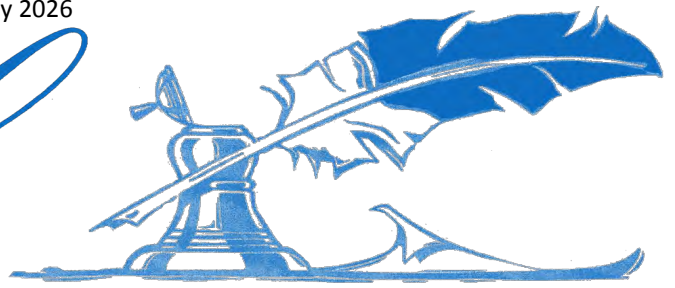


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MAYA BRADLEY BEING
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State of the Association Address

Hello colleagues and friends,

It has been an honor to serve as President of the Association for the past 18 months. During this time I have learned and grown immensely as a Municipal Clerk and as a member of the Executive Board. Serving alongside such dedicated professionals has been a formative experience. I have gained knowledge, perspective, and lasting friendships that I will value for years to come.

This was an exciting year for our Association. We welcomed energy and enthusiasm from three Municipal Clerks who have stepped forward and are eager to run for Secretary. Their willingness to serve reflects the strength and continuity of our organization and gives me great confidence in our future leadership.

Transparency and fiscal responsibility remain priorities. Our independent accountant undertook a detailed, independent review of MCANJ finances. While she initially noted some suspect receipts from prior years, a careful follow-up review determined those were legitimate prize purchases tied to Association fundraisers and were properly accounted for. She found no irregularities that would require further review. I appreciate the thoroughness of this review and the clarity it provides for our membership.

I want to extend my deepest thanks to everyone who made my time on the Board meaningful: Committee Members, volunteers, Executive Board colleagues, and the many Clerks across the State who offered support and counsel. Your hard work and commitment are the foundation of our success.

I wish the Association and our incoming President, Kim Macellaro all the best for the coming year. I look forward to continuing to serve our profession in new ways and to watching our Association thrive under fresh leadership.

Thank you! *Nancy*



2026 Clerk of the Year-April Claudio of the Borough of Belmar

April Claudio exemplifies the very best of what it means to be a Municipal Clerk in New Jersey. Her professionalism, dedication to public service, and unwavering commitment to both her municipality and the broader clerk community make her exceptionally deserving of recognition as Municipal Clerk of the Year for 2026.

As the Municipal Clerk for the Borough of Belmar for over the last 18 years, April consistently demonstrates a deep understanding of the statutory role of the Clerk while leading with integrity, competence, and compassion. She is a steady and trusted presence within her municipality, ensuring compliance with state law, transparency in government operations, and respectful service to residents, elected officials, and staff alike. Her ability to manage complex responsibilities while maintaining a calm, solutions-oriented approach reflects both her experience and her character. April recently earned her Master Municipal Clerk Certification through IIMC this past year to demonstrate her willingness to be the best when it comes to the Municipal Clerk profession.

In addition to her municipal responsibilities, April goes above and beyond in service to the profession statewide through her work with the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey (MCANJ). April is the heart of MCANJ because without her the Association could not survive. As the Association's website manager, April plays a critical behind-the-scenes role in keeping members informed and connected. She manages the MCANJ website, prepares and distributes all email blasts, and ensures timely and accurate communication to the membership. April also makes herself available for MCANJ meetings whenever needed, demonstrating her reliability, dedication, and commitment to the success of the organization. Not only has April served for over 10 years on the Information Technology Committee for MCANJ she has been the right hand to multiple MCANJ President's when it comes to the MCANJ Annual Conference and has been an integral part of overseeing sponsorships, fundraising activities, etc.

April is also a true professional leader among her peers. She is always willing to share her knowledge, mentor others, and support fellow clerks navigating the complexities of local government. Her reputation is one of dependability, generosity, and quiet leadership — someone others can always count on.

April's work ethic and attention to detail are matched by her genuine care for the people she serves. She approaches her role not simply as a job, but as a public trust. Whether managing elections, records, governing body operations, or statewide communications for MCANJ, she upholds the highest standards of the profession.

In a profession that often works quietly behind the scenes, April Claudio's impact is both meaningful and far-reaching. She embodies the core values of the Municipal Clerk's office — professionalism, service, accountability, and leadership — and is highly deserving of recognition as New Jersey Municipal Clerk of the Year hands down without a doubt.

Congratulations April!



2026/2027 MCANJ Secretary

Congratulations to Laurie Roth, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Allentown who was elected at the 2026 Municipal Clerks' Association of NJ Annual Meeting to the incoming Secretary position for 2026/2027.



Swearing in of the 2026/2027 Executive Board



Award Recipients at the MCANJ Annual Meeting

The Joel Popkin President's Award of Excellence was presented to Dee Ober of Vorhees.

Dee has sat on the MCANJ Conference Committee for the last two years and helped us raise money through the Charity Mania football and basketball fundraisers.

The Friend of the Municipal Clerk Award was presented to Laura Flagg of Rutgers. MCANJ President Nancy Bretzger praised Laura for all the work she has done to assist MCANJ with great education conferences.

Congratulations Laura Flagg!!!

Congratulations Debbie Sopronyi, retired Hightstown Municipal Clerk, for receiving the Harold Wiener "The Wizard" Mentor Award.

We are sorry you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting, but hope you know how much you are appreciated and respected by your peers.

The L. Manuel Hirshblond Distinguished Service Award was presented to Michele Bobrowski of Alexandria Township. Michele is a MCANJ Past President and editor of the Quill. She is always lending a hand or giving advice to the MCANJ Executive Board and Municipal Clerks all throughout NJ.



People Page

ARE YOU RETIRING?

WE WANT YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION SO YOU CAN STAY INFORMED...

Please accept our CONGRATULATIONS on your pending Retirement.

While you will be enjoying the much-deserved rest and relaxation that retirement brings, wouldn't it also be nice to stay informed of all the News and Events from your colleagues and the MCANJ Association as a whole? We also want to keep you informed.

If you wish to keep up to date with all things MCANJ, please provide the following information to PastPresident@mcanj.us :

Name
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The MCANJ Executive Board wishes you a very happy, healthy and long retirement!!

RETIREMENTS

Congratulations to these two Warren County Municipal Clerks who have retired:

Wanda Kuzman, Pohatcong Township

Diane M. Pflugfelder, 2020-2021 MCANJ Past President, Liberty Township

Congratulations Betty Sterling, Municipal Clerk Pennington Borough, Mercer County who retired on April 30, 2026.



Congratulations to Eileen Tedesco who retired from Egg Harbor Township on December 31, 2025 after 46 years of working for and living within the Township. Eileen began her career in Egg Harbor Township on May 11, 1979, as a part-time Clerk in the Department of Inspections, then transferred to the Office of the Clerk in July of 1986. Eileen became the Deputy Municipal Clerk in January of 1995 and then the Municipal Clerk January of 2007.



Jefferson Town Clerk Michele Reilly stepped down as the Clerk after 10 years on the job on May 10th. The announcement was made at the Jefferson Town Council meeting on May 6th. Michele received a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of her outstanding dedication and commitment after her 10 years of service in the Township of Jefferson. Wishing you the best on your next Chapter!!



Congratulations to Cheryl Russomano, Edison Township Municipal Clerk who is retiring on July 1st! Best of Luck on your next Chapter!



Clark Bids Farewell To Municipal Clerk Edith Merkel After 24 Years of Service on June 1st. Congratulations Edith!

MCANJ Annual Meeting-April 23, 2026



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Have a photo of your municipal building or a town landmark or area in your Municipality that you're proud of? Share your photos with MCANJ for our website. Send your photo to websitemanager@mcanj.us.

Resorts Casino, Atlantic City



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IIMC NEWS/UPDATES



Congratulations to our latest New Jersey Municipal Clerks who are bettering themselves through IIMC and have earned the distinguished certification of Certified Municipal Clerk and Master Municipal Clerk:

CMC

Shawna Supel, Township of Irvington Krista DiGiorgio, Township of Hanover
Weatherly Frias, City of Passaic Jenny Gleghorn, Borough of Tuckerton
Peggy Riggio, Borough of Hightstown
Shonta Watson, Township of Irvington
Donna Hands, Township of Warren
Cosmo Cirillo, Town of Guttenberg
Marie Vadovic, Borough of Westwood

County Association News

The Camden County Clerks' Association held their Annual Holiday dinner on January 23, 2026. Pictured on the left is 2025 President Patricia Hendricks (Pine Hill), Treasurer Amy Troxel (Pine Hill), Secretary Dawn Liedtka (Waterford), and Vice President Catherine Underwood (Berlin Township). Pictured on the right is all the Municipal Clerks who attended this event!



The Annual Meeting of the Bergen County Municipal Clerks' Association was held Thursday, December 11, 2025 at The Bacari Grill in Washington Township, New Jersey. The Meeting included commemorations of the 85th Anniversary of the BCMCA, (established December 6, 1940), including a special cake.



Pictured with the 85th Anniversary Cake are Officers of the Bergen County Municipal Clerks Association; (L-R): 2026 BCMCA Treasurer Evelyn Rosario (Fort Lee), 2026 BCMCA Secretary Nancy Brown (Wyckoff), 2025 BCMCA President Kelley Halewicz (Waldwick), 2026 BCMCA President Laura Lyons (Oradell), and 2026 BCMCA Vice-President Jordan Padovano (Norwood)

County Association News (continued from page 9)

Monmouth County Municipal Clerks' Association held their annual business meeting at Proving Ground Waterfront Dining in Highlands, NJ on February 13, 2026. Outgoing President Kerry Quinn (Shrewsbury Boro) administered the oath of office to new President Carol Baran (Brielle), Vice President Trina Lindsey (Eatontown), Treasurer April Claudio (Belmar) and Secretary Nancy Tran (Highlands). Kerry was also presented with a gift thanking her for serving as President.



The Cape May County Municipal Clerks' Association is proud to shine a spotlight on this year's President's Charity Choice: Panthers in Action, a remarkable organization making a meaningful difference in the Middle Township community.

Each year, the Association's president selects a local charity to honor and support. This year, Kimberly Osmundsen, Municipal Clerk of Middle Township and President of the Cape May County Municipal Clerks' Association, chose Panthers in Action in recognition of their unwavering dedication to the students and families of the Middle Township School District. At our 12/3/2025 meeting, the Association raised and donated \$1,000 to the charity group.

Panthers in Action, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, works to promote the health and well-being of district students and their families by ensuring equitable access to vital resources. Their mission focuses on advancing academic, emotional, and physical wellness through strategic support, advocacy, and community partnership. Their commitment helps create opportunities for every student to thrive—regardless of background or circumstance.

The group was honored to highlight and support this inspiring organization and the positive impact it delivers throughout Middle Township.



Middlesex County-the Piscataway Township Clerk's office was ready for the holidays.

Pictured on the right are:
Township Clerk Melissa A. Seader
Deputy Clerk Jennifer Johnson
Office Assistant Bunty Sood

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The Burlington County Municipal Clerks Association held a meeting on February 19th, at Burlington Township municipal building. CEU's were obtained for elections.

The guest speakers were:

Phil Warren and Jalen Singleton, Deputy County Clerks

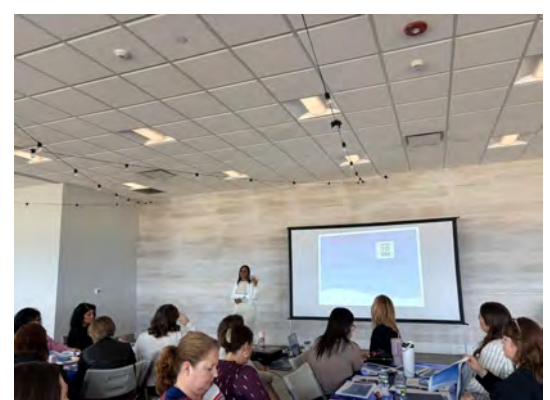
Linda Hughes & Claudia Branch, Administrators for Board of Elections

Dawn Addiego, Superintendent of Elections

Wade Hale, Deputy Director of the New Jersey Division of Elections



On April 29th, the Monmouth County Municipal Clerks' Association held their Spring business meeting and luncheon at Taylor Pavilion on the Belmar boardwalk. President Carol Baran gave each Municipal Clerk a personalized Municipal Clerks Week proclamation and Tammy Brown, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners presented Carol with a Municipal Clerks week proclamation from the Monmouth County Board of Commissioners. Representatives from the NJ Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control gave a PowerPoint presentation on liquor license laws and processes.



IIMC NEWS

Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) Program

The CMC program is designed to enhance the job performance of the Clerk in small and large municipalities. To earn the CMC designation, a Municipal Clerk must attend extensive education programs. The CMC designation also requires pertinent experience in a municipality. The CMC program prepares the applicants to meet the challenges of the complex role of the Municipal Clerk by providing them with quality education in partnership with institutions of higher learning, as well as State / Provincial / National Associations. The CMC program has been assisting clerks to excel since 1970.

Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) Program

The MMC program is one of the two professional designations granted by IIMC. The MMC program is an advanced continuing education program that prepares participants to perform complex municipal duties. The program has an extensive and rigorous educational component and a professional and social contribution component. The MMC applicant must demonstrate that they have actively pursued education and professional activities.

Visit the IIMC website to learn more about these certifications and to apply: www.iimc.com



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News/Transitions:

The Borough of Lake Como Mayor and Council recognized their Municipal Clerk Amy Boney (pictured right) for receiving the most nominations for General Code's Municipal Clerk Honor Roll!



MCANJ Past-President (2005) and MCANJ Past Clerk of the Year (2008) Jane Williams-Warren (below) was consecrated as a Deaconess at A.M.E. Zion Church in Paterson, New Jersey on Sunday, March 1, 2026.



Welcome new Deputy Clerk in Ewing Township, Mercer County – Maya Bradley

Congratulations Jessalyn Walter, Deputy Clerk Hopewell Township on welcoming a baby girl in March. Both mom and baby are doing great!



Tara Ventola, former Township Clerk of Glen Ridge, is now the Deputy Clerk for Beechwood Borough.

Dale A. Forde has received tenure on December 8, 2025 -Township of Cedar Grove Township Council.

Township of Nutley Clerk, Elenie Pettas, was appointed as MCANJ liaison for the Municipal Clerks' Association of Essex County on January 9, 2026.

MCANJ Past-President and Woodbridge Township Municipal Clerk John Mitch was named the 2026 St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshall by the American-Irish Association.

Kimberly Potter, RMC, was promoted to Deputy Clerk of Lakewood Township. Congratulations Kimberly!

Congratulations Christine Lisiewski who was appointed the Municipal Clerk for Harvey Cedars on December 15, 2025.



Congratulations to Englewood City Clerk, Yancy Wazirmas who, on December 16, 2025, was acknowledged for her ten years of service with the City.



Fair Lawn Municipal Clerk, Nicholas Magarelli and his new wife had Hallmark come to Town Hall to film their wedding and tell their love story. The show aired on Hallmark's new series, "Mom's the Bride" on June 4th. When Hallmark cameras arrived to film the wedding of Fair Lawn employees Liz Maresca and Nicholas Magarelli, producers found themselves telling more than a love story: They were putting an entire hometown in the spotlight. The episode follows Maresca and Magarelli's journey to the altar while showcasing the community where they grew up, work, and fell in love. Congratulations Liz & Nicholas!

Let's Welcome our Newest Registered Municipal Clerks!



Lindsay	E.	Hansche	October
Carolyn		Lee	October
Amy	E.	Stewart	October
Yenise	E.	Valdez	October
Julie		Yuhaze	October
Christine	N.	Murray	October
Patricia	A.	Segeda	October
Heather	L.	Williams	October
Rachael	M.	Wall	October
Terri	L.	Bisci	October
Colleen	R.	Lange	October
Thea	A.	Kratochvil	October
Lauren	K.	McBride	October
Taylor	P.	O'Brien	October
Rosa-Maria		Brambila	October
Marisa	A.	Perez	October
Gloria	M.	Tartaro	October
Katelyn	M.	Vettel	October
Amanda	M.	Caldwell	October
Anne Marie		Miller	October
Jennifer	A.	Koutsouris	October
Christine	M.	Lisiewski	October
Jessica	A.	Bolen	October
Anna	C.	Coscia	October
Julie	L.	Cundey	October
Jamie	A.	Jubert	October
Stefani	A.	Lindenau	October
Alexandra	E.	Sweeney	October



Congratulations



Let's Welcome our Newest Registered Municipal Clerks!



Jacqueline	E.	Guaman	April
Allison	J.	Giampapa	April
Deirdre	L.	Amato	April
Deborah	A.	Reynolds	April
Lee	L.	Geller	April
Meghan	M.	Opielski	April
Angela	K.	Del Vecchio	April
Gian-Paolo		Caminiti	April
Janet	W.	Laing	April
Carol		Manhart	April
Julie	A.	Falkenstein	April
Kelly	A.	Sylvester	April
Denise		Dominguez	April
Leslie	M.	Barnick-Wen	April
Arely		Barrera	April
Madeline		Colandro	April
Dainene		Roberts	April
Hilda	I.	Rosario	April
Patricia	J.	Bohren	April
Stephen	A.	Hensel	April
Keara	M.	Homan	April



Incoming MCANJ President-Kim Macellaro Message

Hello to my fellow colleagues, friends, Council, Mayor and my family;

Thank you all for being here today. Standing before you, as the incoming President of the Municipal Clerks' Association, is both an honor and a privilege. I can't believe how fast these past four years have gone. Stepping into this role has given me the chance to reflect on what makes this Association so special. MCANJ is not just a collection of professionals — it is a community built on trust, shared experiences, and the understanding that our work is essential to the proper functioning of local government. Every clerk in this room understands what it means to balance responsibility with compassion, and accuracy with a genuine dedication to the people we serve. Being chosen to lead such a group is deeply humbling.

This Association represents not just a professional community, but a tradition — one that has served as the backbone of local government for a full century. We strive as a board to listen, to keep you informed, to put on an educational conference that not only provides you with CEU's, but to network with you and have fun. We recognize that sometimes the classes can be a little boring, but they are necessary to obtain the CEU's we need. If any of you have suggestions about speakers or classes, please feel free to reach out to any of us.

I believe that part of our role as leaders — and as colleagues — is to keep finding ways to uplift one another. Whether it's encouraging a new clerk just starting out, supporting someone preparing for certification, or helping a long-time member navigate new legislation. We are at our strongest when we lean on each other. My hope, this year, is that more members will not only attend the conference, but also feel inspired to get involved: join a committee, present an idea, or simply connect with someone new. Currently we have 730 members of the Municipal Clerks' Association. Of that 730, about 225 members attended the last conference. Clerks make up about 413 members and Deputy Clerk's make up about 194. If you can think of a way to get members to come to the conference, please share with us. We would love to see more members present.

In 2027, as we celebrate 100 years of Municipal Clerks in New Jersey, we are honoring far more than a milestone. I want to remind each of you that our strength has never come from any one person. It comes from all of us — from every clerk, deputy clerk and support professional who shows up every day with integrity and heart. My theme for this year is "The Roaring Twenties". My hope is that this theme doesn't just capture the excitement of the decade ahead, but also reminds us of the boldness and innovation that defined the original Roaring Twenties a century ago. Just as society once embraced new ideas, new energy, and new possibilities, I want our Association to do the same. Let's be fearless about adopting new technologies, open to fresh perspectives, and united in strengthening the role of the municipal clerk for the next generation. I also believe it's important to recognize how much we learn from one another, often in ways that aren't officially recorded. It's the quick hallway conversation at a conference, the late-night email when someone needs help with a last-minute agenda, the shared laughter over the challenges only a clerk would understand. Those are the moments that remind us why this Association exists. We lift each other up. We solve problems together. We make each other better.



Pictured above is Incoming President, Kim Macellaro's family who are her grounding force, her laughter and occasionally the source of her gray hairs — but she wouldn't trade them for anything. Pictured above is Kim's oldest son Michael and his fiancé (soon to be daughter-in law) Stephanie, her middle child, daughter Kaitlyn and her boyfriend Dan, and her youngest spoiled child, according to the middle child, her son Justin along with Kim's sister, Lisa who is literally her sounding board and best friend.

Incoming MCANJ President-Kim Macellaro Message

In every town across New Jersey, from our smallest communities to our largest cities, municipal clerks have played a vital role in shaping civic life. As we enter our 100th year, I want us to lean into the future with the same strength that brought us this far. Over the past 100 years, the role of the municipal clerk has evolved dramatically. From handwritten ledgers to digital records, from in-person requests to online services, clerks have adapted to meet the changing needs of their communities and through it all, one thing has remained constant: our unwavering commitment to the public.

With our 100 year legacy in mind, I am dedicating my presidency to three essential goals:

- Strengthening professional development, because even after 100 years, none of us have figured out how to stop OPRA requests from arriving at 4:29 p.m and giving clerks the tools and training we need in an evolving landscape.
- Enhancing communication and support among municipalities, because none of us do this alone.
- And celebrating the incredible value we bring to our communities every single day.

We honor the past not by standing still, but by building on it — by innovating, learning, and pushing this profession forward.

I want to thank the mentors, colleagues, and clerks across this state who have shaped this Association.

I want to express my gratitude to the outgoing President for her dedication and vision. Nancy, what a great conference – from the keynote speaker, Greg Offner, to the game night, great job!

I want each of you to know that my commitment to you is simple: I will listen, I will advocate, and I will work tirelessly to support the extraordinary people who make up the MCANJ.

I want to thank all of you for your support and for being here today. It means the world to me!

Thank you.

Kim



In attendance at the MCANJ Annual Meeting was Incoming President, Kim Macellaro's Mayor, Bert Steinmann, her Council: Councilman Baxter, Councilwoman Wollert and Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney. Along with the Mayor and Council is the person, who quite literally, saved Kim's sanity this year. Kim has been without a Deputy Municipal Clerk for 8+ months and snagged her new Deputy Municipal Clerk from the Assessor's Office. The Assessor is still not talking Kim. Maya has been a lifesaver. Her energy and ability to learn has been unwavering. Maya has been the backbone and right hand person to Kim.

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At the MCANJ Conference in February, MCANJ Secretary Peggy Riggio and Past President, Michele Bobrowski held a session called "A Spoonful of Leadership & Growth" which allowed attendees to explore leadership and professional development by drawing inspiration from Mary Poppins. All attendees were asked to jot down "A Touch of Magic" they bring to their office. The feedback was overwhelming and here are the Top 10 responses from Lesson # 4- "A Touch of Magic":

- Smiling: Bringing positivity and smiling at the customer no matter what. You never know what kind of day someone is having.
- Empathy to residents always coming in, always listen to them, be kind and patient to them and have a pleasant attitude.
- Efficiency and Preparedness: knowing resources, organization and being prepared for meetings in advance.
- Bringing humor
- Knowledge and history of the Municipality.
- Decorating the lobby and counters for different seasons to bring cheer to those that visit.
- Baking for co-workers, fun office parties, creativity in the office.
- Having a candy dish on your desk for anyone needing a "pick me up".
- Transparency and honesty.
- Listening and patience. Going out of the office to speak to residents and visitors instead of the counter.



We hope you can get inspiration from one of these so you can sprinkle "A Touch of Magic" to your office.

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Edith Gil Sworn in as Paterson's First Latina Municipal Clerk



Manchester Township Clerk Teri Giercyk performs her first wedding for a township couple, Linda and Patrick Keeley at Town Hall recently.



The Sparta Township Clerk was reappointed at the council meeting on Tuesday, April 14, by a unanimous and vocally supportive vote. Roxanne Landy renewed her oath of office given by Mayor Dean Blumetti. Her son, Sean Landy was at her side holding the bible.



Lebanon Township Clerk Carolynn Budd is recognized for public service.

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MCANJ SPOTLIGHT FORM

Eligibility: Municipal Clerks, Acting Municipal Clerks, Deputy Municipal Clerks, Assistant Municipal Clerks, County Clerks, Deputy County Clerks, Freeholder Clerks and Deputy Freeholder Clerks who are current members of MCANJ (Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey) are eligible for nomination.

Goal: To highlight those working in the profession who bring positive attention to the role of being a "Clerk".

Objective: To recognize MCANJ members who promote their position as "Clerk" through civic activities and events in their work or home community that is outside the scope of their normal duties and responsibilities. Nominees who are selected for recognition will be announced through electronic communications and posted on Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey website.

Nominee: Title: _____

Municipality/County Nominee Employed by: _____

Work Address of Nominee _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominator: (Nominator does not have to be a member of MCANJ) _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Provide synopsis of nominee's civic activities and events outside the scope of the nominee's normal duties and responsibilities of "Clerk". Limit to 100 words.

**MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY
2025-2026 TRIBUTE TO
RETIRED MUNICIPAL CLERKS**

WHEREAS, service to others is the best work of life; and

WHEREAS, continued, unselfish service is the backbone of our society and is to be commended and exemplified; and

WHEREAS, as a Municipal Clerk, knowing that you have shared in the growth and success of your community and this organization is a purpose fulfilled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey, Inc., that we commend your dedication to the residents of your community and this organization, and point to it as an example to be exemplified and emulated; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that honorary membership is bestowed upon the below-named retired Municipal Clerks in accordance with the MCANJ Constitution and By Laws; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we extend to you, upon the occasion of your retirement, our gratitude and best wishes for good health, success, and prosperity for many years to come to those Municipal Clerks named herein:

COUNTY	NAME	MUNICIPALITY
Atlantic	Eileen Tedesco	Egg Harbor
Bergen	Deborah Karlsson	Hackensack
Burlington	Susan Onorato	Shamong
Burlington	Janice Lohr	Delanco
Burlington	Mary Picariello	North Hanover
Burlington	Kathy Smick	Pemberton
Burlington	Doretha "Rita" Jackson	Palmyra
Cumberland	Keith Petrosky	Vineland
Hunterdon	Judy Bass	Glen Gardner
Hunterdon	Ceil Covino	Clinton
Hunterdon	Karin Parker	Readington
Hunterdon	Pam Dymek	East Amwell
Monmouth	Julie Martin	Eatontown
Morris	Roseann Denman	Morris Plains
Warren	Wanda Kuman	Pohatcong
Warren	Diane Pflugfelder	Liberty

IT IS SO RESOLVED.

MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

2025-2026 TRIBUTE TO

DECEASED MUNICIPAL CLERKS

WHEREAS, the strength and spirit of a community are often reflected in the activities and successes of its employees; and

WHEREAS, throughout their tenure, Municipal Clerks serve their communities with complete professionalism and always demonstrate an extraordinary dedication, enthusiasm, and community spirit; and

WHEREAS, as a Municipal Clerk, knowing that you have shared in the growth and success of your community and this organization is a purpose fulfilled.

WHEREAS, although dearly departed, many Municipal Clerks will always be in thought a part of their municipality.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey, Inc., that we commend your dedication to the residents of your communities and this organization and point to it as an example to be exemplified and emulated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend a moment of silence, dedicated to the memories of those who have left us for a greater service:

COUNTY	NAME	MUNICIPALITY
Bergen	Virginia Herrmann	Bogota
Bergen	Joseph Favaro	Englewood Cliffs
Bergen	Elizabeth Rotar	Hillsdale
Burlington	Patricia Anne Halbe	Mount Laurel
Camden	Ann D. Levy	Gibbsboro
Essex	Dee Cirrito Bobotti	West Orange
Monmouth	Judith Ann Zeban	Avon by the Sea
Monmouth	Janet Delonardo	Shrewsbury Township
Morris	Fannie Stinson	Madison
Passaic	Alfred Reda	West Paterson
Passaic	Jacqueline Murray	Paterson
Salem	Karen Jones	Pennsville
Somerset	Ann Marie Quinn	Somerville

Condolences:

Joseph Favaro, the retired Municipal Clerk of Englewood Cliffs, NJ passed away on January 25, 2026. Joe was an instructor for RMC classes for Rutgers, was President of MCANJ in 1996 , Municipal Clerk of the Year in 1999, and received his Master Municipal Clerk certification through IIMC in 2000. Condolences to Joe's family and friends. MCANJ is sad to have lost another amazing Municipal Clerk!

Condolences to the Family and Friends of retired Avon by the Sea Clerk Judith Ann Zeban (pictured on the right) who passed away peacefully on December 5, 2025 in Lakeland, Florida. May She Rest in Peace.



Condolences to family and friends of Mary Knighton former Deputy Borough Clerk of Bellmawr (pictured on right).



Condolences to the Family and Friends of Fannie Stinson who had previously retired as Madison Borough Clerk after 33 years of dedicated service. She passed away on Friday, April 17, 2026. May she rest in peace.



GET INVOLVED WITH MCANJ

If you are not involved in the MCANJ and want to be, please consider joining a committee that might be of interest to you. Below is a list of committees along with descriptions of the functions and responsibilities, so please take a moment to review and contact me relative to any you wish to join. Thank you!

Kim Macellaro-1VP@mcanj.us

The following is a list of the Standing Committees:

Constitution and Bylaws
Education Conference(s)
Elections
Fundraising
Information Technology
Legislative Committee for Laws Pertaining to the Municipal Clerks' Profession
Legal Defense Fund
Manual Review
Membership/Peer Alliance for Learning (PAL)
Professional Development/Mini Conference Committee
Public Relations
QUILL
Resolutions
Scholarship

I want to get involved!!

Name: _____

Township: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Committee(s) I'm Interested in:

1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____

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