



# News and Tidbits

## June 2014

Dear Carol,



### President's Message:

Hello, all!

So glad election season is behind us - unless you have a run-off; if that is the case, I hope it goes well.

June 11th will be the yearly NTMCA awards meeting. Please make a special effort to attend because you will want to be one of the first to congratulate the NTMCA City Secretary of the Year and the NTMCA nominee for the TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year. The Alyce Deering Scholarship recipient will be announced and all of the Committee members who have served you so well in the 2013-2014 fiscal year will be commended.

In addition, the 2014-2015 Slate of Officers will be announced, and they are anxious to grow this organization. This association may seem like a simple organization but it takes time, planning, volunteers, coordination and cooperation to offer education at the monthly meetings, raise money for and award scholarships (in the last 5 years there has been \$5,500 awarded to our chapter for education).

The NTMCA Board is already planning for the next year and is looking for meeting hosts (our fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30). If you have never been a host or would like to host again, [Mary Supino](#) would really appreciate hearing from you now; what a great way to support NTMCA! Committee Members are being sought for the 2014-2015 fiscal year (there is a need for approximately 30 volunteers). Complete the [application](#) and forward it to Mary, N-O-W. Members like you who get involved and stay involved move our Chapter forward and help us be the best we can be. How will you serve?

How long has it been since you encouraged a neighboring City Secretary to attend a meeting with you? In the spirit of TMCA President, Art Camacho's "Adopt a Neighboring Clerk Program", invite a nearby clerk to attend this meeting with you. NTMCA is all about you!

**Diane Cockrell, President**

### Technology Committee

#### You spoke - we listened!

The Technology Committee made significant contributions to the NTMCA website in response to a recent Chapter survey:

1. The 'Helpful Links' page has been changed to 'Resources' where more educational information has been added. Future training opportunities will be posted as they become available. Be sure to attend the monthly membership meetings for our continuing Professional Development Series.
2. The 'Committees' page now includes a link to the Bylaws where a description of each can be found. We encourage ALL our members to volunteer for a committee. YOUR participation is what makes our Chapter stand-out! The Board is currently looking for volunteers for FY 14-15.
3. We hope to add more pictures and graphics to give the site

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### 2014-2015 Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee will present the Slate of Officers to the membership at the June 11th meeting in Lewisville. We hope you will support our nominations and participate in this important decision.

**Diane Callahan, Chair**

### Clerk of the Year

The 2014 COY will be announced on June 11th. Be sure to attend the Awards Luncheon in Lewisville to celebrate with us!

**Norma Zenk, Chair**

### Alyce Deering Scholarship

The Alyce Deering Scholarship(s) will be awarded on June 11th in Lewisville. Please come and lend your support to your fellow Clerk(s)!

**Mary Kayser, Chair**

### 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

some "oomph" but have to be mindful of our account bandwidth. Please join our Snapfish group for pictures taken at all our meetings and events.

4. You can now access 'Home' by clicking on the title bar from every page in our site. You no longer need to reload or retype the homepage URL.

Some items requested by the Committee require more manpower than available at this time. Adding sample ordinances, contracts, forms, 'how-to tips', and maintaining a 'list of experts' would require one person to continually research and update for accuracy and legality. Unfortunately, since web responsibility is an annual assignment, our 'tech volunteer' just does not have time for this function. We encourage each of you to join the TMCA Yahoo Group when needing assistance from other city secretaries.

The Board very much appreciates the Committee members' time and effort on behalf of our Chapter. They did a great job and showed awesome teamwork! Thanks ladies!

**Carol Borges, Committee Liaison**

### Chapter's Performance - Membership Drive



As we enter the last month of the third quarter, we are short of hitting our membership goal by eight. In reviewing the list of municipalities located in TML Regions 8 and 13, there are a number that are not members of our wonderful organization. Please review the listing below to see if you recognize a colleague's municipality that you can reach out and share the benefits of our chapter.

Aledo, Alvarado, Annetta, Argyle, Aubrey, Aurora, Benbrook, Blue Mound, Callisburg, Chico, Corral City, Coyote Flats, Cresson, Dalworthington Gardens, Denton, Double Oak, Dublin, Edgecliff Village, Everman, Forest Hill, Gainesville, Godley, Gordon, Graford, Grandview, Hickory Creek, Hudson Oaks, Joshua, Justin, Keene, Keller, Kennedale, Krugerville, Krum, Lake Dallas, Lakeside, Lakewood Village, Lindsay, Lipan, Little Elm, Milsap, Mineral Wells, Mingus, Muenster, New Fairview, Newark, Northlake, Oak Point, Oak Ridge, Pantego, Paradise, Pelican Bay, Pilot Point, Ponder, River Oaks, Sanger, Sansom Park, and Shady Shores.

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. It takes the action of many to propel our chapter forward.

**Submitted by Alicia Richardson.**

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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

**June 11** - Lewisville

**July 16** - Roanoke

**August 20** - Azle

**September 17** - Grapevine

### FY 2013-2014 Board Officers

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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



These 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 set 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.

We have a limited number of tumblers for sale. Do not 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. If you want to make arrangements to purchase a tumbler prior to our next meeting, please contact Alicia Richardson. If you will not be at a meeting, but want a tumbler and are willing to drive... arrangements can be made for you to pick up your tumbler. See you on June 11 in Lewisville.

**Submitted by Alicia Richardson.**

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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[FY 2014 Membership Application](#)

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#### This Month in History - June - Carol Borges

- In 1652, Massachusetts silversmith John Hull opened the first mint in America, in defiance of English colonial law. The first coin issued was the Pine Tree Shilling, designed by Hull. [While there are six US Mint facilities, there are only two Treasury Printing (paper bills) facilities, one being in Ft Worth. Have you ever taken a tour?]
- In 1775, the first U.S. military service, the Continental Army, consisting of six companies of riflemen, was established by the Second Continental Congress. The next day, George Washington was appointed Commander by a unanimous vote.
- John Adams introduced a resolution to Congress in 1777 mandating a United States flag, stating, "...that the flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation." This anniversary is celebrated annually as Flag Day (June 14th).
- The U.S. Congress officially adopted the Great Seal of the United States of America in 1782.
- In 1812, after much debate, the U.S. Senate voted 19 to 13 in favor of a declaration of war against Great Britain, prompted by Britain's violation of America's rights on the high seas and British incitement of Indian warfare on the Western frontier. The next day, President James Madison officially proclaimed the U.S. to be in a state of war. The War of 1812 lasted over two years and ended with the signing of the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium on December 24, 1814.
- In 1872, pioneering feminist Susan B. Anthony was fined for voting in a presidential election in Rochester, New York. While voting rights had been granted to African American males in 1870 by the 15th Amendment, it took five decades to ratify the 19th Amendment allowing women to vote, in 1920.
- Warren G. Harding became the first U.S. President to broadcast a message over the radio in 1922, announcing the dedication of the Francis Scott Key Memorial in Baltimore, MD.
- In 1942, one of the most infamous single acts of World War II occurred in Europe when all 172 men and boys over age 16 in the Czech village of Lidice were shot by Nazis in reprisal for the assassination of SS leader Reinhard Heydrich. The women were deported to Ravensbrück concentration camp where most died. Ninety young children were sent to the concentration camp at Gneisenau, with some later taken to Nazi orphanages if they were "German looking". The Czech village was then completely leveled until not a trace remained.
- "D-Day", on June 6, 1944, the largest amphibious landing in history began in the early morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overlord took months of planning and involved 1.5M soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4400 ships and landing craft, and 11K aircraft. The Germans had about 60 divisions spread along France and the Low Countries. American forces landed on two western beaches, Utah and Omaha, while British and Canadian troops landed farther east on Gold, Juno and Sword beaches. By the end of the day 150K Allied soldiers and their accompanying vehicles had landed with 15K killed and wounded.
- In 1945, the United Nations Charter was signed in San Francisco by 50 nations. The Charter was ratified on October 24, 1945.
- Univac 1, the world's first commercial electronic computer was unveiled in Philadelphia in 1951. It was installed at the Census Bureau and utilized a magnetic tape unit as a buffer memory. [We've come a long way, baby! ; )]
- In 1953, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed by electrocution at Sing Sing Prison in New York. They had been found guilty of providing vital information on the atomic bomb to the Soviet Union during 1944-45. They were the first U.S. civilians to be sentenced to death for espionage and were

also the only married couple ever executed together in the U.S.

- Civil rights leader Medgar Evers was assassinated in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1963, by a rifle bullet from an ambush. He had been active in seeking integration of schools and voter registration for African Americans in the South. Widespread public outrage following his death led President John F. Kennedy to propose a comprehensive Civil Rights law. Evers is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.
- In 1965, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Connecticut law banning contraception. In *Griswold v. Connecticut*, the Supreme Court guaranteed the right to privacy, including freedom from government intrusion into matters of birth control. [Amazingly, the birth control controversy continues to this day.]
- In 1966, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled (5-4) in the case of *Miranda v. Arizona* that an accused person must be apprised of certain rights before police questioning, including the right to remain silent, the right to know that anything said can be used against the individual in court, and the right to have a defense attorney present during interrogation. American police officers now routinely read prisoners their 'Miranda (constitutional) Rights' before questioning.
- On June 5, 1968, Robert F. Kennedy was shot and mortally wounded while leaving the Hotel Ambassador in Los Angeles. The shooting occurred after a celebration of Kennedy's victory in the California presidential primary. He died the next day at age 42, leaving behind his wife and eleven children, the last one born after his death.
- The 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was enacted in 1971, granting the right to vote in all federal, state and local elections to American citizens 18 years or older. The U.S. thus gained an additional 11 million voters. The minimum voting age in most states had been 21. [Today, students can serve as election clerks at age 16. Do you have any in your city?]
- Following a seemingly routine burglary, five men were arrested at the National Democratic Headquarters in 1972, in the Watergate complex in Washington, D.C. Subsequent investigations revealed the burglars were actually agents hired by the Committee for the Re-election of President Richard Nixon. A long chain of events then followed in which the President and top aides became involved in an extensive cover-up of this and other White House sanctioned illegal activities, eventually leading to the resignation of President Nixon in 1974.
- In 1972, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled (5-4) that capital punishment was a violation of the 8th Amendment prohibiting "cruel and unusual punishment". The decision spared the lives of 600 individuals then sitting on death row. Four years later, in another ruling, the Court reversed itself and determined the death penalty was not cruel and unusual punishment. In 1976, the ban was lifted on the death penalty in cases involving murder.

**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.

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