



Wings

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

Robert Jeffers

Presidents Comments

The year is flying by. The League Meeting was September 30, October 1 and October 2 in Overland Park and was an opportunity to see and visit with members. I visited with Jesse Jackson and his wife who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the meeting. (Jesse is a Commissioner from Chanute and serves on the League Board.) Jesse commented that there was a lot more enthusiasm this year than there had been for a few years and that was good. I agree with Jesse. There is more enthusiasm in the public sector. Some generated by the changes that are occurring. The challenges of City Clerks and Finance Officers are much greater now than they were 3 or 4 years ago. Tax dollars are more closely watched and harder to obtain. Technical skills of employees must be better due to computers, commercial drivers license, hazardous waste, etc. Initiative is in high demand and may be necessary for survival. As professionals we are responsible to ourselves to obtain the skills that we need to acquire and to polish the skills we already possess to meet the challenges and changes that are a part of our daily lives.

Changes in the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers of Kansas is a part of progress. It happens whether we plan on it or not. Today was not like yesterday and tomorrow will be different. We can never go back. We must look forward. Not all change is good; no change at all is

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death. Planned change is survival. I believe that we are survivors. The CCMFO is planning for change (including the challenges and the mistakes).

Change is not easy, but I know how professional City Clerks and Finance Officers are, so I feel very confident that everyone will continue to give of their ideas, time, and effort and the CCMFO will continue to be as great as it has been and look forward to the changing role we are to play in the future of local government with a lot of pride, confidence and ability.

Mary Reed, President

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The cities of Kansas City, Kansas, and Olathe have been granted the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. This is the first year that the City of Olathe

has won this award.

The dedicated efforts of Nancy Zielke, Finance/Budget Director, Kansas City, David Davis, assistant to the City Manager, Olathe and their staffs are reflected in the achievement of this award. The residents and taxpayers of these two cities will benefit from this accomplishment as their budget documents fulfill the four major functions: a policy tool, an operations guide, a financial plan and a communications medium.

No one is required to participate -- all entrants are voluntary. The governing officials of these two cities should be very proud and give the proper recognition for the efforts put forth in this endeavor.

Congratulations to both cities for winning this prestigious award.

Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with the Bylaws, of the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas your President, Mary Reed appointed a nominating committee. The report shall be given in writing to all members twenty days prior to the annual meeting. Let this serve as the official notice.

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Members of the Nominating Committee are:

Don Hamilton, Clerk/Admin. Mankato
Marion Logan, Clerk, Burlington
Vernon Stallman, Clerk/Finance Officer, Hutchinson
Tom Roberts, Clerk, Kansas City
Jean Krehbiel, Clerk, Hesston

For the Office of President your committee submits the name of Ron Thornburg, Clerk/Assistant CMC, Dodge City.

For the Office of Vice President, the name of Karen Fitzmier, Clerk, Maize.

For the Office of Secretary, the name of Verna Ferguson, Clerk/Finance Officer, Concordia.

For the Office of Treasurer, the name of Howard Pevehouse, Clerk, Olathe.

For the Board of Directors, the name of Jan Meisinger, Clerk, Hillsboro. For the Board of Directors, the name of Laurie Neemann, Clerk, Hiawatha.

The following will continue on as directors for the Board of Directors:

Paula Holle -- Clerk, Marysville
Rod Franz -- Clerk/Dir of Administration, Arkansas City
Debbie Durler -- Clerk, Great Bend
Norma Robbins -- Clerk, Topeka

We also call to your attention that the association By-Laws provide for nominations from the floor.

NEWS FROM YOUR ROVING REPORTER

Looney Tunes From City Hall

I called various City Halls to find out their most humorous moment. It was interesting, some had no humor at all!!! Is there something wrong with my city, we have something humorous every day, we never know what the various department employees are going to pull. I guess here in Hesston laughing at our work keeps some sanity.

ANDALE -- City Clerk Shirley Stuever: I issued a building permit to a person who didn't even own the ground he was going to build on. The owner who lives in California read the "Building Permits Issued" in the local newspaper and asked me what was going on!! When you see Shirley ask her about the final outcome.

OSAGE CITY -- City Clerk Nina Grag: "Mabel in the Vault" Someone had their loved one cremated and brought the urn to City Hall. It was the middle of winter when the ground was frozen so they told Nina to bury it anytime. She put it in the vault at City Hall until Spring. The ladies at City Hall behaved themselves that winter because they knew "Mabel was in the Vault."

TOWANDA -- City Clerk Susie Albert: Her phone rang one day and she

answered Good Morning Silly Hall.

SPECIAL NOTE: Karl Nakaten, City Clerk resigned on September 1, 1990, Susie Albert is now the City Clerk of Towanda. Congratulations Susie!

HESSTON -- City Clerk Jean Krehbiel: A funeral home phoned our office and asked if we could bury a leg from a lady that had surgery that morning on top of her husband's grave.

There had been a dead cat on the street for a couple days. When I arrived at work early in the morning a lady came in frantically and said someone stole my dead cat from off the street. She stated that her children were home crying and the whole household was a mess, who would steal my dead cat. I went into another office to call our street superintendent and found out he had thrown it in a ditch 3 miles north of town. I asked him to retrieve it and bring it back for a proper burial. So in a few minutes he was back with the badly decomposed body of the precious cat and gave it to the lady. That was the happiest person I ever saw leave City Hall. Really!!!

Jean Krehbiel



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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

A "Wings" look at CCMFO members from around the State.

Norma Miller has been the City Clerk of Lyons since 1983. Prior to that, she served as Deputy City Clerk for 10 years. Norma graduated from Chase High School and has attended workshops in municipal government and computers. She was born in Hutchinson and lived in Chase and Kansas City, Ks. before moving to Lyons in 1958. Norma and her husband Jim have five children -- Rick, 31; David, 28; Diane, 26; Mike, 24; and Jeff, 18. She is a member of IIMC, St. Paul's Catholic Church, and St. Paul's Alter Society. Norma likes to read, play golf and bridge, and she and her husband enjoy traveling and spending time with their seven grandchildren.



Marea Long is currently the Deputy City Clerk of Olathe, a position she has held for the last seven years. Marea has worked for the City of Olathe for 30 years, seeing it grow from a small town to a large city. She was City Clerk for 8 years, and supervisor of collection and water billing and did various other duties for 15 years. Marea is a member of IIMC, and she attained her CMC on March 8, 1985. She graduated from Herington High School in 1944 and attended Business School in Topeka. She has also attended record management and supervisor workshops and the certification institute. Marea was born in Sun City, Ks. and has lived in Kansas City, Mo., Eldorado Springs, Mo., and NAS Jacksonville, Florida. She has two children -- Stella M. Hubbell, 40; and Richard H. Long, 37. Marea is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, and is active in the Earl Collier Unit #153 of the American Legion Auxiliary where she is a past president. She received the John T. Barton award for 25 years of service with the City of Olathe. Marea also enjoys going to the Senior Citizens Complex to visit with the ladies and run errands for them.

Donna (Suzie) Albert became the Deputy City Clerk of Towanda two years ago, after serving five years as Assistant City Clerk and taking care of utilities. Suzie is working on an associates degree -- she has a background in medical and business from Kansas Newman College and Butler County Community College,

and is also a State Certified EMT. She is a member of IIMC, has completed the Clerk's Institute, and is working on her application for CMC designation. Suzie has been married to her husband Leonard for 23 years, and he works as a Production Superintendent. The Alberts have three children, all in college -- Brian, 22; Bridget, 21; and Robert, 19. Bridget was married in June of this year. Suzie was born in Wyoming, but moved to Towanda when she was seven, and stayed until after graduation from high school. She then attended school in Wichita and lived in the Colwich area six years before moving back to Towanda in 1973. Suzie is a member of St. James Catholic Church in Augusta, and has been active with the Fire Department since 1975 as a dispatcher and fire fighter, and has been head of the EMT squad since 1978. She was on the Circle USD school board from 1985-89, won a GFOA award of financial reporting achievement in 1987, and in 1988 received a Local Good Neighbors Award because of her work as a volunteer EMT. Suzie's philosophy -- "You reap what you sow -- if you use your knowledge and talents to help someone today, there will be a helping hand for you tomorrow. Towanda is a small town between two County Seats, Wichita and Eldorado. Our citizens mostly work in one or the other. However, we have seen recent growth in commercial ventures with the growing antique businesses. We are looking forward to residential growth as more industry opens up in Wichita and Eldorado."

Susan Jacobs is serving as the City Clerk of Peabody, a position she has held for the past seven years. She is a 1969 graduate of Peabody High School, and in 1973 received a BSE from Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia. She worked as a cashier at Scars in Manhattan for four

years. Susan was born in Eldorado, Ks. and has lived in McPherson and Manhattan, and also Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, and California. Even though she has moved around alot, she says she likes Kansas best and was always ready to come "home". Susan is a member of IIMC, President of the Prairie Lawn Cemetery District, a member of the Peabody-Burns Recreation Commission, a girl scout leader, and serves as a clerk for Marshal Auction Service. She was named "Outstanding Young Woman" in 1988. Susan has three children -- Jeremy, 14; Andy, 12; and Jenny, 10. The kids keep her very busy between baseball, softball, swimming, dance, girl scouts, and auctions. This year she has one in high school, one in junior high, and one in grade school. Susan enjoys gardening, golfing, camping, swimming, and her kids. The family has a favorite spot in the Flint Hills that they like to explore and spend the day at. Susan says that "my City has been in the news alot lately. We were designated as a MAIN STREET city and we have seen alot of positive results from this, especially a pride that our citizens have regained in our community. Our downtown section has filled the empty stores, our beautiful old houses are being maintained and restored, we have one of the prettiest parks in the county and it gets alot of good use. We also received a CDBG grant for a water tower and new lines that we are working on. It's really great to see such enthusiasm in our community and especially our own citizens."

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NEWS FROM IIMC

By Tom Roberts, Region VII Director

Foundation To Give 100 Scholarships to County, City and Town Clerks

For the sixth year the Municipal Clerks' Education Foundation of I.I.M.C. will award up to 100 scholarships to municipal clerks and deputy clerks to attend the first, second, or third year of an IIMC-Recognized Municipal Clerks Institute.

Ten scholarships will be available to clerks in each of the 10 IIMC Regions. Each scholarship carries a stipend of up to \$200 to be applied to an Institute's tuition and registration fee.

The general criteria for the Scholarship Program are:

*Recipient must be a member of IIMC at the time of applying for the scholarship;

*Strong 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 and must clearly demonstrate financial need;

*Only one application may be submitted from a municipality;

*Scholarship is to be used within a 12-month period of June 1, 1991 to May 31, 1992;

*Basis of award will be need and merit;

*Application must be received by January 31, 1991;

*A Scholarship Committee will be appointed to administer the program. The selection process will take place in March and recipients will be announced in April.

The International Institute of

Municipal Clerks sponsors career development seminars at 45 United States and Canadian educational institutions which are attended by 4,000 clerks, deputies, and other officials annually. These Institutes provide 100 hours or more of in-depth courses in public administration and management, social and interpersonal concerns, and functionally-related subjects. The emphasis is on improving an individual's capabilities as an administrator of a key government function.

Completion of an IIMC Municipal Clerks Institute meets the educational requirements towards the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) Award. This unique Certification Program was launched by IIMC in 1971. The program aids municipal clerks in improving their job performance and recognizes the professionalism of the municipal clerks office. To date, 4,100 municipal clerks and deputy clerks have achieved the prestigious CMC designation.

Financing of these scholarships comes from the Municipal Clerks' Education Foundation of I.I.M.C. 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 five years ago, the Municipal Clerks' Education Foundation has given out 293 awards.

For further information and to receive a Scholarship Application, write to: Foundation Scholarship Program, International Institute of Municipal Clerks, 160 N. Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107; telephone: (818)795-6153; FAX: (818) 795-3615, or contact Pat Kasper, P.O. Box 265, Potwin, KS 67123. Deadline for receipt of applications is January 31, 1991.

Educational Proposals: Voters Select Wichita State University

The discussion on the educational proposals at the League meeting, were informative and constructive. The comment was made that this is the best discussion we have had in five years, isn't it wonderful. Members could vote at the meeting or by mail and 143 ballots were received.

The ballots are in and counted. The following results have been certified.

Barton County Community

College, 14 votes; CMA, Inc., 1 vote; Kansas University, 34 votes and Wichita State University, 94 votes. The amazing thing is that not one proposal was a loser. They were all very well done and the real winner is the CCMFO. We are looking forward to working with Wichita State University in planning the upcoming March Clerks School, the Advanced Academy and the Certification School. IIMC has been contacted in regards to changing the certification school and the advanced academy. We are aware of the process to get the schools certified to meet IIMC requirements.

We cannot say Thank You enough to the people who prepared and presented the proposals. We certainly appreciate all the time and effort that went into the proposals. Any of the proposals would have been a winner.

Deputy City Clerk Opening

The City of Salina, Kansas is seeking applicants for the position of DEPUTY CITY CLERK. This is a challenging opportunity to work in a modern, fast paced office. The successful applicant should have strong clerical and administrative skills, capable of accepting and completing assigned projects on a timely basis. The successful applicant should be able to interface with all departments in the City and have strong public relations skills. Initial job assignments will include records management, agenda and commission packet preparation, knowledge of special assessments. Salary range is from \$19,308 to \$23,604. Send application and resume with salary history and professional references to the City of Salina Personnel Department, P.O. Box 736, Salina, KS 67402-0736. EOE

10th Annual IIMC ACADEMY FOR ADVANCED EDUCATION September 20-21, 1990 Wichita, Kansas

The topic for this years advanced academy was intermediate government accounting. It was my first year to go so I don't have a lot to compare it to, however, it was great. So much of a city clerks training is in the category of "what for" training, however this class was in the "how to" category how

GOING ON? JR MEMBERS...

refreshing. From what I understand, last years academy was the beginning government accounting and this year was a progressive follower. I did not have the opportunity to attend last year, but our previous City Clerk was very knowledgeable in accounting and had shared that knowledge with me therefore this years class was right at my level. It cleared up a lot of gray areas for me and sent me back to work ready to use this new knowledge. It's amazing how much clearer a conversation with the auditor is when you both speak the same language.

Mark Dick was the presenter of the class with the help of Deanna Yates. They both did an excellent job with a sometimes (most times) confuseing subject. They were very enthusiastic and knowledgeable. The class dealt with basics, terminology, classification of funds, special funds, budgeting and auditing. They used examples we could identify with and encouraged group participation which made points clearer as the class progressed. I gave them an "A" and will return, should they present another class.

Donna (Suzie) Albert
City Clerk, Towanda

Karen Fitzmier, CMC/AAE Qualifies For Sustaining Membership In The IIMC Academy For Advanced Education

Ms. Karen Fitzmier, CMC/AAE, City Clerk of the City of Maize, Kansas, has been accepted into the SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP of the IIMC Academy for Advanced Education.

The IIMC Academy for Advanced Education was instituted in 1981 to further the professional education of municipal clerks to enhance their skills as needed to meet the challenges of the office of municipal clerk. Every four years, the Academy member has to demonstrate that he or she has actively engaged in educational and professional participation that keeps one current with the changing events in the local government scene.

The Academy member is required to obtain a specific number of points through completion of recognized institute or college courses, completion of seminars and workshops offered by other professional associations, teaching and writing in the profession, attendance at professional meetings and conferences, and honors and awards

received for specific achievements.

Presently, less than 5% of the nearly 9,800 members of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks has qualified for the Academy status.

IIMC President Margery A. Price, CMC/AAE, City Clerk of Kennewick, Washington, announced, "I am honored to welcome Ms. Fitzmier as a member in the SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP of the IIMC Academy for Advanced Education. She has demonstrated and obtained career development goals which will aid her in maintaining the quality of excellence that is required of today's public officials and administrators."

Ms. Fitzmier has served as City Clerk for the City of Maize since July 1976. She serves as Deputy Registrar for Sedgwick County, Kansas, and as Notary Public for the State of Kansas.

She received her professional certification -- the IIMC Certified Municipal Clerk's Award -- in 1981. In June 1986, she was accepted as the 14th Clerk from the State of Kansas, and the 245th member into the IIMC Academy for Advanced Education.

Since Ms. Fitzmier's entry into the Academy, she has continued her education by completing three Advanced Academy Programs at the University of Kansas and three Seminars offered through Wichita State University.

During this period, she has served as Treasurer and Secretary of the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas, Vice President and President of the Kansas Chapter of IGAS, Treasurer of Maize VFW Auxiliary 4664, and Vice President of Maize Park Cemetery Association.

Ms. Fitzmier has been a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks since 1977.

Alice K. Sander, CMC/AAE, Named Member IIMC Academy For Advanced Education

Ms. Alice K. Sanders, CMC/AAE, City Clerk of the City of Victoria, Kansas, has been accepted as a member in the IIMC Academy for Advanced Education of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. The Academy is the professional body of municipal clerks who have continued their high level of educational achievement beyond the attainment of the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) Award.

IIMC President Margery Price, CMC/AAE, City Clerk of Kennewick, Washington, announced, "I am pleased to welcome Ms. Sander as a member in the IIMC Academy for Advanced Education. She is an inspiration to all members of our profession and a fine example of a dedicated public servant."

In order to become a member of the Academy a person must attain IIMC Certification (CMC), attend a minimum of 36 hours of graduate courses at an IIMC-recognized municipal clerks institute or complete similar educational programs relating to the responsibilities of the municipal clerk's office. Specific professional participation must be achieved, such as leadership in national and state associations, attendance at seminars and conferences, and professional writings and accomplishment.

Ms. Sander has served as City Clerk for the City of Victoria since January 1980.

She completed the three-year Municipal Clerks Institute Program sponsored by the University of Kansas, Lawrence, and in January 1988, received her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) Award.

Continuing her professional education through the University of Kansas, she has completed three Advanced Academy Programs. In addition, she has completed an Introduction to Computers Course offered by Fort Hays State University, Appraisal Seminar for the Non-Appraiser (Kansas Department of Revenue), and Risk Management Symposium (Kansas Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency).

Active in professional organizations, she is an active member and serves on the Education Committee for the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas, Louisiana Municipal Association, and Government Finance Officers Association.

Ms. Sander has been a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks since March 1981.

Get Well Soon LeRoy!!

Anyone wishing good health to LeRoy Stewart, City Clerk of Wamego, who had a light heart attack on Friday, November 2, 1990. He will be recuperating at home as of November 9th. Anyone wishing to send cards, LeRoy's home address is 611 Vine, Wamego, KS 66457.

New CMC

Cheri R. Hollingsworth, City Clerk, City of Oswego, Kansas, has been awarded the designation of "Certified Municipal Clerk" (CMC) from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) for achieving its high educational, experience, and service requirements.

Ms. Hollingsworth has been City Clerk of Oswego, Kansas, since 1984. Her career with the city began in 1974 as Utility Clerk and in 1979 she became Deputy City Clerk a position she held until 1986, when she was promoted to her current position.

She completed the Municipal Clerks Institute, offered by the University of Kansas. This program provides 100 student/instructor contact hours of in-depth courses in managerial/leadership skills, social and interpersonal concerns, and functionally-related subjects. It gives perspective, information, and technical training needed to deal with changes taking place in local government today.

In addition she has attended a number of workshops relating to her position, including grantee workshop, CDBG application, governing body and budgeting.

Her professional affiliations include membership in the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers of Kansas, (currently serving on the Planning Committee), State of Kansas Notary Public and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Her community activities include member of the Oswego Chamber of Commerce, currently serving on the Brochure Committee. Previously she was on the board of Directors, (1986-90), Past Secretary, (1986-88 and 1989-90) and Co-Chairperson of the Oswego Christmas Parade Committee, (1988-1989).

She and her husband, Mitchell, have four children; Tracy Hollingsworth, age 20; Melissa Hollingsworth, age 15; Misti Blair, age 13 and Marc Blair, age 9.

She joins 76 other Kansas Municipal Clerks who presently hold the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC).

"Thank You City Clerks"

Thank you to the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association for the beautiful floral arrangement while I was a patient at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend.

Thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards and phone calls.

I am at home in Dighton now and continuing chemotherapy as an outpatient from Hutchinson Clinic.

Sincerely,
Twila Howard
(Box 841, Dighton, KS 67839)

REGIONAL NEWS

Region 8

Region 8 City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers from Harvey, Kingman, and Reno met in the First National Bank Building, Hutchinson, Kansas on October 10th. Following lunch at the Downtown Kountry Kitchen, the group met in the First National Bank Board Room. Keith Christner, City of Hutchinson Personnel Director, presented the program on the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December -- time and place to be announced.

Region 9

Region 9, which includes Sedgwick, Butler and Greenwood Counties has combined their meeting schedule with the educational program supported by the Hugo Wall Center For Urban Studies, Wichita State University and coordinated by Marla Mack.

A group of more than thirty met September 7 for their second regular program which began with lunch at the CAC and continued with a speaker from the City of Wichita.

Rebecca Miller is the Assistant Director of Finance for the City of Wichita and recently was involved in preparing a study which might supplement revenue by increasing or implementing user fees. Since all of us are aware of the lack of support local government receives from both the state and federal governments, the topic was a timely one and of interest to all who attended.

Carol McBeath, City Clerk of Haysville, was the host clerk and included a short "commercial" for the Haysville Fall Festival which will be held October 19, 20 and 21 at Riggs Park in Haysville. It seems that we all somehow end up being involved in most of the major happenings in our cities, doesn't it?

The next meeting is scheduled for

December 7 and will again be held at the CAC on the campus of Wichita State University. Even if you are not in Region 9, all Clerks, Assistant Clerks, Finance Directors or anyone interested is more than welcome. For more information, contact Carol McBeath, P.O. Box 404, Haysville, KS 67060 or call (316) 524-3243.

Region 12

Thanks to Rodney D. Barnes, Junction City, Finance Director/City Clerk, who mailed thirty-five (35) notices and reminders to Area #12 City Clerks/Finance Officers announcing an information organizational meeting that was held Friday, September 14th in Manhattan.

We had eleven (11) in attendance and we introduced two non-members to the CCMFO Association programs and expended on our educational opportunities on the state basis. I will get names to the membership committee.

Set dates and programs for future meetings: January 12, 1991, 1:00 pm, Clay Center, "Cracker Barrel Session"; April 12, 1991; July 12, 1991; October 11, 1991.

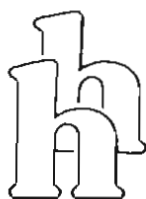
Region 17

"Biblesta" was the program highlight when City Clerk Rachel Mueller hosted Region 17's meeting in Humboldt on September 26, 1990. The Regional meeting was held in the Humboldt National Bank Community Room with an attendance of 25.

"Biblesta" is a celebration held in the City of Humboldt which commemorates America's heritage in The Bible and has been celebrated since 1958. An additional presentation was made by Roy Owens, Monarch Cement Co., Humboldt, on their company's use of used tires and other waste as a heat source in the manufacturing of cement. Mikel Filter, Field Representative, Department of Commerce, further presented those attending with brochures relating to their services.

The noon meal, compliments of the City of Humboldt, featured authentic Mexican food traditionally served at Hispanic weddings, and was cooked by Rachel's mother, Jenny Sanchez. Following a brief business meeting, the entire group was treated to a dessert of their choice at Humboldt's Victorian Parlour, compliments of the City.

The next meeting is scheduled for December with Janet Freal, Edna City Clerk, serving as Hostess.



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Oops! Only ex-clerk can run the computer

Roeland Park officials are desperately seeking Susan -- or at least a place for her to live.

Former City Clerk Susan Gianakon, the only employee able to operate Roeland Park's new computer, was fired last week because she did not meet a requirement that she live in the city.

That was before city officials realized how important she was to the Roeland Park operation.

"There are records stuck in the computer, and no one knows how to use it," Councilman Cindy Whitton said at a meeting Wednesday night. "Susan is the only one who knows the coding system and what's in that computer right now."

The City Council and mayor need to finish preparing the 1991 budget, which must be filed with

Johnson County in late August.

Gianakon, through her access to the computer, would have helped in that process.

"I need Susan for a temporary period," said Mayor Judy Katz. "There's no question."

Hearing that, Whitton offered a motion that Katz "hire full-time help, in the form of Susan, for 30 days at a little more than \$14 an hour. That's what Gianakon was paid when she worked for the city, minus benefits.

Whitton's motion set off a confusing debate that left some council members questioning the need for Gianakon. But most members conceded the city needed someone to run the computer.

"I'm confused," said Councilman Jack Carpenter. "How

did we get by all these years?"

"I don't think it's appropriate," Councilman Robert Tomlinson said of the motion. "I have a problem with thinking this one person is the only person on earth that can do this. What's going to happen if Susan says no?"

Gianakon, who lives in Overland Park, said Thursday she wanted to work for Roeland Park and was trying to find housing in the city. She even considered moving in with Whitton until she could find another place. That plan fell through, Whitton said.

"It's been bizarre," said Gianakon, who has worked for the city about two months. "I just have not been able to find a good place to live there. I've been trying. I would gladly work for the city," she said.

As a compromise, Councilman Robert Wendel moved that the council direct the mayor to seek temporary help with the computer and the budget. Wendel said Gianakon would be hired through a temporary service.

After more debate, the City Council passed Wendel's motion.

Katz said Thursday she did not know what she would do.

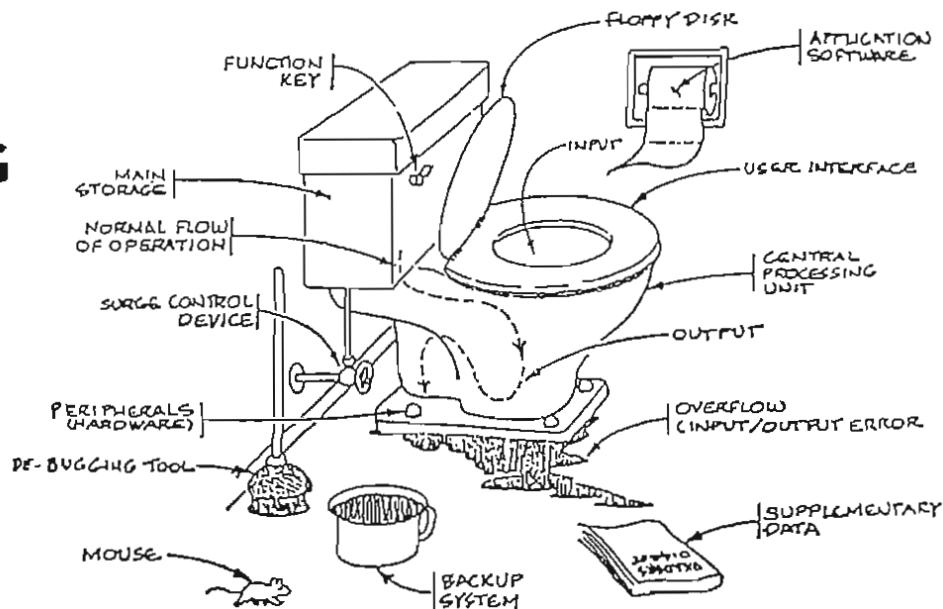
Carpenter said he would work on the budget.

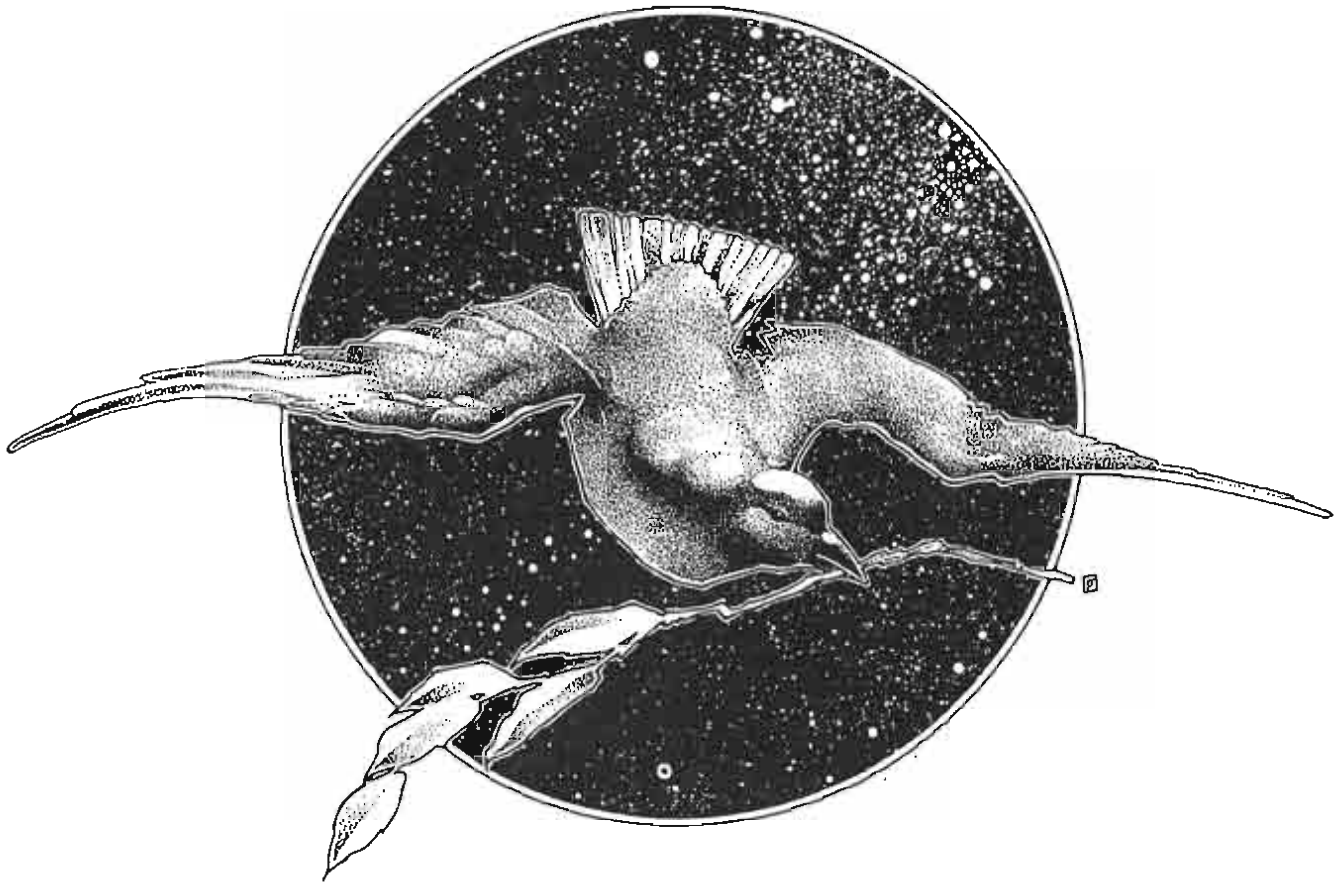
Whitton, who has worked on the budget in past years, at first declined to help out this time.

"We've been doing this for years," Carpenter said. "How hard can it be?"

"Go for it," Whitton replied.

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