



News and Tidbits December 2013

Dear NTMCA Member,



President's Message

Hello, friends. I am very proud of and appreciate each of you sharing your time and effort with our association by attending meetings, volunteering to serve on committees and hosting meetings.

At the November meeting held at the Crowley Recreation Center, guest speaker Cara White discussed our duties as related to the Open Meetings Act and the complications, oh, and don't forget the penalties for violation of the act. Cara also shared her past experiences with the Public Information Act and reviewed what is expected of us when filling record requests. This review is needed occasionally to keep us on the straight and narrow. Thank you, Angela Winkle, and the City of Crowley for hosting our meeting.



When this newsletter arrives, we will be nearing the date of our Holiday Luncheon and I'm looking forward to the festivities that the Holiday Committee has planned for us. I also look forward to seeing our unforgettable retirees. If you don't know all of them, introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. They are our mentors and prepared the way for us.

On January 8th, Linda Swindling will introduce us to: "Stop Complainers and Energy Drainers, How to Negotiate Work Drama to Get More Done." Wouldn't you like to boost morale, increase productivity and promote effective communication? If your answer was yes, mark your calendar today and watch for the invitation to this meeting. You owe it to yourself. Theresa Scott and the Town of Flower Mound will host our meeting at their Community Activity Center.

I have been working on assignments to committees and still need a few volunteers. Please consider serving on a committee and submit your [application](#) TODAY!

NTMCA Volunteer Opportunities - Committees

We rely on the involvement of our membership. Please consider serving on one of our committees! If you are interested

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Upcoming Meetings

2013

December 4 - Fort Worth

2014

January 8 - Flower Mound

in chairing, please let us know.

- **Holiday 2014 Celebration Committee** - Plan, coordinate, and implement annual holiday party in December.
- **Membership/Communication Committee** - Develop and implement outreach program to enhance membership and to maintain communication with members regarding matters of interest and importance. Communicate achievements and announcements with members. Distribute membership pens. Coordinate membership drive and encourage attendance at monthly meetings.
- **Municipal Clerk of the Year Committee** - Select Chapter City Secretary of the Year and the nominee of the TMCA City Secretary of the Year.
- **Nomination Committee** - Nominate Officers for consideration by the Membership for the upcoming year. Contact and interview Chapter Members who have submitted applications to serve as an Officer for the upcoming year.
- **Technology Committee** - Review and recommend changes/updates to the NTMCA website, assist with gathering member pictures, communicate with members and develop outreach programs.

Please download the [Committee application](#) and email the completed form to [Diane Cockrell](#).

February 19 - Bridgeport
March 19 - Colleyville
April 16 - Professional Seminar TBD
May 2014 - No Meeting (Elections)
June 11 - Lewisville
July 16 - Roanoke
August 20 - *Host City Needed*
September 17 - Grapevine

Future Newsletters

We are always looking for topics of interest for newsletters. If there is a subject you would like to see addressed in a newsletter or if you would like to contribute an article, please let any of the Board members know, or submit it by e-mail to [Shannon DePrater](#).

Holiday Luncheon 2013 - December 4th!

Silent Auction Items

Don't forget to bring your cash or checks to the Holiday Lunch on December 4th for a chance to bid on many wonderful items! We are still accepting items, so please let Laura know by December 2nd what you are donating so she can prepare the bid sheets. All you have to do is bring the item to the luncheon. Email or call [Laura Bell](#) at 972-466-3582 with the item description and approximate value. Also, remember that the money raised from the auction goes to the Alyce Deering Scholarship which supports our members with continuing professional education.

Charitable Donations

We would also like to remind you that this year's charities have been selected to benefit two of our local cities who suffered significant tornado damage earlier this year. Representatives from Mission Granbury and the Cleburne Chamber of Commerce/Tornado Relief Fund along with the city secretary from each city will be present to accept your monetary donations. Thank you in advance for your generous support of our neighboring cities.

See you there!

2013 Holiday Committee - *Aimee, Laura, Monica & Martha*

Is Your Membership Current?



NTMCA's membership year began October 1st! If you have not already done so, please take a minute to complete the membership application and submit your dues today!!! We are currently just above 60% of our membership goal of 95 members!! Membership dues support our activities and programs for the year. We are in the third year of our Empowerment Series where many of us have gained valuable instruction 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.

If you have not renewed your membership dues, please log onto our [website](#) today and renew by hitting the Paypal button. You will be one step away from completing your membership. Your final step is to complete the 2013-2014 [application form](#) and submit it with a copy of your Paypal receipt to [Mary Supino](#). Alternatively, you can complete the [application form](#), include check, and mail to [Mary Supino](#).

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