

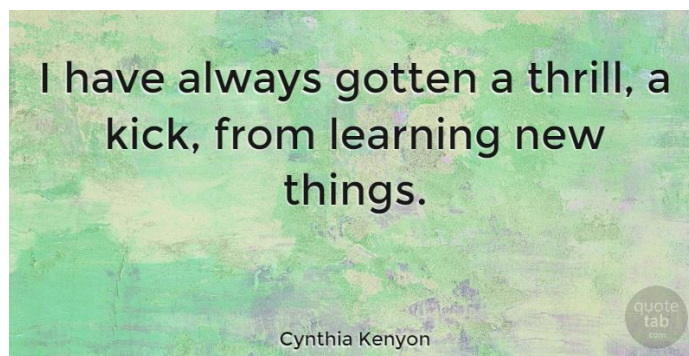
Florida Association of City Clerks

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Message from the FACC President



Dear FACC Members,

Learning new things has always been one of my goals and something very important to me. I challenge each of you to strive towards the same goals.

This Sunday, October 17th, marks the start of the 2021 Fall Academy when the **Pre-Academy Workshop: Athenian Dialogue** class gets underway. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at this year's in-person Fall Academy training!

To continue upon last week's message, I welcome all returning class members and all those participating in the MMC program. I further extend a warm welcome to our first-year attendees. A mandatory first-time attendees orientation and FACC basics information is scheduled for Monday morning at 7:30 a.m. prior to the first class. Meet your FACC Board and your first-year class members. Essential information relating to FACC will be provided.

Wear your ***Pink to the Extreme*** on Tuesday in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month. One fortunate person will be chosen as this year's Pink to the Extreme winner. But remember, you must wear Pink to win!

Tuesday's luncheon will not only serve as a time for networking and enjoying an amazing meal, but also to honor and recognize **FACC's 3rd year Class of 2021**. A special ceremony will be held in their honor, followed by the presentation of their Class Project in support of the Surfside Champlain Towers tragedy. It is not too late to make a donation. Please consider contributing to this amazing cause and helping those suffering by this tragedy. [Click here](#) to visit the GoFundMe page and make a donation. During the luncheon, our new CMC's and MMC's will also be recognized for achieving their certifications. Congratulations to all!

I hope you are registered to attend Tuesday evening's **Clerks' Night Out: Indoor Beach Party** organized by Fall Academy Chair Cheri Schwab, CMC, and her Fall Academy Host Committee. Pre-registration was required and registration is closed. A lot of time and work has been put into providing this special evening. Food, drinks, and games are included. In addition, a special shout out and huge Thank You goes out to Granicus for sponsoring the transportation for the event.

The new prize wheel software will be utilized again for the Wednesday mid-day door prize drawings. Use your imagination and please consider attaching your business card to donate a gift card, gift bag, or gift basket with something special for another clerk to take home. The more door prizes there are to give out, the better the opportunity for all attendees to go home with one. So, please consider participating. And don't forget, you must be present to win.

The 50/50 Winner and Pink to the Extreme Winner will also be announced mid-day Wednesday.

Here's wishing everyone safe travels and a fabulous Academy week! I look forward to seeing everyone!

"Never Stop Learning"

Sincerely,
Stacey Johnston, MMC
2021-2022 FACC President
City Clerk, City of Holmes Beach

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 Marbelys L. Rubio-Fatjo, Esq., CMC, City Clerk, City of Hialeah.

The FACC serves as a support system for me and for all municipal clerks as our professional association. The FACC assists its members in their daily duties by providing research, education and networking opportunities. At every event and training I have attended I have felt appreciated and valued by those who face the same daily challenges in their respective government entity. The FACC has encouraged my growth and success in the profession.

I was born to Cuban parents and raised in the City of Hialeah. I attended local schools, including North Hialeah Elementary and Barbara Goleman Senior High School. I achieved a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the Florida International University. I then attained a Juris Doctor from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center, and I have been licensed to practice law in the State of Florida for 10 years. [Read More](#)

The Great American Teach In (GATI)



By Angie Guy, MMC, FACC Vice President, City Clerk, Dade City



Every fall when the leaves change and the temperature drops ever so slightly, I am honored to get an invitation to guest speak at The Great American Teach In (GATI).

I have been involved with this event for many years. When I worked for Pasco County Schools, I was the liaison at our middle and high school and coordinated many guest speakers. Kids love to hear what their city does! I share my position and let them know what a city does for them, their family and their schools. They get a kick out of learning we provide clean water and what happens when you flush your toilet.

GATI is a great opportunity to share and explore many career paths for kids. Most kids hear what municipal government is for the first time when I attend. They love to hear that the clerk is one of the oldest public servant positions, that I have more than one boss and that I get to go on field trips (when I visit them).

If you have never been invited to speak and your schools are hosting this year, call them and volunteer. I PROMISE they will be glad to have a new guest speaker. This is a great way to encourage students to explore hopes and dreams and share how important their city is.

Need help finding something to talk about or don't know what to share? There are several resources on the Florida League of Cities website, one of which is a great you tube video [City Government 101](#). The video is a great ice breaker and explains everything about how city government works. I usually ask questions about facts and give out goodies for answers and participation.

My advice is to be real, share your passion for serving their community and take your business cards. I always extend an invitation and ask them to bring their family to city hall. It's great to have them come visit afterwards and they love getting a one on one tour, and you will feel like a celebrity when they see you at the park or in the grocery store.

FACC Board Meeting: October 17, 2021



The FACC Board of Directors will meet on October 17, 2021 in Daytona Beach Shores.

[Agenda Packet](#)

Abandoned African American Cemeteries



Task Force on Abandoned African American Cemeteries

On June 4, 2021, Governor DeSantis signed into law CS/CS/HB 37 (Chapter 2021-60, Laws of Florida) relating to Abandoned Cemeteries. The bill created a 10-member Task Force on Abandoned African American Cemeteries. The purpose of this task force is to:

1. Study the extent to which unmarked or abandoned African American cemeteries and burial grounds exist throughout the state.

2. Develop and recommend strategies for identifying and recording cemeteries and burial grounds while preserving local history and ensuring dignity and respect for the deceased.

Jaha Cummings, Councilman, City of Punta Gorda and Historian for the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials has been appointed to the Task Force.

Councilman Cummings is asking municipal clerks to provide information regarding abandoned African American cemeteries in their municipality to ensure that any abandoned cemeteries in their city/county can be duly noted as part of the committee's work. A brief, one-page, historical background of the cemetery's establishment, current condition, impending threats, etc., would be helpful.

Please send this information to Councilman Jaha Cummings at jcummings@cityofpuntagordafl.com by November 15, 2021.

For more information about the task force, [click here](#).

Survey on Number of Municipal Ordinances Adopted



We have been asked to assist the Florida League of Cities' Legislative/Advocacy Team with information relating to a legislative bill that has been filed that will impose additional requirements on ordinances when they are adopted. We greatly appreciate your willingness to provide this information that will assist the legislative advocates to better serve Florida's municipalities. Thank you!

SB 280 has been filed which, among other things, would require municipalities to conduct and publish a business impact statement before the adoption of every proposed ordinance (emergency ordinances are exempt). While this is clearly an enormous unfunded mandate, it would help the Florida League of Cities provide a clearer picture of just how enormous if we can provide general data on the annual number of ordinances that are adopted.

[Click here to read the bill.](#)

To complete the survey, [click here](#) or click the button below.

Please complete the survey before October 25, 2021.

TAKE SURVEY

2021 Fall Academy



October 17-21, 2021
#FACCFall2021

The Shores Hotel
2637 S Atlantic Avenue
Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118

The hotel is full. [Click here](#) for a list of alternate hotels.

If you have not yet registered, please register on-site.

[Download Announcement](#)

Questions? Call 850.222.9684 or email [FACC staff](#).

Session Handouts and ITA Packets



Handouts should be downloaded prior to the Fall Academy. Copies of handouts will not be available on-site or printed/copied on-site. Wireless access is available in the meeting rooms. The network is The Shores, and the password is shores123.

[Click here](#) to download handouts for your sessions.

The Ideas to Action (ITA) packets must be downloaded prior to the Fall Academy and completed after each educational session you attend.

[Click here](#) to download the ITA Packet for your track.

All ITA forms must be emailed to Amy Brewer no later than Monday, November 1, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. You cannot earn IIMC credit for hours attended unless you complete each session's ITA form. Certificates will be sent electronically within six to eight weeks after the academy. Completed ITA forms will not be returned unless specifically requested; please keep a copy for your records. For more information, contact Amy Brewer at The John Scott Dailey Florida Institute of Government. Email abrewer@fsu.edu or call 850.487.1870.

Session Evaluations



The evaluation will be emailed to you. You will receive several emails (before, during, and after the academy) with a survey link to complete the evaluation. Your feedback is very important to us. **We would appreciate receiving all evaluations before Monday, November 1, 2021.**

Clerks' Night Out



**Pre-registration was required.
Registration is closed.**

**Transportation sponsored by
GRANICUS.**

Gather with your FACC friends and colleagues for an Indoor Beach Party! This event will be a combined Clerks' Night Out/Hospitality Suite. We'll have loads of fun playing indoor games and networking! Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served, along with drinks (including beer and wine). Hosted by the FACC 2021 Fall Academy Host Committee, this is an event you don't want to miss!

Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Board the bus at 5:45 p.m.

**Location: Shores Community Center, 3000 Bellemead Drive,
Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118**

Price: \$15 Per Person

Dietary restrictions: If you have dietary restrictions, please email facc@flcities.com so that we can plan accordingly.

Pink to the Extreme Contest



In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, FACC encourages attendees to wear pink on Tuesday, October 19. Dress in the most extreme amount of pink clothes and accessories you have and participate in the Pink to the Extreme Contest.

Win a Prize: Win a \$50 Discount to a Future FACC Event! This prize can be applied to the 2022 Summer Conference and Academy, a live webinar of your choice from November 2021 through June 2022 or a prerecorded webinar. This prize must be used before the end of

June 2022. Get involved and support our Pink to the Extreme Contest in support of breast cancer awareness.

Donations Needed



The FACC 2021 Fall Academy Host Committee is asking for your help.

We need donations of "City Treasures" and/or any other items for the academy welcome bags you wish to donate. Lets stuff those bags! Suggested items include: snacks; candy; city-related PR items; pens; hand lotion; hand sanitizer; small tissue packs; items of interest from your area; etc. We need to fill approximately 200

bags.

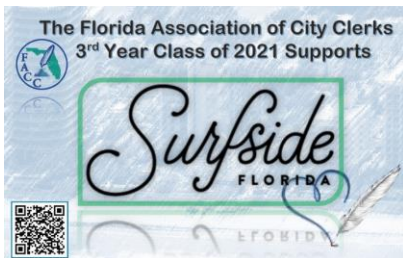
The "treasures" are needed by Saturday, October 16, as the welcome bags will be stuffed on Sunday, October 17. Items can be mailed or delivered to City Clerk Cheri Schwab, CMC, City of Daytona Beach Shores, 2990 S Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach Shores, Florida, 32188.

Contact City Clerk Cheri Schwab, CMC, Daytona Beach Shores, 2019 Fall Academy Committee Chair, cschwab@cityofdbbs.org, (386) 763-5364, if you have items to donate.

We also need door prizes! If you are willing to donate a basket or prize for the giveaways on the last day of the academy, please bring your prize to the FACC registration desk at the academy.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to provide these items to ensure everyone has an enjoyable time at the Fall Academy!

FACC 3rd Year Class of 2021 Project



The FACC 3rd Year Class of 2021 has chosen to support the impacted families of the Champlain Towers South condo collapse by making a monetary donation for their class project. Residents of the tower who survived and families of the victims are in desperate need. To date, the project has reached over 20% of the goal.

[Click here](#) to visit the GoFundMe page and make a donation. Please encourage friends and family to donate also. Remember to leave a comment! The class will be sharing your thoughts and comments with the impacted families and in their class presentation. Keep up to date on the progress of the project by following their [Facebook page](#).

2022 IIMC Region III Conference



February 1-4, 2022
Huntsville, Alabama

[Click here](#) to register for the Athenian Dialogue and to view hotel information.

More registration information will be available soon!

Job Openings



[Click here](#) to browse current job openings on the FACC website.

Upcoming Events

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

FACC Board of Directors Meeting, Daytona Beach Shores

October 17, 2021

6:30 p.m. ET

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2021 Fall Academy, Daytona Beach Shores

October 17-21, 2021

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The Shores Hotel

2637 S Atlantic Avenue

Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118

Member Rate: \$400

FACC Live Webinar, Zoom

Hiring and Interviewing: Best Practices

November 18, 2021

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET

Registration ends November 17th.

[Register Now](#)

Retirement Resolution Presentation, Crestview

December 13, 2021

6:00 p.m. CST

Location:

City of Crestview

Council Chambers at City Hall

198 Wilson North

Crestview, FL 32536

FACC Northwest Director Leslie Guyer, CMC, City Clerk, City of Gulf Breeze, will present Elizabeth M. Roy, City Clerk, City of Crestview, with her retirement resolution.

2022 IIMC Region III Conference, Huntsville, AL

February 1-4, 2022

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