



News and Tidbits

March 2017

Greetings!

President's Message:



As spring approaches, I am reminded that everything old becomes new again. Whether you're an avid or amateur gardener, a runner, cyclist, or just love the sunshine, I hope you take time out to enjoy the blessings of Texas weather. Let's all stop and 'smell the roses' as the saying goes.

Of course, we've begun election season as well. Sure, it's a lot of work and it can be painful sometimes. Just remember - we are the cogs that make the wheels of local democracy work. Our residents rely on our expertise to keep clear of the fray and provide honest, non-partisan support of the election process. It is through these efforts that our cities operate. Thank you for your dedication and integrity! I wish you all a peaceful election season.

FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

Thank you to Laura Bell for hosting our February meeting in Addison. The Addison Convention Center is a great meeting place, conveniently located near the Dallas Tollway. Every month we are treated to a wonderful lunch and Culinary Arts Catering was no exception, providing a delicious fajita buffet with the best cookies and dessert bars.



Guest speaker Caitlan Smelley, Assistant to the Addison City Manager & current President of the Urban Management Assistants of North Texas (UMANT), spoke about Emotional Intelligence. While Caitlin acknowledged she is a millennial, she proved that EI is not only an experienced person's proficiency. No matter our age or history, achieving such discernment takes effort and a broad view of the world we live in. We are all different, with different goals and expectations. It's important to recognize we embody the qualities and behavior we choose to embrace.

Aimee Nemer (Richardson) presented Linda Rhodes (Lake Worth) with an embroidered TRMC blanket in recognition of her retirement. Linda served her community and our organization with distinction for many years. We will miss her friendship and warm smile. Please join me in sending Linda our sincere congratulations and best wishes for a joyful retirement!



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Upcoming Meeting

Mark your calendars for these meetings!!

March 22, 2017- Haltom City ([Register Here](#))

April 12, 2017- Professional Seminar (Grapevine)

May- No Meeting-Happy Elections!!

June 22, 2017- Location TBD

Speakers Needed!

Calling all clerks...calling all clerks!

The board is looking for three volunteers to make a 15-minute presentation at the **NTMCA meeting in Joshua on September 21st**.

At the March 2015 meeting, our group had individual speakers who spoke on Open Records Data Redaction, Office Integrity, Parliamentary Procedures, and Stepping Out of Your Comfort Zone; all of which we found very informative.

So, if you have something to share that could benefit us all and if you're willing to be a presenter, please email [Sheila Morales](#).

And just in case you need a little motivation..

Why should I present:

- * Presenting gives me an opportunity to share something I've found helpful, which in turn, help others.
- * Presenting pushes me out of my comfort zone.
- * Presenting is something leaders do.

Nothing in life worth gaining is easy -



Christine Green (University Park) reminded attendees to register for the upcoming Professional Seminar on April 12th in Grapevine. Registration will open March 7. (See full description below)

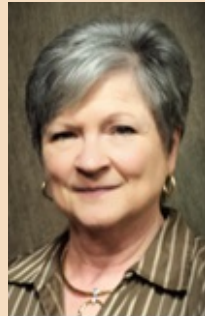
Theresa Scott (Flower Mound) provided us online links to keep updated on proposed bills affecting municipal entities during this year's legislative session, as follows:

www.capitol.state.tx.us
www.tml.org/legs_updates

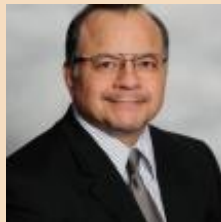


For me, one of the many pleasures of being on the Board is the opportunity to recognize our members achievements. In January, we had 8 TMCCP graduates, 12 re-certification candidates, and 11 participants who passed program examinations.

Diane Cockrell (Decatur) earned the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation from the Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). This is no small feat and we are all proud of Diane's hard work. In addition, Art Camacho (Haltom City) was recently featured in the IIMC News Digest in recognition of being awarded the 2016 TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year.



What a committed and skilled group of professionals!
 Congratulations to all!



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our chapter has achieved a record **97 members!** Membership is not limited and we continue to encourage growth. If you know of anyone that has moved into our area or that will benefit from our training programs and networking, please urge them to join our chapter. [Membership Applications](#) can be found on the website. Checks must be made out to 'NTMCA' and mailed to Amy Shelley as indicated. Please contact Membership Chair [Laurie Garber](#) if you have any questions.

MEMBER SURVEY

The Board has reviewed survey responses and will be bringing recommendations to the membership in March. A complete copy of survey results will be distributed to the membership on March 6, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact any one of us on the Board.

Thank you to all our members and committee volunteers for your

so go ahead and volunteer to be one of our presenters. You'll be glad you did.

Meeting Reservations

Members we need your help! 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!
Carol Borges, President

Future 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 members know.



If you would like to contribute to an article for consideration, please submit it by email to Laura Bell.

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support and dedication to our organization. We succeed because you make it happen!

[NTMCA Website](#)

Respectfully Yours, Carol Borges, President

March 22, 2017 Meeting & Luncheon

Our next meeting will be held at the Haltom City Public Library, 4809 Haltom Rd, Haltom City, TX 76117. Registration is now open ([Register Here](#)). Please remember to register early and, if you can, bring a friend or colleague to expose him/her to our programs.

The meeting will have an excellent speaker (see information below) and we will also be discussing the results of our survey, some budget-related items and several other items that need membership feedback. We hope to see many of you there!!

Speaker Information:

Title: Overcome the Overwhelm - Strategies to be Less Stressed and Get More Done

Being overwhelmed in life and business simply feels BAD! You can take steps to feel more in control. Lauren Midgley, a personal productivity expert and time behaviorist, shares how to make a breakthrough happen in your life.

Being productive differs for each person, based on their energy, prioritization skills and desire. It is time to overcome the feeling of being overwhelmed, so that you can live a less stressed life and get more done.

3 Key Takeaways from the presentation:

1. Understand why are we so overwhelmed helps to overcome it.
2. Determine which areas are most important to tackle first.
3. 3 proven strategies to impact your calendar, your to-do list and your overall accomplishments.

Lauren Midgley Biography

Lauren Midgley, speaker, author and business consultant, based in Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas began her consulting company in 2010 after serving 25 years in the corporate world. She held a variety of executive positions in Sales, Marketing, and Franchise Recruiting and Development for two Fortune 500 companies: Deluxe Checks/Safeguard and ADP.

As a speaker, Lauren speaks to business groups on the topics: Productivity, Accountability culture, and Profitability Impact. She engages the audience through interaction, thought provoking questions and her enthusiasm. Lauren is known for her high-content, high-energy keynotes that get results. What makes a difference in her presentations is her real-world stories and actionable strategies. In the past four years, Lauren has spoken to over 300 groups and 5,000 people to influence points of view on sales, marketing and productivity.

As a published author of three books: *It's 6 a.m. and I'm Already Behind-Strategies to Get Caught Up*; *Masterminding Our Way*; and *Successfully Failing at Procrastination*, Lauren shows the passion to inspire and instruct others on how to overcome being overwhelmed, deal with roadblocks and ultimately feel accomplished. She relays how to focus and be successful in both business and life. Acclaimed for her "no-nonsense perspective" and clear communication, Lauren enthusiastically ignites audiences to shift their thinking.

She is a professional member of National Speaker Association of North Texas and is a Board of Director. She worked in a franchise company for over 17 years and acquired the distinction as a Certified Franchise Executive from 2007-2014. Lauren holds a MBA degree from Golden Gate University and an undergraduate degree in marketing from Arizona State.

NTMCA Hosting Athenian Leadership Society Dialogue

We look forward to seeing you all in Grapevine at our Athenian Dialogue on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at the Grapevine Convention and Visitor's Bureau Headquarters.

Registration and breakfast will take place from 8 - 9 a.m., and the program will begin at 9 a.m.

Please join us for this fun and engaging event!

Profiles in Courage by John F. Kennedy

·Facilitator: Mac Woodward, Director of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum at Sam Houston State University

·Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

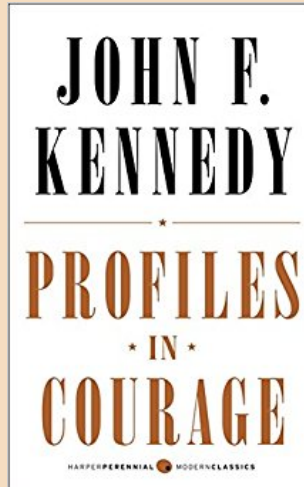
·Place: Grapevine Convention and Visitor's Bureau Headquarters, 636 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX 76051

·Nearby Hotels: Comfort Inn (817) 329-9300, Hilton Garden Inn (817) 421-1172, Holiday Inn (817) 422-5919

·Cost: \$65.00 - Includes breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Does not include the price of the book.

Participants in this dialogue are eligible for 3 IIMC CMC Education or 3 MMC Advanced Education points with completed learning assessment. The learning assessment can also be used toward TRMC recertification.

The invite will go out to the membership the week of March 6th. Remember that this will be open to TMCA membership also. Get your registration in early.



NTMCA Clerk of the Year & TMCA Clerk of the Year Nomination

Each year we get an opportunity to honor one of our own for their hard work and dedication to our Chapter and our profession. Past recipients of the "Municipal Clerk of the Year" Award have shown commitment to leadership and a devotion to mentoring other Municipal Clerks along the way. Nominating a fellow Clerk is the perfect way to express your appreciation and lets the nominee know their relentless efforts have not gone unnoticed.

This year's submission deadline for nominating a Chapter member is **Friday, May 12, 2017**. The [nomination form](#), and list of [nominee qualifications](#) are available. These nominations are eligible for both the Chapter "Municipal Clerk of the Year" Award AND the Chapter recommended State "Municipal Clerk of the Year" Award.

Please contact either Jean Dwinnell at 972-304-3664 or jdwinnell@coppelltx.gov, or Jeannie Kenyon at 817-459-6184 or Jeannie.kenyon@arlingtontx.gov if you have questions.

We are an awesome Chapter! Let's lead and be a model for our sister Chapters.