



News and Tidbits

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President's Message:



Greetings fellow North Texas Chapter members!

A huge thank you to Alicia Richardson, City Secretary, North Richland Hills, who kicked off our 2015 year by hosting our October 15th business luncheon at the beautiful NRH Centre. Alicia assembled a fantastic panel of women leaders to discuss Building Relationships: Balancing Work, Personal and Family. The panel included: Jennifer Fadden, City Manager, Colleyville; Opal Mauldin-Robertson, City Manager, Lancaster; Paulette Hartman, Assistant City Manager, North Richland Hills; and Karen Bostic, Assistant City Manager, North Richland Hills.



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2014 Holiday Luncheon



Holiday Committee Update

The date is set, invitations are ready, and now it's time for a...

CALL OUT TO ALL MEMBERS!

2014 Holiday Luncheon
~ Thursday, December 11, 2014 ~
Diamond Oaks Country Club
Haltom City
11:00 am

Our panelists provided us with invaluable advice on enhancing our relationships with the City Manager's Office and tips on how we can balance our professional, personal and family relationships. Open and candid communication was a common theme discussed to enhance our relationships. Critical skills for City Secretaries that were noted during our discussion included: organization, finesse, positive attitude, diplomacy, seeing strategically, emotional intelligence and attention to detail.

Panelists were asked what advice they would give a younger version of themselves entering their profession on strategies to build and/or improve their professional and personal relationships. Some of the responses provided were: being a better listener, not being so quick to second guess the decisions of others, listen more than you speak, ask a lot of questions and make sure you understand the issue, forge relationships even when it is difficult, have confidence in your skill set, and offer grace. Such phenomenal words of wisdom from some incredibly professional and positive women!

October Meeting Summary

At this meeting, the membership approved the following business items:

- September 17, 2014 meeting minutes
- September 2014 monthly treasurer report
- FY 2014 fourth quarter report



New NTMCA Board Member

Additionally, appointment of Diane Callahan, city secretary, Highland Village, as Vice President was approved by our membership and the oath of office was administered by President Mary Supino. The Vice President position was vacant following the resignation of Shannon DePrater in September of 2014.

The Holiday Committee is thrilled to announce that The Ladder Alliance is the charity chosen this year. The Ladder Alliance is an organization that provides women that are victims of domestic violence or that are low-income with tools to help them lead self-reliant, independent, and successful lives. This is accomplished through the delivery of basic computer skills classes as well as GED preparation classes for "at-risk" women. In addition, childcare and dinner are provided during the evening classes at no cost to the students to eliminate barriers that women would have to being able to attend. Last but not least, students earn Success Dollars to purchase professional attire and accessories from the program's Success Store. Come to the Holiday Celebration to hear more about this amazing outreach. Monetary donations will be accepted at the meeting, if you so feel led (cash or checks made payable to Ladder Alliance).

Lastly, you will not want to miss out on the entertainment that is planned for the celebration this year! In a few days you will be receiving a "fun" survey from the committee. Please take a few moments to complete the survey. Then, plan on attending to see what all the fuss is about.

In an effort to send out an inspiring message this year, the committee has chosen "It's a Wonderful Life" as this year's theme. We would love it if each of you could help spread this message of encouragement to others. By your thoughtful donations and participation, this can be a great start.

Cheers from your 2014 Holiday Committee!
- Norma Zenk (Azle),
Jessica McEachern (Bridgeport),
Asucena Garcia (Decatur), and
Linda Rhodes (Lake Worth)

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

Alyce Deering Scholarship Silent Auction

The Holiday Committee needs your help with donations for the silent auction benefitting the Alyce Deering Scholarship Fund. So far we only have a few items. Please bring your donation items to the November NTMCA meeting next week. If you are not able to attend the meeting, please contact one of the committee members listed below to arrange for pick up. This is a very important part of NTMCA and we really need your assistance to make this a success for our Alyce Deering Scholarship Fund.

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 Linda Rhodes,
Holiday Committee Chair
(Lake Worth)**

The NTMCA is always looking to expand our membership and meet new Clerks in our area. For our current members, please remember to submit your membership renewal payment and send applications to Carol Borges. And, please get the word out about how fantastic our Chapter is and reach out to your neighboring clerks to attend a meeting and participate in our group.



Group Photo - October 15, 2014 - City of North Richland Hills

I would also like to thank the Chapter members who have volunteered to serve on our 2015 Committees. I really appreciate your dedication, hard work, and willingness to serve. We are going to have a great year!

Mary Supino, President

Membership Drive

With the start of our new fiscal year, our Membership Drive has begun and the Membership Committee is looking for your assistance. Our goal this year is to reach 90 members. If you have not done so already, please fill out the [membership form](#). Whether you pay by Paypal or by check, completed applications need to be sent to Treasurer Carol Borges. Remember, your \$30.00 annual dues help to support our programs, businesses meetings, operations and scholarships. We also ask that you reach out to your neighbors or new city secretaries to tell them all of the

Upcoming Meetings

November 12	Decatur
December 11	Haltom City
Holiday Luncheon	
January 15	Irving
February 18	Copper Canyon
March 18	Colleyville
April 1 - Professional Seminar	TBD

2015 Professional Seminar

We are very excited to announce that Dr. Amy Holt has agreed to facilitate an Athenian Dialogue for our Professional Seminar! The date will be April 1st. Location for the Dialogue will be determined by the Professional Seminar Committee. The book will be "Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce & the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery". Link is below:

http://www.amazon.com/Amazing-Grace-William-Wilberforce-Campaign/dp/0061173886/ref=pd_sim_sbs_b_1?ie=UTF8&refRID=01XNQVNF0X3H5YKA8MF9

Mary Supino, President

NTMCA Committees

Volunteers Needed

If you would like to submit an application to serve on any of our FY 2014-2015 Committees, please complete the [Committee Application Form](#) and send to [Mary Supino](#).

A complete description of each committee and its responsibilities can be found in the [NTMCA Bylaws](#), Section 5 (page 10).

Thank you for your help!
Mary Supino, President

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!
Mary Supino, President

benefits of being a member of our organization and encourage them to join.

**Submitted by Michael Wells
Membership Committee Chair (Bedford)**

TMCA News

NTMCA - A Model Association

As the 2014 President of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, I have had the great opportunity to visit nearly every TMCA chapter in the state of Texas this year. My last visit will be December 10th in Houston with the Salt Grass Chapter. These visitations have been great and the hospitality has been overwhelming. I have gone from the Panhandle plains to the Lower Rio Grande Valley beaches; from the oilfields of Odessa to the lumber forests of Nacogdoches. Texas is a huge, wonderful state and has the lovable people to match its beauty. One thing I have discovered is each chapter has its own personality. Some are very serious, some a little timid, while others are laid-back. To be honest, some of the humor I used at one chapter fell flat at another, but that's okay because the individual uniqueness of each chapter group makes the association collectively strong.

I am very happy to be a member of the North Texas Municipal Chapter Association, whom I believe sets a great standard level of achievement and professionalism. Our webpage is extremely useful and informative, and the members are very active in promoting the TMCA in their service on the Executive Board, TMCA Committees, the IIMC, and educational seminars. The other activities that we promote within, such as the Alyce Deering Scholarship, our "Keep Calm and Clerk On" t-shirts, and the April Professional Seminar, are perfect examples of the distinction we strive to maintain and provide through our chapter efforts.

So, as I end my presidential year and the NTMCA begins their new year, take time to consider what could be the best you could give to the group in terms of volunteerism and ability. We each have qualities that can be offered toward continuing the value of our local organization, and we are a chapter that other chapters would like to model in ways of function and operation. That is something of which we can be proud and should provide inspiration toward our pursuit of excellence.

Have a great year,

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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 [Sheila Morales](mailto:Sheila.Morales).

Quick Links

[NTMCA Website](#)

[FY 2015 Membership Application](#)

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

**Submitted by Art Camacho,
2014 TMCA President**

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

**Alyce Deering Committee Chair (North
Richland Hills)**

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



**Thank you for your
generosity!**

questions, please
contact Debbie
Gressett at 432-758-
3676 or by email to
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**Request submitted by Debbie Gressett
(Seminole)**

This Month in History - November

- November 1, 1848 - The first medical school for women opened in Boston. The Boston Female Medical School was founded by Samuel Gregory with just twelve students. In 1874, the school merged with the Boston University School of Medicine, becoming one of the first co-ed medical schools.
- November 5, 1911 - Aviator C.P. Snow completed the first transcontinental flight across America, landing at Pasadena, California. He had taken off from Sheepshead Bay, New York, on September 17th and flew a distance of 3,417 miles.
- November 7, 1989 - L. Douglas Wilder became the first African American governor in U.S. history, elected governor of Virginia.
- November 9, 1872 - The Great Boston Fire started in a dry-goods warehouse then spread rapidly in windy weather, destroying nearly 800 buildings. Damage was estimated at more than \$75 million. The fire's bright red glare could be seen in the sky for nearly 100 miles.
- November 9, 1989 - The Berlin Wall was opened up after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War. The 27.9 mile wall had been constructed in 1961, sealing in 400,000 inhabitants while denying them adequate food, sanitation and housing.
- November 10, 1775 - The U.S. Marine Corps was established as part of the U.S. Navy. It became a separate unit on July 11, 1789.
- November 11th - Celebrated in the U.S. as Veterans Day (formerly called Armistice Day) with parades and military memorial ceremonies.
- November 11, 1938 - Irving Berlin's God Bless America was first performed. He had written the song especially for radio entertainer Kate Smith who sang it during her regular radio broadcast. It soon became a patriotic favorite of Americans and was one of Smith's most requested songs.
- November 11, 1973 - Egypt and Israel signed a cease-fire agreement sponsored by the U.S.
- November 11, 1992 - The Church of England voted to allow women to become priests.
- November 12, 1974 - The U.N. General Assembly suspended South Africa over its policy of apartheid.
- November 13, 1927 - The Holland Tunnel was opened to traffic. The tunnel runs under the Hudson River between New York City and Jersey City, New Jersey. It was the first underwater tunnel built in the U.S. It is comprised of two tubes, each large enough for two lanes of traffic.
- November 13, 1956 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation on public buses was unconstitutional.
- November 13, 1967 - Carl Stokes became the first African American mayor in the U.S., elected mayor of Cleveland, Ohio.
- November 14, 1889 - Newspaper reporter Nellie Bly set out from New York to beat the record of Jules Verne's imaginary hero Phileas Fogg, who traveled around the world in 80 days. Bly (pen name for Elizabeth Cochrane) returned 72 days later to a tumultuous welcome in New York.
- November 15, 1777 - The Articles of Confederation were adopted by the Continental Congress.
- November 15, 1881 - The Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions of the United States and Canada was formed in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Five years later the organization was renamed the American Federation of Labor (AFL).
- November 17, 1734 - New York Weekly Journal publisher John Peter Zenger was arrested and charged with libeling the colonial governor of New York. In his trial, held in August of 1735, truth was successfully used as a defense against libel, an important early step toward freedom of the press in America.
- November 17, 1800 - The U.S. Congress met for the first time in the new capital at Washington, D.C. President John Adams then became the first occupant of the Executive Mansion, later renamed the White House.

- November 17, 1993 - NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement was approved by the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 234 to 200.
- November 18, 1477 - William Caxton printed the first book in the English language, The Dictes and Sayengis of the Phylosophers.
- November 18, 1883 - A Connecticut school teacher, Charles F. Dowd, proposed a uniform time zone plan for the U.S. consisting of four zones.
- November 19, 1493 - Puerto Rico was discovered by Columbus during his second voyage to the New World.
- November 19, 1863 - President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address during ceremonies dedicating 17 acres of the Gettysburg Battlefield as a National Cemetery. Famed orator Edward Everett of Massachusetts preceded Lincoln and spoke for two hours. Lincoln then delivered his address in less than two minutes. Although many in attendance were at first unimpressed, Lincoln's words have come to symbolize the definition of democracy itself.
- November 19, 1868 - New Jersey suffragists attempted to vote in the presidential election to test the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which states, "...no State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States." One hundred seventy-two (172) suffragists, including four African American women, were turned away. Instead they cast their votes in a women's ballot box overseen by 84-year-old Quaker Margaret Pryer.
- November 19, 1939 - Construction of the first presidential library began as President Franklin D. Roosevelt laid the cornerstone next to his home in Hyde Park, New York. Roosevelt donated the land, but public donations funded the library building which was dedicated on June 30, 1941.
- November 19-20, 1990 - The Cold War came to an end during a summit in Paris as leaders of NATO and the Warsaw Pact signed a Treaty on Conventional Forces in Europe, vastly reducing their military arsenals.
- November 20, 1789 - New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.
- November 22, 1935 - Trans-Pacific airmail service began as the China Clipper, a Pan American flying boat, took off from San Francisco, reaching the Philippines 59 hours later. The following year, commercial passenger service began.
- November 22, 1963 - At 12:30 p.m., on Elm Street in downtown Dallas, President John F. Kennedy's motorcade slowly approached a triple underpass. The President was shot in the back, then in the head. He was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital where fifteen doctors tried to save him. At 1 p.m., John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th President of the United States, was pronounced dead. On board Air Force One, at 2:38 p.m., Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as the 36th President. President Kennedy was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on November 25th.
- November 26, 1789 - The first American holiday occurred, proclaimed by President George Washington to be Thanksgiving Day, a day of prayer and public thanksgiving in gratitude for the successful establishment of the new American republic.
- November 26, 1832 - The first horse-drawn streetcar carried passengers in New York City along Fourth Avenue between Prince Street and 14th Street.
- November 26, 1979 - After an absence of 21 years, the International Olympic Committee voted to re-admit China.
- November 29, 1929 - American explorer Richard Byrd and Bernt Balchen completed the first airplane flight to the South Pole.
- November 29, 1947 - Palestine was partitioned into Jewish and Arab land by the U.N. General Assembly, resulting in the establishment of the Jewish state of Israel the following year.
- November 30, 1782 - A provisional peace treaty was signed between Great Britain and the United States heralding the end of America's War of Independence. The final treaty was signed in Paris on September 3, 1783. It declared the U.S. "...to be free, sovereign and independent states..." and that the British Crown "...relinquishes all claims to the government, propriety and territorial rights of the same, and every part thereof."

**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.