

Florida Association of City Clerks

May 14, 2021

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Message from the President

TO LIVE A
CREATIVE LIFE,
WE MUST LOSE
OUR FEAR
OF BEING
WRONG.

- joseph chilton pearce



*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 **Nichole Strickland, MMC, CPM, Deputy City Clerk, City of Pinellas Park.**

I began my career with the City of Pinellas Park in 2002 and joined the city clerk's office in 2005 as an office specialist. In 2016, I was promoted to deputy city clerk. This was a new path for me in my career as prior to working in the city clerk's office I worked for the parks and recreation department. Under the guidance of Pinellas Park City Clerk Diane M. Corna, MMC, I immediately became a member of the FACC, the IIMC and the Pinellas County Municipal Clerks Association (PCMCA). In addition to attending conferences and academies with FACC, I have also volunteered on FACC committees and served as vice-president and president of PCMCA. [Read More.](#)

FACC Board Meeting: May 20, 2021

The FACC Board of Directors will meet on May 20, 2021 via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. ET.

[Agenda Packet](#)



FACC Discussion Forum



*Discussion Forum Committee Chair
Jen Guillen, CMC, City Clerk
City of Hallandale Beach*

As clerks, we always have questions, concerns, and sometimes doubts.

Why not ask our fellow Florida clerks? Let our most experienced and knowledgeable professionals assist you.

Most clerks experience the same questions or concerns in different scenarios.

Join the FACC members-only [Discussion Forum](#). The forum will send your request for information via email to more than 250 clerks on the mailing list.

Google hosts the forum. You will need to create a Google account and ensure your internet browser is up-to-date to participate.

If you need assistance or have questions regarding the online discussion forum, contact facc@flcities.com.

[Click here](#) to download the FACC Discussion Forum Guide to assist you.

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

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!](#)

Member News

[IIMC Annual Conference](#)



On May 10th, FACC President Debra R. Buff, MMC, City Clerk, City of Belle Glade, proudly carried the State of Florida flag in the opening ceremonies at the IIMC Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 9th-13th.

Promotion



Jessica Burnham was recently promoted from Deputy City Clerk to City Clerk for the City of Mount Dora.

Congratulations, Jessica!

IIMC President-Elect Pamela Smith, MMC



FACC Past President Pamela Smith, MMC, Lee County, was sworn in as IIMC President-Elect on May 13th. Pamela's oath of office was given by Florida's IIMC Region III Director Camilla G. Pitman, MMC, Certified PLS, City of Greenville, South Carolina.

Congratulations, Pamela!



IIMC Athenian Leadership Society Fellows

Congratulations to IIMC President-Elect Pamela Smith, MMC, Lee County, and City Clerk Elizabeth Garcia-Beckford, MMC, City of North Lauderdale, on becoming IIMC Athenian Leadership Society Fellows! To learn more about Athenian Leadership Society Fellows, [click here](#).



New FACC Members in April

April L. Beggerow, MPA, CMC
City Clerk
City of Plantation

Anastacia I. DeLeon
Records Management Coordinator
City of Hallandale Beach

Sasha Grossi
Assistant Clerk
City of Mascotte

Wendy Hontz
Assistant Clerk
City of Ormond Beach

Adriana Jimenez Jianelli
Assistant Clerk
City of North Port

Kimberly Kogos
City Clerk
City of Jupiter Island

Patricia "Holly" Rosado
Assistant Clerk
City of Key Colony Beach

Celebrating Municipal Clerks Week

Municipal Clerks Week
May 2-8, 2021
#MuniClerks #MuniClerks2021

Here are additional pictures and proclamations celebrating last week's Municipal Clerks Week.

- [City of Casselberry](#)
- [Town of Sewall's Point](#)



Town of Sewall's Point

The Town of Sewall's Point recognized Municipal Clerks Week.

Pictured left to right: Mayor Kaija Mayfield, Town Clerk April Stoncius, CMC, and Town Manger Michelle Lee Berger.



City of Williston



The City of Williston recognized Municipal Clerks Week.

Pictured left to right: Mayor Jerry Robinson and City Clerk Latricia Wright

FACC By-Laws

Amendments to the FACC By-Laws will be considered during the Annual Business Meeting on June 28, 2021, at the 2021 Summer Conference and Academy.

The FACC Board of Directors, in conjunction with the By-Laws and Manual Revision Committee, is submitting amendments to the FACC By-Laws for membership consideration and vote during the June 2021 Annual Business Meeting. This meeting will be held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at the Luminary Hotel in Fort Myers. [Click here](#) to review the proposed amendments. Please contact [FACC staff](#) if you have any questions.

FACC 2021-2022 Slate of Officers & Directors

The slate of officers and directors will be voted upon by the membership during the Annual Business Meeting on June 28, 2021, at the 2021 Summer Conference and Academy.



President

**Stacey Johnston, MMC
City Clerk
City of Holmes Beach**



President-Elect

**Cheryl A. Mooney, MPA, MMC
City Clerk
City of Temple Terrace**



Vice President

**Angie Guy, MMC
City Clerk
City of Dade City**



Immediate Past President

**Debra R. Buff, MMC
City Clerk
City of Belle Glade**



Northwest Director

Leslie Guyer, CMC
City Clerk
City of Gulf Breeze



Northeast Director

Caroline Best, CMC
City Clerk
City of Fernandina Beach



Central West Director

Dawn M. Wright, MMC, FCRM,
PHRP
City Clerk
City of Eagle Lake



Central East Director

Patricia J. Burke, MPA, MMC
Town Clerk
Town of Palm Shores



Southwest Director

**Patricia Rambosk, MMC
City Clerk
City of Naples**



Southeast Director

**Lanelda D. Gaskins, MPA, MMC,
FCRM
Town Clerk
Town of Highland Beach**



South Director

**Elizabeth Garcia-Beckford, MMC
City Clerk
City of North Lauderdale**

FACC 2021 Summer Conference and Academy

Registration Information



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

Early Registration and Clerks' Night Out Registration ends June 4, 2021.

Make your hotel reservation no later than June 5, 2021.

Room rate is \$169 per night.

[Download Announcement](#)
[Click Here to Register for Summer Conference and Academy](#)
[Click Here to Register for Clerks' Night Out](#)

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

REGISTER NOW

Athenian Dialogues

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.

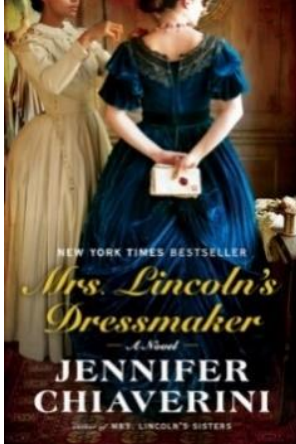
Athenian Dialogue *Hidden Figures*

(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



Saturday | June 26, 2021

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](#) and [AbeBooks.com](#).

Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini is available for purchase on [Amazon.com](#) and [AbeBooks.com](#).

Clerks' Night Out



When: Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

What: Painting with a Twist

[Register Here!](#) **Passcode for registration is "PARTY".**

Seating is limited to the first 50 guests

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 4, 2021

The cost is \$45.00 per person.

For Clerks' Night Out, our fun event will be Painting with a Twist. Be your own artist! A painting will be designated and YOU can put the twist on it. Dinner, sodas and water will be provided. BYOB.

Food will be served between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be Paella Valenciana (Chicken & Spanish Chorizo) including a tossed green salad with balsamic vinaigrette dressing and dinner rolls.

Transportation is provided to and from the venue, but you must be pre-registered.

- Shuttles to Riverside Community Center: 5:45 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 6:15 p.m. The pickup location is Edwards Drive (across the street from the Luminary Hotel).
- Shuttles returning to the Luminary Hotel will begin promptly at 9:15 p.m. and will run every 15 minutes until 10:00 p.m.

The Riverside Community Center will serve as a great venue; it backs up to the Caloosahatchee River near downtown Fort Myers. Watch the beautiful sunset! The location is only 1.5 miles east of the Luminary Hotel with plenty of free parking. This is an indoor event with plenty of room to spread out, and there is a great patio to catch a breath of fresh air.

Questions? Please contact:

Gwen Carlisle, Host Committee Chair, gcarlisle@cityftmyers.com,

Lily Baker lbaker@cityftmyers.com

Jennifer Myers jmyers@cityftmyers.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.

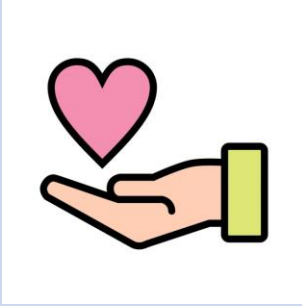
If you are interested in donating a gift card to create gift card bundles for the auction, please advise Elizabeth and mail all gift cards to her so gift card bundles and bidding sheets may be prepared in advance. The gift card(s) can be any denomination you wish to donate. Her address is listed below.

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, but no later than Tuesday, June 1 to allow us time to “swag” the bags.

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.

Job Openings



[Browse](#) current job openings.

Upcoming Events

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

FACC Board of Directors Meeting

May 20, 2021
10:30 a.m. ET
Via Zoom
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2021 Summer Conference and Academy, Fort Myers

June 26-30, 2021
#FACCSummer2021
Luminary Hotel
Room Rate: \$169 per night
Member Rate: \$350
[Register Now!](#)

2021 Fall Academy, The Shores Hotel, Daytona Beach Shores

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



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