

On behalf of the Clerk of the Year Committee, I am pleased to recognize the 2009 Clerk of the Year.

This individual was nominated by her entire City Council, Mayor, Vice-Mayor, co-workers and former City Clerk. One of her co-workers stated that "she is truly deserving of the title of Clerk of the Year because she works so hard all year, every year to promote the profession of Clerk and uplift others. She has worked her way through every position in her office ultimately accomplishing her goal of City Clerk.

Our Clerk of the Year began her career in local government 31 years ago. She is an active member of VMCA and IIMC and has served as an active member on various committees within each organization. She believes in education and always encourages her staff to pursue educational courses. In 2004 she attained her CMC and is currently pursuing her MMC. She has previously served as First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Secretary of VMCA, and as a Director for her region. She is also a member of the Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators.

As a Clerk, she has worked to streamline her Council's agenda process and she continuously strives to keep up with changing technology to benefit Council as well as the staff and citizens.

Her Assistant Deputy Clerk stated that she always lends a listening ear and has whole heartedly taken on the responsibility of mentor to help guide her toward the success of becoming a Certified Municipal Clerk. She has taught me most of what I know about being a Clerk and being a true public servant. She challenges me to be a better woman as well as an outstanding Clerk.

Our Clerk of the Year has balanced her role as City Clerk, mother, grandmother, coach, student, community advocate, regional director, secretary, and first vice president with dedication, commitment and enthusiasm. She has a desire to exceed and help others along the way, always looking for a better way to accomplish a task or save money and resources. She is both innovative and responsible, and takes the opportunity to share with children in the community that they can accomplish anything they desire if they just believe in themselves and build the foundation for their success.

In, his recommendation, her Vice-Mayor stated that "without a doubt she is the most committed and dedicated Council appointed staff member they have. She is a leader in her community and has taken the Clerk's position to a different level. She speaks at school activities, civic organizations, is active in her church and presents herself as a motivated and enthusiastic member of the City. She makes herself available to talk with all Council members on a one-on one basis on any issue, and that means so much. She goes above and beyond the call of duty to work with her Council, the citizens of her community and her fellow employees ensuring a level of service that the citizens both demand and deserve.

Although she can be found on the job in the late evenings and on the weekends she finds the time to be involved with her church, coach little league basketball and be active with her grandchildren's parent teacher associations. Her community leadership has been recognized by the Roanoke Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Roanoke Chapter of the NAACP, Total Action Against Poverty in the Roanoke Valley and other local non-profit organizations.

One Council Member stated that as a relative newcomer to Council, I relied on Stephanie Moon's steady leadership and great patience in learning my role within the City. She is a vital part of the function of our governing body, and without her, we wouldn't nearly be as effective or efficient as we are. Ms. Moon is a City Clerk that others would be lucky to have, but that we are eager to hold onto.

Please share with me in congratulating our 2009 Clerk of the Year and incoming President – Ms. Stephanie Moon.

Remarks from Ms. Ella Jordan, Chair, Clerk of the Year Committee

It was a great honor for me to administer the oath of office to Stephanie as the new President of the VMCA and to be present when it was announced she was the 2009 Clerk of the Year for the VMCA. It was wonderful to see her peers recognize her outstanding record of leadership and service to the VMCA through such an honor.

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