



GMC/FOA President Joan Jones of Johns Creek (right) presents award to Gainesville's Denise Jordan with the Clerk of the Year Award and Fitzgerald's Kathy Young with the Finance Officer of the Year Award.

GMC/FOA Celebrate 60th Anniversary; Clerks Jordan and Young Honored

More than 130 members of the Georgia Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association (GMC/FOA) and their guests attended the opening dinner cruise on Friday, June 24 of GMA's 83rd Annual Convention in Savannah to celebrate GMC/FOA's 60th year. During the cruise, GMC/FOA President Joan Jones and GMA's Pam Helton recognized the event sponsors, Former GMC/FOA Past President and GMA employee Steve Durden celebrated his June 30 retirement from the association.

During the opening breakfast past GMC/FOA presidents were recognized and breakfast attendees heard greetings from GMA Executive Director Lamar Norton, President of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Vincent Buttiglieri and Associate Director of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government Stacy Jones. Motivational Speaker Ellen Hester ended the breakfast with an entertaining presentation.

Clerks also had the opportunity to earn 15 hours of training during the Convention.

Gainesville City Clerk Denise Jordan was awarded the Georgia Municipal Clerks' and Finance Officers' Clerk of the Year for 2015-

2016 at the GMA Annual Convention Awards Luncheon on Sunday, June 27. Jordan has been a member of GMC/FOA since 1992. She served on numerous committees, and was elected to serve as President of GMC/FOA in 2009.

Two of her greatest accomplishments in Gainesville were establishing the city's first electronic agenda process and leading the effort to have Gainesville certified as a GMA City of Ethics.

Fitzgerald Finance Officer Kathy Young was also awarded by the Georgia Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers as the Finance Officer of the Year for 2015-2016 during GMA's Annual Convention.

Young, who has served Fitzgerald for 22 years was recognized because of her thorough understanding of finance issues, her keen insight into administrative matters and her ability to relate to people.

During the awards luncheon, Master Level Certificate and training certificate recipients were also recognized. Master level certificate recipients were Marilyn Chastain and Jan LeViner.