

ACCRTIA NEWS



Arkansas City Clerks, Recorders and Treasurers Association

September 2007

IIMC
Region IV Meeting
November 20 - December 1, 2007
Little Rock AR

Tentative Schedule

Thursday

Program check-in
Reception
Dinner on your own

Friday

Breakfast on you own
Personal Ethics as a Public Official
Lunch
Communication as a Leadership Skill
Guided tours of the Clinton Presidential Library
Dinner at River Marker

Saturday

Continental Breakfast
Business Meeting

Travel Information

Doubletree Hotel

424 W. Markham
501-372-4371
\$94 single/double + 11.5% tax
Make reservations by September 25

Little Rock National Airport (LIT)

<http://lrn-airport.com/>
American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Northwest,
Southwest, US Airways

Ground Transportation

Free shuttle service by Doubletree Hotel

Downtown trolley service from hotel to River Market
area and North Little Rock.

**Look for details and registration information in early
fall!!**

35TH Annual
Municipal Clerks
Institute

**“Opening Doors for
Arkansas Clerks”**

Certification Program
September 16-21, 2007

Advance Academy
September 19-20, 2007

Contact Kim Jones,
Institute Director

**If you are interested in
attending!**

Time is running out!!

Hurry! Hurry!

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Contact Kim at 1-800-952-1165 or 479-
575-3605, Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.
to 4:00 p.m. if you have questions in
regards to the Institute.

October in Eureka

District 999 ACCRTA Meeting in Eureka Springs Oct. 25-26, 2007

City Clerks are invited to the quarterly Arkansas City Clerks Recorder Treasurers Association District III meeting in Eureka Springs at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks (**not** the same place as two years ago) Oct. 25 and 26, 2007. The meeting is targeted for clerks from smaller cities who have small budgets, small staffs and want to accomplish big things.

Talking - topics will include Making Something Out of Not Much; Funny Money; Our Friends in the Environmental Department of AHTD (really); Sprucing up the Old Hometown; the Recent Past and whatever else comes up to talk about. The Convention Center is at the back of the motel property. We will have a classroom set up for our sessions.

Sleeping - A block of rooms is reserved at the Inn of the Ozarks, \$89 per night plus tax (\$101.24) Phone 1-800-814-9575 for reservation by Friday, Oct. 19, please. The motel has a swimming pool with recreational area, tennis courts, miniature golf and a game room.
www.innoftheozarks.com

Eating - We will have a lovely luncheon in the Convention Center Thursday. We will have fruit, some pastries, coffee, tea and soft drinks available Thursday and Friday mornings before the sessions. The motel has a good restaurant with the best salad bar in town. For any other meals, you are on your own. There will be Visitor Guide Books available to look through for ideas. There are some 60 restaurants available with a variety of cuisines.

Shopping - All over town. All sorts of shops—leather, lingerie, shoes, hats, dresses, books, sparklies, art galleries. Trolley information is available at the motel for trips into town.

Door Prizes - If you want a door prize, bring one. Make it something fun.

Registration is \$35 and checks should be mailed to: Mary Jean Sell, City Clerk, 44 S. Main, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. The fee covers the luncheon, the morning treats and some other surprises. More information later.

2007 - 2008 District Directors And Meeting Dates

DISTRICT 1 April 10-11, 2008

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West Memphis, AR 72303
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DISTRICT 2 March 20-21, 2008

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PO Box 157
Dumas, AR 71639
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Telephone: 870-382-2121
Fax: 870-382-6846

DISTRICT 3 October 25-26, 2007

"MJ" Mary Jean Sell
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Eureka Springs, AR
Email: cityclerk@cityofeurekasprings.org
Telephone: 479-253-9703
Fax: 479-253-6967

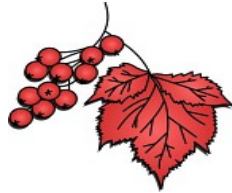
DISTRICT 4 February 28-29, 2008

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COMMON SENSE. . .

**Turns out to be
not so common!**



The Mayonnaise Jar and 2 Cups of Coffee

When things in your lives seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the two cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things--your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions--and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car.

The sand is everything else--the small stuff. "If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no

Congratulations!!

The following individuals received their Certified Arkansas Municipal Clerk's designation at the AR Municipal League Convention in June. This is the first group to obtain the newly created ACCRTA State Certification.

Barbara Blackard, Clarksville	City Clerk/Treasurer
Johnny Brigham, Dumas	City Clerk/Treasurer
Clarice Buffalohead-Pearman, Fayetteville	Senior Secretary
Paula Caudle, West Fork	City Clerk/Treasurer
Charlotte Goodwin, Ash Flat	Recorder/Treasurer
Tammy Gowen, Searcy	City Clerk/Treasurer
Suzanne Grider, Bentonville	City Clerk/Treasurer
Velma Katherine Hogan, Gosnell	City Clerk/Treasurer
Jo Ellen Martin, Gentry	Director of Finance
Patti Scott Grey, Texarkana	City Clerk
Sondra Smith, Fayetteville	City Clerk/Treasurer
Janice Smith, Huntsville	City Clerk/Treasurer
Marva Verkler, Cabot	City Clerk/Treasurer
Regina Walker, Mena	City Clerk/Treasurer
Diane Whitbey, North Little Rock	City Clerk/Collector
Carolyn Willett, Smackover	Recorder/Treasurer
Amber Wood, Fayetteville	Deputy City Clerk
Nancy Wood, Little Rock	City Clerk
Peggy Woody, Siloam Springs	City Clerk



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room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

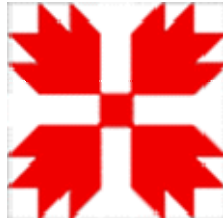
"Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first--the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

"One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked." "It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

Please share this with someone you care about.

I JUST DID!!





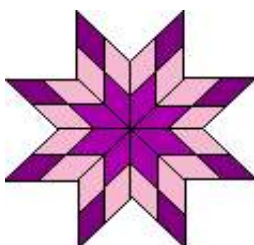
HANDS! **HANDS!** *HANDS!*

Hi! I am Katy Burroughs with the Town of Georgetown and would like to see if everyone would be game to participate in a unique project for our group. I have an idea and really would like to run with it.

I am making a lap quilt for our ACCRTA crew to either auction, sell chances or give away what ever the president thinks best for the group. What I need is the out line of **your** hand and your name and city where you are from. The ones who are at institute can put theirs actually on the quilt top and get it traced. If you are not going to make institute and want to participate you can either mail me the out line with name and city or email that to me. Address to use is Town of Georgetown 109 W. Riverside Dr. Georgetown, AR 72143 or email it to kburroughs@electrocrafter.com . We can do in memory of also. There is not cost involved unless you mail the hand. Deadline for the hand to be emailed or mailed is Oct 15, 2007. Hope every will participate. Remember we all are hands helping hands.

Thanks a Bunch!!

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