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The Presidents Corner



I remember when I was young, it seemed that time just crept by, especially during the holidays. I used to come home from school and watch Santa & Kake-man on television and wonder if Christmas would ever come. Now, I barely get the tree up and it's time to take it down. There ought to be some cosmic rule that would allow us to slow down time when we wanted to savor the special moments and speed it up in times of stress, worry and sleepless nights.

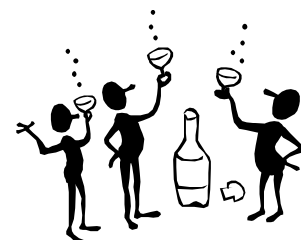
So, here we are, in a brand new year with a calendar of blank spaces that is already beginning to fill up with meetings, conferences, doctor visits, school activities, assorted family obligations and STUFF. We will labor this year under the added stress of the threat of war and the economic nightmares of our federal and state governments. Let's face it; it's going to be a tough year. Tough economic times often make our workload heavier, which can lead to all sorts of problems for us.

My hope for all of us, this year, is to take care of ourselves, both physically and mentally. Stress is a silent killer that affects us in many different ways. Make sure you allow

some time for yourself, watch your diet, take a walk every day, and listen to your bodies because they send us messages all the time. Also, stay in touch with your friends, they are a precious gift that shouldn't be wasted. Laugh out loud every day; it's good for your soul.

The Office of Judicial Administration is putting together another great conference for us this spring. New clerk orientation is scheduled again for Thursday. Even though the training is for new clerks, it's never a bad idea to attend again as a "refresher". I look forward to seeing all of you in Wichita on April 3rd & 4th.

Now is the time for you artists and crafters to start thinking about the silent auction at the fall conference. You have 8 whole months of creativity-time to knit, crochet, sew, cross-stitch, sculpt, saw, sand and paint your way to some handsome works of art. That is if you can fit the time in between all of those other obligations you have. **Happy New Year!**



**KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COURT MANAGEMENT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2003**

The K.A.C.M. Board of Director's meeting was held Friday, January 24, 2003 at Kathy's Kitchen, El Dorado, Kansas. Jerry Lovett-Sperling, President, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and the following officers and board members were present: President Jerry Lovett-Sperling (Lindsborg), Vice President Janet Mitchell (Overland Park), Secretary Bettina Jamerson (Prairie Village), Treasurer Jane Eilers (Salina), Sgt. At Arms Sherri Adams (Pittsburg), Board of Trustees, Leslie Felts (Winfield), Rod Edmondson (Baxter Springs), Gloria McBee (Newton), Dee Heath (Benton), Rick Voisin (Towanda), Theresa Durler (Dodge City), and Alternate Trustee Mary Mogle (Basehor). Alternate Trustee Barb McGuire (Mount Hope) was absent. Also present were KACM members Toni Rogers and Karen Kuffler.

Jerry Lovett-Sperling asked if there were any additions to the agenda, there were none.

MINUTES AND TREASURER REPORT

The minutes of the September 19, 2002 Annual Business Meeting and the minutes of the September 20, 2002 Board of Director's Meeting were presented for approval. Leslie Felts (Winfield), made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sherri Adams (Pittsburg), seconded the motion. Motion carried. Treasurer Jane Eilers (Salina) presented the treasurer's report. The checking account balance is \$9,027.51. A \$500 check was written to Brian Holiday for the website after the report was printed. Janet Mitchell (Overland Park) made a motion to approve the report and Leslie Felts (Winfield) seconded the motion. Motion carried. Prior to the board meeting Mary Mogle (Basehor) and Toni Rogers (Haysville) conducted an audit of the checking account and said everything looked great. There was a voided check, #112, missing. Jane Eilers said she would locate that check. Janet Mitchell (Overland Park) made a motion to approve the audit and Dee Heath (Benton) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jerry Lovett-Sperling (Lindsborg) read a thank you note from KAMPO, Kansas Association of Municipal Probation Officers for the donation from KACM. Their first conference was a success. Gloria McBee (Newton) is President of the KAMPO Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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- Ambassador – Sherri Adams reported that they are looking for ambassadors for each region. Someone that can help welcome the new clerks to KACM & the conference.
- Education – Janet Mitchell reported they are working on ideas for the fall conference. Board members suggested other ideas also. The Fall Conference will be September 18-19 at the Overland Park Convention Center and Sheraton.
- Hospitality – Janiece Rawles absent. Jerry did advise that KACM will be sponsoring the morning break at the Spring Conference.
- Manual – Toni Rogers advised the Manual Committee will be meeting in July and working on any updates.
- Newsletter and Past President – Leslie Felts reported that OJA will put an article in the next newsletter prior to their conference. The newsletter is not on the website yet, Brian has been on active duty in the service.
- Promo/Sales – Dee Heath and Theresa Durler reported that they are looking for ideas for a funny T-shirt and are open to suggestions. The Committee typically doesn't buy anything new for the Spring Conference, but sells what they have left from the fall.
- Courtesy – Gloria McBee reported that two cards were sent out, a Get Well card to Glenda Herring of Prairie Village/Mission Hills, and a new baby congratulations to Adela Diaz of Prairie Village/Mission Hills.
- Historian – Doris Schoeck absent. She hasn't developed all of the pictures from the Fall Conference, but once she does, they will fill up the books she has so she will need to purchase more photo albums/books. There was discussion concerning the number of photo albums/books Doris hauls to and from each conference and that it might be easier if she had a way to cart them. Jane Eilers (Salina), made a motion for Doris Schoeck to purchase totes with wheels with which to handle the historian books. Janet Mitchell (Overland Park) seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Legislative – Jerry reported that we are still in need of a chair for the committee. Karen Kuffler (Parsons) volunteered to be chair. Jane Eilers did mention Senate Bill 0033 – An Act concerning driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs; relating to penalties therefore.
- Membership – Rod Edmondson (Baxter Springs) has agreed to be the new chair. Janet will provide him with membership materials at the next conference. There was discussion about the clerk's name-tags for the conferences, putting how long s/he has been a clerk.
- Scholarship – Bettina Jamerson. All monies have been collected from the silent auction at the Fall Conference. Jerry asked that we make an announcement at the Spring Conference concerning the Scholarship Committee and Silent Auction. Maybe if we get people thinking about it earlier we can get more items for the silent auction.

OLD BUSINESS

By-laws – Jerry has put together a committee to review the by-laws and bring their update suggestions to

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the Fall Conference. The committee is comprised of Janeice Rawles (Edgerton), Debbie Pickell (Gardner) and Koni Jones (Walton).

KACM Gavel – A Council member of Mount Hope made a gavel and sounding board. We will have it engraved in memory of Polly Mains and also put the gentleman's name on it who made it. Barb McGuire has the information about the man who made it but she was not present to share that.

NEW BUSINESS

KACM Officer/Committee responsibilities – tabled.

NACM – Need to transfer Polly Main's membership to Jerry Lovett-Sperling. Jerry will request information from NACM regarding their annual conference to help determine whether she will attend this year's conference.

Next Board Meeting will be held at the Spring Conference in Wichita, April 3, 2003, at 5:00 pm.

Janet Mitchell (Overland Park) made a motion to adjourn. Rod Edmondson (Baxter Springs) seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.



Attention KACM
Members:

If anyone would like to submit an article, see a specific topic addressed or if you might have a special occasion or event coming up that you would like to see in the newsletter please either contact Leslie Felts at 620-221-5515 or email information to lfelts@cox.net or lfelts@winfieldks.org

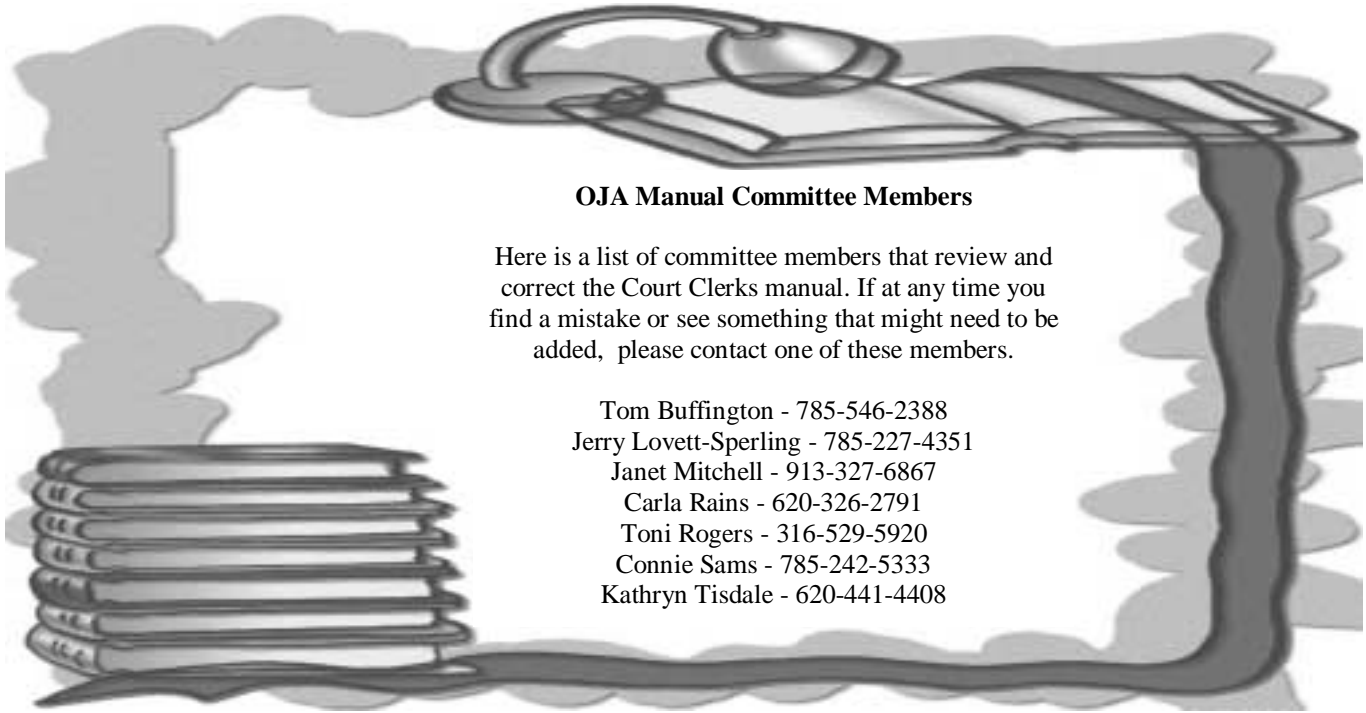
The newsletter is printed every quarter, so all articles need to be sent in no later than the last month of each quarter.



Dates to Remember

OJA Spring Conference
April 3rd & 4th 2003
Wichita, KS

KACM Fall Conference
September 18th & 19th 2003
Overland Park, KS



OJA Manual Committee Members

Here is a list of committee members that review and correct the Court Clerks manual. If at any time you find a mistake or see something that might need to be added, please contact one of these members.

Tom Buffington - 785-546-2388
 Jerry Lovett-Sperling - 785-227-4351
 Janet Mitchell - 913-327-6867
 Carla Rains - 620-326-2791
 Toni Rogers - 316-529-5920
 Connie Sams - 785-242-5333
 Kathryn Tisdale - 620-441-4408

KACM Bulletin Board



Congratulation to Adela Diaz Court Clerk in Prairie Village/Mission Hills on the birth of her daughter Kristina Diaz, born November 13, 2002. She weighed 7 lbs. And 8ozs and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Also congratulations to Hesston Court Clerk Jeannine Hoheisel on the birth of her granddaughter Emma Kathryn Villines. She was born on January 7, 2003 and weighed in at 7 lbs and 5 ozs. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Get Well soon to Glenda Herring Court Administrator in Prairie Village/Mission Hills who was in the hospital recently. We hope that you are on the mend and up to par soon.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of Joe Russell of Leavenworth who has passed away. His funeral was held January 30, 2003. Joe was one of KACM's favorite members, bringing lots of laughter to our conferences, He will be missed deeply.

A very special THANK YOU! To Darrrell Stites of Mount Hope for the wonderful gavel and Sounding block, we really appreciate it.



FROM THE OFFICE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION
(Denise Kilwein)

Hello from Topeka! I hope you are all having a terrific 2003.

We have had a busy January at the Supreme Court. Justice Tyler Lockett, and Justice Fred Six retired this year. On January 13, we swore in our two new justices: Justice Marla Luckert and Justice Robert Gernon. Justice Luckert has served as a district judge in Shawnee County since 1992 and Justice Gernon has served as a Court of Appeals Judge since 1988.

The Office of Judicial Administration is developing an intranet system to digitally record the proceedings in the Supreme Court Room. The audio can be recalled and played by any user on our Intranet. You can check out our Supreme Court website at: www.kscourts.org.

Plans are underway for the Spring 2003 Municipal Court Clerks' Conference, which will be held Friday, April 4 at the Holiday Inn Select in Wichita. The agenda will include the following programs: *Cultural Diversity and Communication*, *Court Security*, and an *Update from the Department of Motor Vehicles*. In addition, Kathryn Tisdale will conduct a program on "*What Can Electronic Media Do For Your Court?*" We have also included Roundtable Discussions in the conference. These breakout sessions are designed to discuss specific municipal court procedures. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions. The sessions will be divided into groups representing large, medium-size, and small courts. When you register for the conference, please submit specific question areas you would like addressed during the roundtable discussions. The registration form includes space on the back of the form for your suggestions.

The orientation for new clerks will be held Thursday, April 3. If you are a new clerk, I encourage you to attend this orientation. The instructors have put together a program, which will provide you an excellent overview of your duties as municipal court clerk. The instructors use the Municipal Court Clerks' Manual in this training. If you don't have a manual, please call me and I'll send you one.

The orientation and conference materials were mailed to your court the third week of January. If you have any questions about the conference or orientation arrangements, you may contact Nancy Trickett or me at 785-296-2256. We hope to see you in Wichita in April!

The Spring Conference is planned by the Municipal Court Clerks' Education Committee, which was appointed by the Supreme Court. Members of the Committee are: Kathryn Tisdale (Arkansas City), Phil Martin (Emporia), Toni Rogers (Haysville), Jerry Lovett-Sperling (Lindsborg), Connie Sams (Ottawa), Leslie Felts (Winfield), and Janet Mitchell (Overland Park). These individuals give a lot of their time and talent in helping with the Supreme Court's training program for municipal court clerks and we appreciate their assistance. In addition, we appreciate the support and assistance that KACM gives in planning the April conference. I also send a special thank you to the Orientation instructors who do a fantastic job!

I look forward to seeing you soon in Wichita!



The Lighter side.....

Interesting Perspectives

A man in a hot air balloon realized he was lost. He reduced altitude and spotted a woman below. He descended a bit more and shouted, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am." The woman below replied, "You are in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You are between 40 and 41 degrees north latitude and between 59 and 60 degrees west longitude." "You must be an engineer," said the balloonist. "I am," replied the woman, "how did you know?" "Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct, but I have no idea what to make of your information, and the fact is I am still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help so far." The woman below responded, "You must be in Management." "I am," replied the balloonist, "but how did you know?" "Well," said the woman, "you don't know where you are or where you are going. You have risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise which you have no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is, you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault."

From the Motor Vehicle Department

There are several courts who continue to struggle with this question regarding Drivers License issues. We have an answer.....

- Q.** When a person is charged with No DL or No DL in possession, is it a moving violation?
- A.** If we receive a conviction for No DL, Expired DL or No DL in Possession, this is now considered a moving violation and will be recorded on a person's driving record. The traffic code is B51. This type of conviction will count towards repeat violator action by our office for restriction or suspension of driving privileges.

The courts may continue to suspend for this type of offense for failure to appear or failure to pay. These types of offenses were included as moving violations in the Kansas Regs in September of 2001.

Thank You Marcy!

Attention all Crafters.....

Now is the time to get started on all those wonderful homemade craft items for the Silent Auction for this Fall's Conference. If you have any questions about the Silent Auction please contact Bettina Jamerson at 913-385-4680 Proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund

Application for Membership to the Kansas Association for Court Management

Any appointed or elected Court Clerk/Court Administrator or Assistant Court Clerk/Administrator or any person serving in a management position in any Municipal Court of the State of Kansas shall be eligible for Regular membership.

Any person interested in the improvement of administration of justice may be eligible for Associate membership.

Any person enrolled full time in a degree program in the field of court administration, business administration, public administration, law, criminal justice or other related field and not presently employed full time in a court may become a student member.

Membership is for individuals, not for the court.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Type of Membership Requested:

- Regular Membership \$50.00
 Associate Membership \$30.00
 Student Membership \$15.00

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION
FOR COURT MANAGEMENT (KACM).

Return check and membership application to :

Jane Eilers, Treasurer
255 North 10th St.
Salina, KS 67401

If you have a question as to whether or not you are currently a member please contact Jane at 785-826-7230

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