



News and Tidbits

May 2015

President's Message:



Well, we are almost through with Elections! This is such a busy time for all of us. But, when all of these crazy times are happening, it's so nice to know that we have support from all of our colleagues and friends within the association.

We want to thank Tara Brooks, TRMC, City Secretary, City of Grapevine, for hosting our Professional Seminar/Athenian Dialogue at The Grapevine Convention & Visitor's Bureau on April 1st. What a beautiful location!

We'd also like to thank our Professional Seminar Committee members: Norma Zenk, Chair, City Secretary, City of Azle; Tara Brooks, City Secretary, City of Grapevine; Krystle Nelinson, City Secretary, City of Carrollton; and Board Liaison Amy Shelley, City of Colleyville. These ladies worked so hard and put an amazing program together & of course, delicious food and snacks!



**Dr. Amy Holt, Education Director, TMCCP
NTMCA Professional Seminar Facilitator**

And, a huge thank you to Dr. Amy Holt, Education Director, TMCCP, who facilitated our discussion of *Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery* by Eric Metaxas. We had a fantastic day! We had great discussions relative to William Wilberforce, as a person and as a leader. We participated in group discussions and a short public speaking exercise.

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Upcoming Meetings

May - Elections	No Meeting
June 3 - NTMCA Awards	Euless
July 15	Arlington
August 12	Richardson
September 16	Haltom City

**NTMCA and TMCA
Clerk of the Year
Nominations**



**Group Photo
NTMCA Professional Seminar**

For those of you that have not participated in an Athenian Dialogue, I highly recommend it. They are so much fun - you get to read a great book, have a fantastic discussion about the book with colleagues, and you're able to apply leadership traits and skills learned in the book to our role as City Clerks. AND, while having all of this fun, you can earn credit towards your recertification! Try one, you'll love it!



**Group Presentation
NTMCA Professional Seminar**

I hope all of you were able to participate in our survey related to the NTMCA's proposed scanning project. This is great opportunity for our Chapter to digitize all of our Chapter photos and documents in order to preserve our history and make this information more accessible to our members. We are really excited to get started and we appreciate your support!

Remember that we will not meet in May due to our municipal Elections. June will be our annual awards luncheon hosted by the City of Eules. And, our next regular Chapter business meeting will be in July in Arlington. See you all in June!

Mary Supino, President



Time is running out to nominate a member for Municipal Clerk of the Year and to receive submissions for Alyce Deering Scholarships.

The NTMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year Committee is accepting nominations for TMCA Clerk of the Year and NTMCA Clerk of the Year.

This is an awesome opportunity for you to recognize clerks who are committed to leadership and professionalism as City Clerks.

The deadline to submit nominations is **May 15, 2015!** For a nomination form, including a list of nominee qualifications visit the NTMCA Website ([Committees page](#)).

Questions?

Contact a committee member:
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**Kim Sutter,
Municipal Clerk of the Year
Committee Chair**

Alyce Deering Scholarship

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)**

2015-2016 NTMCA Officer Applications Being Accepted

NTMCA is driven by the involvement of our members. We are currently looking for those willing to serve our fellow clerks as an Officer of our association. This gives you a chance to work closely with other clerks, make lasting friendships and serve the association in a rewarding manner.

Applications for the FY 2014-2015 NTMCA Board must be received by **May 15th**. The Officer positions are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Historian. Detailed descriptions of the duties of each officer can be found in the [NTMCA Bylaws](#).

The Nominating Committee will review all applications, interview candidates and present the slate of Officers to the membership at the June 3rd meeting in Euless. Any present or past officers would be happy to answer questions.

Please consider becoming an officer and submit your application to Committee Chair: Diane Cockrell at dcockrell@decaturtx.org by the May 15, 2014 deadline. [NTMCA Officer Application Form](#)

**Submitted by Diane Cockrell
Nominating Committee Chair
(Decatur)**

Legislative Update

Lots of activity this week in Austin as we move closer to the last day of the regular session (June 1). Just a reminder to everyone to monitor the bills that you are interested in or may impact your city.

A great number of Bills that were filed early on have not moved and very well may have been replaced by interest in other high profile Bills. However, the Legislature does appear to be picking up steam as the session comes to a close so be on the lookout for some movement to occur.

What is in your toolbox?



What about funding?

Deadline: Friday, May 1st !!!

We are currently accepting applications for the 2015 Alyce Deering Scholarship.

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide funds for travel and seminar registration for a TMCCP/TMCA sponsored certification program.

The full summary of the program is available [HERE](#).

To apply you must complete the application and provide a copy of your TMCCP transcript and a letter of commitment.

The application deadline is May 1st.

**Alicia Richardson
Alyce Deering
Scholarship Committee Chair**

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**

I have highlighted a few Bills of interest below:

HB 40 - Relating to the exclusive jurisdiction of this state to regulate oil and gas operations in this state and the express preemption of local regulation of those operations. **Passed by the House 4/20 and scheduled for public hearing.**

HB 361 Elimination of May UED - referred to Elections Committee 2/12/15 - **no movement**

HB 1405 - Posting of C/OH on website if over 50,000 population. **Sent to calendars 4/28/15**

HB 2027 - Provide that County election precincts are the election precincts for any election held on Uniform Election Date - **Passed by the House.**

HB 2125 - Prohibit use of paper ballots at any polling place if an electronic voting system is used in the election - **left pending in committee 4/20/15**

HB 2201 - Related to Type A General Law Cities relating to vacancies on the governing body of a Type A general-law municipality. Passed the House. As passed, the bill would, for a general law Type A city: (1) create an automatic vacancy in office for any member of a governing body who moves his or her place of residence outside the city limits; (2) reduce the vote requirement to appoint an individual to the governing body from a majority of the remaining members to a majority of members present and voting; and (3) prohibit a member who has resigned from the governing body from voting to fill a vacancy on the governing body by special election.

HB 2354 - Provide every general and special election held second Saturday of May in odd-numbered years an first Saturday in May in even-numbered years. Out of House committee on 4/14. Placed on Local, Consent and Res. Calendar 4/30.

SB 63 and SJR 6 - Term limits (8 years) - **No movement since 2/18.**

SB 467 - Elections - Expand time period for early voting. **No movement since 2/10**

HB 2134 - PIA- clarification by email if request received via email. **Voted out of the House 4/23.**

S.B. 714- Red light cameras, relating to the authority of the governing body of a local authority to impose a civil penalty for certain violations recorded by an automated traffic control system or a photographic traffic signal enforcement system. **Passed the Senate. As passed, the bill would prohibit the use of red light and school bus stop-arm cameras.**

Thank you.

**Submitted by Kim Sutter, TRMC
Legislative Committee Chair
(Euless)**

FY 2014-2015 Board Officers

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

Quick Links

[NTMCA Website](#)

[FY 2015 Membership Application](#)

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Historical Tid-Bits - City of Arlington

- Arlington was founded in 1876 along the Texas and Pacific Railway, but European settlement in the Arlington area dates back at least to the 1840s. It was incorporated in 1884.
- The city was named after General Robert E. Lee's Arlington House in Arlington County, Virginia.
- Large-scale industrialization began in 1954 with the arrival of a General Motors assembly plant.
- Arlington is located in Tarrant County with a population of approximately 379,577.
- City area is 99.7 square miles.
- Arlington is the fiftieth most populous city in the United States, the seventh most populous city in the state of Texas, and the largest city in the state that is not a county seat.
- Arlington and Bad Königshofen, Germany have been sister cities since 1952. The relationship between the two cities dates to 1951, when residents and businesses in Arlington began shipping food and clothing to refugees who traveled into their small town, escaping the communist east. Arlington's contributions brought a spark of hope to a community overwhelmed with need.
- Arlington is home to the Texas Christkindl Market, which is held annually, adjacent to Globe Life Park. The Market celebrates the German Christmas heritage showcasing German food and beverage, merchandise and entertainment.
- Arlington has numerous educational institutions including The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), the Southeast Campus of Tarrant County College, Arlington Baptist College, and B. H. Carroll Theological Institute.
- The Texas Rangers play at the Globe Life Park in Arlington, since the Washington Senators baseball franchise moved from Washington, D.C. to Arlington in 1972, when they made their debut as The Texas Rangers.
- AT&T Stadium in Arlington hosts the Dallas Cowboys football team and has also been the venue for the American Country Music Awards, the Final Four, and the College Football Championship game. The Stadium will host the WWE's WrestleMania 32 in 2016.
- Levitt Pavilion Arlington opened in 2009 and offers 50 free concerts per year in downtown Arlington featuring acclaimed artists and a diverse range of music genres.
- Arlington is home to Six Flags Over Texas theme park and Hurricane Harbor water park.
- The International Bowling Campus (which houses the United States Bowling Congress, International Bowling Museum and the International Bowling Hall of Fame) is located in Arlington.
- Arlington is the home of the National Office of American Mensa high IQ society.
- Johnson Creek, a tributary of the Trinity River, and the Trinity River itself, flow through Arlington.
- River Legacy Park is a 1,300-acre park which follows the curves of the Trinity River in north Arlington with eight miles of paved hike and bike trails winding through thick forest and expansive greenbelts, well-maintained mountain bike trails, playgrounds and pavilions.

- Council-Manager type government; The Arlington City Council is composed of Mayor Robert Cluck and eight City Council members, with both single-member and at-large districts.

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