

MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, As presented by 2013 MCANJ President Nancy Saffos.



Whoever coined the phrase “when it rains it pours” must have had a crystal ball for the opening of the year 2013 for MCANJ. It sure has been a busy start to 2013!

As this year began, the MCANJ Executive Board made the decision to develop an on-line membership renewal process. This is something the MCANJ Executive board had spoken about, from time to time, over my past 4 years as a member of the Board, and it has now finally been made a reality thanks to the efforts and brilliant “electronic” leadership of our Treasurer, Denise Szabo.

Because of Denise’s firm belief that we could and should, we have successfully launched a streamlined process for both the Association and for renewing members. The new process has proven to be easy and efficient. We now have a database that allows us to collect accurate, up-to-date information for all who have renewed their MCANJ membership. As of this writing, Denise informed us that 584 of our members have renewed their 2013 membership through our new on-line database.

I join Denise and our colleagues on the Executive Board to encourage all of our Honorary (retired) members to also renew their membership on-line, so that we will have current contact information for all of you, as well. An Honorary Member is any Regular, Associate or Affiliate Member in good standing granted an Honorary Membership, by Resolution of MCANJ, at the Annual Business Meeting or any Special Meeting. Honorary Members need not pay dues and may attend any meeting and take part in the general discussion, but may not vote or hold office.

For any member who has not yet renewed, or anyone wishing to become a MCANJ member, it is not too late; it’s never too late. Visit our website at www.njclerks.org and click on the membership renewal link in the “What’s New” section of our home page.

There has been a lot of activity at the state level on bills affecting municipal clerks in New Jersey.

On January 14, 2013 S-2511, which amends the Open Public Meetings Act, was introduced and moved to 2nd reading in the Senate—without any committee hearings! Although there has been no movement since then, we continue to follow this proposed legislation closely.

As you may already be aware, both S-1451 (amending the Open Public Meetings Act) and S-1452 (amending the Open Public Record Act), were scheduled for a Senate floor vote on December 20, 2012 and HELD by the Senate at that time. Early in February, both bills were again scheduled for Senate consideration and again HELD. Our understanding is that the bills never made it out of caucus. We continue to oppose, watch and follow these bills.

Despite our opposition and testimony before the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, the Early Voting Bill S-2364 passed through the Senate Committee on March 4th, and after being added to the Assembly B&A Committee at about 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6th, A-3553 was also passed by the Assembly Committee on Thursday, March 7th! Both committees amended the bills, which were approved straight down party lines. We, along with the league, are still vehemently opposing these bills and have made our opposition known. We encourage you to continue to reach out to your state representatives and the Governor, expressing your opposition to these bills as well.

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The deadline for People Page submissions for the July 2013 issue is May 31, 2013. Please send People Page news to: Sharon Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Branchburg Township, 1077 US Highway 202 North, Branchburg, NJ 08876 or via Email at Sharon.Brienza@branchburg.nj.us The General News Articles deadline is June 7, 2013, and may be sent to: Jim Doherty, Township of Wantage, 888 Route 23, Wantage, NJ 07461 or via email: administrator@wantagewp-nj.org. Questions or comments regarding the *Quill* may be directed to the Editor, Jim Doherty, by calling 973-875-7192 or using the contact information shown above. Articles for submission should be prepared in Microsoft Word, using Times New Roman 10-point font.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By MCANJ President Nancy Saffos

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Sometimes it seems like we are spending all of our time pointing out flaws in proposed state laws that legislators, for some reason, cannot see. These bills are creating additional bureaucracy at a time when government should be becoming more efficient; creating additional taxpayer burden during a time of economic challenge; and presenting a "Do As I Say, Not As I Do" role of leadership by exempting State Legislators from having to follow the very proposed measures they are attempting to impose on local and county government.

As I said, "When it rains it pours" and to a certain extent rain is necessary and rain is good. Our hope is that it rains ONLY enough to reap us all good legislation! We shall keep you posted every step of the way.

We do have one item of positive and exciting news for New Jersey Municipal Clerks: A-1857 has passed the Assembly and as I write this, S-2433 is scheduled to be considered by the Senate and expected to pass! These bills mandate that the President of MCANJ (or designee) have a seat on the GRC! I send out a huge thank you to our past presidents and all those who worked so hard to see this come to fruition. We are almost there! And IT'S ABOUT TIME!! For more information on these bills, visit the League's website at www.njslom.org.

I urge you all to register for the 2013 International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Conference, which MCANJ will be hosting May 19th through May 23rd, at the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City.

Rooms are \$90.00 a night and there are many discounts to the registration fees being offered to New Jersey Clerks. IIMC is even offering a free year's initial membership to any one who has never been an IIMC member, as an incentive to qualify for the Conference discounted member registration fee! MCANJ is offering additional reimbursement incentives for MCANJ members who register and attend the conference, and volunteers can earn even more reimbursements. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to meet clerks from all over the globe. It's an experience you don't want to miss!

As I have stated many times, our association is only as strong as our members. Please get involved and become an active part of your association. We need your participation and your support. Please reach out to me or to any member of your Executive Board, at any time with any concerns, comments and/or contributions you may have. Our success is measured by your involvement.

Wishing you all a Happy Spring!

Nancy



PEOPLE PAGE

by Sharon Brienza

OCEAN COUNTY MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION

The Ocean County Clerks' Association reorganized during a winter storm on January 25, 2013. The most amazing thing that happened (a first for anyone's reorganization), was the benediction given via the internet (Skype) by Bette Mastropasqua's brother Father Edward Lamp, who was in Mexico at the time. Father Lamp just retired as the Chaplain of the International Catholic Daughters and as Chaplain for the James V. Harley Veterans Hospital in Tampa. If it's new and exciting, OCMCA is there to lead the crowd! Ocean County might have been hit hard by Hurricane Sandy; but "ya can't keep them down."

ESSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION



Administering the Oath of Office to the 2013 Officers is Essex County Clerk Christopher J. Durkin. Pictured with Mr. Durkin are:

Karen J. Carnevale, Municipal Clerk of West Orange, President; Madeline Smith, Assistant Township Clerk of Maplewood, Secretary; Bonita L. Triola, Deputy Municipal Clerk of Bloomfield, Treasurer; Joyce L. Lanier, Manager, Archives and Record Management Center (ARMC) and Open Public Records Office, Office of the City Clerk, Newark, Vice President.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL CLERK'S ASSOCIATION

MCANJ President Nancy Saffos administered the Oath of Office to the Middlesex County Municipal Clerk's Association during their annual "After Holiday Get Together" on January 11, 2013 at Salt Creek Grille.

Pictured are Nancy L. Saffos, Nennette Perry, President (East Brunswick); Joan Hullings, Vice President (Highland Park); Carol Torres, Secretary (Plainsboro), Sheryl Nevin, Treasurer (South River).



TRANSITIONS

Robin Collins, formerly of Far Hills Borough (Somerset County) has been appointed Municipal Clerk in the Borough of Peapack/Gladstone, replacing Marge Gould.

W. Scott Jett was appointed City Clerk of North Wildwood at the Reorganization meeting on January 2, 2013. Jett, 48, has been an employee of the city since 2006, before that he was a teacher at Absegami High School. He is a lifelong resident of North Wildwood. "It all kind of fell into place," Jett said of his new role in government. "This is something that I'm comfortable with and that I know I can do well."

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Sally Bleeker, Borough Clerk of Franklin Lakes (Bergen County) on the loss of her sister, Diana Iucalano.

Condolences to Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk of Westwood (Bergen County), on the loss of her Father.

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by Sharon Brienza

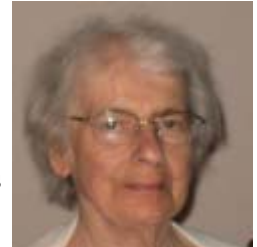
CONDOLENCES

It is with great sadness to write about Municipal Clerks we lost at the end of December.

Jeanne D'Alessio, retired, from the Borough of Fort Lee (Bergen County) passed away on December 18th. Jeanne worked in the Borough Clerk's Office for 17 years retiring as Borough Clerk in 1998. She was the quintessential New Yorker and loved everything about it. In her youth, Jeanne modeled wedding gowns.

Margaret Montanari, 92, retired Clerk from Keyport Borough (Monmouth County) passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013, at Ocean Medical Center, Brick.

She was born Margaret Niebergall on July 8, 1920 in Newark, where she grew up. In 1944, she moved to Harrison and in 1956, she relocated to Elizabeth. In 1975, Margaret settled in Keyport, where she was the Borough Clerk from 1978-1983.



Angela (Angie) H. Pileggi, retired City Clerk of Ocean City (Cape May County), passed away on Tuesday, December 18th. Angie served the City for 30 years first as the secretary for the City Civil Engineers office then as the city's Deputy Clerk before becoming City Clerk in 1985. She served on the Executive Board of the Cape May County Association leading the Association as its President. Angie co-chaired several Fall Conference Committees when the MCANJ held two conferences a year. She also served as the Cape May County Advisory Board member for several years. Angie was the MCANJ's "Clerk of the Year" for the year 2001. Bette Mastropasqua shared a fond memory of Angie:



"My fondest memory of Angie will be our Fall Conference when Kathy Thorpe was President. We were all treated to a bay ride on a converted PT boat. Most of us were out doors on this boat. There was a constant barrage from overhead of white yuk that we all attributed to the seagulls overhead. After about 15 minutes of oooohhhh, yuk etc., someone turned around and there was Kathy Thorpe, Elaine Marshall, Angie Pileggi and that silver haired devil Chris Wilder, shooting Jergens Lotion from water guns over our heads."

Lynn Stanzlaus, former Municipal Clerk of Green Township in Sussex County, passed away on December 24, 2012 at her home in Oak Island, North Carolina. How does one start writing about Lynn? She was a ball of fire, a cheerleader for Municipal Clerks, a mentor for many, a trusted resource and confidant for all. Anyone who knew Lynn cannot think of her and not smile or laugh. Lynn was President of the MCANJ in 1998, and I was privileged to serve with her when I was elected Treasurer.

During her tenure as President, Lynn was in attendance when former Governor Christine Todd Whitman signed the New Jersey Clerks' Recertification Legislation on January 6, 1998. Lynn attended several County meetings outlining the requirements of the bill at length to make sure all Municipal Clerks were aware of the legislation and to make sure they would all be in compliance with the law. In April 1998, Lynn formed the Education and Scholarship Foundation and the MCANJ received their first Legalized Games of Chance Registration number allowing the Association to conduct 50/50 raffles. She also created the "Professional Development" Committee to address the managerial needs of Municipal Clerks. I remember how excited Lynn was when she announced the creation of the MCANJ website. She worked tirelessly with Joe Favaro and Joe's son, Vinnie, to design the web page which continues to serve us to this day.



Shortly after retirement in 2000, Lynn and her husband, Harold, moved to Oak Island, North Carolina. Not to stay idle for long, Lynn became a potter. Her work was on the Fine Art America website where she stated, "For the past nine years my life has been clay. I spend every day and evening thinking and working in clay. I love the feel and the creativity it enables me to address. I love making whimsical pottery and incorporating it into some functionalware." (I am fortunate enough to have won a turtle mirror Lynn donated to a silent auction several years ago.)

I know there are many other accomplishments and stories about Lynn that I could have added, but there are space constraints! Lynn is gone, but will never be forgotten. What a privilege and an amazing experience for those of us who were fortunate to have known her or worked with her and that she was part of our lives. Lynn

Condolences to the families and friends of all listed above, and may they all rest in peace.

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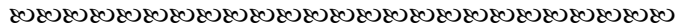
JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT



At the Beach Haven Reorganization Meeting on January 2nd, Bette Mastropasqua relinquished her authority and allowed Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno to issue the Oaths of Office.

Bette reported that Lt. Governor Guadagno let it be known to all present in her comments, the “Clerks run the show and are the most important official in the town,” then apologized to the Council telling them “sorry, but it’s the truth.”

Lt. Governor Guadagno graciously stayed for a few photo ops to the delight of all present. She asked to be invited to their 2014 Reorganization and they are holding her to it.



After the Region II meeting that was held in Virginia Beach, VA January 17-19, 2013, the Moores and the Brienzas took a day trip to the Outer Banks.

Pictured are Sharon Brienza, Municipal Clerk of Branchburg, New Jersey, and Dolores Moore, City Clerk for the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, “holding up” the Wright Brothers monument at Kitty Hawk.



AUTHORS, AUTHORS, AUTHORS!

In the January issue, it was announced that Deputy Township Clerk Beth-Durpnak-Rinyu from Robbinsville had a book published.

On March 2nd, Robbinsville Township Clerk Michele Auletta Seigfried sent her very first novel to the editor. It's a crime mystery set at the Jersey shore. Michelle thanks Beth Fattore-Rinyu for inspiring her to finally write it.

It seems writing is also a hobby of Somerset County Deputy Freeholder Clerk Kathy Quick whose 15th book “Ineligible Bachelor” was released in January by Amazon. It is a contemporary romance loosely based on a reality TV show. She has three more under contract.

Another budding author...Oscar Hernandez, son of Lissette Aportela-Hernandez, (Tenafly Borough, Bergen County) wrote the following article that appeared in his school newspaper.

Oscar went with Lissette last October to a poll worker training session for extra credit for his Civics class.


Oscar is in middle school and is the only 6th grader who had an article in the newspaper.

Did you know...

THE LOWDOWN ON POLL WORKERS
BY OSCAR HERNANDEZ

Election Day has recently passed and your parents just voted. Did you know that there is more to the voting system than pressing a button? Yes, people called poll workers make sure that you go to the correct poll. On Election Day, they usually work from 5am – 10pm, activating the polls and helping registered voters cast their ballots. The American voting system would never work without these dedicated people.

There is more to a poll worker's job than that. They also are trained to detect voter fraud and they never turn anyone away; if someone cannot vote, they fill out a special form so that person can resolve his voting problems. Usually these people get \$200 for working the polls on Election Day.



PEOPLE PAGE, Continued

by Sharon Brienza

WHAT AN HONOR



Toms River Officials recently named their meeting room in honor of L. Manuel Hirsh-blond for his contributions to the Township overseeing 30 years of residential growth beginning in the 1960's until his retirement in 1989. "Manny was the glue that held Dover Township together. Manny, we're proud of you and I'm glad to make this presentation," Mayor Thomas Kelaheer commented.

A black-and-white portrait of Manny, taken years ago, hangs in the meeting room named in his honor. "The picture goes with the name on the room," the Mayor said.

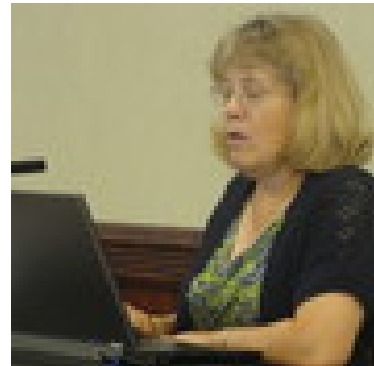
OOPS AND APOLOGIES!

Benedict Martorana, retired from West Caldwell, wrote the following email to Jim Doherty: "I would like to thank you for the moment of silence you offered me on Page 15 of this month's Quill. A little quiet is always appreciated. I do feel honored to be in the company of Mark Twain, who as you know was the first to point out that "the reports of my death are greatly exaggerated!" (This was in reference to the Resolution adopted in memory of deceased Municipal Clerks at the annual meeting and published in the February Quill.)

**Benedict Martorana, Retired (but still kicking) Municipal Clerk
West Caldwell**

OUTSTANDING WOMAN AWARD

On March 22, 2013, Judy Sullivan, Township Clerk/Administrator for the Township of Bedminster was honored by the Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women with an Outstanding Woman of the Year Award for Public Service. Way to go Judy!



HUNTERDON COUNTY MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION

During their meeting on January 31, 2013, at Bensi's in Flemington, County Clerk Mary Melfi administered the Oath of Office to the Hunterdon County Municipal Clerk's Association officers. Pictured (below left) are Michele Bobrowski, (Alexandria Township) Vice President; Ursula Stryker, (Franklin Township) Secretary; Mary MacConnell, (Kingwood Township) Treasurer. Not pictured is Cinthia Ege (Lambertville City) President.



PEOPLE PAGE, Continued

by Sharon Brienza

CONGRATULATIONS

RETIREMENTS

Janet Harkins, City Clerk for the City of North Wildwood (Cape May County) retired December 31, 2012 after 30 years with the City and the last 12 years as City Clerk. Scott Jett, the city's deputy clerk since 2009, replaces Janet, who officially retired on January 1st. Janet had worked for the city for 30 years, and the last 12 years as the city clerk. "Janet was a great teacher for me and let me get the necessary experience to feel comfortable in taking over for her," said Jett. "I can't imagine anyone being a better boss than she was for me."

Marge Gould, Borough Clerk/Administrator of the Borough of Peapack/Gladstone (Somerset County) retired on April 1st after celebrating her 30th year with the Borough on March 15th. The governing body noted that they conducted a very thorough search of prospective candidates to find a competent individual who could undertake the challenging responsibilities previously assigned to and brilliantly performed by Marge. They noted the professionalism and dedication of Marge in making sure that, prior to her retirement, the transition was virtually seamless.

Marilyn Hodgson, Borough Clerk Glen Gardner, (Hunterdon County) also recently retired.



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by Sharon Brienza

RE-ELECTED

Joe Favaro, retired Borough Clerk of Englewood Cliffs (Bergen County), was re-elected to the Englewood Cliffs Borough Council. He was sworn into office for his second three year term by Congressman Bill Pascrell. Joe was also re-appointed as Council President.



WEDDING BELLS

Best wishes and congratulations to Laura Eidsvagg, Borough Clerk for the Borough of Califon, (Hunterdon County) on her recent engagement to George!



2013 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As of this writing, 584 of our members have renewed their 2013 membership through our new on-line database.

This database has allowed us to collect accurate up-to-date information for all who have renewed, and streamlined the process for both the Association and renewing members.

This updated contact information will assist us in the timely distribution of important information to our membership.

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STAY IN THE MOMENT

by Richard Lustgarten, MCANJ Legal Counsel



These articles are always written several weeks prior to publication so I never know what things will come to pass or remain status quo. But as the psychologists say, “Stay in the moment,” so here goes.

The Feds are bickering over the sequester and we don’t know the trickle down effect to the economy or Federal Programs that benefit the states with concomitant benefit to municipalities, if any. We don’t really know if Nero fiddled while Rome burned, but our modern day string players in Washington are orchestrating their own “dire consequences” symphony.

One or both parties will have to face the music of the wrath of the American public as it effects livelihoods and lives.

Here at home, another tune is being played out (and, yes, I’ll now stop with the musical references).

Last month, the New Jersey Supreme Court heard arguments as to whether or not the Governor can effectively dismantle COAH, which is an agency established by the legislature. I think not, but if four justices say he can, he can, but in my view this will be a great enhancement of Executive Power.

There are two bills in the hopper relating to early voting, one authorizing it by July 1, 2013 and the other by January 1, 2014. There are certain dissimilarities in the Assembly and Senate versions which will have to be sorted out in their conference committees. From a Municipal Clerk’s viewpoint, however, sufficient advance planning and explicit direction to you is essential to allow for a smooth transition to this change in exercising a fundamental right. At the direction of President Saffos, our own Jim Doherty testified against these bills as written before the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Parenthetically, the U.S. Supreme Court is considering a challenge from Shelby County, Alabama to gut part of the Federal Civil Rights Voting Act that mandates Federal oversight of certain states (mostly southern) that place obstacles in the way of registering and voting. The original law was enacted in 1965, reauthorized several times since, and the question is whether it is still needed. Alabama says ‘no’, the Federal Government and interest groups say ‘yes’, but again the issue will be decided by a majority of that Court which is five affirmative votes. Remember, these obstacles related to literacy tests, poll taxes, registration only being available once every two weeks, etc. and questions being posed such as, “How many bubbles are there in a bar of soap?”

Fortunately, New Jersey doesn’t have that dramatic a tortured history to block voting, although we have had our own glitches. (Coincidentally, the Supreme Court argument occurred at the same time that a black gay candidate was murdered in Mississippi. While that offense was not governmentally sponsored, it remains to be seen whether it was an isolated incident or still represents a prevalent view shared by a significant number of citizens of that state.)

And so we proceed to OPRA and OPMA. The latest iteration of OPRA was introduced on January 14, 2013 as S2512 and OPMA on the same date as S2511. The statement to OPMA indicates that it expands the public’s right to receive notice of meetings, to be present at them, to be heard at the meetings, as well as having access to the minutes of the meetings. The bill also addresses issues relating to communications among members of a public body, the recording of meetings, the posting of meeting-related information on the Internet, the use of closed sessions and penalties for violations.

Under its current version, a full agenda of the proposed meeting shall be provided at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, unless two-thirds of the public body members vote to add items to the agenda with a full explanation as to why the item was not previously listed and why delay in discussing the item would be against the public interest.

Currently, subcommittees are subject to the same notice requirements, and minutes need to be kept. I spoke to Senator Weinberg concerning this part of the bill and she indicates that they will give it another review as it may be too cumbersome to implement in its current form.

Two-thirds of the members of a public body may vote to have a meeting without the 48 hour notice (down from three-fourths) as long as the urgency and importance of the unadvertised meeting is disclosed.

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STAY IN THE MOMENT, Continued

by Richard Lustgarten, MCANJ Legal Counsel

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Members are prohibited from communicating electronically with each other or third parties except staff or counsel on substantive matters during a meeting.

A public comment period may be designated for items on the agenda provided a second comment period on general topics is also provided. The public body may limit each speaker to a maximum of three minutes but there is no overall outside time limitation for all speakers. (Query? If the comment period is combined does a speaker get only one three-minute allotment instead if the three minutes for each comment period? The bill says the comment period, not each but the intent probably is for three minutes in each one.)

When discussing personnel, at least two business days notice in advance of the discussion must be provided to the individual or individuals affected, thus codifying a specific notice time frame to what is generally called Rice notices.

Finally, attorney's fees may be (but are not mandatory) awarded to a prevailing party who successfully wins a case relating to a violation of the act. These fees shall be paid by the public body, but if a fine is imposed upon a government individual it must be paid from private funds and cannot be reimbursed.

□ The current version of OPRA expands and clarifies various definitions and makes changes to the duties of record custodians and the Government Records Council (GRC). It also revises the composition of the GRC and similar to OPMA specifies fines to be paid by individuals, not out of public funds.

By definition, a public employee also includes an appointed or elected person and they are now covered under the act.

There is a specific and precise procedure for redaction of part of a public document after request. It is rather cumbersome as it requires a detailed reference to the redaction giving the date of the record, its author, its subject matter, the number of words and lines redacted and a recitation of the lawful basis for the redaction. I had a lengthy discuss with Senator Weinberg concerning this section and again, they are going to take another look at it. I told her that it was my opinion that, as written, it is extremely time-consuming for the Record Custodian and the process should be simplified to balance the ability to redact appropriate information and at the same time supply the requester a reasonable general statement as to the "whys and wherefores" of the redaction.

In the prior version, the MCANJ President or designee was included in the membership of the GRC. S2512 does not include this membership designation but rather authorizes the Governor to appoint a past or current clerk to the GRC. Senator Weinberg has indicated that S2512 would be changed to include the MCANJ President or designee as a member of the GRC. (Note also that there is another bill, S2433, introduced on January 8, 2013, which includes the MCANJ President/designee as a member of the GRC. If this language is reinstated in S2512, this bill will be moot.) I believe that it is very important for each Municipal Clerk to specifically contact his/her Senator or Assemblyperson to advocate for the inclusion of the MCANJ President/designee in any final version of the bill to be adopted. Senator Weinberg has further advised that she believes that these bills will come up in May so your communication should be made as soon as possible.

Like OPMA, attorney's fees are discretionary rather than mandatory to a prevailing party who successfully challenges a violation of the act. They are also to be paid by the public body as opposed to fines, as stated above, which are an individual's responsibility.

Of great significance, there is a new section that indicates, in exceptional circumstances, that a petition may be made to Superior Court for a protective order limiting the number and scope of requests a requester may make and the Court has the authority to issue an order for such other relief as it deems appropriate including referral of the matter to mediation. The protective order may issue if the Court determines that the requester has sought records for an improper purpose, such as to harass or to substantially interfere with the operation of a public agency or its employees.

We know that there are several requesters who make hundreds of requests because they are either annoyed or upset at real or imagined slights, they believe their taxes are too high, they did not receive a permit or variance that they requested or for some other perhaps obscure reason. Access to government records should not be used as an offensive weapon by these individuals to interfere with the smooth operation of government and their actions also interfere with the rights of those citizens making legitimate requests because, as you know better than I, there are only so many days that you have to respond to all of the OPRA requests in a timely fashion.

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With respect to violations of the statute, the custodian will not be held responsible for a government record that does not exist at the time of the request, provided that the failure to maintain the record is due to mere negligence or no fault on the part of the public entity and the requester is so informed by certification or affidavit.

A custodian will have violated the act if the custodian is found to be grossly negligent under the totality of the circumstances of the denial. As defined, "grossly negligent" shall mean engaging in conduct involving a gross deviation from the acceptable standards of conduct from the duties and responsibilities imposed in the act that a reasonable person would have observed in the actor's situation. If that definition doesn't leave your mind reeling - - it probably should.

The key to the definition in my view, are the words "gross deviation." Legally, this does not mean ordinary negligence and is really not misconduct but a failure to comply with a set of standards. The question I have in this definition is who establishes the "acceptable standards of conduct?" Must they be established by an experienced Municipal Clerk or does the definition incorporate the proverbial "reasonable person" standard who may or may not have any knowledge of what a clerk does or does not do?

If the definition remains in the final version of the bill, it is my opinion that you are not grossly negligent if you make reasonable attempts to obtain the documents requested. A reasonable attempt would include contacting, in writing, other departments in your municipality that would likely have the document requested if you don't have the document in your files. In gray areas, consultation with the Municipal Attorney should always be a course of action. A reasonable follow-up, if you are not responded to timely, is also mandated. Effectively, if you make every reasonable effort to obtain the document, it is my opinion that you are not grossly negligent. If you choose to simply ignore the request or only make a half-hearted attempt that is clearly superficial by any objective review, you probably are.

You should obtain a copy of each of these bills, since the above, while somewhat in depth, is still not a complete summary of everything in them.

Having reported to you on OPRA and OPMA over the last several years, without these bills culminating in a statute, and referencing the generally slow-pace of the Legislature, and sometimes bizarre rulings, I would be remiss if I didn't recite a quote from H. L. Mencken, who said, "Democracy is the art and science of running the circus from the monkey cage."

Have a happy Spring and Summer.

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MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE YEAR

A County Association or an individual Clerk may nominate a candidate for Municipal Clerk of the Year. Previous honorees are those individuals who have made positive contributions to our profession for the benefit of all of us. The Association invites you to submit the name of a Municipal Clerk who has had an impact on our profession and who should be considered for this prestigious honor.

MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

(please type)

All nominees must be members of the Municipal Clerks' Association of NJ, Inc., currently employed as Municipal Clerks and tenured in their positions. Current members of the Executive Board and former recipients of the award are not eligible. Qualifications must include activities within the MCANJ and may include related community and volunteer work. The selection of the annual "Municipal Clerk of the Year" is made by the Executive Board and announced at the Association's Annual Meeting during the League of Municipalities Conference in November in Atlantic City.

Nominee: _____

Appointment Date _____

Municipality _____

Address _____

County _____

Qualifications of Nominee:

Attach statement in support of Nominee's candidacy (maximum 500 words)

Nomination made by _____

(Name of County Organization or Individual)

Address _____

Contact Person _____

Address



No. _____

Phone

Submit to: Dina Zawadski, RMC, CMC
Deptford Township
1011 Cooper Street
Deptford, NJ 08096
Phone: 856-686-2203

Deadline for submission: July 1, 2013

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Municipal Clerks, Deputies and Assistants continuing their education in pursuit of RMC, CMC and MMC certifications are eligible for a Scholarship. Candidates for all scholarships must be members of the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey. CMC and MMC Scholarship applicants must be tenured Municipal Clerks. Scholarships shall be awarded at the Annual Meeting of the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 during the League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City:

Four (4) RMC Scholarships

One (1) Peter H. Maclearie CMC Scholarship (Includes registration and 1 night's hotel accommodation)

One (1) MMC Scholarship (Includes registration and 1 night's hotel accommodation)

Completed applications should be mailed directly to:

MCANJ SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

c/o Karen Hughes, RMC

Westwood Borough

101 Washington Avenue

Westwood, NJ 07675

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

You are encouraged to take advantage of this scholarship program offered to you by your Association. Please complete this application page (or a photocopy of it) and submit it as instructed. Should you have any questions, please contact Karen Hughes at 201-664-7100. ext 101

MCANJ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Title _____

Municipality _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Date of Appointment as Municipal Clerk _____ Deputy/Assistant _____

Check One: MCANJ Dues are paid by municipality MCANJ Dues are paid by member

I am applying for the:

RMC Scholarship – cost of one (1) course

CMC Scholarship [tenure date _____] – for tuition to CMC program by Rutgers University and one (1) night's hotel accommodation.

MMC Scholarship [tenure date _____] – for tuition to MMC program by Rutgers University and one (1) night's hotel accommodation.

List RMC, CMC and MMC educational courses taken and indicate whether the municipality or you paid for the course.

Reminder: All applicants must be members of the Municipal Clerks' Association of NJ, Inc. Applicants for the CMC and MMC Scholarships must be tenured.

Use a separate sheet of paper for a short statement as to why you feel this scholarship should be awarded to you and attach it to your application.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY: MCANJ EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article VI Section 1.A. of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey, Inc., specifies "Anyone seeking to be a candidate must file with the Secretary not later than 120 days prior to the Annual Meeting. No additional applications shall be accepted after this date." Article VI Section 1.C. specifies the criteria for eligibility to seek office: "All candidates shall have tenure of office, shall have experience and training for that office, shall have received the degree of Registered Municipal Clerk (RMC), and shall be actively employed as a Municipal Clerk." For anyone seeking a position on the Executive Board for 2014 (with the exception of the office of President), the following application must be filed by July 23, 2013 in order to be eligible for consideration by the membership at the Annual Meeting to be held in Atlantic City on November 20, 2013. Check one:

1st Vice President
 2nd Vice President
 Treasurer
 Secretary

Name _____

Address _____

Municipality Employed by _____

Position _____

*Date of Original Appointment _____

*Date of Reappointment _____

*RMC Certificate Number _____ Date Issued _____

I, _____, hereby certify that I am actively employed by _____ as a Municipal Clerk and am qualified to submit my name as a candidate for the office of _____ of the MCANJ for 2014.

(Municipality)

(Signature)

(Date)

* Attach certified copies of Resolutions of Appointment and RMC Certificate.
(Current members of the Executive Board seeking successive office are exempt from re-filing these supporting documents.)



**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
JULY 23, 2013 AND SHOULD BE MAILED TO:**

Dina Zawadski, RMC, CMC
Deptford Township
1011 Cooper Street
Deptford, NJ 08096

Phone: 856-686-2203

IIMC CONFERENCE UPDATE

In just a few weeks the MCANJ/IIMC Conference will be upon us. It's hard to believe that its been 4 ½ years since our proposal was accepted over three other cities. The time has come to show everyone what New Jersey and the MCANJ is all about! Our conference has generated a lot of enthusiasm and rooms at the Taj are quickly being booked. If you haven't registered at the hotel yet, you may wish to do so. Only a certain number of rooms are remaining at the \$90 room rate. Once they are booked its at the discretion of the hotel to continue at that price.

As promised, some sessions have been designed specifically for New Jersey municipal clerks and registrars. These sessions will be held on Monday and Tuesday during the conference and, along with those offered by the IIMC, will provide all the ceu's required for New Jersey recertification. During the week volunteers acting as scanners for a session will remain in those sessions to scan departing participants. So, if you are interested in a particular session you won't need to miss it. An eblast will be sent prior to the conference providing more information pending DCA's assignment of course identification numbers.

Volunteers are urgently needed on Friday, May 17th to prepare conference bags and on Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19 for registration of delegates. Even if you're not attending the conference or are not registered at the hotel until Sunday, you might consider making a day trip to Atlantic City. If you can spare the time contact Chris Wilder at ACin2013@aol.com or call her at 609 977-4265. Lunch will be provided. In addition, the Executive Board has decided to offer a stipend of \$50 to the first sixty volunteers who assist during the conference for at least 5 hours.



The 2013 Conference Committee is looking forward to a great conference. So join us, share in the camaraderie that good teamwork generates, be a volunteer.

Help us make a great conference even better!

- Chris Wilder



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IIMC / MCANJ CONFERENCE IN ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

IIMC's Annual Conference in Atlantic City is one way to blaze a trail toward your designation, and offers an opportunity for you to receive the leadership and expertise that is vital to help deal with specific and current job-related problems and situations - successful communication, ethics and values, updated technology, finance, making media work for you effectively, and other courses that can be so essential to your duties as a Clerk. IIMC invites you to network with your peers from all over the world, and to take full advantage of your colleagues' different backgrounds, perspectives, and knowledge- as well as share your own. IIMC is here to help continue your education and be the best Clerk you can be, while earning up to 8 CMC Education or MMC Advanced Education points! Remember, IIMC may be "Lighting the Way Through Education" in Atlantic City, but the future of municipal government depends on informed public officials – and that's you, the Delegate. Come, network, play, and most of all, light up your education in the city that is "always turned on"! We can't wait to see you in Atlantic City! Brimming with all the amenities and networking opportunities that IIMC members have come to experience over the years, the 67th IIMC Annual Conference also features an impressive lineup of courses that includes eight Master Municipal Clerk Academy (MMC) sessions, 2 Athenian Leadership Dialogues, 3 General Sessions, and 40 plus Concurrent Education Sessions to make for an excellent and memorable 2012 Conference.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Conference Registration Opens
2012/13 IIMC Board of Directors Meeting
Academy Sessions
Athenian Leadership Society Dialogue

SUNDAY, MAY 19

MCEF Walk/Run
Conference Registration
Academy Sessions
Athenian Leadership Society Dialogue
IIMC Committee Leadership Orientation
Institute Directors/Education Chairs Colloquium
State/Provincial/National Association Presidents Roundtable
Exhibit Hall Opens/MCEF Silent Auction
First-Time Delegate Orientation
Opening Reception - Exhibit Hall

MONDAY, MAY 20

Opening Ceremony
General Session
Concurrent Education Sessions
Region Meetings
Committee Meetings
Exhibit Hall Grand Opening/Luncheon
Region Dinners (Optional)

TUESDAY, MAY 21

General Session
Concurrent Education Sessions
Committee Meetings
Exhibit Hall Lunch
Institute Directors Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Concurrent Education Sessions
General Session
Committee Meetings
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
All-Conference Event

THURSDAY, MAY 23

IIMC Annual Business A.M. Meeting
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NJLOM SAMPLE RESOLUTION OPPOSING EARLY VOTING LEGISLATION:

Resolution Opposing S2364/A3553

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S2364 and Assembly Bill A3553 propose to create a system of early voting in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the goal of accommodating voters in pursuit of greater participation in the democratic process is a worthy goal; and

WHEREAS, these bills would in reality increase workloads, add more costs to the election process, and ultimately serve to confuse voters more than it would accommodate their needs; and

WHEREAS, these bills would require for each primary and general election a public facility, except a public school, located in each municipality in an area of a high concentration of population to be open and available to registered voters starting 15 days before an election for early polling, possibly conflicting with if not pushing out other important uses for these buildings, causing inconvenience to residents; and

WHEREAS, these bills require retraining of poll workers and dramatically increased hours, as well as chain of custody requirements to protect the voting process, despite the fact that recruiting and training polls workers is already a difficult process; and

WHEREAS, these bills would increase costs to municipalities, including overtime pay for workers; and

WHEREAS, although these bills allow municipalities to request reimbursement for extra costs and provide an appropriation, the appropriation does not outline a specific amount nor dedicated funding, only that which the State Treasurer and the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting deem necessary, and they do not outline the procedure for a municipality whose reimbursement request is denied; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity for “Early Voting” already exists in the State of New Jersey through the Vote by Mail ballot process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that (governing body) of the (insert name of municipality) in the County of (insert name of county) does hereby oppose S2364 and A3553; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the governing body of the (insert the name of municipality) does hereby call upon its representatives in the State Legislature to oppose the adoption of this bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Office of the Governor, Senate President Sweeney, Senators Gill and Whelan, sponsors of S2364, Speaker Oliver, Assemblymen Wisniewski, Diegnan, Benson, Conaway, and Coughlin, sponsors of A3553, our State Senator and Assembly representatives, the County Board of Elections, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities

APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

Please type or print clearly in ink. All information required unless marked optional.

1	I hereby apply for a Mail-In Ballot for the: (check only one) <input type="checkbox"/> General (November) <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Special (Specify) _____ To be held on _____ (Date)	MILITARY/OVERSEAS VOTER ONLY I request Vote-By-Mail Ballots for all elections in which I am eligible to vote and I am (MARK ONLY ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> A Member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent. <input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S. and I intend to return. <input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S. and I do not intend to return.
2	Last Name (Last or First) _____ First Name (Last or First) _____ Middle Name or Initial _____ Suffix (Jr., Sr., III) _____	
3	Address at which you are registered to vote Street Address or RD# _____ Apt. _____ Municipality (City/Town) _____ State _____ Zip _____	
4	Mail my ballot to the following address: <input type="checkbox"/> Same Address as Section 3 Please include any: PO Box, RDM, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code & Country (if outside US)	
5	6	7
Date of Birth _____		E-Mail Address (Optional) _____
8	Signature _____ Please sign your name as it appears in the Poll Book.	
OPTIONAL - ONLY COMPLETE SECTIONS 10 THROUGH 12 IF APPLICABLE		
10	Voter Options to Automatically Receive Ballots in Future Elections You may choose either option, both options, or none of the options. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO CHOOSE AN OPTION. If you do not choose any option, you will only be sent the ballot for the election you chose in Section 1. *A <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to receive a Mail-In Ballot for all elections to be held during the REMAINDER OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR. *B <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to receive a Mail-In Ballot in ALL FUTURE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTIONS, until I request otherwise. <small>*Please Note: Your ballot can only be sent to the mailing address supplied on this application; if your address changes, you must notify the County Clerk in writing.</small>	
11	Assistor Any person providing assistance to the voter in completing this application must complete this section. Name of Assistor (Last or First) _____ Signature of Assistor _____ Date _____ Address _____ Apt. _____ Municipality (City/Town) _____ State _____ Zip _____	
12	Authorized Messenger Any voter may apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Authorized Messenger. Messenger shall be a family member or a registered voter of this County. No Authorized Messenger can (1) be a Candidate in the election for which the voter is requesting a Mail-In Ballot or (2) serve as messenger for more than TEN qualified voters per election. I designate _____ to be my Authorized Messenger. First Name of Authorized Messenger _____ Address of Messenger _____ Apt. _____ Municipality (City/Town) _____ State _____ Zip _____ Date of Birth _____ Signature of Voter _____ Date _____	
STOP Authorized Messenger must sign application and show photo ID in the presence of the County Clerk or County Clerk designee. "I do hereby certify that I will deliver the Mail-In Ballot directly to the voter and no other person, under penalty of law." Signature of Messenger _____ Date _____		
OFFICE USE ONLY Voter Reg # _____ Muni Code # _____ Party _____ Ward _____ District _____		

NEW JERSEY ALREADY HAS EARLY VOTING:
 IT'S CALLED VOTE BY MAIL

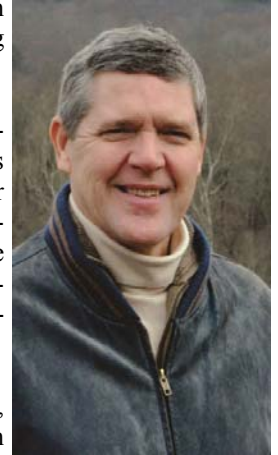
MCANJ MINI CONFERENCE SOUTH UPDATE

An MCANJ Mini Conference South was held March 15 in Deptford Township and was a roaring success with approximately 150 attendees, many from other disciplines. 6 CEU credits were awarded to RMC's and 1.5 to CMR's. 3 credits were awarded to CFO's, CTC's, CPWM's and QPA's.

Rita Marie Fulginiti, Cape May County Clerk; Michael Kennedy and Douglas Dunhour, Registrars from the Cape May County Board of Elections. Our guest speakers reviewed Early Voting Initiative S2364, currently being considered in the New Jersey Legislature, was reviewed and discussed. We also had a New Jersey Statewide Voter Registration System Update on recent upgrades to the NJSVRS and how they affect Municipal Clerks. We discussed the impact of moving Non Partisan May Elections to the November General Election, and how the election date move to November will impact Municipal Clerks and change the division of duties between county election officials and Municipal Clerks for non partisan elections. We also held a roundtable of timely election issues including voter registration, polling place issues, petition filing, mail-in ballots, and electronic voting.

Susan Jacobucci, Director, Division of Local Government Services, spoke regarding Ethical Dilemmas Faced by Clerks, offering a presentation geared towards clerks including situations and dilemmas faced by clerks every day. Joann Frascella Executive Assistant Licensing Bureau spoke about Liquor Licensing, reviewed Retail Liquor License Renewal Issues, Special Rulings pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 and N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.18, Conflict Licenses, Person-to-Person Transfers and Place-to-Place Transfers, Corporate Structure Changes, and Permits. Vincent T. Arrisi, State Registrar of Vital Statistics, offered a presentation on "Customer Service 101," which covered topics such as "What is Customer Service?", "Who are your customers?", and "10 Golden Rules of Customer Service."

Submitted by Roy Duffield, Municipal Clerk of Woodbury City,
and Co-Chair of Mini Conference South



MCANJ MINI CONFERENCE NORTH: ELECTIONS & FINANCE

APRIL 26, 2013, 8:30 AM TO 2:00 PM SANDYSTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Morning Session: \$5.00 for Members of the Municipal Clerks Association of New Jersey; \$10.00 for All Others

Afternoon Session: \$5.00 for Members of the Municipal Clerks Association of New Jersey; \$10.00 for All Others

SCHEDULE:

8:30 – 9:00 AM: Sign-in; Coffee and Bagels; Distribution of Morning Conference Materials

9:00 – 11:00 AM: ELECTIONS UPDATE

11:00 – 11:50 AM: Lunch Break. Ziti, Meatballs, Antipasto and Soda will be provided

11:50 – 12 Noon: Afternoon Sign-In; Distribution of Afternoon Conference Materials

Noon – 2:00 PM: FINANCE UPDATE

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Margaret L. McCabe, Administrator, Sussex County Board of Elections: General Update

Jeffrey Parrott, Sussex County Clerk and Angela Rosa, Deputy County Clerk: General Update

Michael Garofalo, Esq.: County Committee - An Insider's Look

Steve Miranti, Sales & Auction Planner, USGovBid – Procedures for On Line Auctions

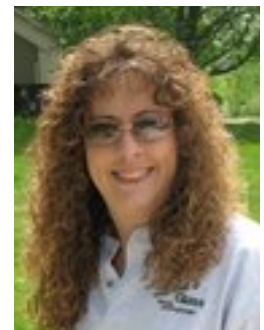
Reenee Casapulla, Sussex County Recycling Coordinator: Uses for Recycling Grants

THIS COURSE HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT AS FOLLOWS:

MUNICIPAL CLERK –	2 CONTACT HOURS, Elections (Morning Session); 2 CONTACT HOURS, Finance (Afternoon Session)
MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER –	2 CONTACT HOURS, Financial/Debt Management (Afternoon Session)
COUNTY FINANCE OFFICER –	2 CONTACT HOURS, Financial/Debt Management (Afternoon Session)
PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER –	2 CONTACT HOURS, Government (Afternoon Session)
QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT –	2 CONTACT HOURS, Office Admin/Finance (Afternoon Session)
RECYCLING COORDINATOR -	1 CONTACT HOUR (Afternoon Session)

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**Amy Lobban, RMC
Sandyston Twp**

SLOGANS OF NEW JERSEY: “IT HAPPENED HERE FIRST”

Here are the answers to the Matching Challenge shown on Back Page

- C. Roselle Borough (Union County) is the “First Village to Be Lighted by Thomas Edison.” On January 19, 1883, the first electric lighting system employing overhead wires to ever exist began service in Roselle, showing that an entire community could be lit by electricity. The First Presbyterian Church, located on the corner of West 5th Avenue and Chestnut Street, was the first church in the world to be lit by electricity.

- D. Rutherford Borough (Bergen County) was formed by formal vote on September 21, 1881, becoming “The First Borough of Bergen County.” Thanks to its easy access to New York City by rail, Rutherford became an early example of a New Jersey bedroom community. Rutherford is also known as the “Borough of Trees.”

- G. New Milford Borough (Bergen County) is the "Birthplace of Bergen County." New Milford was incorporated on March 11, 1922, from what remained of Palisades Township, based on the results of a referendum held on April 18, 1922. With the creation of New Milford, Palisades Township (which had been created in 1871) was dissolved. The 1964 book entitled *The Story of New Milford* seems to make the claim that the Borough is “The Birthplace of Bergen County” because people have made their homes here for 287 years (336 years in 2013), which is longer in an unbroken line than any other town in Bergen County.

- E. Long Branch City (Monmouth County) has a glamorous history as the "Nation's First Seaside Resort." A beach resort in the late 1700's, it became the "Hollywood" of the East in the 1800's because famous actors, entertainers and celebrities came there to perform and enjoy the summer climate. Formed from portions of Ocean Township, Long Branch was officially incorporated by the New Jersey legislature in April of 1903. Long Branch is also the location of seven Parks named in honor of United States Presidents Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Chester A. Arthur, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, Woodrow Wilson and Ulysses S. Grant, all of whom spent time in the area's resorts. President Grant called Long Branch the Nation's “Summer Capital” in 1969. President Garfield passed away in Long Branch in 1881.

- F. Fort Lee Borough (Bergen County) calls itself the “Birthplace of the Motion Picture Industry.” When the Kalem Company began using Fort Lee in 1907 as a location for filming in the area, other filmmakers quickly followed. In 1909, a forerunner of Universal Studios, the Champion Film Company, built the first studio. They were quickly followed by others who either built new studios or who leased facilities in Fort Lee.

- A. Perth Amboy City (Middlesex County), serving as the New Jersey State Capital in 1790, lays claim to being the first place to sign the United States Bill of Rights, which, as we all remember from our History lessons, is the collective name for the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution. Perth Amboy is also known as the "City by the Bay," referring to Raritan Bay.

- B. Carlstadt Borough (Bergen County) established a Kindergarten in 1875, which is considered by several sources to be the “Home of the Nation's First Kindergarten" in a public school. Carlstadt was originally formed as a village in 1860, within Lodi Township. It was named after Dr. Carl Klein, the leader of a group of early German settlers. The Borough of Carlstadt was incorporated on June 27, 1894, formally set off from Bergen Township.

ANSWER TO THE BONUS QUESTION: The Borough of Woodland Park, in Passaic County, is known as “The Small Town With the Big Heart”, and is also referred to as “Washington’s Rifle Camp.”

HONOR ROLL: MCANJ PRESIDENTS

1922	<i>John J. Carroll</i>	<i>Plainfield City</i>	<i>Union County</i>
1927-28	<i>William H. Jamouneau</i>	<i>Irvington Township</i>	<i>Essex County</i>
1929-37	<i>William A. Miller</i>	<i>Clifton City</i>	<i>Passaic County</i>
1938-43	<i>Simon Blum</i>	<i>Nutley Township</i>	<i>Essex County</i>
1944	<i>Nelson S. Butera</i>	<i>Morristown Town</i>	<i>Morris County</i>
1945	<i>Harold Landshof</i>	<i>Rutherford Borough</i>	<i>Bergen County</i>
1946	<i>Clay W. Reesman</i>	<i>Camden City</i>	<i>Camden County</i>
1947	<i>Philip P. Costello</i>	<i>Perth Amboy City</i>	<i>Middlesex County</i>
1948	<i>Charles G. Zahn</i>	<i>Livingston Township</i>	<i>Essex County</i>
1949	<i>Edith A. Varley</i>	<i>Somerville Borough</i>	<i>Somerset County</i>
1950	<i>Thomas J. Weiser</i>	<i>Linden City</i>	<i>Union County</i>
1951	<i>Mary V. Martin</i>	<i>Asbury Park City</i>	<i>Monmouth County</i>
1952	<i>Robert B. Galloway</i>	<i>North Arlington Borough</i>	<i>Bergen County</i>
1953	<i>Howard J. Bloy</i>	<i>Hillside Township</i>	<i>Union County</i>
1954	<i>J. Ford Flagg</i>	<i>Highland Park Borough</i>	<i>Middlesex County</i>
1955	<i>Myron O. Morris</i>	<i>Spring Lake Borough</i>	<i>Monmouth County</i>
1956	<i>Timothy M. Maloney</i>	<i>Irvington Township</i>	<i>Essex County</i>
1957	<i>Robert I. Rafford</i>	<i>Hasbrouck Heights Borough</i>	<i>Bergen County</i>
1958	<i>Stanley E. Brower</i>	<i>Lakewood Township</i>	<i>Ocean County</i>
1959	<i>George V. Grillo</i>	<i>Hawthorne Borough</i>	<i>Passaic County</i>
1960	<i>Florence E. Rutan</i>	<i>Nutley Township</i>	<i>Essex County</i>
1961	<i>Charles A. Farley</i>	<i>Harrison Town</i>	<i>Hudson County</i>
1962	<i>Frank P. Robertson</i>	<i>Bedminster Township</i>	<i>Somerset County</i>
1963	<i>John Schuster</i>	<i>Egg Harbor City</i>	<i>Atlantic County</i>
1964	<i>Oscar Kaus</i>	<i>Edison Township</i>	<i>Middlesex County</i>
1965	<i>Edith M. Marrion</i>	<i>Clifton City</i>	<i>Passaic County</i>
1966	<i>Frank J. Quigley</i>	<i>Ventnor City</i>	<i>Atlantic County</i>
1967	<i>John F. Thompson</i>	<i>River Edge Borough</i>	<i>Bergen County</i>
1968	<i>Stanley H. Maziarz</i>	<i>Trenton City</i>	<i>Mercer County</i>
1969	<i>Thomas Redenauer</i>	<i>Barrington Borough</i>	<i>Camden County</i>
1970	<i>Lois S. Frank</i>	<i>Mendham Township</i>	<i>Morris County</i>
1971	<i>Jack Bryan</i>	<i>Red Bank Borough</i>	<i>Monmouth County</i>
1972	<i>Harry C. Kates</i>	<i>Summit City</i>	<i>Union County</i>
1973	<i>Valentine P. Meissner</i>	<i>Irvington Township</i>	<i>Essex County</i>
1974	<i>Joseph V. Valenti</i>	<i>Woodbridge Township</i>	<i>Middlesex County</i>
1975	<i>Alfred A. Reda</i>	<i>West Paterson Borough</i>	<i>Passaic County</i>
1976	<i>Margaret B. Mazurie</i>	<i>Sea Isle City</i>	<i>Cape May County</i>
1977	<i>Otto M. Bock</i>	<i>Westville Borough</i>	<i>Gloucester County</i>
1978	<i>Norma Sisco</i>	<i>Sparta Township</i>	<i>Sussex County</i>
1979	<i>Stanley J. Kufel</i>	<i>Oradell Borough</i>	<i>Bergen County</i>
1980	<i>William E. Hurd</i>	<i>Absecon City</i>	<i>Atlantic County</i>
1981	<i>L. Manuel Hirshblond</i>	<i>Dover Township</i>	<i>Ocean County</i>
1982	<i>Harold E. Augustine</i>	<i>Perth Amboy City</i>	<i>Middlesex County</i>
1983	<i>James F. O'Keefe</i>	<i>Morris Township</i>	<i>Morris County</i>
1984	<i>Merrill Montgomery</i>	<i>Little Falls Township</i>	<i>Passaic County</i>
1985	<i>Elizabeth G. Nolan</i>	<i>East Windsor Township</i>	<i>Mercer County</i>
1986	<i>Stephen C Berry, Sr.</i>	<i>Glen Ridge Borough</i>	<i>Essex County</i>
1987	<i>Lewis N. Thompson</i>	<i>Millville City</i>	<i>Cumberland County</i>
1988	<i>Elaine M. Wallace</i>	<i>Delaware Township</i>	<i>Hunterdon County</i>
1989	<i>James T. Hart</i>	<i>Bernards Township</i>	<i>Somerset County</i>
1990	<i>Ronald C Nunnencamp</i>	<i>Winslow Township</i>	<i>Camden County</i>

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1991	Mildred C. Bird	Bloomington Borough	Passaic County
1992	Barbara A. Camp	Upper Township	Cape May County
1993	John J. Galvin	Bloomfield Township	Essex County
1994	Kathleen A. Thorpe	South Brunswick Township.	Middlesex County
1995	Christina N. Wilder	Hamilton Township	Mercer County
1996	Joseph Favaro	Englewood Cliffs Borough	Bergen County
1997	Elizabeth H. Kiss	East Brunswick Township	Middlesex County
1998	Lynn Stanzlaus	Green Township	Sussex County
1999	Bernadette M. Dubuss	Washington Township	Mercer County
2000	Nancy Hatten	Tenafly Borough	Bergen County
2001	Sharon L. Brienza	Branchburg Township	Somerset County
2002	Bernadette Standowski	Lakewood Township	Ocean County
2003	Allan R. Susen	Haledon Borough	Passaic County
2004	Joel Popkin	Borough of Neptune City	Monmouth County
2005	Jane Williams-Warren	Paterson City	Passaic County
2006	Elaine B. Kennedy	North Hanover Township	Burlington County
2007	Barbara M. Hawk	Laurel Springs Borough	Camden County
2008	Heather Mailander	Ridgewood Village	Bergen County
2009	Joan D. Moreland	Haddon Heights Borough	Camden County
2010	Vincent Buttiglieri	Ocean Township	Monmouth County
2011	Joanne M. Kwasniewski	Fair Lawn Borough	Bergen County
2012	Andrew J. Pavlica	Garfield City	Bergen County
2013	Nancy L. Saffos	Cherry Hill Township	Camden County

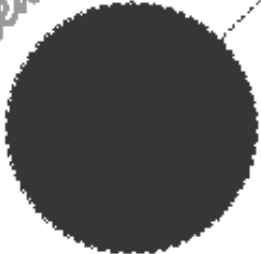
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“IT HAPPENED HERE FIRST”

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| ___ Roselle Borough | A. "We Signed It First" (The US Bill of Rights) |
| ___ Rutherford Borough | B. Home of the Nation's First Kindergarten |
| ___ New Milford Borough | C. First Village to Be Lighted by Thomas Edison |
| ___ Long Branch City | D. The First Borough of Bergen County |
| ___ Fort Lee Borough | E. America's First Seaside Resort |
| ___ Perth Amboy City | F. The Birthplace of the Motion Picture Industry |
| ___ Carlstadt Borough | G. Birthplace of Bergen County |

BONUS QUESTION:

Which New Jersey Municipality is known as “The Small Town With the Big Heart,” and is also sometimes referred to as “Washington’s Rifle Camp?”

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