

WMCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

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UPCOMING NORTHWEST CLERK INSTITUTE

Register Now! It is not too late to register for the Northwest Clerks Institute Professional Development courses. Don't miss the opportunity to move forward toward your CMC or MMC certification this year. NCI provides lots of great learning, plenty of networking, and fun. The classes, held at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA, are just around the corner, so don't forget to register:

- Professional Development I Course: June 6 – 11
- Professional Development II Course: June 13 – 18
- Professional Development III Course: June 20 – 25
- Master Academy (PD IV): June 13 – 16



The Master Academy (PD IV) is a different program than last year so you may attend and receive credit even if you attended previously. Dema has lined up two speakers this year, Leonard Mees, MD and Connie Poulsen. Dr. Mees will be presenting “Stress: The Cocaine of Modern America” on Sunday and Ms. Poulsen will present “Leading, Managing & Influencing in Challenging Times” on Monday, through Wednesday. Both are accomplished professionals who are sure to enlighten and educate. The class has been approved by IIMC for 12 points toward your MMC certification - register as soon as possible as there is some preparation work to complete before the Institute. Although no early registration fee applies, **the registration deadline for PD IV is May 14 in light of the prep work to be completed**; there is still room and time for applicants to register for this class. Check out the website for more information:

<http://www.nwclerksinstitute.org/>

NCI SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the following members of WMCA who received a scholarship to attend this year's Professional Development classes at the Northwest Clerks Institute:

Registration & Housing (to attend PD I):

Jill Allison	City of Toledo
Brandi Clark	City of Okanogan
Jill Hammond	Grant County
Tammie Herman	City of Ilwaco
Lisa King	City of Lynnwood
Autumn Lingle	City of Des Moines
Jane Montgomery	City of Pacific
Rosemary Murphy	City of Sultan

Registration Only (to attend PD II and PD III):

Craig Attwood	City of Okanogan
Michelle Brooks	City of Leavenworth
Shawn Campbell	City of Bonney Lake
Kelly Collins	City of Royal City
Traci Herman	City of Mountlake Terrace
Lalena Johns	Okanogan County
Kim Morey	City of Montesano
Kristy Powell	City of Montesano
Brandy Rinearson	City of Port Orchard
Morgan Stubbe	C-TRAN
Paula Swisher	City of Brier

The Executive Committee also accepted the Scholarship Committee's recommendation regarding the Marge Price Scholarships and awarded scholarships for the **Master Academy** in the amount of \$500 each to:

Terri Berry	City of Sumner	Kay Kammer	City of Ridgefield
Randy Hinchliffe	City of Waitsburg	Sandy Paul	City of Des Moines

These scholarships are in addition to the 13 scholarships awarded to WMCA members to attend the annual conference.

KUDOS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE FOR THEIR WORK IN EVALUATING AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON ALL OF THESE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS!

2010 FALL ACADEMY – SAVE THE DATES

We have scheduled Fall Academy sessions for:

- **Friday, October 1 on the west side**, tentatively scheduled for the Bracket Auditorium in Edmonds; and
- **Friday, October 8 on the east side** in the newly remodeled Richland Library. The host hotel is the Richland Red Lion. Room rates will be \$70/single and \$100/double

The Education Committee is hard at work on a speaker and topic and hope to have the information for the June report. Stay tuned! Thanks to Debbie Clark, Debbie Barham and Virginia Olsen for their work on the logistics!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Be sure to contact anyone on the Executive Committee if you have thoughts, ideas or items to be discussed at one of our quarterly meetings. Minutes from those minutes are posted on the website. The first board meeting of the year took place immediately after the conference adjourned. For the remainder of the year, meeting dates are as follows:

- Friday, June 25, 2010 in Sequim
- Friday, October 22, 2010 in Vancouver
- Friday, January 21, 2010 at Pierce Transit

NOTICE OF ADOPTED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

At the Annual Meeting on March 18, 2010, the WMCA members in attendance voted unanimously to amend the organization's bylaws. The amendments include changes to Article IV – Officers/Board of Directors Terms to allow for a past president of WMCA to fill the office of Past President if there is a vacancy and to add a new section - Removal From Office – Executive Committee. To view the updated bylaws, please go to www.wmcaclerks.org.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

Congratulations to **Sherry Biggs**, City Clerk for the City of Prosser for attaining her MMC!

And congratulations to the following WMCA members for receiving their CMC from IIMC:

- **Delsa Pospical**, Admin Assistant, Ben Franklin Transit
- **Susan Snowdy**, Exec Asst/Clerk of the Board, Ben Franklin Transit
- **Dee Roberts**, Clerk-Treasurer, South Bend
- **Pam Greytak**, Admin Assistant, Medina
- **Deborah Kloster**, City Clerk, Yakima
- **Denise Johnson**, Clerk of the Council, Pierce Transit
- **Marla Nevill**, Clerk-Treasurer, South Prairie
- **Teresa Ongoco**, Admin Assistant, Lakewood



We all know how hard it is to reach these milestones, way to go!!!

ELECTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Election Committee is preparing to discuss changing how voting is done for the 2011-2012 year by possibly voting on-line. This will save time and money for the committee and WMCA. To do this the Election Committee will need to

recommend changes in the by-laws to the By-Laws Committee in time for the March 2011 conference. They are hard at work to see if this is feasible!

COMMITTEE SIGN-UPS

Weren't able to attend the conference or forgot to sign up for a committee? There's still time! Contact President Karen Kuznek-Reese (KKuznek-Reese@ci.sequim.wa.us) to let her know which committee you'd like to join. Working on a committee grows even more friendships within the WMCA organization. Check out the committees on our website at www.wmcaclerks.org.

WMCA DISCUSSION BOARD

Have you signed up to receive email notifications when a new message is posted to the WMCA discussion board? Go to www.wmcaclerks.org and click on the WMCA Discussion Board link to sign up. This is a great resource to get your questions answered as well as share your knowledge and expertise answering other clerks' questions.

Beautiful Lanyards - \$15

The pearl beaded lanyards come in several different colors, as shown. The multi-colored lanyards are also in various colors; some have more red or blue or green. All have "WMCA" beads.

E-mail Carol Etgen at

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PLAN AHEAD FOR YOUR LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION ITEMS FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

AUCTION ITEM SUGGESTIONS...

GIFT BASKETS, GARDEN ART, GIFT CERTIFICATES
(LODGING, DINING, OR EVENTS), JEWELRY, HOME
DÉCOR, CLOTHING, WINE, ART, AND MANY MORE -
USE YOUR IMAGINATION!

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, AN IDEA, ETC., CONTACT:
DEBBIE JERMANN AT 360-906-7303 OR
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*Each year, WMCA members
lend a helping hand to each
other by donating items for
the Live and Silent Auctions
held during the Annual
Conference. Over the years,
we have helped hundreds of
our fellow clerks achieve
their education goals. Keep
WMCA in mind while hitting
those garage sales this
summer - always a great
place to find baskets for
auction items!*

