



News and Tidbits

May 2014

Dear Carol,

In This Issue



President's Message:

Hello NTMCA members and friends.

We owe a huge "thank you" to the members of the Professional Seminar Committee: Amy Shelley, Chair, Stephanie Dimas and Julie Heinze.



They planned a very educational and enjoyable seminar. A special thanks to MCCi, Franklin Legal, and Kofile Preservation for their sponsorships.

Lisa Coburn, City of Arlington's Organizational Development Manager, kicked off the morning with her down to earth approach as she walked the attendees through a customized professional development plan. She began with a review of our



personal attributes and professional achievements. We then considered our long and short-term goals. She reminded us of positive relationships and their impact on our life. Have you had a boss or co-worker that was a mentor or saw your potential and encouraged you? Take a few minutes to say "thank-you" in writing. We considered our relationships and what we are doing to manage them. She encouraged us to market ourselves and to reach out to coach/mentor a new colleague. Ask someone that attended the seminar: "What is the BMW Club?" Ms. Coburn also encouraged us by providing steps for a personal strategy. Those that were there received a step-by-step "well-rounded guide" to career development. It is up to each individual to take that ball and run with it - you have great potential.



Ron Holfield, CEO of Strategic Government Resources rounded out the afternoon by sharing the philosophy of Servant Leadership and explained practices that (1) enrich the lives of individuals who you wish to lead, (2) builds better organizations, and (3) creates a more just and caring world.

Those practices/traits are: listening, empathy, healing, awareness, persuasion, conceptualization, foresight, stewardship, commitment to the growth of people and building community. Ron reminded us that today's leaders have to think differently, we have to remember that *it is not about me and it is not about now*. He told us that if we want to control our destiny that we have to develop strategic leadership.

An additional highlight of the Professional Seminar was a silent auction benefiting the Alyce Deering Scholarship Fund. Kudos to the Alyce Deering Committee: Mary Kayser, Chair, Laura Bell and

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Clerk of the Year

Nominations for the NTMCA and TMCA Clerk of the Year must be received by May 23rd. Please contact the Nominating Committee for more information.

Qualifications for NTMCA Clerk of the Year (Chapter)

1. A City Secretary who has been an active member of the NTMCA for at least three years;
2. Must have provided service to other Municipal Clerks on a local level where the opportunity exists;
3. Must have exhibited leadership abilities;
4. Must be a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk; and
5. Must currently be a City Secretary.

Qualifications for TMCA Clerk of the Year (State)

1. Must currently hold a municipal clerk position;
2. Must currently be an active member of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc., and must have been an active member for at least five years;
3. Must have provided service to other Municipal Clerks on a local level where the opportunity exists, or on a state level;
4. Must have exhibited leadership abilities;
5. Must be a Texas Registered



Linda Cantu. Thanks to the members who donated the auction items and to those that participated in the competitive bidding cha-ching. I think we all enjoyed it.

We will not meet in May due to elections. Our June meeting will be held at the MCL Grand in Lewisville to honor those that are serving as Committee members, our City Secretary of the Year and our Chapter's TMCA Nominee for Clerk of the Year. Alyce Deering Scholarship recipients will also be named. With that reminder I would ask that each of you take a few minutes to consider the invitations in this month's newsletter. Has a city secretary assisted you during your career that is memorable? If the answer is yes and you would like that person to be recognized, nominate them for City Secretary of the Year or another possible nominee may have gone over and above for those in our profession.

In addition, this Chapter is a volunteer operation and needs everyone's participation. If you have not considered volunteering to serve as an officer, please consider it. It is a very rewarding and educational experience. Submit your applications, today.

Registration for the June 11th meeting will open on Wednesday, May 21st. Please keep an eye out for the registration e-mail and join us in this rewarding event!!

Help keep our Chapter strong - attend meeting, bring a guest, volunteer, participate and be active.

NTMCA is all about you!! Where else do you get that kind of attention?

Diane Cockrell, President

Professional Seminar

On behalf of the Professional Seminar Committee, I want to express our appreciation to all who attended this year's event, especially the sponsors and speakers! We had over 30 people in attendance, along with fabulous food, silent auction items, and door prizes!

Lisa Coburn kicked off the seminar by inspiring us to "own our professional development," by asking us, "what's more important than you?" She gave us some great resources to explore, like the Kiss Your BUT Good-Bye book, along with some funny tag lines as well like, "energy vampires - those who suck the life out of you"; and the "BMW Club". She also explained to us that building relationships is very important with owning our professional development too.

Ron Holifield ended our day with teaching us about the pyramid to building a Servant Leadership culture, as well as the 10 Principles of Servant Leadership. Like Lisa, Ron shared with us some helpful information, such as "It's not about me, it's not about now" from Max Lucado; and that a leader can be developed, not trained. He explained that using Servant Leadership encourages in the midst of discouragement, disappointments, and hardship.

Amy Shelley, Chair

Municipal Clerk; and
6. Must not be a prior recipient of the Municipal Clerk of the Year award.

[2014 COY Nomination Form](#)
Norma Zenk, Chair

Alyce Deering Scholarship

We hope you submitted your applications for the Alyce Deering Scholarship by the May 1st deadline!

Recipients will be named at the June 11th meeting in Lewisville.

For more information, please contact **committee chair Mary Kayser**.

TMCA News

As President of the TMCA, I've received several positive reports from around the state with regard to the **"Adopt a Neighboring Clerk"** program. Clerks who have never been able to participate in chapter meetings or attend seminars are being encouraged and even assisted in this activity. I would like to carry this a little further with a promotional prize for the chapter clerks who are participating in this.

Through October 10th, whenever you (or more than one clerk, working together) bring a new clerk to a chapter meeting, assist with a ride to a seminar or chapter meeting, or even have lunch or visit with a new clerk, submit your name(s) to your Chapter President for each individual effort. Your Chapter President will forward your information to the TMCA Membership Chair, Kathy Wingo. She will keep a log of the clerk's name, chapter, and number of participation activities. Each activity puts that **clerk's name into a drawing**.

At the Graduate Institute Banquet on October 23rd in Kerrville, a winner will be drawn to receive **two tickets to the Dallas Cowboys vs. Philadelphia Eagles game on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th**, at ATT Stadium in Arlington, with an **additional \$50 cash spending money**. The winner does not have to be present to win.

Please consider participating in this endeavor. Thank you and good luck!

Art Camacho, TMCA President

Upcoming Meetings

FY 2014-2015 NTMCA Officer Applications Being Accepted

Applications for the FY 2014-2015 NTMCA Board must be received by May 15th. Per the NTMCA Bylaws, the Officers of the NTMCA shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Historian. Detailed descriptions of the duties of each officer can be found in the [NTMCA Bylaws](#).

The Nominating Committee will review all applications and present the slate of Officers to the membership at the June 11th meeting in Lewisville.

Any present or past officers would be happy to answer any questions you may have related to the Officer positions and duties.

If you are interested in becoming an Officer of the NTMCA for FY 14-15, please submit your application to Committee Chair Diane Callahan, at dcallahan@highlandvillage.org, by the **May 15, 2014 deadline**.

[NTMCA Officer Application Form](#)
Diane Callahan, Chair

Membership Drive



Will you help us meet our goal? We need a few people who love our profession and would like to market our chapter to member cities within TML regions 8 and 13. Our chapter is six memberships away from meeting our goal of 90 memberships. If you can give one hour out of your week to reach out to these member cities, please contact Alicia Richardson (Southlake) or Michael Wells (Bedford).

We have all benefited from our chapter's scholarship program, educational guest speakers and our professional seminars. You know how important networking and our chapter is for you. There are some municipal clerks who do not know about our professional organization and I'd like to think if they did know that they would see the value of being a member. What do you think?

Alicia Richardson, Chair

May - No Meeting / Elections
June 11 - Lewisville
July 16 - Roanoke
August 20 - Azle
September 17 - Grapevine

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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 Carol Borges.

Quick Links

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This Month in History - May - Carol Borges

- This month begins with May Day (May 1st), a spring festival dating back to ancient time. Happy Spring!
- In 325 A.D. the date of Easter was officially fixed by the First Ecumenical Council of the Catholic Church.
- The first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607.
- In 1783, the Pennsylvania Evening Post became the first daily newspaper published in America. How many of you still read the news in its printed form? How many read online? How many only watch the news on television or online? Were you ever a paperboy/girl?
- An expedition lasting over two years and about 6,000 miles took Lewis and Clark from St Louis to Oregon and back again from 1804 to 1806. Yet, it wasn't until 1833 that American author Horace Greeley was quoted as saying, "Go West, young man!" ...ha!...

- In 1844, telegraph inventor Samuel Morse sent the first official telegraph message, tapping out "What hath God wrought?" from the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., to Baltimore.
- In 1846, the US declared war on Mexico leading to the US annexation of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Utah and Colorado. The war ended in 1848 with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.
- While "Cinco de Mayo" is a Mexican holiday, many Texas communities conduct celebrations due to their ethnic populous. Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Battle of Puebla in 1862, where the Mexican army defeated the invading French forces of Napoleon III.
- At the same time, during the American Civil War, General David Hunter, Union Commander of the Department of the South, issued orders freeing the slaves in South Carolina, Florida and Georgia. He did so without congressional or presidential approval. The orders were revoked by President Abraham Lincoln ten days later. Slaves weren't officially declared free until the end of the Civil War in 1865.
- Also in 1862, President Lincoln signed the Homestead Act opening millions of acres of government owned land in the West to "homesteaders" who could acquire up to 160 acres by living on the land and cultivating it for five years, paying just \$1.25 per acre. At \$1.25/acre, even this Yankee girl would "go West"! :)
- In 1865, the US first observed "Decoration Day" by decorating Civil War soldiers' graves with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and included American graves from World Wars I and II. This observance later became known as Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May, thus creating a three-day holiday weekend.
- The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton in 1881. Today, the organization provides volunteer disaster relief in the US and abroad. Community services include collecting and distributing donated blood, and teaching health and safety classes.
- The Wall Street Crash of 1893 began as stock prices fell dramatically. By the end of the year, 600 banks closed and several big railroads were in receivership. Another 15,000 businesses went bankrupt amid 20 percent unemployment. And we thought 10% in 2009 was difficult. Yikes!
- In 1922, fifty-seven years after his death, President Abraham Lincoln was honored with a Memorial in Washington, D.C. The "Seated Lincoln" was designed by architect Henry Bacon and created by sculptor Daniel Chester French.
- In 1930, the 27th Amendment to the US Constitution was ratified, prohibiting Congress from giving itself pay raises. Yeah well... In 1989, under President Reagan, Congress passed an amendment allowing for automatic cost of living increases "unless lawmakers specifically voted to reject it". Hmm... When will they do that??!
- In 1937, the German airship Hindenburg burst into flames as it neared the mooring mast at Lakehurst, New Jersey, following a trans-Atlantic voyage. Thirty six of the 97 passengers and crew were killed. The inferno was caught on film and witnessed by a commentator who broke down amid the emotional impact and exclaimed, "Oh, the humanity!" The accident effectively ended commercial airship traffic.
- Also in 1937, 200,000 people celebrated the grand opening of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, by strolling across its 4200 foot length (.8 miles).
- In 1942, during World War II, Congress allowed women to enlist for noncombat duties in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC), the Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Service (WAVES), Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), and Semper Paratus Always Ready Service (SPARS), the Women's Reserve of the Marine Corp. This, along with the acceptance of "Rosie the Riveter" assembly line workers spearheaded women moving into male-dominated career paths.
- In 1954, Brown v. Board of Education was a landmark US Supreme Court case, in which the Court Judges unanimously ruled that segregation of public schools "solely on the basis of race" denies black children "equal educational opportunity" even though "physical facilities and other 'tangible' factors may have been equal. Thurgood Marshall, who argued the case before the Court, went on to become the first African American appointed to the US Supreme Court.
- In 1961, US Astronaut Alan Shepard became the first American in space, piloting spacecraft Freedom 7 during a 15-minute 28-second suborbital flight that reached an altitude of 116 miles (186 kilometers) above the earth. Shepard's success occurred twenty-three days after Russian Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human in space. How

well do you remember the "space race" and "cold war duck and cover" drills?

- In 1970, four students at Kent State University (Ohio) were killed by National Guardsmen who opened fire on a crowd of 1,000 students protesting President Richard Nixon's decision to invade Cambodia. Eleven others were wounded. The shootings set off tumultuous campus demonstrations across America resulting in the temporary closing of over 450 colleges and universities.
- The Mount St. Helens volcano erupted in southwestern Washington State spewing steam and ash over eleven miles into the atmosphere in 1980. Hmm... Must have been prom night. LOL
- In 1994, former political prisoner and Nobel Peace Prize winner Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as President of South Africa, winning the first free election in his country. Although he died in 2013, at the age of 95, Mandela remains a symbol of democracy and equality across the world.
- In 2011, US Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Pakistan. The raid marked the culmination of a decade-long manhunt for the elusive leader of the al-Qaeda terrorist organization based in the Middle East.

Thank you for spending a few moments with me. :) Carol

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