



News and Tidbits

November 2015

Greetings!

President's Message:



Hello all! We would like to thank Christel Pettinos, City Secretary, City of Coppell, for hosting our October Chapter meeting at the Coppell Fire Station.

Coppell Police Chief Mac Tristan joined our Chapter this month to talk to us about "Leadership Concepts - Becoming the Best Version of You". He spoke to, and interacted with the attendees and shared the following:

Becoming the best version of you includes picking one thing you will work on to refine to make better. Improve yourself to become a better employee, spouse, friend, etc. There are things you can do that no one else can do. His theory of human behavior is that, "people do stupid stuff!" Why?!?! They believe it will make them happy, or provide instant gratification. He said thoughts lead to decisions; decisions lead to actions; actions create habits; habits form our character; and character determines our destiny. There are four areas of you/me: physical (taking care of ourselves); emotional (relational); intellectual (feeding your brain); and spiritual (what you believe in). He said we can all improve in something!

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Upcoming Meetings

November 18	Trophy Club
December 9	Holiday Luncheon in Lewisville
January 13	Crowley
February 18	Flower Mound
March 9	Watauga

NTMCA November Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

**Trophy Club Country Club
500 Trophy Club Drive**

Speaker: Dottie Gandy of
Forte Speakers

Topic:
High Cost of Low Trust

Registration is open until Friday, November 13, 2015. Please click



**Coppell Police Chief Mac Tristan
October Meeting Speaker**

October Meeting Summary

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

- September 16th meeting minutes;
- Treasurer report for September 2015;
- FY 2015 fourth quarter report; and
- Budget amendment of \$767 for overages on our scanning project

We hope to see you in Trophy Club on November 18th for our next Chapter meeting! Dottie Gandy of Forte Speakers will talk to us about the "High Cost of Low Trust."

I am still looking for volunteers for our FY 2015-2016 Committees! Please get me your [applications](#) NOW. Thank you!

[here](#) to register.



Save the Date

**NTMCA Holiday
Luncheon
December 9, 2015**

Save the date for our annual holiday luncheon. All are guaranteed to have a fun time and we look forward to seeing you in Lewisville for the inaugural City Secretary Olympics.

The selected charity this year is [Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County \(CACDC\)](#). This wonderful 501(c) 3 non-profit organization provides justice and healing for abused children. Our chapter will be collecting contributions to present to CACDC at our luncheon.

Contributions needed:

Birthday packages - The request for birthday packages may seem out of the norm, but often in these types of trauma situations, celebrations go uncelebrated. These packages can be used to brighten a sad situation, or uplift the spirit of a family that has been devastated.

- Boxed cake mix (all kinds)



**October 2015 Luncheon Attendees
Coppell**

Mary Supino, President

Membership Drive

October 1st began the new fiscal and membership year for NTMCA! Please take the time to complete the membership application and submit your dues today! Our membership dues support our activities and programs for the year. In today's tight budgets more and more clerks are searching for ways to meet the educational requirements of our profession and NTMCA will strive to continue to support the award of as many scholarships as possible. To help support the Alyce Deering Scholarship Program, please consider making a contribution when you submit your membership dues.



Download a [Membership Form](#) today! The cost of our chapter dues is \$30.

Looking for Volunteers!

WE NEED YOU!!

I have received very few applications for FY 2016 Committees. Please show your support for our Chapter by volunteering to serve on a Committee this upcoming year. Please complete an [application](#) and return to me as soon as possible: Mary.Supino@arlingtontx.gov

Mary Supino, President

- Canned frosting
- Rainbow sprinkles
- Boxed birthday candles
- Solid color cake plates (all colors)
- Solid color streamers (single roll, not multi-packs)
- Smallest containers of vegetable oil available (16 oz.)
- Solid color gift bags (to fit ingredients, plats, and streamers)

Office supplies - The request for office supplies is to record the children's stories to be used in the investigation of child abuse cases. This interview is the opportunity for the children to bring their abuse from darkness to light, and to let the investigation begin, and begin their journey to justice, healing, and safety.

- Gift cards for craft supplies (Walmart, Target, Michaels, Hobby Lobby)
- White copy paper
- Blank DVD R's
- DVD jewel cases

You will also have the chance of taking home a few goodies, if you are the winning bidder at the Alyce Deering Scholarship Silent Auction. The Alyce Deering Scholarship assists clerks in their profession by providing funds to offset costs associated with travel and registration costs for sponsored TMCA/TMCCP seminars. The committee is **seeking donations** to raise funds for the Alyce Deering fund. If you have a talent (arts/crafts, photography, etc.) please consider donating an item. If you know a vendor that may be interested in donating an item, please reach out to him/her. Please contact Monica Solko at 817-427-6062 or msolko@nrhtx.com for additional information.

Submitted by Monica Solko

Where the West Begins

The fertile, game-rich land surrounding the banks of the Trinity River had long been a favorite hunting ground for Native Americans in the area, but it soon proved irresistible to settlers as well.

A settlement had been established by Jonathon Bird in the winter of 1840, three miles east of where Birdville is today. In 1843, Sam Houston came to what was then called Fort Bird or Bird's Fort and remained more than a month, awaiting chiefs from different tribes to discuss a peace parley. Houston departed, leaving Gen. Edward H. Tarrant and George W. Terrell to meet with the chiefs. When the tribes came to the negotiating table, a treaty was made under which the Native Americans were to remain to the west of a line traced passing through the future site of Fort Worth. The line marked "Where the West Begins" - giving Fort Worth its famous slogan.

The Establishment of Fort Worth

In an attempt to establish control over North Texas, the Republic of Texas attempted to set up a line of "ranger" (militia) forts on the frontier. When ranger stations proved inadequate, the U.S. Army stepped in and took over the job of watching the frontier. It adopted a "picket line" strategy of establishing forts every 100 miles or so, stretching from the Rio Grande in the south to the Red River in the north.

In the spring of 1849, Fort Graham on the Brazos River represented the northern anchor of that defensive line, leaving a 130-mile gap up the Red River that was a blind spot in the state's defenses. To extend the line farther north and close that gap, Col. William S. Harney, acting commander of the Department of Texas after the death of Maj. Gen. Williams Jenkins Worth, on May 7 ordered Maj. Ripley Arnold up to the Trinity River.

Arnold took a small party of 2nd Dragoon troopers and proceeded to Johnson's Station, where he hooked up with Middleton Tate Johnson and four other civilians. They rode west to a spot near the confluence of the Clear and West forks of the Trinity. There, at the end of May, they planted Old Glory on the future site of Fort Worth.

Fort Worth Becomes the County Seat

Birdville was the largest town and the seat of Tarrant County in the 1850s.

Many settlers, however, already had moved into the area surrounding the Fort Worth outpost. When the troops left, residents converted the military buildings into schools, stores

TMCCP Scholarships - Still available through TMCA!

Very few people have taken advantage of the [TMCCP Seminar Registration Fee Scholarships](#) or [TMCCP Seminar Travel Stipends](#) so far this year.

If you meet the eligibility requirements, apply and let TMCA pay for your TMCCP seminar or your travel/lodging expenses for a TMCCP seminar this year!

Please apply no later than 10 business days prior to the desired seminar.

**Submitted by
Mary Supino,
NTMCA President**

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!
Mary Supino, President**

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and churches.

Ambitious Fort Worth residents soon called a courthouse election, sparking a bitter, yet amusing, campaign. As legend has it, Birdville had a barrel of whisky, intended for use on Election Day, but Fort Worth citizens learned about it, siphoned off the liquor, took it to their town and gave it to the voters. Fort Worth won the election by a narrow margin, though Birdville supporters asserted that men who did not live in the county had voted for Fort Worth. Jubilant citizens hastened to Birdville, loaded the county records on a wagon and, with three fiddlers playing for all they were worth, proceeded triumphantly to the new county seat.

Trades and business began to thrive in Fort Worth. Capt. Julian Feild [sic], Fort Worth's first postmaster, established the first flour and corn mill. Capt. Ephraim Daggett is credited with opening the first hotel. Dr. Carroll Peak was the first physician. John Peter Smith taught the first school. Circuit riders conducted services and churches were organized.

In 1873, with a population of 500, the citizens decided that Fort Worth should incorporate and Dr. W.P. Burts was elected mayor.

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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 [Amy Shelley](mailto:Amy.Shelley).

Quick Links

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