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President's Message

By this time most of us have finished with our elections and may have a new mayor or new council members. For those of you who are conducting run-off elections, I hope they go smoothly.

Speaking of time, how did it get to be June? My year as TMCA president is just flying by. I have had the opportunity to visit some of our chapters, and that has been great fun for me. It has been great to meet our members in their own communities.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Annual Conference in Nashville, and I was honored to represent Texas in the opening ceremony parade of flags. It was a great opportunity to network with clerks from all over the world. Needless to say I didn't miss



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TMCA President
Mary Kayser, TRMC
City Secretary, Garland

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

an opportunity to brag on the Texas clerks and our outstanding Association. If you have not had the opportunity to attend an IIMC conference, I encourage you to try to find a way to do so. The educational opportunities are outstanding, and the networking is incredible.

There were many sessions at IIMC, including sessions on records management, budgeting, leadership, problem solving techniques, and management, just to name a few. You never know when you will hear something that really impacts you. For example: one of the sessions I attended was on having fun with public speaking. The speaker talked about using laughter as a connector. It was a great session. There were two things that really hit home for me – how your attitude affects your day and the importance of celebrating something every day. One of the speaker's examples was what happens when you allow a negative incident that occurs on the way to work impact the rest of your day. That really spoke to me since I have a long drive into work, and the chances of traffic jams or rude drivers are pretty high. The speaker's suggestion was to look for things to be grateful for during the day and to remember them as the day goes on. Her point being that if we focus daily on the things for which we are grateful, there will be no room for negative thoughts;

Special message from the president

I know there are many, many questions about the passage of **SB 100** and its impact on cities. Questions are still being asked of Texas Municipal League and the Secretary of State about various provisions in the law, and more information will be provided to you as soon as we have it.

I encourage you to read the bill and to give a heads up to your city attorney. **A PDF of SB 100 can be downloaded here.**

We will be discussing this bill and its impact at the **TMCCP Legislative Update** in August.

In an email to Texas city officials, **TML** stated it is planning a one-hour seminar on June 29. The webinar will include explanation of the bill and the adjustments cities can make; it will be followed by a 45-minute question-and-answer time.

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you will begin to feel more positive and have a more positive outlook. She also encouraged us to celebrate something every day. Did you know that June 10 is National Iced Tea Day and that October 28 is National Chocolate Day? Can we use these celebrations to connect with others in our offices or city hall? A little humor and fun can certainly relieve stress, and with budget time looming, a fun celebration might be just the ticket.

One of things that I have learned over the years is that we are not just city secretaries. We are ambassadors for our city, we are representatives of our profession, and we are leaders. You may be thinking that you are not a leader, but you are. Have you received your TRMC Certification? You are a leader. Are you working towards your TRMC? You are a leader. Recertifying? You are a leader. Are you the “go-to” person in your office? You are a leader.

What are your talents? Elections? Writing proclamations? Grants? Reach out to other clerks and offer to assist them. Perhaps you can provide a brief program to your chapter on your specialty.

I know that I am always looking for a better way of doing things, and I often look to my chapter for that kind of help. Perhaps you are that confident, calm reassuring voice on the phone for that new clerk in your area that has a question or a concern.

If you haven't noticed, the theme of this month's article is “opportunity.” I challenge you to look for opportunities every day: opportunities to serve, to help, to learn, to teach, to encourage, to support, to try something outside your comfort zone. You will find yourself doing things you never thought you could do. You will be making a positive impression on a fellow clerk, coworker, or citizen, and perhaps encouraging them to start looking for their own opportunity to grow.

Don't miss the next TMCCP seminar opportunity:

August 11-12, 2011 – Austin, Texas

Legislative Update Seminar

With Alan Bojorquez and expert speakers

Mary J. Kayser, TRMC

2011 TMCA President

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TMCA President Mary Kayser, TRMC, representing Texas at the Parade of Flags at the IIMC Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Upcoming Education & Networking Opportunities

June 9-10, 2011 • Odessa, Texas • [Learn more and register](#)

TMCCP "Personnel Management" Seminar with Dr. Abraham Benavides

Education credit: **TMCCP Course 1 or 4 or recertification seminar credit**

June 29, 2011 • [Registration information to be announced by TML](#)

TML one-hour webinar addressing SB 100 with 45 minute Q&A session

June 17, 2011 • Bryan, Texas • [Learn more and register](#)

Brazos Valley Council of Governments hosts a **"Texas Municipal Law & Procedure Workshop"** with author and attorney Alan Bojorquez

July 13, 2011 • Wylie, Texas

TMCA Lone Star Chapter's **Records Management Day**. Contact the **Lone Star Chapter** for more information.

July 22, 2011 • Port Aransas, Texas • [Learn more and register](#)

Athenian Dialogue: *"We Band of Angels"* with facilitator Mary Lynne Stratta, TRMC, city secretary, Bryan; hosted by the Coastal Bend Chapter of TMCA

Education credit: *Qualifies for TMCCP education credit for those pursuing their **second or later TRMC recertification** (dependent upon participation in the dialogue along with satisfactory completion of the learning assessment). IIMC-pre-approved for two **CMC or MMC** education points.*

July 29-30, 2011 • Salado, Texas

Annual Salado Seminar co-hosted by the TMCA Capital and Central Texas Chapters. Contact the **Capital** or **Central Texas** Chapter for more information.

August 10, 2011 • Austin, Texas • [Learn more and register](#)

Athenian Dialogue: *"Unbroken"* with dialogue leader Mary Lynne Stratta, TRMC, city secretary, Bryan

Education credit: *Qualifies for TMCCP education credit for those pursuing their **second or later TRMC recertification** (dependent upon participation in the dialogue along with satisfactory completion of the learning assessment). IIMC-pre-approved for two **CMC or MMC** education points.*



August 11-12, 2011 • Austin, Texas
TMCCP Legislative Update

With Expert Consultant Alan Bojorquez

Don't miss our popular "Legislative Update" Seminar August 11-12 in Austin. Our expert consultant will be **Alan Bojorquez**, attorney, **Bojorquez Law Firm, PLLC**, and author of the fifth edition of the *Texas Municipal Law & Procedure Manual*. Alan Bojorquez will moderate a panel of speakers.

Registration is now open. Anyone is welcome to register. TMCCP enrollees can earn Course 2 or recertification seminar attendance credit by attending this seminar.

October 11-14, 2011 • Houston, Texas

Texas Municipal League Conference

November 3-4, 2011 • Addison, Texas • [Registration opens Aug. 8](#)
TMCCP Graduate Institute Seminar, "Leadership Principles for the 21st Century," with David Reed

Education credit: **TMCCP Course 1 or recertification seminar credit.**

Honoring 2011 TMCA Retirees

By Retirement Committee Chair **Gail Weir, TRMC**



Gail Weir, TRMC

The TMCA Retirement Committee requests your assistance as we make plans to honor this year's retirees. If you or a city secretary/municipal clerk or deputy/assistant you know intends to retire this year, **please complete the 2011 Retiree Data Sheet.** You may forward it to me or one of the committee members listed. We do not want to miss any of our retirees at our Annual TMCA Awards Banquet at the TMCCP Graduate Institute to be held in Addison in November.

We especially ask our TMCA chapter presidents to help us gather information; our retiring TMCA friends have earned recognition, and your committee wants to honor each of them. Elizabeth Wharton said, "There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." We thank you for lighting our way. ★

2012 TMCA Retirement Committee

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Committee Service to TMCA, Inc.

By President Elect **LeAnn Gallman, TRMC**
City Secretary, City of Muleshoe



LeAnn Gallman, TRMC

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” In city government we talk a lot about service and how we serve our citizens. At this time you have a great opportunity to serve each other and the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc.

Each year it is the president elect’s responsibility to make appointments to fill the positions on the eleven TMCA committees for the next year: **Nominating Committee, Scholarship Committee, Municipal Clerk of the Year Committee, Certification Committee, Local Government Records Committee, Resolutions Committee, Retirement Committee, TML Booth Committee, Membership Committee, Technology Committee, and Audit Committee.**

By serving, you have a wonderful opportunity to work with and get to know others throughout the state and learn more about TMCA. Several committees deliberate by phone, fax, or email, so travel isn’t always necessary

to serve—so don’t let that keep you from submitting a questionnaire. If you should have any questions concerning any of the committees, please contact me at 806-272-4528 or the TMCA staff at 940-565-3488.

It is the goal of TMCA to have representation from every local chapter in the state serving on committees. Please read the **TMCA Committee Criteria Policy**, and then complete and submit the **Committee Interest Questionnaire (both are available in this PDF)**. The deadline for submission of the questionnaire is **September 1, 2011**. Please send your questionnaire to: LeAnn Gallman, TMRC, City Secretary, City of Muleshoe, 215 S First, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or email to **lgallman@fivearea.com**, or fax to 806-272-5260.

Through the years I have stood in awe of the leaders who have served this great organization. I am honored to have my opportunity to serve, and hope you will take the opportunity to serve with me. I look forward to serving with you in 2012. ★

Enter Our Membership Contests

*Current TMCA members:
Win a \$50 Visa gift card!*

CONTEST INFORMATION FOR CURRENT TMCA MEMBERS:

If a current TMCA member submits the name of a **newly hired municipal clerk/city secretary** to the TMCA Membership Committee Chair, the current member's name will be entered into a contest to be awarded in December 2011! If the new clerk subsequently **joins TMCA**, the current member's name will be entered again!

To be eligible for this contest, the name (and current contact information) of the new clerk must be provided to: **Membership Committee Chair Shelly Doty, shelly.doty@cleburne.net**.

Only the first person who submits the name of the new clerk will be entered into the drawing; however, if a member provides several names during the year, their name will be entered for each name provided.



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Help Our Membership Grow

*New TMCA members:
Win a TMCA seminar registration fee!*

CONTEST INFORMATION FOR NEW TMCA MEMBERS:

If the name of a newly hired municipal clerk/city secretary is submitted to TMCA Membership Committee Chair **Shelly Doty**, and the new clerk joins TMCA, the new clerk's name will be entered into a contest to be awarded in December 2011!

To be eligible for this contest, the new member's name must have been referred by a current TMCA member.



CONTACT:

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shelly.doty@cleburne.net*

DEADLINE & DATE OF DRAWING:
December 31, 2011

Texas Municipal League Report

By TML Representative **Norma Grimaldo, TRMC**
City Secretary, Odessa



The Texas Municipal League office continues to be busy this time of year. Plans are taking shape for the Annual Conference in Houston on October 11-14. In regard to site selection for future TML Annual conferences, the Conference Committee recommended switching to an RFP instead of rotation of cities. If it is approved, the RFP process will be effective in 2014. In 2012 TML will celebrate its 100th anniversary during the Annual Conference to be held at the Texas Gaylord in Grapevine. TML is asking all affiliates to plan a conference meeting or event for next year to commemorate the anniversary.

In addition, TML provided legislative updates to the cities this year through webinars which were very successful. TML staff is working hard to represent our cities; they encourage us to contact our representatives on bills that affect our cities. There are bills being filed that force unfunded mandates or take funds from cities. As a reminder, the TML Legislative Update provides a listing of filed bills that relate to municipalities. ★

TMCCP Certificates Earned

Congratulations to the following enrollees who earned course certificates in the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program after completing the homework, attending the required seminars, and passing the examination for the designated course.

Course 1

Martha Velasquez, Luling

Betsy Gates, Tomball

Maria Gonzalez,
Missouri City

Course 2

April Hill, Roanoke

Socco Gorjon, Conroe

Maria Gonzalez,
Missouri City

Russell Haddock, MCCi

Tiffni Herrera, Abilene

Teri Murdock, Italy

Course 3

Amy Arnold,
White Settlement

Beth Nemeth,
Blooming Grove

Susan Brock, Taylor

Amy Piukana, Prosper

Glynn Janine Butler,
Littlefield

Sherry Reeves, Grandview

Linda Byers, Vernon

Amy Turner, Midland

Stacey Chadwick, Rowlett

Melinda Uriegas,
San Antonio

Machiel Covey, Clarendon

Joni Vaughn, Lake Dallas

Kelly Daniel, Friona

Michael Wells, Bedford

Kathy Davidson Hoover,
Gilmer

Course 4

Lindy Forsyth, Lefors

Lacy Borgeson, Temple

IIMC News

By IIMC Region IV Director **Mary Kayser, TRMC**
City Secretary, Garland

The 2011 IIMC conference in Nashville was outstanding. The venue was incredible, the speakers were outstanding, and the session topics covered everything from time management to records management to problem solving. It was an honor to participate in the opening ceremonies and carry the Texas flag in the Parade of Flags.

At the annual meeting held on Thursday, the members present approved the constitutional amendment changing the Ethical Standards Committee from a standing committee of five members appointed by the president to an ad hoc committee of three members appointed by the board (when needed). The amendment will be going to the membership at large for ratification.



Texas clerks and TMCCP staff at the 2011 IIMC Annual Conference (standing from left to right): **Leticia Vacek, TRMC**, city clerk, San Antonio; **Shirley Gentry**, city clerk, Austin; **Sandy Hart, TRMC**, city secretary, McKinney; **Miriam Sheehan, TRMC**, administrative assistant, TMCA/TMCCP; **Peggy Burnside, TRMC**, administrative director, TMCA/TMCCP; **Shelley Goodwin, TRMC**, deputy city clerk, San Marcos; **Christie Wilson, TRMC**, city secretary, The Colony. Seated: **Dianne Zucco, TRMC**, city secretary, Plano; and **Mary Kayser, TRMC**, city secretary, Garland.

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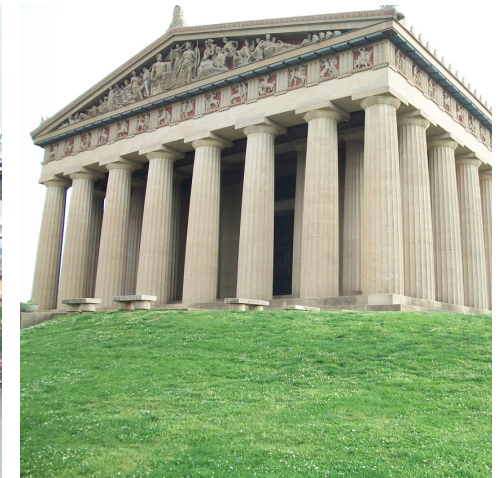
In addition, the Budget Committee reported on the financial condition of IIMC: it is in excellent shape. The line of credit has been paid off early, and we now have reserves in place. Policies are now in place to ensure that expenses of the executive committee and board are fiscally responsible. Mary Lynne Stratta, TRMC, city secretary, Bryan, was appointed as vice-chair of the Budget and Planning Committee for 2011-2012, so I am confident that the great strides made in the last several years to get IIMC into good financial shape will continue.

I was sworn in as the new Region IV director at the annual meeting. I look forward to serving our region for the next three years along with Deborah L. Miner, MMC, Harrah, Oklahoma. On that note, the date for the 2011 Region IV meeting has been set: December 9-10 at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi. We will send out more



Above: Sharon Cassler swears in the new IIMC region directors; IIMC Region IV Director Mary Kayser, TRMC, city secretary, Garland, stands third from left.

Below: Nashville landmarks "Ghost Ballet" (at left), a sculpture on the banks of the Cumberland River in downtown Nashville, and the Parthenon (at right), the centerpiece of Centennial Park in Nashville, and home to Nashville's art museum.



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details on the sessions as we get them from the Mississippi clerks.

I want to thank Mary Lynne Stratta for her leadership in IIMC these last several years. I fully believe that her dedication and leadership are the reasons IIMC is in a strong position now.

Here are the dates for the future IIMC annual conferences:

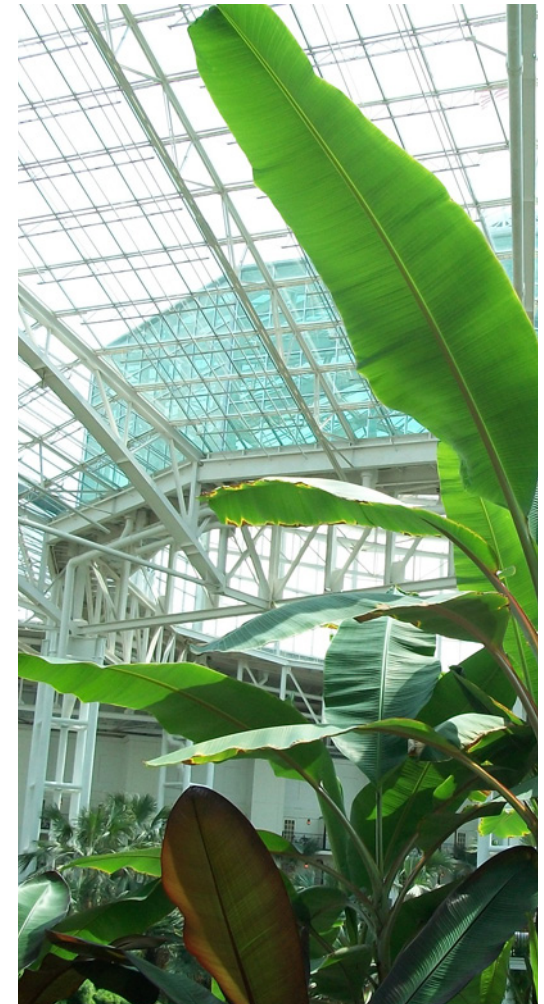
May 20-24, 2012 – Portland, Oregon

May 19-23, 2013 – Atlantic City, New Jersey

May 18-22, 2014 – Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The 2015 conference will be awarded at the November 2011 board meeting.

I look forward to serving on the IIMC Board representing our great region. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. ★



Inside the conference hotel, the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Conference Center in Nashville.

TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

Alamo Chapter

By Chapter President **Jennifer Reyna, TRMC**
City Secretary, Alamo Heights

President Jennifer Reyna, TRMC, city secretary, Alamo Heights, presided during the January meeting of the Alamo Chapter. President Reyna introduced Angela Cantu, city secretary, LaVernia, and Mayor Harold Schott. President Reyna thanked them for welcoming us and for hosting today's meeting.

Alamo Chapter's former president, Garden Ridge City Secretary Yolanda Benitez, TRMC, presented Mary Ybarra, TRMC, executive assistant to the assistant city manager, Schertz, with a certificate of appreciation for serving as the 2008-2010 Historian for the Alamo Chapter. Mrs. Benitez then presented Mrs. Ybarra with a purple chrysanthemum and administered the oath of office to Mrs. Ybarra, who will serve as the 2010-2012 historian for the Alamo Chapter.

President Jennifer Reyna introduced Mr. Robert Balli, payroll representative, Paychex Payroll Services. Mr. Balli presented information to the group about the new payroll taxes as well as the services that Paychex Payroll Services can provide to cities.

Former Chapter President Yolanda Benitez presented all attendees

with the Alamo Chapter Bylaws. She also presented the members of the Bylaws Committee with a certificate of appreciation. Thanks to committee members Peggy Cimics, TRMC, city secretary/HR director, Cibolo; Celia DeLeon, city secretary, Olmos Park; Leticia Saenz, deputy city clerk, San Antonio; Grace Tamez, TRMC, city secretary, Helotes; and Saundra Passailaigue, TRMC, city clerk, Shavano Park.

Committee Chair Jennifer Reyna presented the group with the final financial report for the December 2010 Banquet and thanked the committee members for their work. The chapter voted approval for purchase of a digital camera.

President Reyna announced that Leticia Vacek, TRMC, city clerk, San Antonio, and Saundra Passailaigue, TRMC, city secretary, Shavano Park, were recipients of the Norma Rodriguez Scholarship, which was presented at the chapter's December banquet.

President Reyna thanked Sheila Edmondson, Cibolo, for all of the wonderful pictures she took at the banquet. Mrs. Edmondson invited everyone to view the pictures which were laid out for viewing.

ALAMO CHAPTER

President Reyna mentioned a lovely letter of appreciation submitted by former president Yolanda Benitez. The letter was displayed for all to view.

President Reyna suggested having a drawing for a gift at each meeting with each ticket at \$1.00; revenues received would be deposited into the chapter's scholarship fund. The gift may be donated by the municipality/member, the value of the gift would be by personal judgment, and gift contribution would be conducted in alphabetical order by municipality. Alamo Heights would be the first municipality to provide the donated gift. City Secretary Debra Howe also suggested in contributing money and splitting the profits to the winner and the other half to the scholarship fund. Ideas were exchanged and were welcomed by the members.

Leticia Vacek announced that the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) was considering the selection of the 2015 IIMC Conference. She requested a letter of support from the chapter so that San Antonio may be considered at the conference site.

President Reyna announced that the next chapter meeting would be held in the City of Leon Valley on March 23 and that Leticia Callanen would be the guest speaker. ★

Alamo Chapter members in attendance at the January meeting:

Jennifer Reyna, TRMC, city secretary, Alamo Heights

Linda Gill, city secretary, Castle Hills

Debra Howe, TRMC, city secretary, Castroville

Peggy Cimics, TRMC, city secretary, Cibolo

Sheila Edmondson, Cibolo

Carole Vanzant, TRMC, city secretary, Fair Oaks Ranch

Janice Alamia, city secretary, Hollywood Park

Angela Cantu, city secretary-treasurer, La Vernia

Debby Goza, TRMC, city secretary, Live Oak

Trudy Whitfield, HR technician, Live Oak

Saundra Passailaigue, TRMC, city clerk, Shavano Park

Leticia Vacek, TRMC, city clerk, San Antonio

Melinda Uriegas, elections manager, San Antonio

Yolanda Benitez, TRMC, city secretary, Garden Ridge

Grace Tamez, TRMC, city secretary, Helotes

Mary Ybarra, TRMC, executive assistant to the assistant city manager, Schertz

Guest: Mr. Robert A. Balli, sales consultant, Paychex Payroll Services

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Bluebonnet Chapter

By Chapter Historian **Christi Wynn, TRMC**
City Secretary, Brownwood

The March 9 chapter meeting was hosted by Cindy Stafford, city secretary, Stephenville, at the Agave Restaurant. Stephenville Mayor Nancy Hunter welcomed everyone. The meal was provided by Russell Haddock, senior account executive, MCCi. TMCA President Mary Kayser, TRMC, city secretary, Garland, gave a presentation and encouraged those who are not certified to earn the Texas Registered Municipal Clerk Certification. She also spoke about available scholarships.

The business meeting was led by Chapter President Kay Torres. She read a letter from Louetta Wallace, thanking the chapter for awarding her with the Municipal Clerk of the Year award.

The chapter nominated Linda Knight as the 2011 Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year for 2011.

The oath of office was given to Historian Christi Wynn, TRMC, city secretary, Brownwood.

Russell Haddock of MCCi gave a brief description of Laserfische and record imaging. He also told the chapter of three scholarships available through MCCi for records management, and encouraged everyone to apply. ★



Attendees of the March Bluebonnet Chapter meeting. *Front row, from left to right: Kay Torres, city secretary, Robert Lee; Kim Keith, city secretary, Stamford; Christi Wynn, TRMC, city secretary, Brownwood; Louetta Wallace, city secretary, Haskell; Rhonda Williams, city secretary, Dublin; TMCA President Mary Kayser, TRMC, city secretary, Garland; and Russell Haddock, senior account executive, MCCi. Back row: Linda Knight, TRMC, city secretary, Breckenridge; Diane Latham, assistant city secretary, Breckenridge; Karen Lou Graham, interim city manager/CFO, Stamford; Cindy Stafford, city secretary, Stephenville; Mary Wells, city secretary, Ranger; Pat Martindale, city secretary, Bronte; Karen Wilkerson, city secretary, DeLeon; Karen Langley, city secretary, Coleman; Judy Jackson, TRMC, city secretary, Throckmorton; Traci Riggs, TRMC, secretary of community services/public works, Stephenville.*

TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

Capital Chapter

By Chapter Secretary **Sara White**
City Secretary, Round Rock

The Capital Chapter has been busy the last few months starting with the installation of our new officers in December 2010. Join us in congratulating our new officers! We know they will do great things for the chapter in the coming years.

President Melissa Brunner, TRMC, city secretary, Flatonia

Vice President Toni Milam, TRMC, city secretary, Buda

Treasurer Amy Harris, city secretary, Cameron

Secretary Sara White, city secretary, Round Rock

Historian Brenda Page, city secretary, Smithville

In January the chapter held our first meeting of the year in Flatonia, the home of our newly installed president. We made 2011 committee assignments, highlighted some legislative bills that might be of interest to city secretaries, and heard an update on our chapter membership.

Janet Rogers, outgoing chair of the Membership Committee, reported that our chapter is up to 54 members—and we're always recruiting more! If you are in the Capital Chapter area and are not currently a member but would like to join our great group, just contact Amy Harris (aharris@camerontexas.net) or any of our officers listed above, and they can get you a membership form.



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In March the chapter met at Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, which is always a fun treat. Cindy Crosby gave us a great presentation on Twitter quorums and social media pitfalls when dealing with open government. It was very enlightening, as social media is becoming more prevalent with local governments. And while social media can be a great resource for getting information to your citizens, it's important to remember the unintended consequences it can have when it comes to open government. Cindy also covered some legislative committee recommendations that have been made regarding social media and open government. For a list of those recommendations--or the entire presentation made to our chapter (and it's chock full of great information and links!)--contact Sara White at swhite@round-rock.tx.us.

Betty Brown also updated us on newly filed legislative bills and reported that over 2000 bills had been filed the previous three days before our meeting! WOW—can you imagine?! Betty also highlighted some bills that we need to keep an eye on, mostly related to elections and open government.

We also started discussing our annual Salado Seminar that takes place every July. If you don't have your room booked yet, you'd better hurry! Rooms always fill up quickly at the Stagecoach Inn, and the Salado seminar is always a fun one to attend. There are great speakers and an even better silent auction. Get your pens ready to bid on some great items this year!! Watch for more information on the seminar to be coming out from our Salado committee soon.



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On April 8 Bryan City Secretary Mary Lynne Stratta, TRMC, and the City of Bryan hosted an Athenian Dialogue, held at the Traditions Golf and Country Club in Bryan, over the book *The Junction Boys*. Twenty-two people attended the event from seven different states. In addition, six of the Junction Boys—Jack Pardee, Billy Pete Huddleston, Lloyd Hale, Dennis Goehring, Marvin Tate, and Dutch Ohlendorf—attended and participated in the dialogue. What a neat thing to be able to see and talk to the actual people from a book you are studying. Athenian dialogues are extraordinary events that can be not only a learning experience, but fun as well. Don't forget that if you're in your second TRMC certification renewal, they can also count towards your recertification credit!

Our always-popular city secretary/clerk t-shirts continue to be a great fundraiser for our scholarship fund. The proceeds from these sales allow us to send members to not only TMCA seminars, but also IIMC seminars and conferences. We hope you continue to enjoy them. We'll have some new designs coming out



soon, so be watching. If you are interested in pre-ordering any or checking to see what sizes we currently have in stock, you can contact Flatonia City Secretary Melissa Brunner, TRMC, at mbrunner@ci.flatonia.tx.us. A big THANK YOU to everyone who has purchased shirts in the past!

Upcoming Capital Chapter meetings:

May 2011 – Jonestown (hosted by City Secretary Linda Hambrick)

July 2011 – Salado (FUN FUN FUN!)

September 2011 – Thorndale (hosted by City Secretary Denise Melde)

December 2011 – Schertz (hosted by City Secretary Brenda Dennis, TRMC)

January 2012 – San Marcos (hosted by City Clerk Jamie Lee Pettijohn)

For any other information on the Capital Chapter, please contact Chapter President Melissa Brunner (mbrunner@ci.flatonia.tx.us) or Chapter Secretary Sara White (swhite@round-rock.tx.us). ★

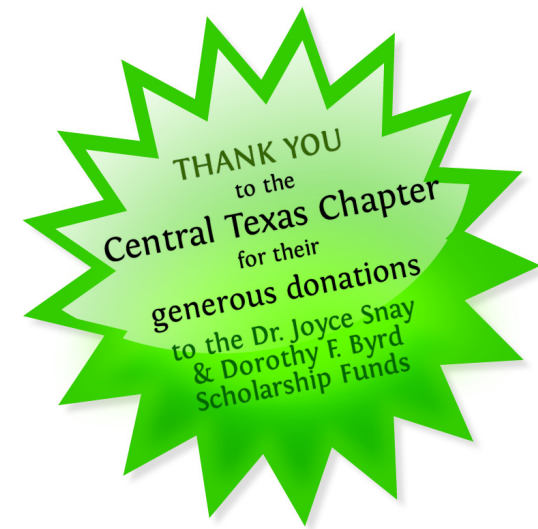
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Central Texas Chapter

By Chapter Secretary **Donna Hawkins**
City Secretary, Beverly Hills

The Central Texas Chapter held their bi-monthly meeting. The City of Hubbard hosted the meeting at the Hubbard Historic High School on February 16.

The chapter welcomed Ms. Carol Pirie, deputy director and program manager of Film Friendly Texas as the guest speaker. After the very informative information from Ms. Pirie, the group held a round table discussion regarding the 2011 election. ★



Chapter members present at the February meeting:
Patricia Ervin, TRMC, city secretary, Waco; Secretary **Donna Hawkins**, city secretary, Beverly Hills; **Esmeralda Hudson, TRMC**, assistant city secretary, Waco; **Brenda Jackson**, city secretary, Groesbeck; **Dorothy Jackson**, city manager, Hubbard; President **Lydia Lopez, TRMC**, city secretary, Hewitt; and **Amber Rankin**, city secretary, Hubbard



Dorothy Jackson, city manager, Hubbard, with speaker **Cindy Crosby**, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta.



Central Texas Chapter members

TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

Coastal Bend Chapter

By Chapter President **Scarlet Swoboda, TRMC**
City Secretary, Victoria

The Coastal Bend Chapter met in Victoria on April 29 at the Sky Restaurant. Victoria City Secretary Scarlet Swoboda, TRMC, hosted the meeting, and everyone enjoyed a wonderful lunch.

President Swoboda provided the dates for the upcoming TMCCP seminars, 2011 TML Conference, and TMCCP Graduate Institute, encouraging all to attend some—or all, if they could. She announced that Larry Butler had resigned from the City of Nordheim; however, there were still a number of the membership books available that Larry had assembled for the chapter. President Swoboda gave the deadline dates for the TMCA scholarships and TMCA 2012 committees for submitting applications, and encouraged all to apply. She also reminded the members to turn in their chapter dues.

The minutes from June and September 2010 were approved, along with the treasurer's report through April 29, 2011. Larry Thompson, city secretary, Goliad, and chair of the scholarship committee, reported that he had not received any applications for the chapter scholarship and recommended extending the deadline. Nominating Committee Chair Edna Lopez, city secretary, Kingsville, was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted a written report with the committee's recommendations. They submitted the following names: President Scarlet Swoboda, TRMC, city secretary, Victoria; Vice President Edna Lopez, city secretary, Kingsville; Secretary Amanda Franco Alvarado, city secretary, Mathis; and Treasurer Cynthia Contreras, city secretary, Bishop.

Under chapter business, the members approved extending the chapter scholarship deadline through May 28. They also approved

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the recommendations of the nominating committee, with discussion about asking TMCA President Mary Kayser, TRMC, city secretary, Garland, to attend the next meeting to install the new officers. Congratulations, officers!

Congratulations go out to Edna Lopez, who was chosen as the TMCA Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year nominee, and Esther Arzola, city secretary, Port Aransas, who was chosen as the Coastal Bend Chapter Clerk of the Year at the meeting. Congratulations, ladies!!

President Swoboda announced that Mary Lynne Stratta, TRMC, city secretary, Bryan, had offered to lead an Athenian Dialogue on *"We Band of Angels"* in Port Aransas on July 22. She stated that it would be open to anyone, and a registration form would be sent out with all the specifics. President Swoboda announced that arrangements had already been made for Mary Lynne to stay at Esther Arzola's condominium in Port Aransas. Larry Thompson suggested that the chapter offer to reimburse Esther for the use of her condominium. Everyone agreed that was a good idea.

New member, Sereniah Breland, city administrator, Goliad, offered to host the next meeting on Friday, July 8, in Goliad. She told everyone that Market Days was held the second Saturday of each month. We the members thought that was a great date, and we could stay over for Market Days. Becky Miska, city secretary, Edna, offered to host a meeting in September. ★

Coastal Bend members in attendance at the April meeting:

Sereniah Breland, city administrator, Goliad

Becky Miska, city secretary, Edna

Irma Parker, TRMC/CMC city secretary, Rockport

Scarlet Swoboda, TRMC/CMC, city secretary, Victoria

Larry Thompson, TRMC, city secretary, Ganado

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Lone Star Chapter

By Chapter President **Bruce Dunn, TRMC**
Town Secretary, St. Paul

The Lone Star Chapter continues its policy of offering meetings throughout its region.

January 2011

Our chapter does not host a January meeting since many of our members attend the TMCCP Election Law Seminar.

February 2, 2011

This was a tale of ice and snow. We cancelled our meeting due to the first ice and snowstorm that hit the week of the meeting. We postponed the meeting by a week and sure enough that was the day when the second ice and snow hit the area. The meeting was therefore cancelled.

March 2, 2011

The Lone Star Chapter met at the W. Walworth Harrison Library in Greenville. The meeting began by congratulating recent TMCCP graduates (Bruce Dunn, TRMC, city secretary, St. Paul; Joy Hart, TRMC, senior executive assistant, Murphy; Christel Pettinos, TRMC, city secretary, Coppell; and Alice Snyder, TRMC, assistant city secretary, Plano), recertifying members (Jean Dwinnell, TRMC, city

secretary, Fate; Sandy Hart, TRMC, city secretary, McKinney; Kathy Wingo, TRMC, city secretary, Lucas; and Diane Zucco, TRMC, city secretary, Plano), and new Athenian Fellow Linda Rhodes, TRMC, city secretary, Lake Worth.

Chapter business included announcing and awarding the chapter's 2010/2011 Scholarships of \$500.00 each. Recipients were Kathy Wingo, TRMC, city secretary, Lucas; Jacky Casey, assistant to the city secretary, Wylie; and Susie Quinn, TRMC, city secretary, Rowlett. Chapter President Dunn thanked the Scholarship Committee, chaired by Carole Kuykendall, Greenville, for another job well done.

The Audit Committee Chair Carrie Smith, TRMC, city secretary, Parker, presented the audit report for 2009-2010, which was approved by the members. Chapter President Dunn thanked her and members Stephanie Storm, Wylie, and Vickie Schmid, deputy city secretary, Richardson, for their hard work.



Carrie Smith, TRMC, city secretary, Parker, winner of the item donated by the host chapter for the chapter's monthly fundraiser.

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President-Elect Vicki Faulkner, TRMC, city secretary, Celina, introduced Speaker Paul Phelan, Greenville Library Director. His topic was “New Trends in Public Libraries.”

There were no committee reports due. Chapter President Dunn reviewed future chapter, TMCA, and IIMC meetings. The meeting ended with the drawing for items provided by the host city of Greenville.

April 6, 2011

The Lone Star Chapter met at the Richardson City Hall/Convention Center. Chapter business included discussion of preparation plans for the upcoming “Records Management Work Day” that is scheduled for July 13 in Wylie at the Smith Library.

The Clerk and Member of the Year committee chair, Carole Ehrlich of Wylie, reported and announced a due date of May 1 for submitting applications for these awards. These honors will be bestowed at the June meeting in Rockwall.

President-Elect Vickie Faulkner (Celina) introduced Speaker Geoff Wright, Richardson Convention & Visitors Bureau Superintendent. He discussed their “Dine Local, Dine Smart” program, which helps the image of their city and creates partnership with local businesses.

Chapter President Dunn reviewed future chapter, TMCCP, and IIMC meetings. The meeting ended with the drawing for items provided by the host city of Richardson.

Please join us as a member or guest at our future chapter meetings:

June 1 – City of Rockwall, Rockwall County

July 13 – Records Management Day, City of Wylie, Collin County

August 3 – Denison, Grayson County

Visit the Lone Star Chapter’s website to learn about upcoming events at <http://tmcalonestarchapter.com>. ★

Members in attendance from Collin, Dallas, Denton, Grayson, Hunt and Rockwall counties were:

Jacky Casey, assistant to the city secretary, Wylie

Christel Pettinos, TRMC, city secretary, Coppell

Bruce Dunn, TRMC, city secretary, St. Paul

Susie Quinn, TRMC, city secretary, Rowlett

Carole Ehrlich, TRMC, city secretary, Wylie

Vickie Schmid, TRMC, deputy city secretary, Richardson

Jennifer Faircloth, administrative assistant, Lucas

Carrie Smith, TRMC, city secretary, Parker

Vickie Faulkner, TRMC, city secretary, Celina

Alice Snyder, TRMC, assistant city secretary, Plano

Lisa Henderson, deputy city secretary/record coordinator., The Colony

Christie Wilson, TRMC, city secretary, The Colony

Carole Kuykendall, Greenville

Kathy Wingo, TRMC, city secretary, Lucas

Julie Lollar, TRMC, city clerk, Denison

Diane Zucco, TRMC, city secretary, Plano

Aimee Nemer, TRMC, city secretary, Murphy

Lower Rio Grande Valley Chapter

By Chapter Historian **Annette Villarreal, TRMC**
City Secretary, McAllen

The City of San Juan graciously hosted the March 23 meeting of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Chapter at the San Juan Fire Station #2 Commissioner's Room. San Juan City Secretary Bobby Rodriguez graciously welcomed members and treated everyone to a very delicious BBQ lunch.

After the invocation was delivered by Chapter President Perla Zamora, TRMC, deputy city secretary, McAllen, nominations were sought to fill the office of secretary/treasurer. San Juan City Secretary Bobby Rodriguez was nominated, and after a unanimous vote, was sworn into office by Vice President Hilda Pedraza, TRMC, city clerk, Pharr.

Among the issues discussed and acted on were amendments to the by-laws, tuition assistance policy, and an election-related matter involving voting equipment. Earlier this year, the Hidalgo County EA received approval from the County Elections Commission and Commissioners Court to do away with the leasing option of voting equipment to cities wishing to conduct stand-alone elections, and alternatively would only offer full service election contracts effective 2011. In doing so, they cited issues with budget cuts, employee reduction and time limitations. After concerns were expressed to the county judge by local city secretaries who conduct stand-alone elections, the Elections Commission reconsidered



San Juan City Secretary **Bobby Rodriguez** was sworn in as chapter secretary/treasurer by Vice President **Hilda Pedraza, TRMC**, city clerk, Pharr.

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their position and authorized the continuance of the leasing option for this year only. The Elections Commission instructed the EA to begin making presentations to the various political entities to seek “buy in” with respect to 1) moving the General Elections from May to November and 2) contracting the election out to the county with a joint ballot.

Further, in an effort to prepare for 2012 and beyond, McAllen IT Director Belinda Mercado was asked to attend the meeting to talk about the procurement process and state contracts as they relate to various voting systems. Ms. Mercado noted that state pricing was dated, and she was waiting for a response to see if those contracts and pricing would be revised since they reflected 2005 pricing. In the meantime, Ms. Mercado recommended the development of a cooperative agreement (with more buying power) to collectively seek better pricing.

The next chapter meeting will be held at South Padre Island.

For membership information, contact Bobby Rodriguez, city secretary, San Juan, at 956-702-6400. ★



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Members in attendance at the March newsletter were:

Susie Alcocer, city secretary, Port Isabel

Anna L. Cantu, city clerk, Penitas

Anabel Guillen, assistant city secretary, Port Isabel

Vice President Hilda Pedraza, TRMC, city clerk, Pharr

Norma Olvera, administrative supervisor, McAllen

Newly elected Secretary/Treasurer Bobby Rodriguez,
city secretary, San Juan

Yesenia Rodriguez, administrative supervisor, McAllen

Baudelia Rojas, city secretary, Alton

Historian Annette Villarreal, TRMC, city secretary, McAllen

Elizabeth Walker, city secretary, Weslaco

President Perla Zamora, TRMC, deputy city secretary, McAllen



At the March chapter meeting in San Juan.

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North Texas Chapter

By Chapter President **Shelly Doty, TRMC**
City Secretary, Cleburne

Greetings TMCA Members!

The North Texas Municipal Clerks Association hosted a professional seminar on March 10 at the Hurst Conference Center. Sarah Jacobsen with the Texas State Library conducted a session on “Records Management.” Motivational speaker and trainer, Marti Miller, helped us to derive more “Joy on the Job” and Ann Marks taught us how to better communicate through the art of “Face Reading.” It was very interesting. We also conducted our professional meeting during lunch where we received a short legislative update from Jenny Gravly with Taylor Olsen Sralla and Elam. It was a great day of learning and networking! Planning will begin soon for next year’s seminar. I hope to see you all there!

The April NTMCA professional meeting was hosted by the City of Bridgeport. The attendees heard about historic preservation from Ken Sprecher from the Bridgeport Historic Society. It was a great meeting. I would like to extend a big thanks to Jessica McEachern, city secretary, Bridgeport for getting it all together.

We have a special meeting planned for June in Arlington. We will announce our Municipal Clerks of the Year as well as the recipient of the Alyce Deering Scholarship. The meeting will be held on June 16 at Arlington City Hall.

If you are in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and are not currently attending NTMCA meetings, you are encouraged to do so. Feel free to contact me at shelly.doty@cleburne.net or at 817-645-0908 for more information on the meetings and membership. We would love to have you come and be a part of our organization! ★

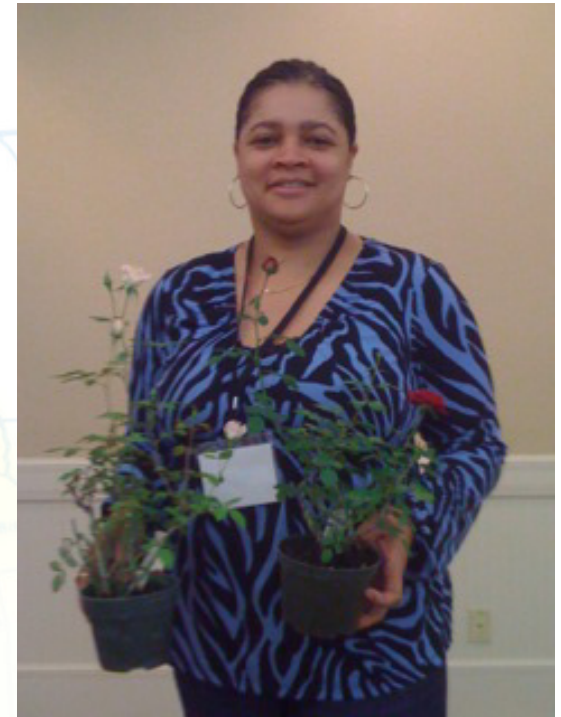
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Northeast Texas Chapter

By Chapter President **Gail Weir, TRMC**
City Secretary, Ore City

The Northeast Texas Chapter met March 4 at the City of Tyler's Training Center. The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Gail Weir, TRMC, city secretary, Ore City. We were glad to have recently retired Kilgore City Clerk Karen Custer in attendance, who introduced her replacement, City Clerk Denise McMillan.

The Northeast Chapter is honored to be hosting the Texas State Library and Archives Commission as they present a seminar on June 3 at the Maude Cobb Convention Center in Longview. Topics covered will be control schedule basics, improving filing systems, and forms management. The seminar is appropriate for varied entities; you may pass the invitation on to your county and schools.



Many members of the Chapter attended the TMCCP "Budget and Finance" Seminar in Tyler in April. Tyler City Secretary **Cassandra Brager**, city clerk, Tyler, handed out 32 Tyler rose bushes as door prizes.

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The Northeast Texas Chapter at their March meeting in Tyler (front row to back row, left to right): **Lawanna Williams**, assistant finance director, Kilgore; Vice President **Rosena Becker-Ross**, city secretary/court administrator, Mount Enterprise; President **Gail Weir, TRMC**, city secretary, Ore City; Secretary/Treasurer **Sherry Roberts, TRMC**, city secretary, White Oak; **Kathy Davidson-Hoover**, city secretary, Gilmer; **Kristy Webb**, deputy clerk, Mt. Enterprise; **Laura Welch**, city secretary, Hallsville; **Fran Wendeborn, TRMC**, city secretary, Rusk; **Vickie Brenton, TRMC**, city secretary, Winnsboro; **Donna Sickel**, city secretary, Carthage; **Denise McMillan**, city clerk, Kilgore; **Cassandra Brager**, city clerk, Tyler; **Karen Custer**, city clerk (retired), Kilgore.

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Panhandle Chapter

By Chapter Secretary **Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, TRMC**
City Secretary/Assistant City Manager, Spearman

The Panhandle Chapter met February 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Amarillo Club with six members present for their bimonthly meeting. Approval of the minutes of December 16, 2010, was given and the treasury report was approved as presented.

The chapter had a program concerning contracting with an elections administrator from Potter County Elections Administrator Knoxie Mathes. A round table question-and-answer session on elections was also held.

The Panhandle Chapter met April 21 at 11:30 a.m. at the Amarillo Club with eight members present for their bimonthly meeting. Claudia Stravato, part-time instructor of State & Local Government at West Texas A&M University, gave a program concerning immigration and how it impacts our positions.

The chapter held discussions concerning the Municipal Clerk of the Year and the seminar to be held in Amarillo in August 2012.

The chapter is scheduled to meet next on June 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Amarillo Club in Amarillo. ★



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Red River Chapter

By Secretary-Treasurer **Lydia Ozuna, TRMC**
City Clerk, Wichita Falls

The Red River Chapter held their quarterly meeting in Wichita Falls at Pasquals Restaurant March 24.

Meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by President Balthrop. President Balthrop gave the welcome.

A Red River Chapter stipend check in the amount of \$200.00 will be issued to Vernon City Secretary Linda Byers, which was previously approved by the membership.

Membership voted to donate \$200.00 to Rathgeber Hospitality House, Wichita Falls.

President Balthrop introduced the program “Electronic Records Management: What are You Talking About?”

Secretary-Treasurer Ozuna introduced the guest speaker, Russell Haddock, Senior Account Executive with MCCi. Mr. Haddock gave an informative presentation on “Enterprise Content Management (E.C.M.)” His slides were very colorful as he provided “inside pictures” of his daughters and places to which

Members present were:

President Marie Balthrop, TRMC,
 city secretary, Holliday

Vice President Mitzi Wallace, TRMC,
 city secretary, Bowie

Secretary/Treasurer Lydia Ozuna,
 TRMC, city clerk, Wichita Falls

Barbara Bowman,
 city clerk, Cashion Community

Amy Anderson, city secretary, Lakeside City

Linda Byers, city secretary, Vernon

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they had traveled. It turned out to be a fun and educational presentation, while getting a little insight into Russell's family. Questions and comments, as well as personal experiences with managing records, were shared throughout the presentation.

President Balthrop thanked Mr. Haddock for his lively, colorful and educational presentation.

Secretary-Treasurer Ozuna provided information on the upcoming TMCCP seminars - "The Municipal Budget Cycle" in Tyler, April 7-8; "Municipal Personnel Management" in Odessa, June 9-10; and TMCCP's "Legislative Update" in Austin, August 11-12. Members were encouraged to carpool.

It was noted that Trish Holley, TRMC, city secretary, Burkburnett, had been appointed interim city manager until a city manager is appointed. Support and prayers were asked for Trish.

Next meeting will be held June 15 at 1:00 p.m. in Wichita Falls at Pasquals Restaurant. The tentative speaker will be Ms. Kim Tomlinson, executive director, Rathgeber Hospitality House.

We would like to extend an open invitation to attend any of our Red River Chapter meetings. For more information, please contact Secretary-Treasurer Lydia Ozuna, P.O. Box 1431, Wichita Falls, TX 76307; 940-761-7409; lydia.ozuna@wichitafallstx.gov. ★

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Salt Grass Chapter

By Chapter Secretary **Maria Gonzalez**
Deputy City Secretary, Missouri City

February 2011 Meeting

On February 16 the Salt Grass Chapter held a meeting at Texas Land and Cattle Steak House in Houston. The meeting was called to order by President Lenz at 11:50 a.m.

Ms. Martha Williams, Olson & Olson, LLP, presented a very informative program regarding “Retention and Destruction of Local Government Records.” Ms. Williams also provided thumb drives to each member present at the meeting, which included information pertaining to her presentation and additional retention information. This month’s program produced a high turnout from our Salt Grass Chapter members! Good job!

Salt Grass Chapter board members at the March meeting. *Front Row, left to right:* Maria Gonzalez, deputy city secretary, Missouri City; Sharon Harris, TRMC, assistant city secretary, La Porte; Thelma Lenz, TRMC, city secretary, West University Place. *Back Row, left to right:* Krisha Langton, TRMC, city secretary, Sealy, and Crystal Roan, TRMC, deputy city secretary, Webster.



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Further chapter business included approval of the January minutes and treasurer’s report; discussion of the Annual “Public Information Act” Seminar to be held in Deer Park during the month of March; and reports from the Banquet/Holiday Party Committee.

President Lenz read a thank-you note from Martha Gillett, TRMC, city secretary/PIO (retired), La Porte, thanking the chapter for their generous gift of a Salt Grass Chapter throw and gift card to Starbucks. President Lenz further stated Martha is enjoying her retirement and misses the camaraderie of all Salt Grass Chapter members.



Martha Gillett, TRMC

March 2011 Salt Grass Chapter “Public Information Act” Meeting and Salt Grass Chapter Meeting

The Salt Grass Chapter held its 10th Annual Public Information Seminar at the Deer Park Courts and Theater

*Above right, from left to right: **Jenny Redden, TRMC**, city secretary, Morgan’s Point; **Krishna Langton, TRMC**, city secretary, Sealy; **Sandra Watkins, TRMC**, city secretary, Deer Park; and **Dayl Cooksey**, deputy city secretary, Sealy, at the March meeting in Deer Park.*

*Near right: **Thelma Lenz, TRMC**, city secretary, West University Place, and **Crystal Roan, TRMC**, deputy city secretary, Webster.*



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Building in Deer Park on March 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mayor Wayne Riddle, Deer Park, gave a warm welcome.

The sessions consisted of “Public Information Act Law for Enforcement Records” from the City of Missouri City’s Law Enforcement Records Management Supervisor, Janice Poppenhusen; “Processing Public Information Requests” and “State Regulations and Charges Concerning Public Information Requests” from Patrice Fogarty, TRMC, city secretary, La Porte, and Hadassah Schloss, cost rules administrator in the Open Records Division for the Office of the Attorney General; and “Texas Notary Laws” from Scott Bounds, attorney for Olson and Olson, LLP. This seminar also produced a high turn-out of many city representatives throughout the state!

Our Public Information Act Committee members were: Sandra Watkins, TRMC, city secretary, Deer Park; Dayl Cooksey, deputy city secretary, Sealy; and Crystal Roan, TRMC, city secretary, Webster. Well done, committee members, for another great meeting!

After the seminar, the chapter held a lively meeting in the Deer Park Courts and Theater Building. Business included approval of the February meeting minutes and treasurer’s report; discussion of the Annual Banquet and Holiday Committee; and an overwhelming support of Missy Bunch, TRMC, city secretary, Katy, as the chapter’s nominee for the TMCA Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year award.

April 2011 Salt Grass Chapter Meeting

The Salt Grass Chapter held its monthly meeting on April 13 at Texas Land and Cattle where President Lenz called the meeting to order at 11:51 a.m.

The meeting was kicked off to a great start with Detective Jerome McKowen from the City of La Porte. He spoke about general safety precautions all city secretaries could take during city council meetings and in their personal lives. With the assistance of our very new

Below: Paula Favors, city secretary, Wharton, and speaker Detective Jerome McKowen, La Porte, at the April meeting.



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city secretary, Paula Favors, Wharton, Detective McKown demonstrated key safety moves to be used in the event our lives are in danger. Thank you, Detective McKown and Chapter Vice President Harris, for bringing us an informative meeting!

Chapter business included approval of the March minutes and treasurer's report; estimated cost per person for the Salt Grass Chapter holiday party and banquet; and TMCA TML Booth Committee giveaways.

The chapter also discussed being on the road during the month of August, in an effort to reach out to more city secretaries who are not able to travel to the Salt Grass Chapter central meeting location in Houston. It was discussed and voted by those members present to hold our next meeting after the summer break in Tomball.

During open forum, Missy Bunch, TRMC, city secretary, Katy, humbly thanked the chapter for nominating her as the TMCA Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year. President Lenz stated the chapter's nominee is well deserving of this recognition.

The chapter is scheduled to meet again in August.

For more information about our chapter, to become a member or to inquire about future meetings, please contact Chapter Secretary Maria Gonzalez at 281-403-8686 or smgonzalez@missouricitytx.gov. ★



Detective Jerome McKowen

Members in attendance at the March 2011 Salt Grass Chapter meeting were:

Dayl Cooksey, deputy city secretary, Sealy

Paula Favors, city secretary, Wharton

Patrice Fogarty, TRMC, city secretary, La Porte

Maria Gonzalez,
deputy city secretary, Missouri City

Sharon Harris, TRMC,
assistant city secretary, La Porte

Krishna Langton, TRMC, city secretary, Sealy

Thelma Lenz, TRMC,
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Michelle Perez, dep. city secretary, Friendswood

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Charlene Tighe,
executive secretary, Deer Park

Sandra Watkins, TRMC, city secretary, Deer Park

Melinda Welsh, TRMC, city secretary, Friendswood

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South Plains Chapter

By Chapter Secretary **Sharon Trumble**
City Secretary, New Deal

The South Plains Chapter met on March 16 at Lubbock Women's Club in Lubbock. The meeting was hosted by the City of Littlefield and City Secretary Janine Butler.

President Toni Chrestman, TRMC, city secretary, Slaton, called the meeting to order.

Littlefield City Secretary Janine Butler introduced Ashley Harder, Corporate Market Director for the American Heart Association. Ashley Harder gave a very informative presentation on heart disease in women; the presentation included signs of a heart attack. Handouts and "Go Red" pins were distributed; April is **"Go Red for Women"** month.

President Chrestman welcomed members and our guest. She then read her thank-you note to the group for flowers sent during the loss of her mother.

President Chrestman congratulated Texas Registered Municipal Clerk certification graduates for 2010: Beth Walls, TRMC, city secretary, Levelland; Murvat Musa, TRMC, city manager, Ransom Canyon; and JoAnn Beard, TRMC, city secretary, Smyer. President



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Chrestman also congratulated the following members for their 2010 TRMC recertification: LeAnn Gallman, TRMC, city secretary, Muleshoe; Cynthia Williams, TRMC, assistant city secretary, Post; Deana Watson, TRMC, city secretary, Post; Toni Wilson, TRMC, city secretary (ret.), Sundown; Karen Lawson, TRMC, city secretary (ret.), Floydada; and Pam Rowe, TRMC, city secretary, Plains.

The membership approved the minutes from the December 15 meeting and the treasurer's report.

President Toni Chrestman swore in Whitehouse City Secretary Belinda Terrell as historian for the 2011-2012 South Plains Chapter.

Crosbyton City Secretary Jodie House, chairman for the Annual Chapter Seminar for 2011, asked for recommendations for the program seminar. Members gave suggestions on possible topics.

Committee Chair Maria Hatchett, TRMC, city secretary, Lamesa, gave the report on appointment of Municipal Clerk of the Year honorees. The committee recommended LeAnn Gallman, TRMC, city secretary, Muleshoe, as the TMCA Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year nominee for 2011, and Becky Garza, TRMC, city secretary, Lubbock, as the South Plains Chapter Clerk of the Year for 2011.

The next meeting was set for June 15, and will be hosted by the City of Lubbock. ★



Toni Chrestman, TRMC, city secretary, Slaton

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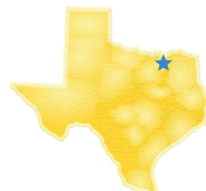
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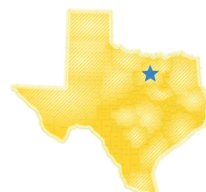
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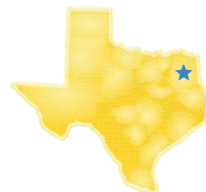
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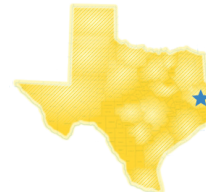
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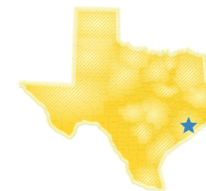
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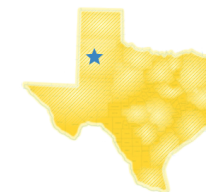
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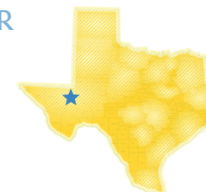
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