



# News and Tidbits

December 2012

## Greetings!



### President's Message

In the spirit of our wonderful organization... shalom, aloha, hola, greetings, ciao, ellohay, blessings, hello, Kóyo, xin chào! My wish for you this Christmas season is peace, grace and fulfillment.

Our Holiday Committee did a great job this year. If you were not able to make the meeting on December 5, you missed great company, entertainment and a wonderful meal. After Art Camacho gave the blessing for our food, we learned about the many avenues in which the Community Enrichment Center assists North Texas communities. Their mission is to restore hope, share God's love and change lives in our community. The Community Enrichment Center (CEC) is a faith-based non-profit organization serving Tarrant County families in crisis by providing the resources, tools and encouragement these families need to improve their lives and become self-sufficient. CEC representative Donna Riddick shared a little about a few of their programs:

- Adopt-a-Family - a program that provides safe housing and guidance to homeless families
- Open Arms - long-term housing and care for victims of domestic violence and their children
- Second Gance - a resale shop that benefits CEC's mission and services for victims of domestic violence and their children.

As our non-profit organization for this year, members donated \$315.00 and an abundance of supplies to help set up homes for families being cared for by CEC. What a marvelous site to see all the items placed under the Christmas tree. I extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone for their simple act of giving.

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## [Upcoming Meetings](#)

January 9, 2013 - City of Richardson



We had a wonderful turnout, which included many of our retirees! It is always great to see those who have paved the path for us. We will always be grateful for their dedication to our profession.

This meeting being our holiday party, there was no business, but boy did we have entertainment. In true comedic fashion, Art Camacho blended humor with spirit to provide fun and interaction from the audience. I cannot wrap up the December meeting without giving one last expression of thanks to the Holiday Committee: Laura Bell, Chair (Carrollton), Amy Arnold (White Settlement), Martha Garcia (Arlington) and Art Camacho (Haltom City).

Our next meeting will be hosted by the City of Richardson on January 9, 2013. If this meeting is not on your calendar...what are you waiting for? Our guest speaker is Scott Murray, noted sportscaster, radio/TV talk show host, and community philanthropist. Mr. Murray's topic, "The Pyramid of Power", explains the ten character traits that form the power of pyramid that collectively help us in our daily pursuit of peace, perfection and prosperity.

As a reminder, we are implementing a new outline for our meetings to allow members sufficient time to network with one another.

11:00 a.m. - Register/Network  
 11:15 a.m. - Lunch available  
 11:30 a.m. - Guest Speaker  
 12:30 p.m. - Business meeting

You will not want to miss the January meeting. Keep an eye out of the registration e-mail that will hit your inbox later this week.

We will have [membership forms](#) for fiscal year 2013 at the business meeting. If you have not registered, please bring a check for your annual dues. If you prefer to utilize your City's purchasing card (P-card) visit our [website](#) to pay for your 2013 annual dues. Please keep in mind that we need you to complete the membership form and e-mail, mail or fax it to Treasurer [Julie Heinze](#).

### Membership Drive

February 20, 2013 - City of Watauga

March 20, 2013 - Professional Seminar Committee to Determine

April 17, 2013 - City of Carrollton

June 12, 2013 - Hilton Southlake

July 17, 2013 - City of Arlington

August 21, 2013 - Host City Needed

September 18, 2013 - Host City Need

### Interested in being a host city?

Are you interested in being a host city for a business luncheon meeting?

What is involved with being a host city?

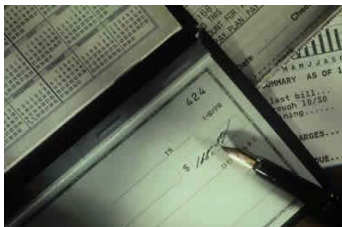
- provide location for approximately 30 - 35 people
- arrange a caterer and coordinate with Chapter Secretary to provide accurate count and Chapter Treasurer to keep within budget

The last few years we have seen an increase in our meeting attendance. We believe that rotating meeting sites has made it easier for cities/towns to attend. We would love to come to your city/town to network and conduct our business meeting.

Please contact NTMCA President Alicia Richardson at [arichardson@ci.southlake.tx.us](mailto:arichardson@ci.southlake.tx.us) if you are interested in being a host city.

### January 9 Luncheon

Scott Murray, noted sportscaster, radio/TV host and community philanthropist, will present "The Pyramid of Power". This will be a powerful presentation explaining the 10 character traits that form the pyramid aid us in our daily pursuit of peace, perfection and



October 1st began the new fiscal and membership year for NTMCA! If you have not already done so, please take a few moments to complete the membership application and submit your dues today!!! We are currently at 43 registered

members for FY 12/13....almost 50% to our goal of 95 members!! Membership dues support our activities and programs for the year. This will be the second year of our Empowerment Series where many of us have gained valuable experience that our tight budgets would not have otherwise allowed. Your NTMCA Board is dedicated to continuing to support this education series and striving for ways to meet the educational requirements of our profession. Due to the generosity of the chapter and members we are able to continue awarding scholarships on an annual basis. To help support the Alyce Deering Scholarship Program, please consider making a contribution when you submit your membership dues.

Download your Membership Form Today! The cost of our chapter dues is only \$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 Drive

We are looking for a few good men/women to support the NTMCA Chapter by serving on a committee. We have a few openings remaining on the following:

- Alyce Deering Scholarship
- Audit Committee
- Membership
- Municipal Clerk of the Year
- Nominating
- Technology/Communications

I thank the following members who have committed to serve: Aimee Nemer, Richardson; Shannon DePrater, Trophy Club; Mary Supino, Arlington; Jessica McEachern, Bridgeport; and Martha Garcia, Arlington.

Committee descriptions:

Audit Committee -

- Examine all NTMCA financial records at the end of the fiscal year using set procedures;
- Coordinate with outgoing Treasurer;
- Upon completion, report findings to the President; and
- Provide article for newsletter (minimum of one per year)

Membership -

- Coordinate membership drive and encourage attendance at monthly meetings-utilizing TML membership base-Regions 8 and 13;
- Work with Treasurer to maintain membership list during membership drive;

prosperity.

### 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](#).



- Provide Secretary "News of Interest" to include in newsletters;
  - Announcements-retirement, relocation, births (children/grandchildren), etc.
  - Achievements-marathon participant, degree, recognition by Council, state, etc.
  - Deaths/illness
- Manage delivery of arrangements or cards for members (celebration, loss, etc.);
- Develop guidelines defining serious illness, items of concern, announcements and appropriate level of acknowledgement; and
  - Present to NTMCA Board
  - Present to membership for approval
- Review guidelines on annual basis

Municipal Clerk of the Year -

- Coordinate with Secretary to publicize nominations in newsletters;
- Coordinate with Historian to publicize nominations on website;
- Provide articles for NTMCA newsletters (minimum of two per year-second and third quarters);
- Receive and review nominations;
- Nominate two (2) chapter members;
  - Chapter Municipal Clerk of the Year
  - TMCA City Secretary of the Year (meeting all State criteria)
- Coordinate and submit necessary paperwork for TMCA nominee State Municipal Clerk of the Year; and
- Responsible for plaques to be presented at June recognition luncheon;
  - Coordinate attendance of City Officials and family members

Nominating -

- Coordinate with Secretary to publicize nominations in newsletters;
- Coordinate with Historian to publicize nominations on website;
- Provide articles for NTMCA newsletters (minimum of two per year-second and third quarters);
- Receive and review applications;
- Nominate officers for consideration by the membership for the upcoming year;
- Committee comprised of three members and immediate past president (non-voting liaison); and
- Committee meets in July and presents slate of officers to membership in August

Technology/Communications -

- Review and recommends changes/updates to the NTMCA website;
- Assist Historian with member pictures;
- Maintain communication with members regarding matter of interest and importance;
- Develop outreach programs

**Next Meeting- January 9, 2013**

Our next meeting will be held in Richardson.

- Registration for this event will open on

Friday, December 21. Please keep an eye out for the registration e-mail.

Our meetings and your attendance at the meetings is vital for the growth and strength of our chapter. Please consider carpooling to the luncheons.

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

