



News and Tidbits

March 2015

Dear Amy,

President's Message:



I hope that everyone has had a quiet Election season so far and that some of you might even get to cancel your Elections. Cheers to all the City Secretaries that held down the fort in their offices on the last day of filing in the snow! We had 6 candidates file in Arlington on that final day. Here we go!

We want to thank Sheila Morales, Town Secretary, Town of Copper Canyon, for hosting a lovely meeting at the Copper Canyon Town Hall on February 18th. Mayor Sue Tejml welcomed us to this gorgeous town. I had never been to Copper Canyon before, but now I can't wait to go back. It is absolutely beautiful there!



February 18, 2014 Luncheon Town of Copper Canyon

The Honorable Denton County Commissioner Bobbie J. Mitchell joined us to talk about the important role that women play in government. Bobbie talked about her climb to her current position as County Commissioner. Bobbie began her career in government by serving on both the Board of Adjustment and the Planning & Zoning Commission in the City of Lewisville. She served as a Council member for several years and was then elected as the Mayor of

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Upcoming Meetings

March 18	Colleyville
April 1 - Professional Seminar	Grapevine
May - Elections	No Meeting
June 3 - NTMCA Awards	Eules
July 15	Arlington
August 12	Richardson
September 16	Haltom City

2015 Professional Seminar

Lewisville in 1993 and served as Mayor until 2000. Since 2000, Bobbie has been serving in her current position as a Denton County Commissioner.



**Honorable Denton County Commissioner
Bobbie J. Mitchell**

Bobbie is so passionate about her role in government and about public service. She talked a lot about why women make great politicians - women don't mind getting their hands dirty, they are effective in building consensus, and create harmony in a community. She talked about how passion propels you to do more. We need to be excited about our jobs and our community. She encouraged all of us to run for office, but if being a municipal clerk is our calling, be the BEST clerk you can be!

This meeting was so much fun and we enjoyed hearing from these strong and powerful women! At this meeting, the membership approved the following business items:

- Meeting minutes from January 15, 2015 business meeting;
- Monthly treasurer report from January 2015.



The NTMCA will be hosting an Athenian Dialogue for our Professional Seminar on April 1, 2015. Registration will close THIS month on March 20th. 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**

**NTMCA and TMCA
Clerk of the Year
Nominations**

The NTMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year Committee is accepting nominations for TMCA Clerk of the Year and NTMCA Clerk of the Year.

This is an awesome opportunity for you to recognize clerks who are committed to leadership and professionalism as City Clerks.

The deadline to submit nominations is May 15, 2015! For a nomination form, including a list of nominee qualifications visit the NTMCA Website ([Committees page](#)).

Questions? Contact a committee member: Kim Sutter, (ksutter@eulesstx.gov) - 817-685-1419 or Aimee Nemer (Aimee.Nemer@cor.gov) (972)744-4290

**Kim Sutter,
Municipal Clerk of the Year Committee Chair**

Alyce Deering Scholarship

We are currently accepting applications for the 2014 Alyce Deering Scholarship. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide funds for travel and seminar registration for a TMCCP/TMCA sponsored certification program. The full summary of the program is available [HERE](#). To apply you must complete the application and provide a copy of your TMCCP



February 18, 2015 Meeting Attendees

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 Metaxas. Registration is open to all, but we will have a maximum of 30 attendees. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MARCH 20TH.** Please see our website for more information regarding meetings and upcoming events: www.ntmca.org

Mary Supino, President

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)**

transcript and a letter of commitment. The application deadline is May 1st.

**Alicia Richardson
Alyce Deering Scholarship Committee 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).

Quick Links

[NTMCA Website](#)

[FY 2015 Membership Application](#)

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

NTMCA Scanning Project - Update

At the February 18 meeting, the membership was presented with information, and an estimate for services, regarding a scanning project the Board would like to pursue with a third party contractor. We presented an estimate from Source HOV to the group for review. This scanning project consists of NTMCA photos, minutes, and treasurer notebooks, currently being stored by various Board members in their respective city facilities. The membership expressed their interest in getting these items scanned; however suggested we reach out to MCCI, specifically NTMCA member, Russell Haddock, for an additional estimate of services.

The Board is scheduled to meet with MCCI in March to discuss the services offered through Laserfiche. We will continue to keep you all informed of this project and, if appropriate, will bring an agenda item forward for the membership's consideration.

**Submitted by Mary Supino & Amy Shelley
NTMCA Board President and Historian**

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 Highland Village

- Highland Village was incorporated in February 1963 after approximately 100 lakeside residents decided to make their lakeside vacation homes permanent. Many of the early residents were professionals from the Dallas area who wanted to "get away" for the weekend and enjoyed it so much they moved to what became the City of Highland Village.
- Ranch land owned by Robert DuVall, the first mayor of Highland Village, comprised the remainder of the City in 1963. The City's Doubletree Ranch Park is located on part of that original ranch land.
- It is said, many years ago, the area that became Highland Village was a popular hideout for Sam Bass, a notorious highwayman who liked the privacy of the many trees and hills.
- Highland Village's rating as the "Safest Community in North Texas" for most of the last 10 years, the Blue Ribbon schools, and the topography of rolling hills, extensive trees, and open space make it a desirable place to raise a family. Over half of the households have children under the age of 18.
- Using the Inland Trail System, which connects virtually all areas of the City, Highland Village residents can easily walk anywhere within the City. The trail system, designed for walking, jogging, and bicycling, meanders throughout the City connecting neighborhoods to parks, schools, retail centers, and City offices.
- Highland Village is home to the Highland Village Lions Club Balloon Festival held annually the third weekend in August. The 3-day event features iconic hot-air balloons (taking part in mass ascensions, races, and glows), tethered balloon rides, arts and crafts booths, car show, 5K run, live entertainment, food vendors, Kid Zone, and crowds in the thousands.
- In several recent issues of "D" Magazine, Highland Village has been named as one of the top 10 best places to live in the Metroplex.
- From 1975-1985, the City grew from approximately 1,000 to 5,000 residents and became a Home Rule City in 1986. The approximate population today is 15,850.
- Highland Village, encompassing approximately 5.5 square miles, is located in southern Denton County midway between Denton and Dallas, is approximately 15 miles from DFW Airport, and is in close proximity to Alliance Airport. The City is bound by FM 407 on the South, Lake Lewisville on the North, I-35E on the East, and Chinn Chapel Road on the West. I-35W is located approximately 15 miles to the west of the City limits.
- Nearly 95% of the homes in Highland Village connect to the Internet, with over 90% of the population on-line several times a week. The City utilizes this interest in technology to communicate quickly with residents through E-Watch (an on-line version of Neighborhood Watch) and eConnect (an e-mail service for residents to receive City information on topics of interest to them). The City also connects with residents through social media by utilizing Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.
- "Celebrate Highland Village", held on the first Saturday in June, is an annual event sponsored by the City and local businesses that brings together residents for a 5K/10K run, family fish-out at Unity Park, and a music festival with a fireworks extravaganza.
- Average cost of an existing home in Highland Village is \$276,944.

**Article submitted by
Diane A. Callahan - (City of Highland Village)**

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