



# News and Tidbits

## August 2014

Dear Carol,



### President's Message:

Hello friends. We had an exceptional meeting on July 16th at the new Roanoke Library. Many thanks to April Hill for hosting. Babe's Fried Chicken is the way to go!

Art Camacho was named North Texas Municipal Clerk's Association nominee for TMCA Clerk of the Year. Congratulations Art. You are an inspiration to other City

Secretaries. NTMCA is fortunate to have you as a member. Thank you for your constant generosity and continued dedication to our profession.

Attorney Lisa Mares of Brown & Hofmeister, L.L.P. briefed our members regarding "Habits of Highly Effective City Secretaries." Municipal Clerks are expected to be effective leaders within their cities. Lisa gave us pointers on how to improve our leadership and management skills with employees and elected officials.



TMCA President Art Camacho updated the Chapter on recent TMCA activities. Haven't you noticed that Art is one that sets goals and **MAKES THEM HAPPEN?** He has reached out to new clerks this year and motivated the rest of us to make an extra effort to assist in this venture. He has afforded first-time members a discount to join TMCA and asked each Chapter and each TMCA member to seek out non-members and persuade them to become members. Art has been traveling the state of Texas to visit many of our sister chapters.

At the July business meeting, the members also approved the June 11, 2014 minutes, June treasurer report, transferred funds to the Special Project Fund and approved the 2014-2015 Slate of Officers: President - Mary Supino, Arlington; Vice President - Shannon DePrater, Cross Roads; Treasurer - Carol Borges, Westworth Village; Secretary - Sheila Morales, Copper Canyon; Historian - Amy Shelley, Colleyville. Our Chapter is fortunate to have such a devoted Board for next year.

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### Upcoming Meetings

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| <b>August 20</b>         | Azle                                     |
| <b>September 17</b>      | Grapevine                                |
| <b>FY 14-15 Meetings</b> | Dates to be announced at August meeting. |

### 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 (the deadline will now be included in the invitation).

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!**  
**Diane Cockrell, President**

### 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.



Save the date now! Jon Stigliano will be our featured speaker in Azle on August 20th.

In closing, remember that the 2014-2015 NTMCA Board will need committee members. Committees are a huge part of our service to each other, so take a minute to get involved - volunteer! Complete an [application form](#) to committee application and forward it to [mary.supino@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:mary.supino@arlingtontx.gov).

**Diane Cockrell, President (Decatur)**

### 2014 Holiday Luncheon Committee



The Holiday Luncheon Committee is pleased to announce the date for the 2014 Holiday Celebration luncheon. It is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2014. Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us for this year's NTMCA's Holiday Celebration Luncheon. More details soon!!

**Submitted by the 2014 Holiday Committee**

### Alyce Deering Scholarship Silent Auction

This year's Holiday Luncheon Committees is starting early in requesting any and all donations for the Alyce Deering Silent Auction taking place during the Holiday Luncheon, with all proceeds going directly to the Alyce Deering scholarship fund.

Remember there is no item too big or too small to be included in the silent auction. With that being said, no yachts or tootsie rolls please, unless you'd like to dance the Tootsie Roll for us as entertainment.

Please call / email Norma Zenk (817-444-7101 - [nzenk@ci.azle.tx.us](mailto:nzenk@ci.azle.tx.us)) with the name and price of the item so she can begin preparing for this year's silent auction. The Alyce Deering Scholarship supports our members with continuing professional education.

**Submitted by 2014 Holiday Committee**

### Scholarship Fundraiser

The "Keep Calm and Clerk On" insulated tumblers are available for \$15 each.

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**

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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](mailto:Carol Borges).

### Quick Links

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.



[NTMCA Website](#)

[FY 2014 Membership Application](#)

Join Our Mailing List!

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](mailto:arichardson@nrhtx.com)

**Submitted by Alicia Richardson  
(North Richland Hills)**

### This Month in History - August

- August 3, 1492 - Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria, seeking a westerly route to the Far East. He instead landed in the Bahamas, on October 12th, thinking it was an outlying Japanese island. [Do you recall the song you sang in elementary school to remember the names of the three ships?]
- August 5, 1583 - The first British colony in North America was founded by Sir Humphrey Gilbert, in the area around St. John's harbor.
- August 2, 1776 - In Philadelphia, most of the 55 members of the Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence.
- August 6-10, 1787 - The Great Debate occurred during the Constitutional Convention. Establishing a four-year term of office for the President, granting Congress the right to regulate foreign trade and interstate commerce, and the appointment of a committee to prepare a final draft of the Constitution.
- August 24-25, 1814 - During the War of 1812, British forces burned the U.S. Capitol, the White House and most other public buildings, including a number of private homes. The burning was in retaliation for the earlier American burning of York, Toronto.
- August 11, 1841 - Frederick Douglass, an escaped slave, spoke before an audience in the North for the first time. During an anti-slavery convention on Nantucket Island, he gave a powerful, emotional account of his life as a slave. He was immediately asked to become a full-time lecturer for the Massachusetts Antislavery Society.
- August 5, 1861 - President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the first Federal income tax - a three percent (3%) tax on incomes over \$800, as an emergency wartime measure during the Civil War. Although the tax was never actually put into effect, it paved the way for future measures.
- August 16, 1896 - Gold was discovered in Rabbit Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River in Alaska, resulting in the Great Klondike Gold Rush.
- August 18, 1920 - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.
- August 19, 1934 - In Germany, 89.9% of voters approved granting Chancellor Adolf Hitler additional powers, including the office of president. [Prime example of a disastrous referendum!]
- August 14, 1935 - President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act, establishing guaranteed pensions to retirees at age 65, providing financial aid to dependent children, the blind and others, as well as administering a system of unemployment insurance.
- August 2, 1939 - Albert Einstein wrote a concerned letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt stating, "A single [atomic] bomb... carried by boat and exploded in a port, might very well destroy the whole port together with some of the surrounding territory."
- August 14, 1941 - The Atlantic Charter was issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, providing the foundation for establishing the United Nations, and setting eight goals for the nations of the world, including the renunciation of all aggression, right to self-government, access to raw materials, freedom from want and fear, freedom of the seas, and disarmament of aggressor nations. By September, fifteen anti-German nations signed the Charter.
- August 6, 1945, six years after Einstein's warning, the U.S. dropped the first atomic bomb on the Japanese port of Hiroshima. The bomb detonated about 1800 ft. above ground, killing over 105K people and destroying the city. Another estimated 100K people later died from the radiation.
- August 8, 1945 - Soviet Russia declared war on Japan and sent troops into Japanese-held Manchuria.

- August 9, 1945 - The second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, killing an estimated 70K people and destroying about half the city.
- August 14, 1945 - Following the two atomic bomb drops and believing that continuation of the war would only result in further loss of Japanese lives, delegates of Emperor Hirohito accepted Allied surrender terms originally issued at Potsdam on July 26th, with the exception that the Japanese Emperor's sovereignty would be maintained. Japanese Emperor Hirohito, who had never spoken on radio, then recorded an announcement admitting Japan's surrender, without actually using the word. The announcement was broadcast via radio to the Japanese people at noon the next day. The formal surrender ceremony occurred later, on September 2, 1945, on board the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. "V-J Day" commemorates President Truman's announcement that Japan had surrendered to the Allies.
- August 21, 1959 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii to the Union as the 50th state.
- August 13, 1961 - The Berlin Wall, made of barbed wire, was erected as East Germany closed the border between east and west sectors of Berlin. The barbed wire was replaced by a 12 ft concrete wall eventually extending 103 miles (166 km) around the perimeter of West Berlin. The wall included electrified fences, fortifications, and guard posts. It became a notorious symbol of the Cold War. Presidents Kennedy and Reagan made notable speeches at the wall denouncing Communism. It was finally opened by an East German decree in November 1989 and torn down by the end of 1990. [Who can forget Reagan's famous challenge to "Tear down this wall!" to Soviet Union leader Mikhail Gorbachev?]
- August 28, 1963 - The "March on Washington" occurred as over 250,000 people attended a Civil Rights rally at which Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made his now-famous I Have a Dream speech.
- August 6, 1965 - The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson, suspending literacy, knowledge, and character tests designed to keep African Americans from voting in the South, as well as authorizing the appointment of Federal voting examiners and barring discriminatory poll taxes. The Act was renewed by Congress in 1975, 1984 and 1991.
- August 11-16, 1965 - Six days of riots began in the Watts area of Los Angeles, triggered by an incident between a white member of the California Highway Patrol and an African American motorist. Thirty-four deaths were reported and more than 3000 people were arrested. Damage to property was listed at \$40 million. The "Watts Riots" triggered similar violence in major cities across the country.
- August 15, 1969 - Woodstock began in a field near Yasgur's Farm in Bethel, New York. The three-day concert featured 24 rock bands and drew a crowd of more than 300K young people. The event came to symbolize the counter-culture movement of the 1960's.
- August 9, 1974 - Richard M. Nixon resigned the Presidency as a result of the Watergate scandal. Nixon had appeared on television the night before and announced his decision to the American people. Nixon became the only U.S. President ever to resign.
- August 17, 1978 - The first transatlantic balloon trip was complete by three Americans from Albuquerque, NM. Starting in Maine, they travelled over 3000 miles in 137 hours, landing about 60 miles west of Paris.
- August 2, 1990 - The Iraqi army invaded Kuwait amid claims that Kuwait threatened Iraq's economic existence by overproducing oil and driving prices down on the world market. An Iraqi military government was then installed in Kuwait which was annexed by Iraq on the claim that Kuwait was historically part of Iraq. This resulted in Desert Shield, the massive Allied military buildup, and later the 100-hour war against Iraq, Desert Storm.
- August 7, 1990 - Just five days after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, President George Bush ordered Desert Shield, a massive military buildup to prevent further Iraqi advances.
- August 19, 1991 - Soviet hard-line Communists staged a coup, temporarily removing Mikhail Gorbachev from power. The coup failed within 72 hours as democratic reformer Boris Yeltsin rallied the Russian people. Yeltsin then became the leading power in the country. The Communist Party was soon banned and by December the Soviet Union itself disintegrated.

**Thank you for spending a few moments with me.  
Carol Borges (Westworth Village)**

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