

Florida Association of City Clerks

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Message from the President



"Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference." - Jane Goodall

Reading the above quote makes me think about all our members of the FACC. Each of you matter, each of you have a role to play in our association, and each of you can make a difference! Become engaged and give back to an organization that has had a tremendous impact on your profession as a municipal clerk. For a small amount of your time, you will gain so much experience and knowledge, and you will make memorable friendships that will last a lifetime. Now is the time

to become engaged!

*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 **Grace Malpartida, Deputy Clerk, City of Haines City.**

My thoughts on what it means to be a FACC member is the amount of dedication, time, and perseverance that each individual brings to this organization. Even though the times are challenging, we continue to move forward as a team. I recently started working as a deputy clerk in December 2020. I have been working for the City of Haines City for almost 3 years now; I began as the city clerk's secretary. I have a bachelor's degree in science of criminal justice and a master's certificate for police leadership. [Read More.](#)

Member News

FACC Thanks IIMC Region III Director Sonja Tolbert, CMC



FACC presented IIMC Region III Director Sonja Tolbert, CMC, City Clerk, City of Albany, Georgia, (pictured on the left) with a beautiful bracelet at the IIMC Annual Conference in May in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Ms. Tolbert's term has come to an end as IIMC Region III Director and FACC presented this gift as a thank you for her service.

Pictured below from left to right: FACC President-Elect Stacey Johnston, MMC, City Clerk, City of Holmes Beach, FACC Immediate Past President Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO, City Clerk, City of Edgewood, FACC President Debra R. Buff, MMC, City Clerk, City of Belle Glade, IIMC Region III Director Camilla G. Pitman, MMC, Certified PLS, City of Greenville, South Carolina and Outgoing IIMC Region III Director Sonja Tolbert, CMC, City Clerk, City of Albany, Georgia. The below picture was taken by IIMC President-Elect Pamela Smith, MMC, Lee County, Florida.



IIMC Wall of Honor for Clerks



FACC Professional Education
Committee (PEC) Chair
Julie A. Hennessy, MMC,
City Clerk, City of DeLand



FACC Central East Director/FACC
Professional Education Committee
Co-Chair Patricia J. Burke, MPA, MMC,
Town Clerk, Town of Palm Shores

The IIMC Foundation created a [virtual wall](#) to honor and recognize municipal clerks who have given exceptional service to the profession during the pandemic. The Wall of Honor was displayed at the 2021 IIMC Annual Conference and featured the names of the clerks that were submitted. Congratulations to FACC Professional Education Committee (PEC) Chair Julie A. Hennessy, MMC, City Clerk, City of DeLand and FACC Central East Director/FACC Professional Education Committee Co-Chair Patricia J. Burke, MPA, MMC, Town Clerk, Town of Palm Shores for being nominated: ***Florida Association of City Clerk's PEC Chair Julie Hennessy and Co-Chair Pat Burke gave us a phenomenal, first time, virtual Fall Academy in 2020. You nailed it and we thank you!***

IIMC Athenian Leadership Society Fellow



Congratulations to Maricela Arteaga, Executive Assistant to the City Manager, City of Davenport, on becoming an IIMC Athenian Leadership Society Fellow!

To learn more about Athenian Leadership Society Fellows, [click here](#).

IIMC Education and Professional Development Committee

Three Florida municipal clerks have been appointed to the IIMC Education and Professional Development Committee and will serve from May 09, 2021 through May 22, 2022.

North Lauderdale City Clerk Elizabeth Garcia-Beckford was selected to Chair this important IIMC committee.

Congratulations to the following municipal clerks:



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



Jennifer M. Johnson, MMC,
Assistant City Clerk,
City of Margate



Pamela Smith, MMC,
Lee County

FACC Board Meeting: May 20, 2021

The FACC Board of Directors met via Zoom on May 20, 2021.

[Executive Summary](#)



Celebrating Municipal Clerks Week

#MuniClerks
#MuniClerks2021

Municipal Clerks Week took place May 2-8, 2021. Here are additional pictures and proclamations celebrating the event:

- [City of Belleair Bluffs](#)
- [Town of South Palm Beach](#)



FACC Committee Sign-Up



Would you like to serve on an FACC committee?

Now is the time to sign-up to serve on a committee. FACC committees for the 2021-2022 fiscal year will be appointed in June of 2021.

Please click the **Sign-Up Now** button below and select your top three committees.

For more information about the duties and responsibilities of FACC committees, [click here](#).

Sign-up no later than **June 30, 2021**.

Questions? Contact facc@flcities.com.

[Sign-Up Now](#)

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](#)

Password: PARTY

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.

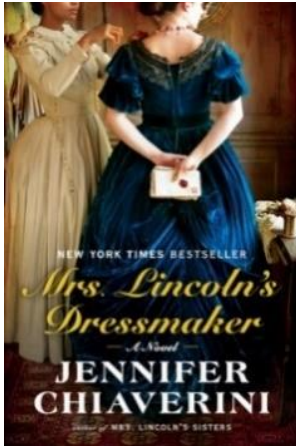
Athenian Dialogue *Hidden Figures*

(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,

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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.

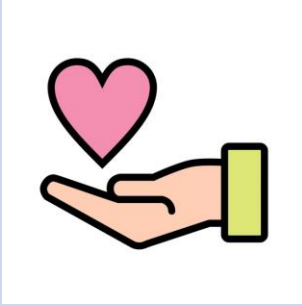
If you are interested in donating a gift card to create gift card bundles for the auction, please advise Elizabeth and mail all gift cards to her so gift card bundles and bidding sheets may be prepared in advance. The gift card(s) can be any denomination you wish to donate. Her address is listed below.

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](#).

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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