



News and Tidbits September 2014

Dear Carol,

President's Message:



Hello friends.

I am deeply honored to have served as President of NTMCA for the past year. You've heard the old cliché "time flies when you are having fun" and the past year has really gone by in a flash. The current board has been flexed to the max this year.

If you remember, our first Historian resigned in October due to family health issues and our Vice-President resigned in January due to personal issues. So all that said - I want you to know that even though the current board members have a short tenure on the board, they are R-E-A-D-Y to meet and beat any issues that occur in the next fiscal year. Please rally behind these special ladies and V-O-L-U-N-T-E-E-R immediately for a couple of committees and A-T-T-E-N-D every meeting that you can. Education and networking is what NTMCA is all about.

At the August 20th meeting, Jon Stigliano explained how we create our personal brand and how it determines our immediate recognition, both personally and professionally. Our behavior creates our brand - what we stand for and how we are perceived by others. We need to be intentional about our behavior to set the path of our success. Conscious thought accomplishes a desired result.



We have three control factors: Beliefs, Behaviors, and Abilities. Improve on each of these and you improve your personal brand and your life.

In closing, again thank you for the confidence you showed by allowing me to serve on the board. Take care.

Diane Cockrell, President (Decatur)



2014 Holiday Luncheon - December 11th

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Starting Off the Year Right... on the Right Foot... with the Right Purse!

The City of North Richland Hills invites you to join them on **October 15th** for the **first NTMCA meeting of the fiscal year**. The meeting will be held at the NRH Centre located at 6000 Hawk Avenue. You do not want to miss this meeting. In addition to the educational speaker, you will have the opportunity to **purchase raffle tickets** for a chance to win a **Coach purse/wallet** combination or an **80-minute massage** from Spa at the Village. The winner must be present to claim prizes.

We hope you join us to kick off the 2014-2015 year. All proceeds from the raffle tickets will go to the Alyce Deering Scholarship Fund.

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

Upcoming Meetings

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| September 17 | Grapevine |
| October 15 | North Richland Hills |
| November 12 | Decatur |

*** SAVE THE DATE ***



The Holiday Luncheon will be held on **Thursday, December 11th**, at the **Diamond Oaks Country Club in Haltom City**.

Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us for a fun-filled event.

Don't forget to be prepared to bid on our wonderful selection of silent auction items, benefiting the Alyce Deering Scholarship Fund, and to help support the local charity that will be announced at a later date.

**Submitted by Linda Rhodes, Committee Chair
(Lake Worth)**

Alyce Deering Scholarship Silent Auction

The Holiday Celebration Committee is requesting donations for the Silent Auction taking place during the luncheon, with all proceeds going directly to the Alyce Deering Scholarship Fund. The Alyce Deering Scholarship supports our members with continuing professional education.

There is no item too big or too small to be included in the silent auction.

Please call / email Norma Zenk (817-444-7101 - nzenk@ci.azle.tx.us) with the name and price of the item so she can prepare the auction list. Thank you for your contributions!

Submitted by the 2014 Holiday Celebration Committee

Scholarship Fundraiser

The "**Keep Calm and Clerk On**" 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 sets 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.



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

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

2014 Alyce Deering Scholarship Recipient - "Thank you!"

I am honored to be the recipient of the 2014 Alyce Deering Scholarship! In our role as municipal clerks we are expected to be knowledgeable about many things. It can be as simple as informing citizens on how to speak at a public meeting to handling a complex

December 11 Haltom City
Holiday Luncheon

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. Deadlines are included in the invitation and on the meeting webpage.

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

The "**Adopt a Neighboring Clerk**" program continues 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 prize 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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public information request. I can't even imagine what it would be like to step into the role of a municipal clerk without organizations like TMCA that provide the educational tools and resources that are so valuable to be successful in our jobs.



I recently attended the TMCA seminar in Frisco on OMA, PIA, Agendas, Minutes, Parliamentary Proced., & Records Mgmt. These topics are the core foundation of what we do every day. The information was spot on and the take-aways were many. While I didn't know Alyce, I think we can all find inspiration in her character to always be open to learning at any age and not just for the sake of learning, but for the joy of it.

Thank you 2014 NTMCA Scholarship Committee for your consideration and award!

Theresa Scott
(Flower Mound)

Colleague Fundraiser

Our colleague, **Tonya Todd**, the City Secretary for the **City of Wink** and past President of the West Texas Chapter needs our help.

Tonya is undergoing chemo and is scheduled for a mastectomy in January, with radiation following.

Her Chapter is selling t-shirts to help with her medical expenses and would appreciate your support. T-shirts are \$20 each and are available in sizes SM-4X. Go to the [NTMCA website](#) for the order form, print, and mail with your payment. T-shirts will be available for pick-up at the Election Seminar in Frisco, in January. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Gressett at 432-758-3676 or by email to dgressett@cityofseminole.org.



Thank you for your generosity!

Request submitted by Debbie Gressett
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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

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This Month in History - September

- **September 1, 1939** - Hitler's armies invaded Poland, starting World War II in Europe.
- **September 2, 1789** - Congress established the U.S. Treasury, was established by Congress.
- **September 2, 1930** - French aviators Dieudonne Costes and Maurice Bellonte made the first non-stop flight from Europe to the U.S. (Paris to New York), which took 37 hours and 18 minutes. [Fortunately air travel has improved over the last 50 years!]
- **September 2, 1945** - President Harry Truman declared V-J Day (Victory over Japan Day) commemorating the formal Japanese surrender to the Allies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.
- **September 2, 1962** - Soviet Russia agreed to send arms to Cuba, leading to the October Missile Crisis after the shipments were discovered by the U.S.
- **September 2, 1963** - Alabama Governor George Wallace forcibly halted public school integration by encircling Tuskegee High School with state troopers.
- **September 3, 1833** - The New York Sun newspaper first appeared, marking the beginning of the

'penny press' (inexpensive newspapers sold on sidewalks by newspaper boys). The paper focused on human interest stories and sensationalism and by 1836 was the largest seller in America with a circulation of 30,000.

- **September 3, 1838** - Anti-slavery leader Frederick Douglass began his escape from slavery by boarding a train in Baltimore dressed as a sailor. He rode to Wilmington, Delaware, where he caught a steamboat to the free city of Philadelphia, then took a train to New York City where he came under the protection of the Underground Railway network.
- **September 4, 1609** - The island of Manhattan was discovered by navigator Henry Hudson. [Did you know that DFW Airport is larger in land mass than the island of Manhattan?]
- **September 4, 1781** - Los Angeles was founded by the Spanish Governor of California, Felipe de Neve, near the site of the Native American village of Yang-na. The original name was El Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles (The Town of the Queen of the Angels). [Say that ten times - whew!]
- **September 5, 1774** - The First Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia with 56 delegates, representing every colony except Georgia.
- **September 5, 1975** - The first of two September assassination attempts on President Gerald Ford occurred as a woman pointed a gun at the President in Sacramento, California. Two weeks later, a second attempt occurred as another woman fired a shot at Ford in San Francisco. Ford was not harmed in either incident. [Interestingly, the first shooter, "Squeaky" Lynette Fromme, a cult follower of Charles Manson, served 34 years at the Federal Women's Prison in Fort Worth. She was released on August 14, 2009, at the age of 60.]
- **September 8, 1883** - The Northern Pacific Railroad across the U.S. was completed.
- **September 8, 1900** - A hurricane with winds of 120 mph struck Galveston, Texas, killing over 8000 people and destroying over 2500 buildings, making it the worst natural disaster in U.S. history.
- **September 8, 1974** - A month after resigning the presidency in disgrace as a result of the Watergate scandal, Richard Nixon was granted a full pardon by President Gerald R. Ford for all offenses committed while in office.
- **September 9, 1776** - The United States came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new American nation from the 'United Colonies'.
- **September 11, 2001** - The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history occurred as four large passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing nearly 3000 people. Four separate teams of Mideast terrorists, operating from inside the U.S., boarded the morning flights posing as passengers, then forcibly commandeered the aircraft. Two fully-fueled jumbo jets, American Airlines Flight 11 carrying 92 people and United Airlines Flight 175 carrying 65 people, had departed Boston for Los Angeles. Both jets were diverted by the hijackers to New York City where they were piloted into the twin towers of the World Trade Center. The impact and subsequent fire caused both 110-story towers to collapse, killing 2752 people, including hundreds of rescue workers and people employed in the towers. In addition, United Airlines Flight 93, which had departed Newark for San Francisco, and American Airlines Flight 77, which had departed Dulles (Virginia) for Los Angeles, were hijacked. Flight 77 with 64 people on board was diverted to Washington, D.C., then piloted into the Pentagon building, killing everyone on board and 125 military personnel inside the building. Flight 93 with 44 people on board was also diverted toward Washington but crashed into a field in Pennsylvania after passengers attempted to overpower the terrorists on board.
- **September 13, 1788** - Congress chose New York as the Federal Capital of the new American government. [Washington D.C. became the capital of our nation two years later, on July 16, 1790.]
- **September 13, 1814** - The Battle of Fort Henry in Baltimore Harbor occurred, observed by Francis Scott Key aboard a ship. He watched the British attack overnight and at dawn saw the American flag still flying over the fort, inspiring him to write the verses which were later coupled with the tune of a popular drinking song and became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931. [A drinking song, really? Did you know that?]
- **September 14, 1960** - The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) was formed by representatives of oil-producing countries when meeting in Baghdad.
- **September 16, 1620** - The Mayflower ship departed from England, bound for America with 102 passengers and a small crew. The ship weathered dangerous Atlantic storms and reached Provincetown, Massachusetts on November 21st. The Pilgrims disembarked at Plymouth on December 26th.
- **September 17, 1787** - At the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, delegates from twelve states voted unanimously to approve the proposed U.S. Constitution.
- **September 17, 1862** - The bloodiest day in U.S. military history occurred as General Robert E. Lee and the Confederate armies were stopped at Antietam in Maryland by General George B. McClellan and numerically superior Union forces. By nightfall 26,000 men were dead, wounded, or missing.
- **September 18, 1947** - The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service.
- **September 19, 1893** - New Zealand became the first country to grant women the right to vote. [It took the U.S. another 27 years to ratify the 19th Amendment to the Constitution in 1920.]
- **September 20, 1873** - The New York Stock Exchange was forced to close for the first time in its history as a result of a banking crisis during the Financial Panic of 1873. [We all know about the Crash

of 1929, and most of us have suffered through at least a couple of recessions over the years.]

- **September 22 (in 2014)** - Autumn begins in the Northern Hemisphere with the autumnal equinox, at 10:29 p.m. EDT. In the Southern Hemisphere it is the beginning of spring.
- **September 25, 1690** - The first American newspaper was published. A single edition of Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick appeared in Boston, Massachusetts; however, British authorities considered the newspaper offensive and ordered its immediate suppression.
- **September 25, 1789** - The first U.S. Congress approved 12 Amendments to the Constitution (the first ten of which are called the Bill of Rights).
- **September 26, 1960** - The first televised presidential debate occurred between candidates John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon. Many who watched were inclined to say Kennedy 'won' the debate, while those who listened only to the radio thought Nixon did better. Nixon, who declined to use makeup, appeared somewhat haggard looking on TV in contrast to Kennedy. [Well, come on, Kennedy was more attractive with or without makeup, wouldn't you agree?! "Peace!" HA!]
- **September 29, 1789** - Congress created the United States Army, consisting of 1000 enlisted men and officers.

**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.