



News and Tidbits February 2015

Dear Amy,

President's Message:



Election season has officially started! This is always a busy time for all of us. Good luck to all of you!

We want to thank Shanae Jennings, TRMC, City Secretary, City of Irving and

Jennifer Phillips, Assistant to the City Secretary, City of Irving for hosting a fabulous meeting at the Greater Irving/Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce on January 15th. Randy Pennington, Pennington Performance Group, talked to our group about how to make change work.

Randy discussed our position as city secretaries and how what we do does not change too much, but how we do our job changes all the time. We must be adaptable, we must anticipate change, and we must be open to things outside of our comfort zone. We must be willing to change our perspective on how we can do things better. Look at things differently and look towards the future.



**Randy Pennington - Pennington Performance Group
January Speaker**

Randy encouraged us to embrace uncertainty with curiosity. He told us the fact that we might not be seeing the possibilities for the future, doesn't mean they don't exist. We need to be a part of the process and begin to see the

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Upcoming Meetings

January 18	Copper Canyon
March 18	Colleyville
April 1 - Professional Seminar	Grapevine
May - Elections	No Meeting
June 3 - NTMCA Awards	Euless
July 15	Arlington

2015 Professional Seminar



possibilities for change in ourselves and our organizations.

At this meeting, the membership approved the following business items:

- Meeting minutes from November 12, 2014 and December 11, 2014 business meetings;
- Monthly treasurer reports from October 2014, November 2014 and December 2014;
- First Quarterly treasurer report (October -December 2014);
- Reallocation of Election Law Seminar reception \$250 contribution to \$250 door prize funding to be distributed at Election Law Seminar.

I would like to congratulate our Chapter members that received their TRMC certification last week at the Election Law Seminar, as well as our members who were recertified.

Graduates:

Carol Ann Borges, Westworth Village
Veronica Lomas, Southlake

Recertification Graduates:

Laura Bell, Carrollton
Monica Solko, North Richland Hills
Kristi Gilbert, Argyle
Ashley Mitchell, Carrollton
Aimee Nemer, Richardson
Donna Pliska, Haltom City
Linda Rhodes, Lake Worth
Kim Sutter, Euless
Rita Frick, Hurst

The NTMCA will be hosting an Athenian Dialogue for our annual Professional Seminar on April 1 at the Grapevine Convention & Visitor's Bureau. Dr. Amy Holt, Executive Director, TMCA/TMCCP, will be the facilitator for our Dialogue. The book we will be discussing is *Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery* by Eric Metexas. Registration is open to all, but we will have a maximum of 30 attendees. Please see our website for more

The NTMCA will be hosting an Athenian Dialogue for our Professional Seminar on April 1, 2015. Registration began last month and with a limited number of seats, be sure and register today.

[Click here to register.](#)

Click below for the link to the book that will be discussed.

http://www.amazon.com/Amazing-Grace-William-Wilberforce-Campaign/dp/0061173886/ref=pd_sim_sbs_b_1?ie=UTF8&refRID=01XNQVNF0X3H5YKA8MF9

**Norma Zenk,
Professional Seminar Chair**

Meeting Reservations

Members we need your assistance. In order to be able to provide food for all that attend our monthly meetings, we need to know who will be attending, so please let us know your intentions by the RSVP date. Deadlines are included in the invitation and on the meeting webpage.

The best way to take care of this is to plan to attend all of the meetings and RSVP when you receive the invite!

**Thank you for your cooperation!
Mary Supino, President**

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Future Newsletters

We are always looking for topics of interest for newsletters. If there is a subject you would like to see addressed or if you would like to contribute an article, please let any of the Board members know, or submit it by e-mail to [Sheila B. Morales](mailto:Sheila.B.Morales).

information regarding meetings and upcoming events: www.ntmca.org



**Group Photo - NTMCA Luncheon
January 15, 2015 - Irving**

Mary Supino, President

Quick Links

[NTMCA Website](#)

[FY 2015 Membership Application](#)

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Membership Drive

Membership Drive: The Membership Committee continues to work diligently on reaching out to our colleagues to join NTMCA. Our goal this year is to reach ninety members and we currently sit at seventy-four. If you have not done so already, please fill out the membership form. Whether you pay by Paypal or by check, completed applications need to be sent to Treasurer Carol Borges. As a reminder, your \$30.00 annual dues help to support our programs, businesses meetings, operations and scholarships. We encourage you to also reach out to your neighbors, new city secretaries or somebody else in your organization who would benefit from being a member.

**Submitted by Michael Wells
Membership Committee Chair (Bedford)**

Scholarship Fundraiser

The "**Keep Calm and Clerk On**" insulated tumblers are available for \$15 each.

The proceeds benefit our Chapter's Alyce Deering Scholarship Fund. The scholarship fund is one of the reasons that sets us apart from other chapters.

We know the importance of continuing our education and we support our members by providing annual scholarships to offset travel and seminar registration costs.

Don't miss your chance to support our Chapter and sport a cool insulated tumbler that markets our profession. The tumblers will be available for purchase at each Chapter meeting or by contacting Alicia Richardson at arichardson@nrhtx.com



**Submitted by Alicia Richardson
Alyce Deering Committee Chair (North
Richland Hills)**

Historical Tid-Bits - City of Westworth Village

- The City of Westworth Village is a quiet residential community, with a population of 3100 residents, approximately two square miles in area, on the west side of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, in North Central Texas.
- Located on the banks of the Trinity River, five miles west of downtown Fort Worth, the City is surrounded by long-developed communities amid natural vegetation and landscape features that complement the pleasant appearance.
- Following the transition of Carswell Air Force Base to the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth in 1998, the City embarked on an ambitious program to transform 400 acres of federal government property and 500 abandoned houses into a high quality, multi-use urban development.
- Over the last several years, the City has added two high-end residential developments, with at least two more expected in the near future.
- This bedroom community enjoys an exceptionally low crime rate and one of the lowest ad valorem tax rates in Tarrant County.
- The City's municipal golf course, Hawks Creek Golf Club, has been renovated and a new driving range as well as a new putting and chipping practice facility have been added. A Club membership program, professional lessons, and an online tee-time reservation system have improved the entire "golf experience".
- Westworth Village remains one of the most fiscally sound incorporated cities in the Metroplex.
- Commercial development includes large power center retailers, as well as smaller boutique shops offering a wide range of specialty merchandise and services.
- Capitalizing on its proximity to the recently renovated Ridgmar Mall, shoppers may experience one of the most convenient and diversified retail mixes in the Fort Worth area. Contemporary restaurant facilities complement the shopping experience.

- Under the 2007 Capital Improvements Plan, City officials embarked on a ten-year program to replace aging streets and water and sewer lines. Through careful planning this project is expected to be completed on time (by the end of 2017).
- The City's modern municipal complex was built in 2008 and includes city offices, the police department, and a community room to serve its residents.
- In 2014, the City was awarded a coveted Federal Transportation Authority Grant (TAP) to improve our Parks and Trails Plan. The City is working with the Trinity River Vision Authority (TRVA) to expand the trail system and improve recreation areas throughout the community. Grant funds are expected to be disbursed in the spring of 2015, allowing the City to commence with this project.
- The City stands committed to its comprehensive development program, designed to improve the quality of life for the entire community while ensuring a sound financial base for many years to come.

**Article submitted by
Amy Shelley (Colleyville)**

We are an awesome Chapter! Let's lead and be a model for our sister Chapters.