Guy, Mark, Cindy, Pam, Phil, Mary and Mike. The Considines also have eleven grandchildren who keep them very busy. Alice is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Club Amicorum, O.E.S. #447, Halstead Historical Society Charter Member, and Moderator of the Evangelism Committee at the Church.

Verna Ferguson's career with the City of Concordia started 30 years ago. The past 8 years she has served as City Clerk/Director of Finance, for 2 years she was the office manager, and for 20 years she worked as the accounting clerk/payroll clerk/secretary to the City Manager. Verna is a member of the IIMC and she received her CMC in December of 1984.

She is a graduate of Sinclair Rural High School, Lovewell, Kansas, and has attended many seminars and workshops in municipal government and completed courses in computer sciences. She was born in Vici, Oklahoma, and lived in Red Cloud, Nebraska; Webber, Kansas; and Superior, Nebraska, as a child before moving to Lovewell when she was 14.

Verna has three children - Randy Scott who is married and lives in Salt Lake City, Utah; Steven Scott who is single and lives in Concordia; and daughter, Amy Douson, who is married and lives in El Dorado. Verna is a member of the Wesleyan Church, Kiwanis Club, Concordia Fallfest Committee, and belongs to three bridge clubs. In 1987 she had the privilege of traveling to South Africa as a guest of the Citys of Johannesburg and Capetown. As a result of that trip, she has presented a slide program to various civic groups, schools, church groups, etc.

In June of 1988 Verna attended a school reunion (only 3 times in the last 35 years) and met a former schoolmate, Dale W. Ferguson. They started dating a couple of weeks later, married in November, bought a house in January and are busy living happily ever after. Dale has a 13 year old daughter, Cheri, and he is self-employed in financial services. Verna and Dale both love to travel, and since they have been married, they have been to Colorado, Oklahoma, Utah, Missouri, and various places in Kansas.

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of the deed could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust, sweat, and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again ... because there is no effort without error and shortcoming.

It is the man who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms; the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement ... and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

Theodore Roosevelt

WHAT'S GOING ON?

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS...

NEW CMC'S

***The International Institute of Municipal Clerks is devoted to advancing the professionalization of the office of Municipal Clerk and improving the administration and efficiency of government.

The unique Certification Program of the IIMC was launched in 1970, climaxing a decade of planning. The program aids municipal clerks and deputy clerks in improving their job performance and recognizes the professionalization of the Municipal Clerk's office. Completion of a recognized career development institute or a baccalaureate degree in public administration or related field, responsible experience in local government, and participation in conferences, meetings, and educational seminars are required to achieve this prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk designation. Qualifications of applicants are reviewed and approved by the IIMC Certification Committee.

Laurie E. Neemann, City Clerk of Hiawatha, has been awarded the designation of "Certified Municipal Clerk" (CMC) from the IIMC for achieving its highest educational, experience, and service requirements.

Ms. Neemann has been City Clerk of Hiawatha since 1984. Previously, she held managerial positions in private businesses.

She completed the Municipal Clerks Institute, offered by the University of Kansas. This program provides over 100 contact hours of courses in the field. In addition, she has also attended a number of workshops relating to her position, sponsored by the City Clerks and Finance Officers School.

Her professional affiliations include membership in the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas (currently serving on the Membership Committee), Government Finance Officers Association and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. She has assisted in presentations at area clerks meetings and the Annual City Clerks and Finance Officers Schools, as well as developing area clerks meetings for the northeast portion of Kansas.

Laurie attends St. Ann's Catholic Church and is a helper with the first grade C.C.D. program. She and her husband, Michael, have two children - Sara, age 7 and Chris, age 4.

Carol Jones, City Clerk of Hill City, has been awarded the designation of "Certified Municipal Clerk" (CMC) from the IIMC for achieving its highest educational, experience, and service requirements. Carol is the first City Clerk in Hill City to be certified.

Ms. Jones has been City Clerk of Hill City since 1982. Previously, she was Deputy County Treasurer and worked in the Graham County Treasurer's Office for nine years.

She completed the Municipal Clerks Institute, offered by the University of Kansas. This program provides over 100 contact hours of courses in the field.

Her professional affiliations include membership in the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas (currently serving on the Program Committee and as Area Coordinator for a six-county area), League of Kansas Municipalities and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Carol attends St. Ann's Catholic Church and is a helper with the first grade C.C.D. program. She and her husband, Michael, have two children - Sara, age 7 and Chris, age 4.

WEDDING BELLS

** I received the following letter after I placed an article in the July 89 "Wings" alluding to a marriage...

Dear Debbie:

I thought I would write you to set the facts straight concerning the rumors of my recent marriage. We did not get married on July 13th when we had originally planned, however, we did get married on August 18th at our home in Spring Hill.

My husband is a banker in Spring Hill which is located about 10 miles south of Dlathe. We have moved there and Chelsea started kindergarten. I will be working in Osawatomie until October 13th or maybe a little longer if I haven't found a job by then.

I will be attending the League meeting in Wichita. It will be a good time to say good bye to everyone.

Sincerely,

Dede Smyth

** She forgot to say, but I think her husband's name is Steve**

RATES GO DOWN

Through a rate study by the League of Municipalities for the City of Hillsboro, the decision was made by the Hillsboro Governing Body to lower electric rates in all rate classes and to eliminate demand charges.

This decision was made primarily as the City's contribution to economic development. A substantially lower commercial rate than most other local communities should be beneficial for new businesses wishing to locate in Hillsboro; and, a lowering of rates to existing businesses improves the current economic climate.

The rate changes are as follows:
Residential - From \$.0860 per kwh with \$5.60 minimum (includes 25 kwh) TO \$.0800 per kwh with a \$5.00 base charge.

Commercial - From \$.1247 per kwh (first 1,000) .0897 per kwh (all over 1,000) \$6.72 minimum (includes 62 kwh) TO \$.085 per kwh (first 4,000) .080 per kwh (all over 4,000) with \$5.00 base charge.

Heavy Commercial - From \$9.54 per KW Demand plus .0496 per kwh usage. Minimum demand charge - customers paid 100% of highest peak during July, August, and September and 80% of their highest usage for remaining 9 months TO No Demand Charge (same as commercial rate).

SEARCHING....

I am searching for a unique, different, or better "Key to the City" for our Mayor to award to VIP's visiting our community. If you have any ideas, please contact Paula Shapland, 115 W. Grant, Ulysses, Kansas 67880, (316) 356-4600

Two little girls were sitting at a crowded lunch counter located in a busy department during the Christmas rush.

One little girl said, "You're right. It's harder to be an angel than a virgin."

Her comment stopped the surrounding lunchers, until the other girl replied. "I know, the angel has almost all the lines."

CITY WINS 1ST ROUND IN FIGHT WITH STATE

By John Carras, Kansan Staff Writer

Kansas City, Kansas won the first round in its legal battle to retain the right to issue birth and death certificates locally instead of giving up that authority to the state's Office of Vital Statistics in Topeka.

This past week, Wyandotte County District Court Judge Cordell Meeks, Jr. ruled the Office of Vital Statistics exceeded its authority under state law when in July it abolished all local registrars in Kansas.

Meeks said the state law regarding local registrars needs clarification by the Kansas Legislature. Legislators, if they want, may abolish all local registrars and give all authority on issuing birth and death certificates to the Office of Vital Statistics. But under the current law, the Office of Vital Statistics cannot on its own abolish the local registrars, Meeks ruled.

The Office of Vital Statistics says it will appeal the court decision to the Kansas Court of Appeals which is expected to hear the appeal early next year. But the appeals court is expected to issue a stay on Meeks order shortly, meaning that pending outcome of the appeal all birth and death certificates will continue to be issued by the Office of Vital Statistics in Topeka, according to Henry Couchman, assistant KCK attorney who handled the case for the city.

The court decision is in the case of Tom Roberts and Donna Teasley vs. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, which encompasses the Office of Vital Statistics. Roberts is the KCK City Clerk and Teasley the Assistant City Clerk. Up until July 1, their office here as a state-appointed local registrar issued birth and death certificates for the convenience of local residents. But in June the Office of Vital Statistics sent Roberts a letter informing him that effective

July 1 he would no longer issue birth and death certificates, that such business would be handled only in Topeka.

The action meant that local residents could no longer drop by city hall and quickly get a copy of a birth or death certificate at the city clerk's office.

Roberts opposed the state action because it takes longer for the public to deal with state officials for such documents. Transferring that function to the state is not in the best interests of the public, Roberts and other city officials agreed. City officials also were convinced that the Office of Vital Statistics did not have the statutory authority to abolish the local registrar.

State officials said transferring such duties to the state helps reduce fraud and saves money. A direct reporting system with wide use of computers helps to expedite the filing and processing of vital records which in turn allows more prompt service to the applicants needing certified copies, state officials said.

After informing Roberts of the change in procedure state officials also sent letters to KCK funeral homes and hospitals ordering them to submit all birth and death information directly to the Office of Vital Statistics and not to the city clerk's office.

Roberts said his office has received many complaints from the public about the procedural change. It takes state officials two weeks to process and mail a copy of a birth or death certificate to a citizen requesting such. Or the person can drive to Topeka to do it in person to get a certificate the same day. The mailing system is an undue delay if the citizen needs the certificate quickly and the driving to Topeka is an inconvenience and costs money, Roberts said.

"It's much more convenient for citizens to drop by city hall for that business than deal with the state office in Topeka," Roberts said. "We have a petition in circulation calling for reinstatement of the local registrar system. We have close to a thousand signatures. We think this issue will end up in the hands of the Kansas Legislature next year. We will present the petition to the lawmakers to let them know there is widespread support for having a local registrar here in Wyandotte County."

Roberts said that instead of abolishing all local registrars across the state, the Office of Vital Statistics could establish several regional registrars. Missouri has a regional registrar system which saves many citizens a long drive to the state capital to quickly get a copy of a birth or death certificate, Roberts said.

** See related resolution in Business Meeting notes.

"SMILES"

Smiles is the longest word in the world - there is a mile between the first and last letters of the word.

He smiled-and his home was a place of happiness.

He smiled-and his business clients and callers spoke well of him, and business increased.

He smiled-and all who entered his office door were pleased to be greeted as friend and equal.

He smiled-and followed the smile with a brotherly handclasp; and those who were discouraged and downcast went out and took a new grip on life and their work.

He smiled-and while the years rolled on, he grew younger, because-he smiled.

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CCMFO BUSINESS MEETING NEWS

CLERK OF THE YEAR AWARD

*** The following is the report presented to the membership in attendance at the Business Meeting in Wichita in October:

At the Board of Directors Meeting in June it was the consensus of the Board that we initiate a Clerk of the Year Award. Jean Krehbiel and her region came up with the following criteria:

1. Must have 5 years experience.
2. Must have at least CMC or in pursuit.
3. Must belong to the State and National Associations.
4. Active in community affairs.
5. Must be competent and show interest in their profession.

The nomination slips will be put in the July issue of "Wings" as that is the issue that is sent to all cities, not just CCMFO members. A nomination slip will also be in the Kansas Government Journal. Mayors and Councilmembers will also be asked to nominate a Clerk. The Clerk that each entity nominates must be able to write a bio which will include records of contributing to the community and State and they should have high respect as a Clerk in their City.

The committee for judging consists of the 5 past "Clerks of the Year". To start with, the President will appoint a committee of 5 and then go from there, slipping in each clerk of the year.

Nomination deadline will be October 1st of each year. The committee will then meet and announce the winner in the October issue of "Wings". A recognition dinner is planned and anyone is welcome to attend. There will be a program with the Clerk's bio read. The Clerk will also be awarded a plaque.

It was suggested that the winning Clerk's region would host the dinner, and that everyone would be responsible for their own meals. The question was also asked concerning whether the cost of the decorations and plaque would come from the Association treasury.

*** There were several questions raised from the floor about the award. It was agreed that the name and wording needed to be changed to encompass Finance Officers and/or Treasurers who are members of the Association. It was the consensus of the membership present that the form be revised and brought to the March Business Meeting for discussion.

Anyone with suggestions should contact Jean Krehbiel.

Following discussion and revisions, the membership attending the Business Meeting approved the following:

CLERK/FINANCE OFFICER SCHOLARSHIP

The nomination forms for this scholarship will be in "Wings", with the winner chosen by a committee of the past 5 winners. The initial committee will be appointed by the President with each consecutive winner replacing one member of the original committee.

This award will include coach airfare, hotel, meals, transfers to and from airport, registration, etc. for a clerk or finance officer to attend their annual international conference.

The criteria for this award is:

1. The applicant must write a letter of financial need.
2. Include community affairs activities.
3. Answer the question "Why do you want to go?"

The winner will be announced at the CCMFO March School.

*** The application for this scholarship is included in this issue of "Wings". Completed applications should be sent to Jean Krehbiel in Hesston.

VITAL STATISTICS RESOLUTION

The membership adopted the following resolution at the Business Meeting in Wichita:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Uniform Vital Statistics Act, K.S.A. 6502401 et seq., provided for a network of local registrars, and further provides that the city clerk of an incorporated city within each registration district shall ordinarily be designated as the local registrar for such district, K.S.A. 65-2407; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Vital Statistics Act mandates that birth, stillbirth, and death certificates shall be filed with the local registrar, K.S.A. 65-2409, -2412, and that the local registrar shall transmit the certificates to the state registrar, K.S.A. 65-2430; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Vital Statistics Act provides no authority for the State Registrar to eliminate local registrars and institute direct reporting of vital statistics; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Legislature repeatedly has refused to abolish the system of local registrars by rejecting House Bill No. 2715 in the 1988 legislative session and Senate Bill No. 699 in 1984, both of which died in committee; and

WHEREAS, by eliminating the local registrar system and instituting direct reporting of vital statistics, the Department of Health and Environment, through the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, has exceeded its statutory authority, has usurped legislative power, and has violated the doctrine of separation of powers; and

WHEREAS, the District Court of Wyandotte County has declared the elimination of the local registrar and institution of direct reporting of vital statistics contrary to the provisions of the Uniform Vital Statistics Act, beyond administrative authority, violative of the doctrine of separation of powers and, therefore, void; and

WHEREAS, local registrars have the potential to be of service to the people of their communities by facilitating access to information about births and deaths.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY CLERKS AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS:

1. We condemn the unlawful action taken by the State Registrar in eliminating local registrars without legislative authorization; and

2. We petition the Kansas Legislature to provide statutory authority for our citizens to have access to birth and death information on a local level.

ADOPTED THIS 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 1989.

Jean Krehbiel, President
Ron Thornburg, Secretary

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee met at the League of Kansas Municipalities Meeting in October and offered the following slate of officers for the 1990-1991 year:

PRESIDENT: Mary Reed, Parsons
VICE-PRES: Ron Thornburg, Dodge City
SECRETARY: Karen Fitzoier, Maize
TREASURER: Debbie Durler, Great Bend
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
John Torline, Newton
Verna Ferguson, Concordia

These officers will be voted on at the March Business Meeting in Lawrence. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The By-Laws Committee submits the following change to our By-Laws to allow associate memberships by persons not in the profession. This By-Law amendment will be voted on at the March business meeting in Lawrence.

By-Laws

Article III - Membership

Any person serving in the capacity of city clerk and/or municipal finance officer of any city or governmental agency of the State of Kansas, either elected or appointed; or any assistant city clerk, deputy city clerk, city treasurer, assistant city treasurer, or assistant finance officer shall be eligible for membership in this organization.

The annual membership dues of the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas shall be established or amended by a majority vote of those members attending the annual meeting. The new dues structure shall become effective one year after approval. Dues may vary depending on the class of city; cities of the first class, cities of the second class and cities of the third class. Dues of other agencies shall be the same as established for cities of the second class.

**Any member no longer serving in the capacity of city clerk and/or municipal finance officer may retain an associate membership upon payment of one-half the amount of the annual dues of the city last served by the member.

** The above section to be replaced by the following section:

(Associate membership may be retained by any member no longer serving in a capacity described in the first paragraph of this Article III. Associate membership may be obtained by those holding full membership and voting rights in city clerks and municipal finance officers associations in other states. Annual dues for associate members shall be one-half the amount established for Kansas cities of the second class. Associate members shall have no voting privileges.)

How many college football players does it take to screw in a lightbulb? Just one, but it's worth three credits.

How many Pentagon workers does it take to screw in a lightbulb? Just one, but they pick a guy who has very careful hands - the bulb cost \$16,000.

CITY CLERKS AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICERS OF KANSAS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Tom G. Roberts is presently serving as Immediate Past President of the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas, having completed his term as President on March 8, 1989; and

WHEREAS, Tom G. Roberts has served the City of Kansas City, Kansas, since 1975, served as Deputy City Clerk from 1982-1985, served as City Clerk from 1985 to present, has been a member of the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas since 1982, has been a members of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks since 1982, is a Certified Municipal Clerk, has twice been a member of the IIMC International Committee, and is presently serving on the IIMC Professional Status Committee; and

WHEREAS, Tom G. Roberts has expressed the desire to serve the states of Kansas, Missouri and Illinois as Region VII Director of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY CLERKS AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICERS OF KANSAS:

(1) That the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas does hereby enthusiastically support and endorse the nomination of Tom G. Roberts, CMC, City Clerk of Kansas City, Kansas for the IIMC Region VII Director of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks; and

(2) That the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas does hereby encourage all Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois clerks as well as all other IIMC members to cast their ballots for IIMC Region VII Director in favor of Tom G. Roberts, CMC, City Clerk of Kansas City, Kansas, at the IIMC Annual Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, in May, 1990.

ADOPTED THIS 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 1989.

Jean Krehbiel, President
Ron Thornburg, Secretary

IIMC MEMBERSHIP

As of August 31, 1989, Total IIMC membership is 9,530 members, with Kansas having 260 members.

There are 2,297 IIMC active CMCs, with Kansas having 65.

There are 315 IIMC active AAEs, with Kansas having 10.

Kansas has one AAE person (Bernice Crummett, Overland Park) in second sustaining of the AAE program and has her AAE gold pin.

Kansas ranks 12th in IIMC membership. The other states ahead of Kansas are California (537), Michigan (527), New Jersey (512), Illinois (373), Florida (372), Wisconsin (367), Iowa (347), Minnesota (344), New York (343), Ontario (338), Texas (316).

Anyone wishing to have more information about IIMC, or the CMC and AAE programs should contact Vernon Stallman, City Clerk/Director of Finance, City of Hutchinson, PO Box 1567, Hutchinson, KS 67504.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

This is my first and probably last article for "Wings."

I attended the 1989 Certification Institute banquet and dance again this year. I enjoyed myself very much again as usual. This year the Hospitality Committee tried something different for entertainment at the dance. Instead of renting a juke box, we hired the "One Man Band" that played at the Park Inn in March of 1988.

The question I have is what did most of the other clerks at the Institute think about having this type of entertainment instead of a juke box?

I would really like to get some responses back because we are thinking of having the same person entertain at the March annual meeting.

So, if you either liked or disliked the singer, please let me know, or I will be forced to use my opinion only. My Phone number is (913) 989-4711 and my mailing address is PO Box 27, Wathena, KS 66090.

Thanks,
Ron Gabriel, City Clerk
Hospitality Committee Chairman

P.S. The male/female ratio this year was 9 to 76.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome to all of the new and renewed City Clerks, Finance Officers, Treasurers, Assistant Clerks, Accounting Managers, and Associate Members. Your support of CCMFO is appreciated and needed.

The CCMFO Treasurer, Karen Fitzmier, reports 373 renewals, 55 new members due to change of personnel, 14 new members due to cities adding more positions, and 2 new members from cities rejoining. The total membership count, including associates, is 448, which is up from last year's count on March 17th of 439. This year's memberships represent 353 cities, leaving 274 cities without memberships.

The membership committee will be contacting the non-member cities to encourage their participation. We encourage each of you to contact at least one non-member city to invite them to join and participate in CCMFO.

Paula Shapiand
Membership Chairman

PICTURES AND ARTICLE ABOUT CERTIFICATION SCHOOL AND THE GRADUATING CLASS WILL BE IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

REGIONAL NEWS

We had our first Regional City Clerks meeting for this area on July 13, 1989. We had eleven clerks there and several letters from clerks who would have liked to come, but had other commitments that day.

I circulated a questionnaire and most were returned with ideas about future meetings.

It seems to be difficult to find a "good" time to get everyone together.

Our first meeting was held at the Thunderbird Restaurant from 3:00 to 4:30 followed by a tour of the Brown Grand Theatre here in Concordia.

Several of the letters I received dealt with time and budget money. Some of their council members would support a regional meeting in the afternoon rather than traveling to the clerk's school in Lawrence.

Hopefully those who attended felt they received some benefits from the meeting and we'll work on another meeting sometime the first part of next year.

Verna Ferguson, CMC
City Clerk

The City Clerks in Russell, Rush, Barton, Pawnee, Edwards and Stafford Counties have been meeting quarterly in Great Bend. The Clerks have also invited their deputies or other office personnel to participate in the meetings. Joyce Haberman, Computer Consultant and co-owner of Handlin and Haberman Inc. of Great Bend was a guest speaker at one meeting and general topics of interest have been discussed at several other meetings. The next meeting will be in October. If you have any suggestions for future meetings, please call Vicki Gillett in Larned.

Fifteen City Clerks and Finance Officers of the Southeast District met recently for lunch at Lou's Bar-B-Que in Columbus. After lunch, we went to City Hall for an open discussion and to make plans for future meetings. The next meeting will be held in Coffeyville.

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CITIES FIGHT BACK AGAINST DRUGS

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The National League of Cities has declared the week of December 3-9, 1989 as "Cities Fight Back Against Drugs Week" for cities and towns throughout the United States. NLC President Terry Goddard, Mayor of Phoenix, Arizona has issued a "call to action" on the national war against drugs by urging local government leaders to enlist themselves and their citizens in an all-out national anti-drug effort.

NLC's anti-drug initiative encourages local officials to fight the war on two fronts:

1. Mobilize Adequate Federal Resources and Demand They be Made Available Immediately.

Through letter writing campaigns, telephone calls, press conferences, and meetings with your congressional delegations, local officials need to send the following message to President Bush and the Congress:

- * There must be no less than \$5 to \$6 billion dollars in net new resources from the federal government to wage this war on drugs.
- * If this is truly a national priority, these federal resources should be made available without diverting funds from existing municipal priority programs.
- * A national policy must focus equal attention on education, treatment, prevention, law enforcement, research and housing. Only through such a strategy can we hope to get at the root cause of this issue.
- * In order for local governments to play a meaningful role, federal funding should be both flexible and direct, such as through a block grant form of assistance directly to local governments.

2. Support Local Initiatives During "Cities Fight Back Against Drugs Week"

At the local level a number of activities can be organized to express your concern and determination about the drug crisis. The following are a few suggestions you might want to consider.

- * Meet with your congressional representatives to discuss with them your viewpoint on how to address this issue. It is important that your congressional delegation understand the nature of the problem from a local perspective.
- * Carry the nation's cities' message on drugs to the media in your community - both electronic and print. Conduct press conferences, appear on talk shows, submit op-ed articles to newspaper. (NLC can supply you with sample press releases and op-ed articles).

* Pass a city resolution declaring the week of December 3-9, 1989 as "Cities Fight Back Against Drugs Week." (NLC can supply you with a sample resolution.

* During this special week, coordinate local drug education and drug prevention programs and activities with the local media, schools, churches, law enforcement officials and community leaders. (NLC can supply you with a comprehensive list of local activities). Local activities can include: Council hearings on drug abuse, community rallies and forums, events at schools, poster contests, anti-drugs slogans, drug hotline, and coordinated drug abuse enforcement strategies.

Cities and towns are on the front lines - where the drug war will be won or lost. Enlist yourself and your community in the National League of Cities' war on drugs.


For information on the NLC anti-drug effort and Cities Fight Back Against Drugs Week, contact:

Julio Barreto
National League of Cities
1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004
(202) 626-3030.

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It topples governments, wrecks marriages, ruins careers, busts reputations, causes heartaches, nightmares, indigestion, spawns suspicion, generates grief, dispatches innocent people to cry in their pillows. Even its name hisses. It's called gossip. Office gossip, Shop gossip. Party gossip. It makes headlines and headaches. Before you repeat a story, ask yourself: Is it true? Is it fair? Is it necessary? If not, shut up.

** A message as published in the Wall Street Journal by United Technologies Corporation, Hartford, Connecticut 06101



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"TIN MAN IN THE LAND OF AHS" THE STORY OF BIG BRUTUS

IIMC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

** The following story was taken from a brochure provided by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce to promote their town. Big Brutus is located 3 miles north of Columbus and 6 miles west of K7 and K102 Jct. And 1/4 mile south near West Mineral, Kansas.

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The Houston Astrodome has been proclaimed to be "The eighth wonder of the world." Somebody forgot to count "Big Brutus, "Brutus";

* was the world's second largest electric mining shovel when it was built, and is the only one of its kind. * is 160 feet, or 16 stories tall.

* weighs 11 million pounds, or 5,500 tons.

* could scoop up 150 tons of rock and soil in a single bite of its bucket and fill three railroad cars. It took four cables 3 1/2 inches thick, and powered by eight 500 horse-power motors, to lift the bucket.

* could dump its load half a football field away.

Big Brutus had 11 years of initial life. He was purchased in 1962 by The Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Company (P&M).

Brutus cost about \$6.5 million. It took 150 railroad cars to deliver the pieces of Brutus to Southeast Kansas from Milwaukee. It took 52 P&M employees 11 months to put the pieces of the 1850B shovel together. Some of the pieced themselves weighed 240,000 pounds.

Finally assembled, Big Brutus began operating in 1963 at P&M's Mine 19 near Hallowell, Kansas. P&M had been producing coal from Mine 19 since 1951.

Big Brutus had the capability of removing overburden covering coal seams down to a depth of 69 feet,

about 20 feet more than existing machinery. Brutus worked around the clock seven days a week with three, three-man crew changes a day.

Brutus worked, moving forward on four pairs of crawlers at a maximum speed of .2 miles per hour. Four huge hydraulic jacks supported the crawler tracks and kept the machine in a level working position. In 11 years Brutus scooped out enough overburden ahead and to his sides to expose some 9,000,000 tons of coal for mining.

By early 1974 it was no longer economical to expose and extract the small quantity of coal still remaining in Mine 19's once rich seams. Big Brutus had several years of life left but he was too big to move to another mining site and it would have been uneconomical to dismantle him, transport his parts and reassemble him.

Motors silenced, Brutus was left to sit exactly where he had removed his last scoop of dirt.

The pits he had dug filled with water and when The Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Company donated the surrounding 10,000 acres of land to the Kansas Department of Parks and Wildlife, many of the ponds were stocked with fish.

In 1983 P&M donated the giant machine to Big Brutus, Inc. (a nonprofit organization formed for the preservation of Big Brutus). Along with the big machine, 16 acres immediately surrounding him were donated. P&M made \$100,000 available for restoration work. Thousands of hours of volunteer labor cleaned up and painted Big Brutus. Roads were upgraded and premises spruced up. (Electrical hook-ups for trailers are now in place.)

On July 13, 1985, Big Brutus was dedicated as a museum and memorial to coal mining.

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Over 100 scholarships are available to municipal clerks and deputy clerks to attend week-long career development seminars held at over 45 United States and Canadian educational institutes.

Sponsored by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, each scholarship will cover up to \$200.00 for tuition at one of the IIMC municipal clerks institutes.

IIMC President Terry S. Tripp, CMC/AEE, explained that "the financing of these scholarships comes from the Municipal Clerks Education Foundation of IIMC. It is a separate nonprofit corporation which was set up to raise money from friends and associates of IIMC to expand the education opportunities of municipal clerks."

"Since the program was begun four years ago," stated Mr. Tripp, "the Municipal Clerks Education Foundation has given out 234 awards."

The deadline for applying for a scholarship is January 31, 1990. The scholarships will be available for the period June 1990 to May 1991.

The following are the criteria for applying for the scholarship: * Applications must be postmarked no later than midnight January 31st; applicants are advised to ensure that the mailing envelope shows a dated postmark. * A maximum of 10 scholarships for each Region may be awarded on the basis of need, limited to one scholarship per municipality per year. * Preference in selection will be shown to those applicants seeking scholarship support to attend a first-year institute. Applications for support for second- or third-year institutes must be accompanied by evidence from the earlier institute(s) that the applicant participated. * Applicant must be a member in good standing of IIMC. Membership fee must accompany the scholarship application if applicant is not already a member. * Applicant must be a Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk (or related title) on the date of application. * Only one application may be submitted from a municipality. * Applicant must submit a letter from the Mayor, Council or Manager that (1) expresses support for the application, (2) indicated a commitment to grant time off to attend the Certification Program and (3) further indicates that the municipality cannot fully fund the cost of the institute. * Applicant must complete all sections of the application. Incomplete applications will automatically be rejected.

For further information, contact MCEF Scholarship Program, 160 North Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107; phone: (818) 795-6153; FAX (818) 795-3615.

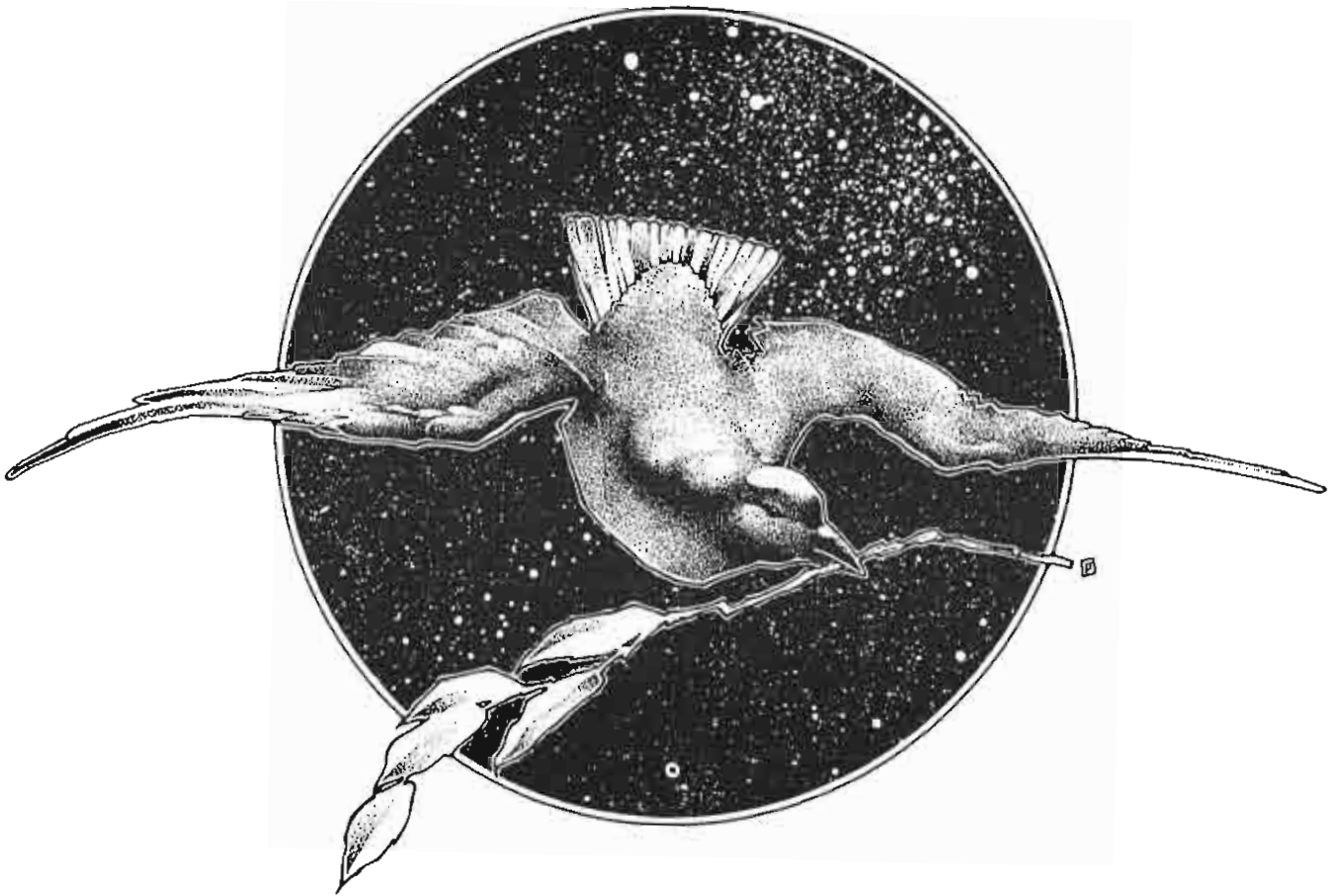
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