

Florida Association of City Clerks

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Message from the President



"There are many aspects to success; material wealth is only one component. But, success also includes good health, energy and enthusiasm for life, fulfilling relationships, creative freedom, emotional and psychological stability, a sense of well-being, and peace of mind."

- Deepak Chopra

Just goes to show you - money is not everything!!

*Warmest Regards,
Debra R. Buff, MMC
2020-2021 FACC President
City Clerk, City of Belle Glade*

Highlight



We will be highlighting a different member each week to share "what it means to be a member of FACC" for that person.

Today, enjoy reading about Courtney Russo, CMC, Town Clerk, Town of Orange Park.

In 2015, I began working for the Town of Orange Park as the administrative assistant to the town manager and town clerk. The town hall was only five minutes from where I lived (because who really wants to spend hours each day in traffic?), so I thought I had found my dream job when I stumbled across the job opening.

It was one of the best decisions I have ever made; that dream job turned into my dream career. Fast forward two years, the town manager decided to retire and, to make a long-story short, the town clerk was hired as the new town manager and I was hired as the new town clerk and...whoa! That happened quickly! [Read More.](#)

Member News

MMC Certification



The following FACC member earned their MMC certification:

- Heather Taylor, MMC, City Clerk, City of North Port

Congratulations, Heather!

CMC Certification



The following FACC member earned their CMC certification:

- Danielle Lewis, CMC, Deputy City Clerk, City of Venice

Congratulations, Danielle!

Recognition



On June 11th, FACC Southeast Director and Town Clerk Lanelda D. Gaskins, MPA, MMC, FCRM, Town of Highland Beach, attended the Town of Gulfstream's Council Meeting and presented Assistant Town Clerk Reneé Basel, CMC, Town of Gulf Stream, with her CMC pin and plaque.

Pictured from left to right: Town Clerk Lanelda D. Gaskins, MPA, MMC, FCRM, Town of Highland Beach and Assistant Town Clerk Reneé Basel, CMC, Town of Gulf Stream.

Congratulations, Reneé!

Legislative Committee Update

The 2021 Florida Legislative Session ended April 30th and tackled a wide range of issues impacting local governments and the city clerk's office. A few of the bills that passed include changes to public notices, municipal code enforcement investigations, disclaimer policy for text message political advertisements, and preemption of local occupational licensing.

[Click here](#) to read the detailed summary of priority bills from the 2021 Florida Legislative Session.



*Best regards,
Rosemarie Call, MPA, MMC
City Clerk, City of Clearwater
FACC Legislative Committee Chair*

FACC Booth at the FLC Annual Conference



Volunteers Needed!

FACC will have a booth in the Exhibit Hall at the 2021 [Florida League of Cities Annual Conference](#). We need FACC members to help with the booth.

The conference will be held at the Orlando World Center Marriott (8701 World Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32821).

The dates to volunteer are August 12-13, 2021.

If you would like to volunteer, please [click here](#) or the click the "Sign-Up Now" button below.

Sign up no later than July 31, 2021.

[Sign-Up Now!](#)

Florida Education Fund Donations



The Florida Education Fund (FEF) was created in 2013 to raise funds for FACC's professional education programs and to protect training investments. FEF is used exclusively for the purpose of providing highly sought after facilitators and other esteemed education professionals and programs that may far exceed our association budget.

Thank you for donating in 2020-2021:

Diamond - \$50
Maria T. Waldrop, MMC

Gold - \$25
Angie Guy, MMC

You can make a one-time contribution today. Please [click here](#) to download the form. Please make checks payable to FACC. Mail your check and completed form to: FACC, PO Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

FACC 2021 Summer Conference and Academy

Registration Information



June 26-30, 2021
Luminary Hotel
2200 Edwards Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33901
#FACCSummer2021

The room block at the Luminary Hotel, where the 2021 Summer Conference and Academy will be held, is full. [Click here](#) for a list of alternate hotels. We apologize for any inconvenience. We currently have a cancellation list for the Luminary Hotel. We cannot guarantee a room will become available; but if you would like to be added to this list, contact facc@flcities.com.

Parking information if you are not staying overnight at the Luminary Hotel:

On-site Parking at the Luminary Hotel:

-Valet Parking \$10.00/day

Off-site Parking:

-City of Palms Garage (just adjacent to the Convention Center): \$1.00/hr up to \$5.00

-Street Parking: metered or payable via Passport Parking app, \$.25/hr

[Download Announcement](#)

Questions? Call (850) 222-9684 or email [FACC staff](#).

Register Now

Athenian Dialogues

Only a few seats remain!

This year we have two different pre-conference dialogues happening on the same day, Saturday, June 26, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Athenian Dialogue is \$100, plus purchase of the book; lunch is on your own.



Saturday | June 26, 2021

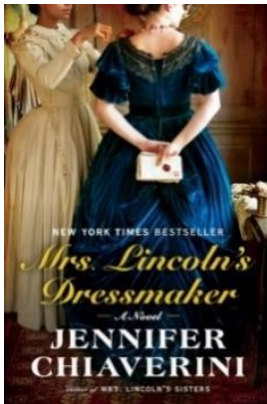
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Athenian Dialogue *Hidden Figures*

(6 CMC/MMC Hours)

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly is based on a true story. “Three brilliant African-American women at NASA (Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson) serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the space race (against the Russians) and galvanized the world.” (excerpt from Amazon website) After WWII, the Jim Crow laws of segregation were still strong in Virginia, these women with brilliant mathematical minds, were

relegated to teaching math in the south's segregated public schools. Once hired to work at Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory, they were known as “human computers;” using pencils, slide rulers and adding machines to problem-solve trajectories and computations for NASA. Yet they still served their country proudly. This is their story. *Presented by: Dawn Michanowicz, MMC, (Retired) Town Clerk, Town of Sterling, Massachusetts*



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9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Athenian Dialogue *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*

(6 CMC/MMC Hours)

In a life that spanned nearly a century and witnessed some of the most momentous events in American history, Elizabeth Hobbs Keckley was born a slave. A gifted seamstress, she earned her freedom by the skill of her needle and won the friendship of First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln by her devotion. A sweeping historical novel, *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini illuminates the extraordinary relationship the two women shared, beginning in the hallowed halls of the White House during the trials of the Civil War and enduring almost, but

not quite, to the end of Mrs. Lincoln's days.

Presented by: Camilla G. Pitman, MMC, Certified PLS, City of Greenville, South Carolina

If you are not familiar with an Athenian Dialogue, please [click here](#) to visit the IIMC's website to learn more about these dialogues. Athenian Leadership Society Dialogues are limited to a maximum of 30 participants per session on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants are required to purchase and read the book prior to the session.

The above Athenian Dialogues have been pre-approved for three IIMC CMC or MMC education points with the satisfactory, timely completion of a learning assessment. All participants must have completed the book in its entirety as a prerequisite for dialogue attendance.

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly is available for purchase on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [AbeBooks.com](https://www.abebooks.com).

Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini is available for purchase on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [AbeBooks.com](https://www.abebooks.com).

Silent Auction/Purses with a Purpose Auction



Please begin gathering your items for donation to the 2021 Silent Auction & Purses with a Purpose Auction!

These auctions will be held during the 2021 FACC Summer Conference and Academy.

Items are needed for both auctions! Of course, your participation in these two auctions is voluntary, but we look forward to another great year for both auctions. It is a lot of fun bidding against your fellow clerks!

Sample items for the Silent Auction include:

- Gift Cards (so bundles can be put together for auction)
- Coolers
- Gift Baskets
- Picture Frames
- Jewelry
- Candles
- Hair/Make-up Products
- Flower Arrangements

If you have an item you feel would work for the silent auction, please email pictures and/or a detailed description, along with estimated value, to Committee Chair Elizabeth Garcia-Beckford at egbeckford@nlauderdale.org so bidding sheets may be prepared in advance.

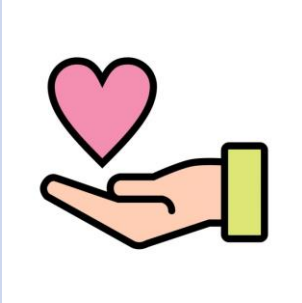
If you are interested in donating a gift card to create gift card bundles for the auction, please advise Elizabeth and mail all gift cards to her so gift card bundles and bidding sheets may be prepared in advance. The gift card(s) can be any denomination you wish to donate. Her address is listed below.

Purses with a Purpose: Gently used designer purses are needed. Twenty percent (20%) of the proceeds will be donated to a charity designated annually by the sitting board of directors with the remaining funds benefiting FACC. If you would like to donate gently used purses for this auction, please email pictures and approximate value along with a detailed description to Committee Chair Elizabeth Garcia-Beckford at egbeckford@nlauderdale.org.

Contact for both auctions: Committee Chair Elizabeth Garcia-Beckford, MMC, (954) 597-4705; egbeckford@nlauderdale.org; or City of North Lauderdale, c/o City Clerk Elizabeth Garcia-Beckford, MMC, 701 SW 71st Ave, North Lauderdale, FL 33068.

Thank you for helping make this event as successful as it has been in the past!

Donations/Promotional Items Needed



The Summer Conference and Academy Host Committee is asking for your help!

Municipal clerks throughout the state will converge on downtown Fort Myers June 26-30 for the 2021 Summer Conference and Academy.

We are reaching out to each of you asking for donations for the conference.

Door Prizes Needed: On the last day of the conference “City Treasures” giveaways of gift baskets, gift cards, or other prizes always make for a fun afternoon to close out the conference. Gift baskets or door prizes should be delivered no later than the first day of the conference, or we can arrange to pick them prior to June 25.

Welcome Bags: We also need to fill 200 welcome bags for attendees. Suggested items include – candy, snacks, city-related promotional items, hand sanitizer, T-shirts, hats, and any PR items of interest from your area (discount coupons, free tickets, etc.) Please submit your donations to the Fort Myers City Clerk/Host Chair as soon as possible. The bags will be stuffed on the first day of the conference, June 26.

For more information please call or email your Summer Conference and Academy Committee:

Host Chair Gwen Carlisle gcarlisle@cityftmyers.com 239-321-7040, or

Lily Baker lbaker@cityftmyers.com 239-321-7043, or

Jennifer Myers jmyers@cityftmyers.com 239-321-7041

or any host committee member.

From Our Partners

FLC Launches Free Grants Assistance Program for Cities



The League is excited to launch its **FLC Grants Assistance Program**. The League is partnering with **eCivis** to provide Florida municipalities with FREE access to a database with **more than 9,000 tracked grants**. Through this new partnership, every member of the League will have the tools to make **finding, applying for and managing their grants easier than ever before**.

This program allows members to leverage the nation's largest professionally curated database of grant opportunities including federal, state and foundation grants at no cost. This includes grants frequently updated with new solicitation notifications and allows for faster review with a standardized format designed for easy-to-read information access. Each League member is able to **customize its search to tag relevant grants** and have them sent straight to their inbox. eCivis even has a **dedicated grant coordinator** to service Florida municipalities specifically.

Not only has research been made easier, a **vast pre-award suite is now available at no cost!** This includes built-in compliance with grant guidance and oversight from certified grant management specialists at eCivis. Members can integrate project tasks with their email calendar to receive notifications of upcoming deadlines as well as track and report on pending grant awards and view previously awarded grants for direction on what strong grant applications look like.

This morning's monthly **#FLCitiesStrong webinar** featured **FLC Manager of Research and Innovation Chris Holley II** discussing this new exclusive member program. Click [here](#) to view a recording of the webinar.



[Click Here to Begin the Registration Process](#)

FLC University Webinar



Quarterly Ethics Webinar: Social Media, Public Records and the Public Forum June 24 at 2:00 p.m.

The **FLC University** is hosting its quarterly ethics webinar on **June 24 at 2:00 p.m. ET**. With the proliferation of social media platforms and the continuing growth of social media activity, public officials almost inevitably find themselves involved in social media interactions. Public officials in Florida must work hard to ensure their social media activities comply with Florida's public records and public meetings laws ... a challenging task. Join host **Scott Paine** and his guests **Jay Daigneault** and **Randy Mora** of Trask Daigneault LLP as they lay out the requirements and discuss best practices in this FREE quarterly ethics webinar.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Job Openings



[Browse current job openings.](#)

Upcoming Events

To view a list of all upcoming FACC Board of Directors Meetings, [click here](#).

2021 Summer Conference and Academy, Fort Myers

June 26-30, 2021

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Luminary Hotel

[Register Now](#)

FACC Board of Directors Meeting, Fort Myers

June 27, 2021

11:00 a.m. ET

Luminary Hotel

FACC Board of Directors Meeting & New Board Member Orientation,

Fort Myers

June 30, 2021
12:30 p.m. ET
Luminary Hotel

2021 Fall Academy, Daytona Beach Shores

October 17-21, 2021
The Shores Hotel
#FACCFall2021
Room Rate: \$129 per night
Member Rate: \$400 approximately



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