



# News and Tidbits

June 2013

Dear Carol,

## President's Message



In the spirit of our wonderful organization...shalom, aloha, hola, greetings, ciao, ellohay, blessings, hello, Kóyo, xin chào!

It is just amazing to me how time flies. This is definitely a busy season for municipalities-elections and budgets. As we come down slightly from our election adrenaline rush, we have to keep surging forward to meet budget deadlines.

I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the holiday weekend with their families/friends. As much time that we spend working-office, meetings, evenings and weekends it is important to rejuvenate our spirits.

This past week I had the pleasure of representing our chapter at the International Institute of Municipal Clerks conference in Atlantic City. If you have not been to an IIMC conference, I highly recommend that you attend. The speakers and concurrent education sessions (more than 40) are phenomenal. With so many sessions to choose from it was hard to select which one to attend. A summary of the guest speakers and sessions are available on IIMC's website. You can also find conference handouts available via Dropbox. I encourage you to review the summary/presentations. I learn something new or come home with a new idea from each conference. It is great to see what other municipalities are doing to increase transparency and streamline processes that we find bogging us down. The City of Austin gave a presentation on their new enterprise electronic records management system. Next year's conference will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. While we are in the middle of budget season, I encourage you to include this conference in your training budget. There are scholarships available for clerks that meet the criteria. While we did not have a large representation from Texas, we had a few clerks and Dr. Holt and Peggy Burnside in attendance as pictured in the IIMC Region IV group photo.

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## Upcoming Meetings

June 12, 2013 - Hilton Southlake

July 17, 2013 - City of Arlington

August 21, 2013 - City of Haslet

September 18, 2013 - City of Haltom City



Our next meeting will be held on June 12 in Southlake. This is our annual awards luncheon where we will recognize the NTMCA Clerk of the Year, NTMCA's nominee for TMCA Clerk of the Year and the 2012/2013 committee members. We will also award Alyce Deering Scholarships and present the 2012-2013 slate of officers. I look forward to seeing you in June at the Hilton-Southlake, 1400 Plaza Place (Southlake Town Square). Please remember to register early!

### Happy Happenings



Kim Sutter's son Justin recently graduated from Marine Corps boot camp. She and her husband Bill flew to San Diego last week to witness their "baby" become a marine. Oorah!

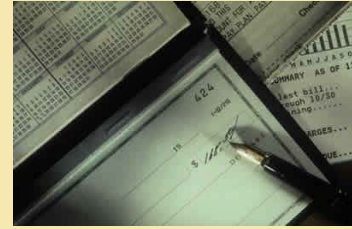


Julie Heinze's daughter Jessica Betterton just graduated from TWU with a Bachelors in Psychology and a Minor in Criminal Justice. She plans to start Grad school next year.



April Hill's son James graduated from Haltom High School on May 26, 2013. He will start college in the fall and major in Criminal Justice to become a Police Officer.

### Membership Drive



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The Membership Committee would like to say thank you to everyone that has renewed their membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. The North Texas Chapter is close to reaching the goal set for the year. Thank you as well to anyone that has reached out to a neighboring City Secretary and invited them to a meeting and to join the chapter.

If you have not already done so, please take the time to complete the membership application and submit your dues today! Our membership goal for the year is 95 and we are currently at 82 members. Remember that dues support our activities and programs for the year. In today's tight budgets more and more clerks are searching for ways to meet the educational requirements of our profession and NTMCA will strive to continue to support the award of as many scholarships as possible.

If you have ideas or would like to help reach out to potential members, please contact Kim Sutter (City of Euless) - 817-685-1419 or [ksutter@eulesstx.gov](mailto:ksutter@eulesstx.gov).

Download [Membership Form](#) Today! The cost of our chapter dues is \$30.00.

Please remember when processing your application form online and paying via PayPal, to submit an electronic version of both your application and confirmation from PayPal to Board Treasurer [Julie Heinze](#).

### Committee Updates

Your Holiday Committee has started working on plans for the 2013 Holiday Luncheon and will



Amanda McCrory's son Parker McDowell will graduate from Burlleson High School on June 11, 2013 and he has been accepted to the University of Texas San Antonio and to the school of Engineering where he will be pursuing his degree in Biomedical Engineering.

If you have a "Happy Happenings" in your life that you would like to share, please send your information and/or photo to: April S. Hill, City of Roanoke at [ahill@roanoketexas.com](mailto:ahill@roanoketexas.com).

### Training Opportunity - Lone Star Chapter

Our sister chapter is extending an invitation to join them on July 11, 2013 for a records management workshop. The all-day workshop will be held at the McKinney Performing Arts Center. There is a nominal cost of \$60.00 for the first enrollee and \$50.00 for each additional enrollee from the same municipality. The guest speakers include:

- Erica Wilson - Texas State Library and Archives Commission
- Amanda Crawford - Texas Attorney General's Office
- Mark Israelson, Policy and Government Relations - City of Plano
- Tony Beasley, Human Resources - City of Plano

If your schedule permits, you will not want to miss this workshop. Registrations are due by June 30, 2013. Please see [flyer](#) for additional information.

### Fruits of Alyce Deering Scholarship

I chose to use the Alyce Deering Scholarship I received from NTMCA for the 2012 Graduate Institute which covered *Character First*. The program provided insight into my behaviors and those around me and as well as a better understanding of how to reach out and make real connections with others. I've used the information during the past six months in my personal as well as professional life (You will find the pocket guide to the right of my monitor, reminding me to "find the right words"). And, the concept has been incorporated into the meetings of another local chapter as we spend a few minutes during each session reviewing a characteristic and a member that brings that spirit to life. I'm a true believer in life-long learning and appreciate the focused training that TMCCP offers; but, the opportunity to gain knowledge that can be used in all walks of life is very gratifying. Thank you 2012 NTMCA Scholarship Committee for your consideration and award!

Diane Zucco  
City Secretary  
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be getting details to you soon. If you have any suggestions on location, entertainment, or a charitable contribution, please contact

Chair Aimee Nemer, City of Richardson at [aimee.nemer@cor.gov](mailto:aimee.nemer@cor.gov)

Or you may contact any other committee member:

Mary Garcia (Arlington)

Monica Solko (N. Richland Hills)

Laura Bell (Carrollton)

### Upcoming Newsletters

If there is a topic of interest or subject that you would like to see addressed in an upcoming newsletter, please let any of the Board know. If you would like to contribute an article for consideration, please submit it by e-mail to [April Hill](#).



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