

# ACCRTIA NEWS

Arkansas City Clerks, Recorders and Treasurers Association

September 2008

## *President's Message –*

*Donna Jones, CMC*

*De Queen, AR*

Hello to all, my gosh can it already be almost September... Seems like just yesterday we were all at the Municipal League Conference in Hot Springs. As in all offices, we have been crazy busy. ..for a small City, De Queen seems to have lots happening, and I am proud to say, most of it is good!

But other "Good" stuff is going to be taking place in other areas of our state over the course of the next several months. So get a calendar handy and make some entries into your day timer...you won't want to miss our District meetings this year.

Right now, we have dates set for Stuttgart and Ms. Mitri Greenhill on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Mitri sent me an email yesterday with her tentative agenda, sounds awesome!! You won't want to miss it. ...Even if you are "not" in that District, but can attend, you will be glad you did, great topics....excellent education opportunities!

The other date that I know about at this time is with our one and only Joshua Clausen in Maumelle, he will host a district meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, so mark it down folks.

Our other two District meetings are coming along and as soon as dates can be announced...you all will get the word, via crt list serve, newsletter and web site, so stay tuned to one or all of those to stay in the know.

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## *36<sup>th</sup> Annual Municipal Clerks Institute*

*Certification Program*

*September 14-19, 2008*

*Advanced Academy*

*September 17-18, 2008*

### *"Opening Doors for Arkansas Clerks"*

#### **Welcome from the Director...**

I am pleased to extend an invitation to you to participate in the University of Arkansas Municipal Clerks Institute.

For over three decades, the Institute has provided new ideas and practical skills to Arkansas municipal clerks, recorders, and treasurers. We have matched up input from the front lines of the profession with expertise from around the state and created an environment where you may exchange information and solutions to shared challenges.

You will have opportunities to meet and learn from others in your profession, gain information to improve the operations of your city, and enjoy personal enrichment activities to help you perform at your best.

Anyone who has attended the Institute will tell you that it's no vacation. City clerks, recorders, and treasurers are true community leaders, and you deserve a high-quality, worthwhile educational experience.

So get ready for intensive classroom sessions and exciting new ideas. And get ready for a week you won't forget!

*Kim Jones*

Institute Director

The really HOT topic is the up and coming Clerk's Institute on September 14<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> in Fayetteville. From our Board meeting two weeks ago, plans were firmed up and as in past years, the week will truly SHINE, tons of information, you may have to rent a U-Haul to carry it all home in at the end of the week. Lots of fun too, we will have the Gathering Place again, for our after class meeting spot, I'm bringing supplies to make Hot Fudge Cake Sundae's, yeah, who can't handle a little of that.. .The fellowship and camaraderie during the evenings is almost as valuable as the actual class time. You will have the chance to get better acquainted with others as well as talk one on one about issues that you face in your daily tasks for your community. DON'T MISS THIS WEEK!

We are trying to implement a program that will match up Clerk's, Recorders and Treasurers across our State to share Ride & Rooms for all events that we will have the opportunity to attend throughout this year, so once again let me say, please email me and I will put you on the list, if you are "willing" to share or "need" to share.. ..and I will be matching folks up. [djones @dequeen-ar.us](mailto:djones@dequeen-ar.us)

I have loved hearing from you all, thanks so much for your words of encouragement, your thoughts and opinions, stay in touch and know that I appreciate you all very much!

See you at **Institute!!**

**Donna**

# DISTRICT MEETINGS

Tentative Schedule

District 1 April 23-24 – Maumelle-Joshua Clausen

District 2 Oct. 23-24 – Stuttgart-Mitri Greenhill

District 3 ????? - ??????? - ????????

District 4 ????? – Ashdown – Kirk Mounts????

## IIMC REGION IV MEETING

December 4-6, 2008

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Hosted by  
Oklahoma Municipal Clerks, Treasurer's and  
finance Officials Association

The training will be focused on customer service from a very entertaining and motivational speaker, Dr. Scout Cloud Lee.

For entertainment  
experience "Downtown in December"

## Municipal League Annual Conference

Those of you who attended this event in Hot Springs know what a wonderful experience it was.

As always, Ken Wasson did an excellent job of organizing everything. The educational seminars were well chosen and provided an opportunity for enlightenment on a number of topics and the food and entertainment were very enjoyable. The photo ops offered by Country Music Legend John Conley were really impressive. If you wanted to have a photo taken with him, he was available.

For those of you who missed it, **Rendi Currey** of Arkadelphia was very entertaining playing "Miss Emily" while John Conley performed the song of the same name. Unfortunately, I could not transfer the picture to my computer for inclusion in this newsletter. I hope to have better equipment in the future.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## 2008 CLERK OF THE YEAR

### MITRI GREENHILL



Stuttgart Clerk/Treasurer Mitri Greenhill was named 2008 Clerk of the Year at the League's Annual Convention in Hot Springs.

Mitri was nominated by her mayor. He stated that after a tornado touched down in Stuttgart, taking the roof off of Mitri's home, she was at City Hall doing everything she could to help other victims of the storm.

Mitri has chaired the handbook committee for several years, and is always willing to do whatever needs to be done for her city and ACCRTA.

Mitri also received the Adrian L. White Municipal Leadership Award this year. This award is presented to city officials who have served with distinction and dedication to their cities and the League's boards, councils and committees for six years.



## 2008 JOHN WOODRUFF CITY ABOVE SELF AWARD RECIPIENT

### PAULA CAUDLE



Our own Paula Caudle was the 2008 recipient of the John Woodruff City Above Self Award.

Paula retired in May 2008 after serving the City of West Fork as its Clerk/Treasurer for thirty-five years. She has been a guiding light to clerks across the state for many years.

She is a past president of ACCRTA, has served on almost every committee and has chaired most of them.

Paula was also awarded a life membership in ACCRTA, so she is still available for advice, which she gives freely, and the door prizes at institute, among other things.

**WE LOVE YOU, PAULA!**







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**2008-2009**

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**\*We have added the Immediate Past President and Institute Director Information for your convenience.**

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