



PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE
EILEEN GORE



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A Message from MCANJ President Eileen Gore

The 2021 Education Conference “**New Paths to Successful Leadership**” has indeed provided many new paths, including conducting conference committee meetings virtually, partnering with NJLM and the amazing Danielle Holland to utilize their GoToWebinar platform, moving the Annual Meeting to a new venue, plus some that are undoubtedly still yet to come. However, I am so proud to say that we were tested as clerks and continue to be tested and each and every time, we come through with flying colors. For every time that we come up against an obstacle, we manage to work through it or around it, but we take the path of success!

Let me begin by thanking all who attended our recently held MCANJ Virtual Conference. Our goal with the virtual conference was to be able to reach more members who cannot always attend the in-person event and by all accounts, we accomplished that goal with over 350 registrants for the conference. It truly was a tremendous success and I am so proud and honored to have worked and continue to work with such an amazing group of not just colleagues, but friends who were with me every part of the way. My sincerest thanks and appreciation go out to MCANJ Executive Director Joel Popkin, Conference Co-Chairs Michele Seigfried and Debra Sopronyi, as well as Committee members Daina Dale, Allan Susen, Kim Macellaro, Laurie Gompf, Susan Jackson, Vincent Buttiglieri, Kathy Norcia, Doreen Cali, Kim Marie White, Denise Cafone, Michele Bobrowski, Lucy Samuelsen and Diane Pflugfelder for their tireless work on this endeavor. Anyone that has ever put together an event of any magnitude can tell you; the success of the conference is due to the many hours of hard work put in by the Committee. But their hard work is still not done – read on.

While we knew rather early on that we would transition to virtual educational sessions, we held out hope that the Annual Business Meeting portion of the conference would be able to be held at a future date. I am happy to report that with the advances of the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine and Governor Murphy now allowing for fifty percent occupancy, we will move forward with an in-person Annual Business Meeting which will be held on **Wednesday, June 16, 2021** at the Boathouse at Mercer Lake located in West Windsor Township (Mercer County). The meeting will start at 10:00 am and will be accompanied by a continental breakfast and a luncheon buffet in the afternoon. Please visit their website (boathouseatmercerlake.com) to see the lakeside views and outdoor areas that we will also be able to utilize in addition to the indoor facility. Our General Counsel, Tom Prol, will be presenting a session for which CEUs will be given. Seating will have to be limited to first 125 paid participants, so please don't procrastinate in making your reservation/payment once the detailed information is sent to the membership.

In preparing for the Annual Business Meeting, there will be a few new and fun additions to the event that we think you will enjoy. Our Fundraising Committee is preparing for some games of chance that are sure to please the wine lovers, the handbag aficionado's, and fans of winning cash and prizes. Last but not least, we will also feature our always popular merchandise sales as provided by our own Doreen and Andy. We are so looking forward to seeing many of you there where we will be able to enjoy one another's company again.

Save the Date: Annual MCANJ Meeting, Wednesday, June 16th at the Boathouse at Mercer Lake. Registration details will be sent out soon!!!

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Message from President Eileen Gore-continued

EMAIL: President@MCANJ.us

I am pleased to announce that Deanna Bennett, Municipal Clerk for the Borough of Haddonfield, will be sworn in as the newest member of the Executive Board. I know that she will serve the MCANJ with distinction and all of us on the Executive Board look forward to her joining us.

I know that this past year has been a difficult one for all of us, and even more so for so many others who have become ill or lost loved ones to this deadly pandemic, even within our MCANJ family. May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Depression, anxiety and panic attacks are no signs of weakness. They are signs of trying to remain strong for far too long. Let's share support for mental health awareness and show those who are suffering they are not alone. Because once you start talking about experiencing a mental health struggle, you realize that actually you are part of quite a big club. Please take time for yourself to recharge and reenergize. Spring has sprung and even though you still have a million things to do, please take time for yourselves...sit outside and feel the sun on your face and the wind at your back. I would like to end this article with an Irish proverb that goes like this:



*May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow
For every tear, a smile
For every care, a promise
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song
And an answer for each prayer.*

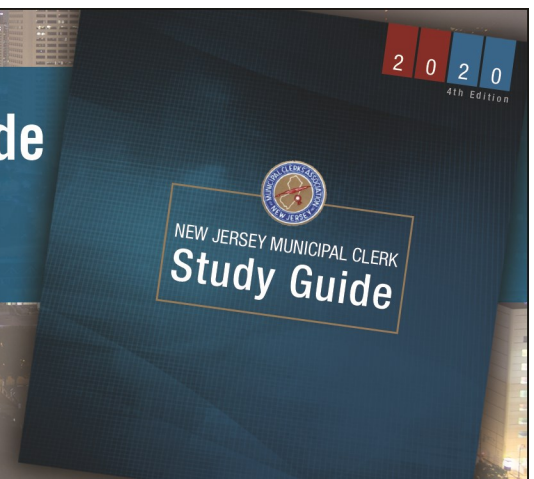


Stay well, stay safe and stay strong!!

Eileen

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A Day in the Life of a Municipal Clerk THAT WAS A MISTAKE!!!!

By Michele Lynn Seigfried

My daughter, who just turned 9, told everyone on her birthday that she felt like an “old bag.” My brother, referring to himself, said, “She feels like an old bag? Wait until she’s in her 40s and realizes her whole life is full of mistakes.” Referring to myself, I said, “Or in her 50s.” He retorted with “Or you could be like Dad in your 70s and realize your whole life was one mistake after the next.” While we laughed and joked, I couldn’t help but think of how many mistakes I’ve made in my life. Most of the time, I feel like if I don’t laugh, then I’d cry. Here’s hoping that a few of these mistakes will make you laugh instead of cry too:

Recently, my daughter’s teacher sent the parents a text explaining that she wouldn’t be at school because her grandmother died. I immediately replied saying, “I’m so sorry.” In reality, the text came out saying “I’m so happy.” I was mortified.

This winter, I went outside to dig my car out of the snow. I slipped and fell in the driveway. I guess it was a mistake not to salt the driveway first. My husband thinks he’s funny. He told me, “You can’t blame anyone for not salting and falling except yourself, because it’s your own asphalt.”

I made the mistake of spending \$80 on a new bra, just to have the underwire on it snap...in the middle of church...with a loud crack of metal breaking. I pretended to look around like everyone else to see where the sound came from.

Then there was that time I mistakenly brought \$17 in change to the bank. The teller wouldn’t let me deposit it because their change machine was broke. I’m sorry, but shouldn’t a bank teller be taught how to count change? I offered to teach her, but saying that was a mistake too.

A good friend of mine called me for advice. “I need help,” she said. “I accidentally told my boss I loved him.” Confused, I asked, “How do you accidentally tell someone you love them?” Apparently, she was on the phone with him and she had a brain fart where she just ended the call like she would with her husband. She panicked on the phone and yelled, “Oh, uh, I didn’t mean to say that...I don’t love you...I mean, I like working for you...I’m married, I’m not flirting, please don’t report me to H.R.” Sarcasm is more my forte than giving solid advice, so why she called me of all people...“Are you sure it wasn’t a Freudian slip?” I asked. That was a mistake.

One of my clerk friends sent me a message saying that he had been looking non stop for days to find his mother a sh*t. I laughed and told him I hope he meant to say “shot,” as in the coronavirus vaccine. Luckily, he doesn’t mind me poking fun at his typo.

I attended a funeral recently with my father where we saw some cousins we hadn’t seen in a long time. My father congratulated one of them for being pregnant (she was not). I’m just glad this one wasn’t my mistake!

It was also a big mistake when I volunteered to be a cookie mom for my daughter’s girl scout troop. I found myself sitting on the floor in tears after five hours of counting money and then counting cookie boxes and coming up with a different amount each time. There is definitely a reason I did not become a CFO! They say volunteering can reduce work and home related stress. It’s absolutely true. I was so stressed about the cookie money and making that jive with the cookie box count, that I didn’t even think about work or home stressors.

I received a save the date card for my niece’s wedding. The photo on it was of two shotgun shells and her ring on top of the shells. The caption said, “The hunt is over.” Because of the shells, I asked my sister if it was a shotgun wedding. That didn’t make any friends.

But all in all, these mistakes (and the multitude of others that we’ve all made that aren’t too funny) make me realize that we are only human if we don’t have it together every minute of every day. Until next time, always remember we are stronger because of our hard times and wiser because of our mistakes! Be well, everyone!

RENT-A-CLERK PROGRAM

If you have recently retired, or know of someone who has, and you/they want to get back into the profession please contact Elaine Kennedy (ebeverly@comcast.net). We have a listing of available individuals to assist with fulfilling short and long term municipal clerk positions.

MEMOS YOU WILL NEVER RECEIVE AND EVENTS THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN

By: Richard A. Lustgarten, Esq.

After a pretty tumultuous year I thought a lighter view of possible events might be in order. So, have you ever felt that you were in a parallel universe but you were parked diagonally? If so, come along for the ride.

Court decides that the “no smoking in public buildings” ban does not apply to weed as that has now been legally approved for use.

League of Municipalities adopts resolution that recommends municipal employees should work a four day week, five hours a day.

To avoid disruption of services, all municipal unions and governing bodies agree that contracts should be for a term of ten years.

With new high end technology, voting is authorized to be by phone, directly into the voting machine. If a voter doesn't have a phone, he/she can borrow a friend's and vote that way.

In the spirit of cooperation, counties return fifteen percent of their revenues to any municipality that asks for it. If they don't ask, they get five percent.

In a further spirit of cooperation, eighty percent of municipalities agree to merge provided they can keep all their employees, elected officials and administrative boards. State still predicts massive savings over thirty years.

Since post election, people are more cordial and are more understanding of each other, municipal court need only be in session once every three months.

New regulation from Dept. of Community Affairs: Any form or permit that is required to be filed, shall be deemed to have been filed timely if received no later than three months after its due date.

Discovery--New turf used for town's ball fields must be of a self-renewal kind whether or not they are of natural or artificial material.

The Legislature in the spirit of transparency agrees that OPRA applies to the Senate and Assembly. Governor breathes sigh of relief.

For two years running no municipality has received a complaint concerning leaf and snow removal and garbage pick up.

All Democrats and Republicans agree to run on joint tickets to reduce cost of campaigns and elections. This agreement has a sunset provision of one election cycle.

Statute authorizes all citizen complaints to be outsourced overseas. Must be heard within one year.

To save money all departments must surrender their landlines as only cell phone use is permitted. If department doesn't have a cell phone, notice of same shall be published in local paper once each January.

To assure quality services, all professional fees shall equal or exceed those charged on average in NYC and Philadelphia. Municipal attorneys, engineers and auditors only reluctantly agree because they believe their current fees and services are above average.

Department of Law issues an opinion that municipal clerks can veto and remove any agenda item that they deem “stupid”. DOL estimates a reduction of agenda items by 65%.

As it is desirable to have contract bidders familiar with town matters, no bid contracts may be awarded to relatives of Mayors and Councilmembers as they are best situated to know what's going on.

If the time for public comment continues too long, the Council shall provide another room for the residents to talk among themselves while the Council stays in meeting room and proceeds with its meeting.

The Legislature, in a unique experiment, disbands all local elected officials. CLERKS RULE.

Justice will not be achieved until those not affected by a matter are as outraged as those who are. B. Franklin

**Meet your 2021-2022 MCANJ Secretary
Deanna Bennett, Borough of Haddonfield**



Hello, please allow me to introduce myself to everyone as the new Secretary for MCANJ. I am Deanna Bennett, the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Haddonfield, home the hadrosaurus dinosaur skeleton affectionately named Haddy, whose discovery in 1858 provided the first irrefutable physical proof that dinosaurs had been real. Haddonfield is located in Camden County, home to the USS New Jersey, Campbell's Field and the Adventure Aquarium. Since 2005 I have served as Haddonfield's Municipal Clerk.

Although I am not a native to New Jersey this is not the first time I have called NJ home. My family first lived here from 1968 to 1970 when my father was stationed at the Highland Air Defense Site. Yes, I grew up in the military; the Army to be exact.

I graduated high school in Smithsburg, MD and received my Associates of Science degree from Cayuga Community College in Auburn, NY. Long story short we had family friends that my parents had known before I was even born who then lived in upstate NY. Therefore, this was a great way to get away from home, yet be near enough to people that were as close as family. From there I moved to the Philadelphia region.

I came back to New Jersey in 1995 when the small chemical company I was working for moved from Pottstown, PA to South Jersey all because the owner wanted to live at the shore. I have remained here ever since; living in Glassboro, Magnolia and now Woodbury.

My employment experience includes working for the aforementioned small chemical company, whose main customer was a cosmetics chemical supplier in South Plainfield, NJ. I worked for this company until the Managing Member passed away in 2001, at which time I started working for the Borough of Haddonfield in their Public Works Department. On April 24, 2004 I was appointed to Acting Municipal Clerk when the current Clerk/Tax Collector retired and the Borough decided to split these job duties. Within one year I managed to take all of the required classes for Municipal Clerk and on May 24, 2005 I was appointed for the first time as Municipal Clerk, after having passed the State Exam in April. Not only did I take all of the required classes in that year, but I also bought my first home and finalized my divorce from my first husband. What a year that was!

I thoroughly enjoy my job as Municipal Clerk in the Borough of Haddonfield and truly appreciate helping the public by providing thoughtful, courteous, customer service to our residents.

I have kept active with MCANJ through my position on the Manual Review Committee, which I have been doing since 2008. Additionally, I have worked on the Conference Committee under two prior Presidents, once in 2009 and again in 2018. I also was happy to be able to help register attendees during the 2013 IIMC Conference held in Atlantic City. As the current Editor for the MCANJ Manual Review Committee, I have also had the honor to be asked to serve as an appointed member of Rutgers University's Municipal Clerk's Educational Advisory Board since 2013.

On a local level I have been an active member in the Municipal Clerk's Association of Camden County (MCACC) since 2004. In 2010 I was privileged to be asked to be the Vice-President of this association for a two-year term and then moved up to President for a 3-year term. I truly feel that my work with this Association will be an asset as a member of the Executive Board of the MCANJ. My goal while on the Executive Board of MCACC was to focus on sharing information between each of the 37 municipalities in Camden County and to help promote comradery between us all.

In 2008 I was married to my wonderful husband and instantly became a step-mom to three teenagers, which changed my life forever. I am now a proud Grandmother to a 9-year-old granddaughter and a brand-new grandson just born on February 23rd.

With the encouragement of my husband, family, friends and Borough Commissioners I look forward to working with everyone as the Secretary of the Municipal Clerk's Association of New Jersey. Additionally, I anticipate the chance to be a part of the challenges and changes ahead, but most importantly, I look forward to the chance of working with you, the members of MCANJ.

IIMC Region II News– Spring 2021

In May 2021 IIMC will be celebrating it's 75th year. This year the expanded 5-day, in-person 2021 Annual Education Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Those with intentions of attending, I ask you to please contact me so we may coordinate a Region II dinner date.

The IIMC Conference Statement is;

IIMC is committed to the health and safety of all Members and Staff. In terms of the Annual Conference, we are moving forward based on the regulations and guidelines as established by the city of Grand Rapids and state of Michigan. Further, the hotel and convention center are taking all the precautionary measures including mask requirements, social distancing and precautions regarding room cleaning, food and beverage service, etc. Should IIMC suspend the in-person conference, all funds collected for the in-person conference will roll over to next year's conference or be returned per the registrant's discretion.

IIMC Updates include:

- IIMC shall be providing one free IIMC Education Conference registration for any IIMC Foundation donation of \$5,000 or more.
- Restructuring and hiring of a Director of Professional Development is to be completed by July 2021. This would fulfil the vacancy created with the loss of Dr. Jane Long.
- The Virtual Athenian Dialogue format has been extended through June 30, 2021
- Three candidates are seeking the Vice President office:
Mary Ann Hess, MMC (Laurel, Mississippi)
Brian "Petie" Ruch, MMC (Beardstown, Illinois)
Leticia Vacek, MMC (Trophy Club, Texas)
- Elections for these offices will begin on March 22 and conclude on April 21. The elected candidates will be announced at the Annual Business Meeting on May 13. IIMC will share ballot instructions in mid-March.
- **Region II:** The January-April *Cabin Fever 2021* series have wrapped up a successful January and February Athenian Dialogues. Region III Director Camilla Pitman, MMC and Region V Director Janice M Bates are our facilitators. Participants have been from Canada, California, Arizona, West Virginia, Florida, New Jersey and many additional States. Its great dialoguing with the various State representatives. The Athenian Dialogues for March and April are sold out, but keep your eyes open: an Athenian is being planned for June 30, 2021.
- Terri Hudson and I are involved with a PA Steering Committee. Albright College, Reading PA has joined us in conversations to join IIMC as the PMCA (Pennsylvania Municipal Clerks Association) Institute.
- Continue to follow the Region II Facebook page for the latest news.
- Don't hesitate to contact Terri or I with your IIMC questions or suggestions.

Be proud of your accomplishments this past year, it was a doozy!

Enjoy the day,

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The People Page is an opportunity for the members of our Association to celebrate each other's achievements both professionally and personally, as well as to share our condolences during times of sorrow. Additionally, when we as clerks have an opportunity to participate in community events that are afforded to us as a result of our position, it is another example of something to share on the People's Page. Please feel free to share. Send your submissions to the email of: peoplepage@MCANJ.us along with a picture and caption to be included in future editions of the Quill.

RETIREMENTS

With tears, appreciation, and well wishes, Byram Township Clerk (Sussex County) and Registrar Doris Flynn oversaw her last meeting on December 15, 2020, after working for the Township for over 23 years.

Congratulations to Bass River Township Clerk Amanda "Mandy" Somes (Burlington County) on her retirement after 25 years of dedicated service to the Township. In a proclamation presented (virtually due to the ongoing COVID pandemic) to Somes for her "professional and personal dedication to Bass River" at the February 1st Township meeting, she was described as an "invaluable asset," who "has discharged her duty with great care, professionalism and passion."



Congratulations to Shrewsbury (Monmouth County) Town Clerk Sandra Wright on her retirement in February, after 34 years in town government, with 11 of those as Town Clerk.

Michele Rivers retired as Barnegat Township Clerk (Ocean County) effective February 28th. At the February 2nd Barnegat Township meeting, Mayor Albert Bille presented Rivers with a plaque honoring her for her 16 years of "distinguished service and outstanding performance." He and Deputy Mayor Al Cirulli also gave her a bouquet of flowers.



(Left-Right) Barnegat Deputy Mayor Al Cirulli, retiring Township Clerk Michele Rivers, and Mayor Al Bille.

Happy Retirement LaShawn Barber after more than 20 years as the Tabernacle (Burlington County) Municipal Clerk!



MCANJ Retirement Gift

If you or someone from your County is planning on or has retired, please let your MCANJ County Representative know so that the Association can provide a retirement gift on behalf of the MCANJ. County Representatives should contact Michele Bobrowski, Treasurer at Treasurer@NJClerts.org. Please be sure to include the individual's name as it should appear on the engraved gift along with an address where it can be mailed. The request will take approximately 3 to 4 weeks to process, so please ensure that you provide as much advance notice as possible so that it can be presented at a retirement party or last town meeting, etc.

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NEWLY APPOINTED MUNICIPAL CLERKS

Manalapan Township (Monmouth County) Committee members promoted Deputy Municipal Clerk Shari Rose to the position of Municipal Clerk, effective February 1st. Rose has worked for Manalapan for 15 years and had served as the Deputy Clerk since 2012. Rose was promoted to her new position following the retirement of Municipal Clerk Regina Preteroti, who retired on February 1st after 45 years of service with Manalapan. Congratulations to both!

The Byram Township (Sussex County) Council unanimously appointed Cynthia M. Church to be their Municipal Clerk and Registrar, effective January 1, 2021. Church has worked with the Township for over 13 years.

Congratulations to Peter Gorbatuk on his appointment as Englishtown (Monmouth County) Municipal Clerk and Registrar at the Borough's annual Reorganization Meeting which was held on January 4th.

Donna Manno, was sworn in as new Barnegat (Ocean County) Township Clerk at the March 2nd Township Meeting. She succeeded Michele Rivers who had retired a month earlier. Andrea Christensen is the new Barnegat Deputy Township Clerk.

Congratulations to Susan Jackson who moved from Metuchen Boro to New Hanover Township as the Municipal Clerk .

Metuchen Boro appointed Deborah Zupan, as Acting Boro Clerk



Congratulations to Arlene Gray on being sworn-in as the Closter (Bergen County) Borough Clerk on February 24, 2021! She is the daughter of long-time Northvale Borough Clerk Wanda Worner who passed away unexpectedly last year.



HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS



The Historical Society of Highlands (Monmouth County) has officially named the annual award it presents to a deserving graduating senior at Henry Hudson Regional High School "The Nina Light Flannery Memorial Scholarship Presented by the Historical Society of Highlands." Mrs. Flannery passed away unexpectedly at home in January after a short illness. Nina Light Flannery was the retired Highlands Borough Clerk and Administrator and had served 22 years in the position.

Chatham (Morris County) Borough Clerk Tamar Lawful wrote the resolution celebrating February as National Black History Month and was asked by Mayor Thaddeus Kobylarz to read it into the record during a recent virtual Borough of Chatham Council meeting. Chatham resident Judy-Ann Hargrove accepted the resolution during the Zoom meeting on behalf of the Morris County chapter of Jack and Jill of America, an organization "dedicated to nurturing future African American leaders."



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HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Maplewood (Essex County) Township Clerk Liz Fritzen, who has served the Township for 33 years, was honored by Maplewood Township and South Orange Village when they celebrated Female Essential Workers with a “SHEroes” window exhibit at the 1978 Arts Center on Springfield Avenue, as well as a “Meet The SHEroes of the Maplewood Police Force” Video. The photo installation, which was up for the Month of March in recognition of Women’s History Month, highlighted the contributions made of Women as essential workers on the front lines of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

TRANSITIONS

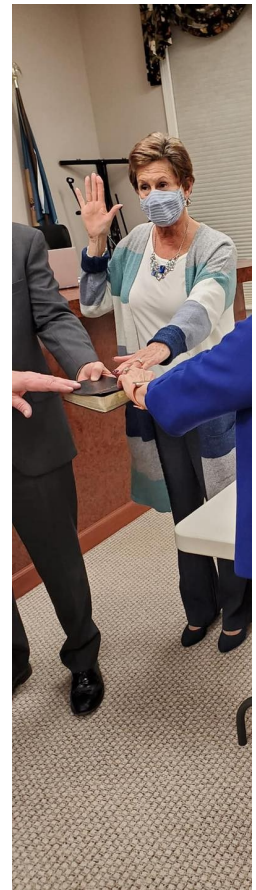
By a poetic happenstance of sorts, Rahway (Union County) City Council’s meeting on March 8th coincided with International Women’s Day whose “Women in Leadership” theme, proved fitting, as the City celebrated the contributions of their outgoing City Clerk, Rayna Harris. Following Rahway Mayor Raymond Giacobbe’s opening remarks, Council Members expressed their congratulations to and gratitude for Ms. Harris, who after five years as their City Clerk, was departing to begin her tenure as Fanwood’s new Borough Administrator.



Congratulations to Allentown (Monmouth County) Municipal Clerk Laurie Roth on becoming Allentown’s first Business Administrator! She will also retain her duties as Allentown Municipal Clerk.

On March 9, 2021, MCANJ Past-President (2001) Sharon Brienza (right) was honored to have been sworn in to her second term on the Millville, Delaware Town Council and was elected Deputy Mayor!

Way to go Sharon!!!



CONDOLENCES

Former Ewing Township (Mercer County) Deputy Municipal Clerk Etta Kimbrough passed away on January 21, 2021, at the age of 61.

Condolences to the Family and Friends of retired Northvale (Bergen County) Borough Clerk Florence Leavey who passed away on December 29, 2020; and retired Frankford (Sussex County) Municipal Clerk Joan Risdon, who passed away on December 31, 2020. May they both rest in peace.

Deepest sympathies on the passing of retired Ringwood (Passaic County) Borough Clerk Kathy Cenicola who died on December 25, 2020. Kathleen joined the Borough of Ringwood as a Part-Time Secretary to the Planning Board in 1975. She earned a promotion to Borough Clerk in October of 1978. She served as Deputy Borough Manager/Borough Clerk in 1987, and then she became Borough Manager/Borough Clerk in 1991 until she retired at the age of 59 in March of 2002. She was an Instructor for Rutgers University with the New Jersey Municipal Clerks' Education Program.

Save the Date: Annual MCANJ Meeting, Wednesday, June 16th at the Boat-house at Mercer Lake. Registration details will be sent out soon!!!

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MCANJ News & Updates

Daniel's Law Update:

On November 20, 2020, Governor Murphy signed Daniel's Law that amends the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") to exclude from the definition of a public record the portion of any document which discloses the home address of any active or retired 1) judge, 2) prosecutor or 3) law enforcement officer. The law is named after U.S. District Judge Esther Salas' 20-year-old son, Daniel Anderl, who was fatally shot in July 2020 by an assailant who obtained the family's North Brunswick address online.

Daniel's Law also prohibits state or local government agencies, individuals and businesses from knowingly publishing on the internet, or otherwise making available, the home address or unpublished home telephone number of any active or retired judge or any active or retired prosecutor. Other than governmental agencies, a violation requires the posting be made "with purpose to expose another to harassment or risk of harm to life or property, or in reckless disregard of the probability of such exposure." Anyone violating its terms faces a third-degree crime punishable by three to five years in prison and a fine of \$15,000, or both.

The bill enables any active or retired judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer whose home address or unpublished telephone number is disclosed on the internet or otherwise made available to the public, or whose immediate family member's name, home address, or unpublished phone number is disclosed on the internet or otherwise made available to the public, to request that the information be removed. The government agency, individual or business would be required to remove the information within 72 hours of receiving such a request in writing.

In late February 2021, Governor Murphy signed S-3453/A-5359 to amend Daniel's Law "with certain provisions and effective date applicable to disclosure of personal information of judicial officers, prosecutors, and law enforcement officers." As noted in the amendment Bill statement, "[t]his bill changes to December 10, 2021 the effective date of certain provisions of P.L.2020, c.125, known as 'Daniel's Law,' applicable to any active, formerly active, or retired judicial officer or prosecutor...The provisions applicable to law enforcement officers take effect 18 months after the effective date applicable to the provisions governing judges and prosecutors." However, the amendment does not change the effective date of the section of law permitting any active, formerly active, or retired judicial officer or prosecutor, or their immediate family member, whose home address or unpublished home telephone number is disclosed or re-disclosed on the Internet, or otherwise made available, by any person, business, or association to request removal or redaction of that information. The request must be honored within 72 hours.

The full Pamphlet Law can be found at <https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/PL21/24 .HTM>

MCANJ SPOTLIGHT AWARD WINNER

Cindy Eckert of Netcong Borough was nominated and has been chosen as the MCANJ's 4th Quarter Spotlight Award winner. The purpose of this award is 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.

Cindy's love of crafting and sewing was helpful in making masks during the height of the pandemic - thank you. She also loves photography and her photos have been featured on the cover of several of the Borough's Annual Calendars, hang in her municipal building, and to top that off, she is the official Netcong Day Photographer.

Cindy is the proud mother to Fred, Abby and Leah and also a grandmother. Cindy loves to garden and hike with her husband Fred and last but not least, is an excellent baker, as it has been said.

Congratulations Cindy!!!!

MCANJ MEMBER SPOTLIGHT AWARD

Do you know a Municipal Clerk, Acting Municipal Clerk, Deputy Municipal Clerk, Assistant Municipal Clerk, County Clerk, Deputy County Clerk, Freeholder Clerk or a Deputy Freeholder Clerk who is a current member of MCANJ (Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey) and they bring positive attention to the role of "Clerk"? They are eligible for nomination!!!! We want to recognize a MCANJ member who promotes 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 the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey website. So if you know a fellow Clerk who has been doing amazing things— go to the MCANJ website at www.njclerks.org, fill out the Spotlight Nomination Form and send it to Eileen Gore at president@njclerks.org so we can all celebrate this achievement!!

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