



News and Tidbits

January 2014

Greetings!



President's Message

The holiday meeting on December 4th at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens was festive and enjoyable.

Members of the Holiday Committee outdid themselves: Aimee Nemer (Richardson), Laura Bell (Carrollton), Martha Garcia (Arlington) and Monica Solko (North Richland Hills). Thank you ladies!

We were welcomed by Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price. WOW what a dynamic personality!

We were honored to enjoy the company of several of our retired city secretaries. Those ladies are so enthusiastic and know how to have fun.



Our members donated a total of \$800 to the Mission Granbury and the Cleburne Chamber of Commerce /Tornado Relief Fund, supporting two of our local cities that suffered significant tornado damage earlier this year. They are still struggling to recover, so please keep them in your prayers.

The Silent Auction profits subsidize the Alyce Deering Scholarship Fund. We had so many great items up for bid, we raised a whopping \$845.

The Holiday Committee "knocked it out of the park" and our members were quick to support this worthwhile program to assist with education of our members.

If you have never played TABOO - the City Secretary Edition, it was great entertainment for the day. Again, thank you to the committee and all who attended to help make this a pleasurable event.

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Well, I don't know about you but I feel blessed that I survived December. First, the way the calendar fell we were shorted a week between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and then because of the crippling ice storm we lost about four shopping days. Many events in our area had to be rescheduled. I had to postpone a Council meeting; I have never had to do that before. As always, it was a rush to shop, wrap, get cards out, and plan gatherings with family and friends. In spite of all the issues, we had a great Christmas and I hope yours was enjoyable, too.

On behalf of the NTMCA Board of Officers - we wish you all a happy new year.

We have much to look forward to in 2014:

- Remember to date all documents as 2014 not 2013 - I may be the only one that has an issue here.
- On January 8 we will meet in Flower Mound and be entertained by Linda Swindling, a workplace communication expert and author who will share her expertise in negotiating tough situations in the workplace.
- January 15-17 TMCCP Election Law Seminar - Irving.
- On February 19 we will meet in Bridgeport and will be enlightened by Barry D. Nalls regarding "Risk in Business Parallels Risk in Adventure".
- March 19 we will be trekking to the north to visit the Town of Cross Roads.
- On April 16 Colleyville will host our Professional Seminar - Mark your calendar.
- We will not meet in May as we master another election

This is just a start to the busy year for our association. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Upcoming Meetings

2014

January 8 - Flower Mound
February 19 - Bridgeport
March 19 - Cross Roads
April 16 - Colleyville - Professional Seminar
May 2014 - No Meeting (Elections)
June 11 - Lewisville
July 16 - Roanoke
August 20 - Azle
September 17 - Grapevine

Future Newsletters

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

Calling All Retirees; Are You Planning to Retire in 2014?

If you are planning to retire or know of someone who is planning to retire in 2014, please let me know. We need retirees' names, last day at their city, and date of reception, and/or the last Chapter meeting the retiree will be attending.

I encourage you to keep this in mind if you or a friend is planning to or decides that it is time to make the big leap.

Are You a Member of NTMCA?



Will you help us meet our membership goal? Membership dues help support our activities and programs.

Our membership year began October 1st and we currently have 65 members. **You can easily verify your current membership at <http://www.ntmca.org/members>**

Have you received your NTMCA Chapter lapel pin? It will be sent to you after renewing your membership. [Membership applications](#) are available on our website and with Paypal you can renew your membership quickly.

Completed applications, whether paying by check or Paypal must be mailed to Treasurer [Mary Supino](#). Upon renewal of your membership, your NTMCA lapel pin can either be mailed to you or made available at the next NTMCA meeting.

This Month in History - Carol Borges, Historian

Every month of the year is filled with tidbits of information and nostalgia. Let's take a look at a few "January" items...

- Did you know that New Year's Day is the most celebrated holiday around the world? Makes sense, right? No politics or religion affect this worldwide holiday!
- George Washington unveiled the very first US Flag, the Grand Union, in 1776.
- Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves in 1863 with the Emancipation Proclamation.
- The Constitutional Amendment to grant women the right to vote was introduced in 1878. Sadly, it didn't pass Congress until 1920 - 42 years later!
- Ellis Island opened in 1892, accepting over 20 million people into this great land, until it closed in 1954. How many of your ancestors travelled this route? My grandfathers did!
- The first Native American (from Kansas) served in the Senate in 1907. Charles Curtis later served as Vice-President under Herbert Hoover from 1929 to 1933.
- In 1919, the 18th Amendment ratified Prohibition, which lasted nearly 14 years and unexpectedly contributed to the growth of organized crime across the country.
- In 1925, the first female governor was inaugurated in Wyoming. This is just 5 years after winning the right to vote!
- The Reverend Martin Luther King was born in 1929. His birthday was designated a national holiday in 1983 - 15 years after his assassination.
- Just 13 years after winning the right to vote, the first woman was elected to the Senate in 1932 (from Arkansas).
- The first nuclear powered submarine was launched from Connecticut in 1954. Harnessing nuclear energy continues to be a hot topic in today's politics.
- Alaska was admitted as the 49th US state in 1959, with a land mass of almost one-fifth the size of the lower 48 states combined.
- Also in 1959, American Airlines led the way with the first scheduled transcontinental flight. AA's current merger with US Airways will create the largest airline in the world. With its local headquarters, just think what positive affects that will have on the DFW economy!
- JFK conducted the first live televised news conference in 1961. Technology has come a long way in the past 50 years!
- The Supreme Court ruled abortion to be legal with Roe vs. Wade in 1973. While Americans believe themselves to be progressive, Iceland was the first country to legalize abortion in 1935, and we're still debating this topic 40 years later.
- The Concorde supersonic jet began passenger service in 1976, cruising at twice the speed of sound at an altitude of up to 60,000 feet. Have YOU been on a Concorde flight?
- It wasn't until the last decade of the century that the first African American (man) became a US governor (Virginia). And the struggle for equality still continues today...

This is a new article for the NTMCA. Please provide feedback. Would you like to see more "history from your historian"? Thanks for spending a few moments with me. :) Carol

We are an awesome chapter...let's lead and be a model for our sister chapters.