



TMCA NEWS

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President's Message

What Does Our Past Have to do With Our Future?

January came in with a blast of ice and snow, but not even that deterred the TMCCP Election Law Seminar and its attendees!

This seminar, once again, proved that municipal clerks are flexible as well as determined and committed. Some of the scheduled instructors were unable to attend part of the conference, however; heads came together, brainstorming ensued, and "Plan B" came into being at the "nth hour"! The "Step by Step" pre-seminar session was modified, but not suspended; Secretary of State Representative Melinda Nickless was unable to attend due to illness, but Ann McGeehan substituted and did an outstanding job. The show must go on—and it did! A great big thank you goes out to those who helped fill in. We are fortunate to have a large bank of experienced clerks (TRMCs). All we needed to do was ask for their help, and they were ready and very qualified to substitute. Included in the list of those who did a great job of being flexible was our staff, Dr. Snay, Peggy, Alexandra, and Miriam. We also want to thank our friend and *Texas Municipal Election Law Manual* author, Analeslie Muncy, who did her share of "subbing." Makes you just plain P-R-O-U-D!

This is a prime example of how our past experiences and the knowledge we received through TMCCP prepared us for situations such as this. This is another memorable experience that we can label "successful." These types of circumstances



TMCA President
Lydia Ozuna, TRMC

President's Message

prepare us for our future because we have acquired the self confidence that we need to take control and make prompt, professional and suitable decisions.

Have you ever said to yourself, "I wish I knew then what I know now"? What we know now would have saved us from past mistakes, frustration, and stress. We have learned from past experiences, whether good or bad, and we utilize those lessons to improve the way we handle the numerous issues that we encounter on a daily basis.

When we began our journey as novice clerks, we were overwhelmed with the ever-growing challenges. There were so many rules, regulations, and laws which needed to be learned that we wondered how we would get it all done—and remain sane! TMCA, Inc., and TMCCP can be given most of the credit for seeing us through those times of uncertainty. What we have learned has helped us conquer and deal with the difficult situations in our offices and in our cities, as well as in our personal lives—not only then, but now and in the future. We feel, and are, better equipped to answer tough questions and carry out projects in a professional and positive manner.

When we became certified clerks we gained the self confidence to press forward and look for new opportunities of how to better accomplish our jobs. The education that we gleaned through TMCCP by studying about the various aspects of city government; the inner workings in the different departments; and how to operate a professional office, all gave us a better understanding of our vital roles in this mosaic of city government, as well as how our municipalities function. We are better able to relate to each function and can provide quality service.

We also learned that answers and solutions can be found in resources such as the *Texas Municipal Election Law Manual*, the *Texas Municipal Law and Procedure Manual*, the *Texas Municipal Clerk's Handbook*, and through our peers. Our peers are excellent resources, and attending seminars gives us the opportunity to meet new clerks and become familiar with their individual expertise. Many are already experienced clerks, and we have the advantage of being able to contact them and ask for their assistance. They are always eager and ready to help their fellow clerks. If they don't know the answer they will find out or refer you to another source. I encourage you to use

the experts that we have in TMCA, Inc., to make your work experience easier and more enjoyable. We have all been there, and we are continually learning and growing. Together we can learn from the past to improve our future.

Our past has helped us to progress. Therefore, we have not remained in the same state of uncertainty and frustration, but have grown to be the highly educated, ethical, confident, and dependable clerks that we are today. We have learned to accept changes because change is necessary in order to be able to grow and progress.

We continue to prepare for our future by continuing our education, mentoring new clerks, and being the proud, exemplary clerks that we have become. Our future is bright because we have helped to make TMCA, Inc., what it is today and continue to perfect it for those that follow us.

"Don't leave off for tomorrow what you can do today." Begin your journey to becoming a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk (TRMC) and sign up with TMCCP today!

Lydia Ozuna, TRMC
2007 TMCA, Inc., President

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TMCCP Seminar

Public Management & Administration Seminar

April 12-13, 2007, Beaumont, Texas

APRIL 3
early
registration
deadline

**MGM Elegante Hotel
& Conference Center**
877-842-3606

**TMCCP
Course 1 Seminar Credit**

Topics Include:

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- Human Resource Development
- Managing Administrative Services
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- Report Writing
- Writing Effective Letters and Memos
- Records Management

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Dr. Joe Jernigan is an exceptional workshop leader in the fields of office technology and administration. He holds the Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) rating, and is Achieve Global certified to conduct leadership seminars.

Dr. Jernigan teaches CPS review courses and conducts seminars for office administration personnel in school districts and industry. Currently, Dr. Jernigan is Coordinator of Workforce Training at Tarrant County College.

Dr. Jernigan creates specific, *hands-on* activities and practical exercises for seminar participants to use to make the real-world job of office management and supervision more productive. He helps attendees improve their professional skills related to efficient office design and management; effective letter, memo, and report writing; time management; leadership and supervision; and human resource development. ★

**TMCCP 2007
Seminar Calendar**

**Public Management
& Administration**

TMCCP Course 1 Seminar Credit

Speaker: Dr. **Joe Jernigan**

Beaumont, April 12-13

Seminar Hotel: MCM Elegante Hotel and Conference Center
877-842-3606

Municipal Finance

TMCCP Course 3 or 4 Seminar Credit

Speaker: Dr. **Arlita Harris**

Amarillo, June 7-8

Seminar Hotel: Ashmore Inn & Suites, 806-374-3344

Legislative Update

TMCCP Course 1 Seminar Credit

Speaker: **Alan Bojorquez**

Irving, August 9-10

Seminar Hotel: Sheraton Grand, 972-929-8400

Graduate Institute

TMCCP Course 2 Seminar Credit

Speaker: **James Dodson**

**Fredericksburg,
October 11-12**

Seminar Hotel: Inn on Barons Creek, 830-990-9202

TMCCP Seminar

Municipal Finance Seminar

June 7-8, 2007, Amarillo, Texas



Dr. Arlita Harris, Senior Marketing Specialist, Center for Distributed Learning, University of North Texas, Denton, is the instructor for the June seminar at the Ashmore Inn & Suites in Amarillo.

On Thursday, Dr. Harris will present a comprehensive overview of the municipal budgeting process. Friday's session will focus on resources and techniques of successful grant writing.

Dr. Harris is the author of the new *Municipal Budgets and Finances*, published by Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc., and used as the main textbook for TMCCP's Course 3. She also wrote *Managing Budgets and Finance: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians and Information Professionals*, published by Neal-Schuman in 2005. Dr. Harris served as a TMCCP Course 3 instructor in 2006 and presented the grant writing segment for TML in 2007.



To realize maximum benefit for each of you during the Friday grant writing session, Dr. Harris requests that each participant bring an idea from his or her community for a project that needs funding. You will learn how to write a successful grant proposal to get the financial and community support to make it happen! Workshop participants will receive assistance in defining their projects, identifying an interested funder, and beginning their grant proposal. This is a grand opportunity to inform other city officials such as the city manager, mayor, police chief, councils, etc., about this practical workshop and ask them to share information about needed projects and possibilities.

Anyone may attend this seminar. Sign-up early as the space at the Ashmore Inn & Suites is limited.

Ashmore Inn & Suites
806-374-3344

TMCCP Course 3 or 4
Seminar Credit

registration begins
in April

watch our website!

Dr. Harris has received and managed more than five million dollars in grants at the local, state, and federal levels. She also teaches courses in grant writing and fundraising, budget and finance, facilities management, and marketing/partnership for the American Library Association. Formerly an associate dean of the School of Library and Information Science at UNT, Dr. Harris' previous experience includes positions as university librarian at a private university in Nairobi, Kenya; quality of life administrator for the City of Clearwater, Florida; and director of five public library systems in Illinois, Florida, and Texas. Dr. Harris has a B.S. in English, an M.S. library science, and a PH.D. in public administration from the University of Texas at Arlington. ★



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The keynote speaker at the banquet was Richard Escalante, vice chancellor for administrative services, University of North Texas.



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Dale Barstow, Municipal Code Corporation, presents MCC Scholarship winner Brenda Staab, TRMC, city secretary, Haltom City, with her award plaque. Nancy Hale, city secretary, Spur, was also presented with a MCC Scholarship (*photo not available*). Congratulations, Brenda and Nancy!

TMCCP Election Law Seminar

Despite the icy weather, attendees from all over Texas came to Austin for the annual TMCCP Election Law Seminar. Topics included Early Voting; Secretary of State Legislative Update; DRE Compliance and Joint Elections; and Polling Place and Training Election Judges.



Photos courtesy of Brenda Staab, TRMC



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Committee Chair Pauline Small, TRMC, city secretary, Webster; Dale Barstow, Municipal Code Corporation, and TMCA President Lydia Ozuna, TRMC, city clerk, Wichita Falls, announced the new Records Management Scholarship Award to be sponsored by Municipal Code Corporation Innovations (MCCi) during the TMCCP Election Law Seminar. Chair Small coordinated the policy and process development that will serve as the criteria for this scholarship award. MCCi will sponsor a similar award in the state of Florida and the committee members collaborated with the Florida Clerks Association representative.

Additional information about how to apply for this new scholarship award will be posted on the Texas Municipal Clerks website.

Thank you to Dale Barstow, Donnie Barstow, Russell Haddock, and MCCi for this generous scholarship award to assist Texas clerks and cities to improve their records management systems and to seek further education.

TMCCP Recertifying and Graduating Classes of 2007



The 2007 Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program recertifying class.

From left to right, front row: **Teresa Valdez**, city secretary, Bastrop; **Betty Jo Harris**, city secretary, Sabinal; **Pamela Schmidt**, city secretary, Richardson; **Thelma Lenz**, deputy city secretary, Missouri City; **Judy Tokar**, city secretary, Schertz; **Jenny Redden**, city secretary, Morgan's Point.

From left to right, back row: **Yrene Morgan**, deputy city secretary, Mexia; **Ada Owens**, city secretary, Aransas Pass; **Shelley George**, city secretary, Allen; **Patrice Fogarty**, city secretary, Missouri City; **Pauline Small**, city secretary, Webster; **Judy Kimrey**, director of public affairs, Sugar Land; **Brenda Shaw**, city secretary/manager, Morton; **Sherry Mashburn**, city secretary, Bee Cave.

Not pictured: **Toni Chrestman**, city secretary, Slaton; **Diane Cockrell**, city secretary, Decatur; **Codi Delcambre**, town secretary, Argyle; **Danette Dunlap**, city secretary, Tye; **Carole Ehrlich**, city secretary, Wylie; **Barbara Haddock**, city secretary, Hollywood Park; **Sharon Jenkins**, administrative manager, Sugar Land; **Sonja Land**, assistant city secretary, Mesquite; **Susie Quinn**, city secretary, Rowlett; **Alicia Richardson**, city secretary, Highland Village; **Owen Scott**, city secretary, Lindale; **Dolle Shane**, city secretary, Lancaster; **Chris Wade**, city secretary, Levelland; and **Judy Womack**, city secretary, Mesquite.

The 2007 Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program graduating class.

From left to right, front row: **Debbie Chelf**, city secretary, Hutto; **Sandra Melton**, secretary, Sherman; **Bonnie Scaff**, city secretary, Bovina; **Patricia Phipps**, deputy city secretary, Friona; **Debbie Gressett**, city secretary, Seminole; **Delia Flores**, city secretary, Balcones Heights; **Nina Browning**, city secretary, Winnsboro; **Toni Milam**, executive assistant, Buda; **Shanae Jennings**, city secretary, Bedford.

From left to right, back row: **Cindy Gross**, city secretary, Balch Springs; **Tonya Thomas**, Wink; **Dixie Roberts**, administrative secretary, Lake Jackson; **Julie Lollar**, deputy city clerk, Denison; **Matthew Denton**, town secretary, Prosper; **Nyla Flatau**, board secretary, McAllen; **Eddie Sturgal**, city secretary, Lowry Crossing; **Christi Shivers**, city secretary, Mexia; **Donna Barkley**, administrative assistant to city manager, Woodway; **Danna Welter**, city secretary, Huntsville; **Sheila Williams**, city secretary, Brazoria; **Stacy Brack**, city secretary, Lampasas.

Not pictured: **Jhanna Bogan**, city secretary, Springtown; **Dorothy Brooks**, city secretary, Rockwall; **Stacy Corley**, deputy city secretary, Nacogdoches; **Deborah Jessup**, court administrator, Balch Springs; **Donna Robbins**, personnel tech, Mineral Wells; **Carrie Smith**, city secretary, Parker; **Annette Villarreal**, city secretary, McAllen; **Perla Zamora**, assistant city secretary, McAllen; **Norma Zenk**, town secretary, Pantego.



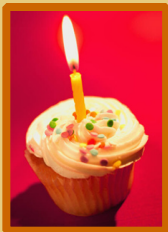
Municipal Clerks Week

Annually, the first week of May is proclaimed as Municipal Clerks Week by many governments throughout the world.

This year Municipal Clerks Week is April 29-May 5.

A sample proclamation that may be adapted for use by any city can be found [here](#).

Further information about Municipal Clerks Week from IIMC.



2007 TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year

By Municipal Clerk of the Year Committee Chair Terri Johnson, TRMC



The deadline for nominations for the 2007 Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year is **June 15, 2007**. Please send your nomination to Committee Chair Terri Johnson, TRMC, City Secretary, City of Friona, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035, or fax 806-250-2893, or email friona.cmgr@amaonline.com, *on or before this deadline date*.

The nominee must meet the following requirements:

1. A municipal clerk who has been an active member of TMCA for at least five years.
2. Must have provided service to other municipal clerks on a local level where the opportunity exists, or on a state level.
3. Must have exhibited leadership abilities.
4. Must have the Texas Registered Municipal Clerk Certification.
5. Must currently hold a municipal clerk position.

Download the form [here](#), or contact the TMCCP office (940-565-3488; aburke@unt.edu).

Members of the TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year Committee include: Aimee Nemer, TRMC, city secretary, Murphy; Annette Villarreal, TRMC, city secretary, McAllen; Ashley Mitchell, TRMC, city secretary, Carrollton; and TMCA Board Liaison LeAnn Gallman, TRMC, city secretary, Muleshoe.

The TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year Award will be announced at the 2007 Texas Municipal Clerks Association's Annual Awards Ceremony held in conjunction with the TMCCP Graduate Institute in Fredericksburg on Thursday, October 11, 2007. All local chapters and/or individuals are urged to honor a member and submit a nomination. ★

DEADLINE
June 15, 2007

NOMINATION FORM
[download here](#)

SUBMIT NOMINATION TO
Terri Johnson, TRMC
or fax 806-250-2893

Don't miss this
opportunity to honor
a fellow member!

Scholarships

Attention TMCA members! Great news!

Texas vendors and your TMCA executive board members have been extremely generous to offer several scholarships to support and assist members to pursue the Texas Registered Municipal Clerks Certification (TRMC). To simplify the application process for you, the executive board has decided to pool the scholarship applications into one time period. You only need to complete and submit the application one time a year. This will eliminate confusion for you and saves your time.

The scholarships that will fall into this one-item-submission category include:

Dorothy F. Byrd

\$500 each (*may be used for pursuit of either the TRMC or an eligible college/university degree*)

Lila Fern Martin

\$1000 (*shall be used for eligible college/university study*)

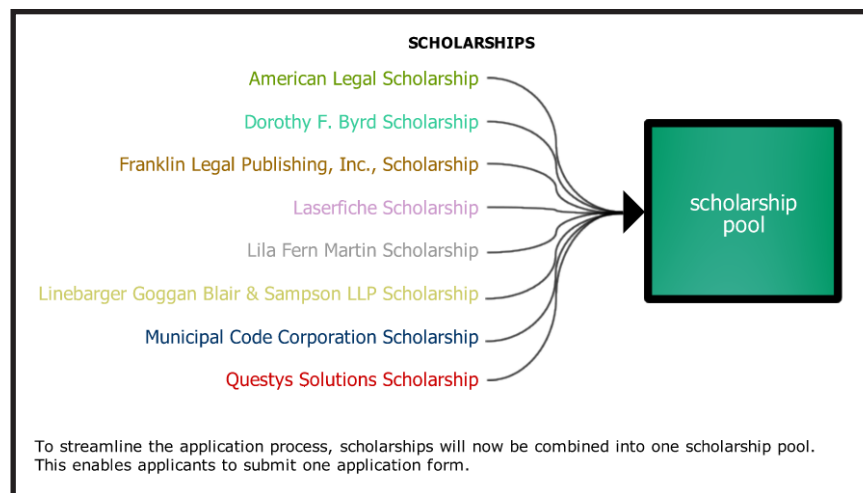
Scholarship donors in the past have included:

American Legal Publishing, Franklin Legal Publishing, Inc., Laserfiche, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP, Municipal Code Corporation, Questys Solutions

\$500 each (*these scholarships shall be used for attendance at TMCCP seminars*)

To apply, just complete the scholarship application one time. The TMCA scholarship committee will consider all applications, deliberate on the factors of eligibility, and designate the scholarship awards for all of 2007. The actual presentation of the awards will still be at specific events, such as graduate institute, TML, and the election law seminar, etc. Scholarship winners will be notified that they have received a scholarship and at which event the award will be made to them personally.

Deadline for application for these scholarships is **June 15**. An application form and complete information about the scholarships may be [downloaded here](#), or you may phone the TMCCP office, 940-565-3488, to request that the information be faxed or mailed to you.



SUBMIT APPLICATION FORM TO
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*non-voting member

Texas Municipal League News

By TML Representative Patricia Ervin, TRMC



Thursday, December 14, 2006

New member orientation was held on Thursday afternoon beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Frank Sturzl, TML Executive Director, summarized the history of TML, objectives, services/programs, constitution, board member responsibilities and requirements, TML organizational structure, proposed fiscal year 2006-07 operating budget.

Friday, December 15, 2006

TML Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

The meeting convened with board member introductions.

- Mr. Sturzl explained that TXU Energy is seeking permits for a number of new coal-fired power generation plants through TCEQ. The Texas Cities for Clean Air Coalition is opposed to the construction of the new plants due to the effect the plants may have on air quality. The Coalition is seeking to intervene in the TCEQ permitting process, but TXU is opposed to the intervention. The City of Houston, has asked the League to file a brief in the proceedings to support the position that the Coalition should be allowed to intervene. The TML Board voted to stay neutral on recommendations for now, and have staff research health, technology, and safety issues.
- State Representative Fred Hill was present and gave his views on the status of the governor's proposal to reduce the current 10% cap on residential property tax appraisal and his outlook on the 2007 legislative session.
- Mr. Sturzl presented the League's 2007 Legislative Categories which are: seek introduction and passage; support; endorse; oppose; and no position.

- There were:
 - 10 initiatives in the seek introduction and passage category
 - 30 initiatives in the support category
 - 28 items in the endorse category
 - 0 in the oppose category
 - 12 items in the take no position category
- Proposed TML Priority Package
 - The number two item listed in the priority package was to make 14 changes to Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code, which relates to conflicts of interest disclosure.

In addition, several proposed legislative issues were presented for the board action including the report of the City and County Informal Working Group on HAVA implementation. Rachael Pitts, who did a great job summarizing each recommendation, presented seven recommendations. At the end of her presentation, Rachael recognized me and I encouraged the board to support to seek legislation, which was passed unanimously.

I would like to commend The Honorable Randy Sims, county judge, Brazos County, and Mary Lynne Stratta, TRMC, city secretary, Bryan, and ALL the committee members for their hard work and efforts on the HAVA implementations.

A copy of the proposed legislation can be accessed on the TML web site or is available upon request.

TML Board Meetings will be June 15 in Houston and November 7 in Dallas (in conjunction with the 2007 TML Annual Conference). ★

CHAPTER NEWS

BLUEBONNET CHAPTER

By Renee Scott

The Bluebonnet Chapter met at the Hillside Village Community Center in Cisco on December 13. Vice President Karen Lou Graham presided over the meeting, due to the absence of President Rhonda Williams. Virginia Dill, city secretary, Cisco, welcomed those in attendance and introduced the Cisco Mayor Joe Jarvis, Chief of Police/Fire Chief Larry Weikel, and Economic Development Director Don Henry.

Those present for the meeting were: Virginia Dill, city secretary, Cisco; Maria Franco, city secretary, Hamlin; Karen Lou Graham, city secretary, Anson; Linda Knight, TRMC, city secretary, Breckenridge; Diane Latham, assistant city secretary, Breckenridge; Jamie McCright, city secretary/interim city manager, Stamford; Jo Moore, TRMC, city secretary, Abilene; Billie Pearce, city secretary, Tuscola; Alicia Ramirez, city clerk, San Angelo; Renee Scott, assistant city secretary, Abilene; Shirley Stuart, city secretary, Eastland; Nancy Turnbow, city secretary, Baird; and Louetta Wallace, city secretary, Haskell. ★



The Bluebonnet Chapter.

CAPITAL CHAPTER

By Toni Milam, TRMC

The Capital Chapter held their quarterly meeting September 20 in the host City of Buda at Cabela's—World's Foremost Outfitter conference center. Those in attendance were: Cynthia Archibeque, assistant to city secretary, Bryan; Betty Brown, TRMC, local government/election specialist, Bickerstaff-Heath; Melissa Brunner, TRMC, city secretary, Flatonia; Vonn Casares, assistant city secretary, College Station; Jodi Chaney, Bryan; Debbie Chelf, TRMC, city secretary, Hutto; Kathy Clark, city secretary, Liberty Hill; Kelly Dix, executive secretary, city manager, Copperas Cove; Linda Hambrick, city secretary, Jonestown; Amy Harris, city secretary, Cameron; Shirley Garvel, city secretary, Elgin; Sherry Mashburn, TRMC, city secretary, Bee Cave; Denise Melde, city secretary, Thorndale; Toni Milam, TRMC, executive assistant, Buda; Connie Ortiz, TRMC, city secretary, Lockhart; Brenda Page, city secretary, Smithville; Rose Sickel, deputy city secretary, Liberty Hill; Teresa Valdez, TRMC, city secretary, Bastrop; Ruby White, TRMC, city secretary (ret.), Luling; Jennifer Zufelt, city secretary, Volente.

Welcoming remarks from guests included Mayor John Trube, Buda; Robert Camareno, city administrator, Buda; and Warren Ketteman, Buda's economic development director. Other guests in attendance included Annette Chambers, former city clerk, Buda; Glenda White, Luling; and Cindy Crosby, Bickerstaff-Heath. President Shirley Garvel presided over the meeting. A motion to keep the dues for the Capital Chapter at \$15.00 was passed. Also, changes made to the Chapter's By-Laws were voted on and approved. Nominations from the Nominating Committee for the 2007-2008 slate of officers were presented. Members voted to elect the following: President Sherry Mashburn, TRMC, city secretary, Bee Cave; Vice President Teresa Valdez, TRMC, city secretary, Bastrop; Treasurer Melissa Brunner, TRMC, city secretary, Flatonia; Secretary Toni Milam, TRMC, executive assistant, Buda; Historian Amy Harris, city secretary, Cameron; and Past President Shirley Garvel, city secretary, Elgin.

President Garvel reported that the conference room has been reserved for the 2007 Salado Conference, which will be held at Salado's Stagecoach Inn on July 27-28. Teresa Valdez was appointed as Chair of the Salado Conference Committee, along with Melissa Brunner, TRMC; Connie Ortiz, TRMC; and Denise Melde serving on the committee.

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An update on Mary Lynne's campaign for IIMC Vice President was given by Jodi Chaney.

Economic Development Director Warren Ketteman spoke regarding "Hometown Vs. Big Town" and "Growth Creates Challenges." Lunch was served after the business meeting, and then a fun video of Buda's infamous Weiner Dog Races was shown for some great laughs. Goodie bags were handed out to everyone that attended.

The December quarterly meeting was held by the host City of Hutto. Members in attendance were: Cynthia Archibeque, assistant to the city secretary, Bryan; Susan Brock, city clerk, Taylor; Betty Brown, TRMC, local government/election specialist, Bickerstaff-Heath; Melissa Brunner, TRMC, city secretary, Flatonia; Kathy Clark, city secretary, Liberty Hill; Cindy Crosby, Bickerstaff-Heath; Jodi Chaney, Bryan; Debbie Chelf, TRMC, city secretary, Hutto; Shirley Garvel, city secretary, Elgin; Christine Martinez, city secretary, Round Rock; Sherry Mashburn, TRMC, city secretary, Bee Cave; Toni Milam, TRMC, executive assistant, Buda; LeAnn Quinn, TRMC, city secretary, Cedar Park; Janet Rogers, city secretary, Westlake Hills; Rose Sickel, deputy city secretary, Liberty Hill; Mary Lynne Stratta, TRMC, city secretary, Bryan; Karen Thompson, TRMC, city secretary, Pflugerville; Teresa Valdez, TRMC, city secretary, Bastrop; Ruby White, TRMC, city secretary (ret.), Luling. Other guests in attendance included Debbie Haile, city secretary, Leander; Glenda Landgraf, Luling; and Linda Winn, city secretary, Lakeway.

President Shirley Garvel presided over the meeting. Minutes from the September meeting were approved, and the financial report given by Teresa Valdez was accepted by the membership. It was suggested that the chapter offer more financial support for Mary Lynne's campaign in the form of a motion at their meeting in January. Congratulations and a presentation by President Garvel to our very own Karen Thompson, city secretary, Pflugerville, on her receipt of the Dorothy F. Byrd Scholarship. Way to go, Karen!

Betty Brown, TRMC, of Bickerstaff-Heath, gave a very important legislative update on the upcoming legislative session in Austin beginning in January 2007. The catered lunch was enjoyed by all in attendance. The chapter had a "secret" ornament exchange, but by the time it was all said and done, you knew who your "secret" was from! Some beautiful ornaments were exchanged. Before the new 2007-2009 slate of officers were sworn in, President Garvel shared some encouraging, parting words. Betty Brown, TRMC, who served on the nominating committee, swore in new officers

and administered their oaths of office. Those officers elected for the 2007-2009 term are: President Sherry Mashburn, TRMC, Bee Cave; Vice President Teresa Valdez, TRMC, city secretary, Bastrop; Treasurer Melissa Brunner, TRMC, city secretary, Flatonia; and Secretary Toni Milam, TRMC, executive assistant, Buda. Historian Amy Harris, city secretary, Cameron, was not able to attend and will be sworn in at the meeting in January. Congratulations to our officers, and thanks for stepping up to serve the membership.

Messages of thanks went out to Shirley Garvel, immediate past president for her continued service, hard work, and job well done for the chapter. Newly sworn in President Sherry Mashburn also thanked the membership for their vote of confidence, and said she was looking forward to serving as president.



Toni Milam (*right*), TRMC, executive assistant, Buda, receives her TRMC certificate from Linda Knight, TRMC, city secretary, Breckenridge.

The Capital Chapter held their January 18 meeting following the first day of the TMCCP Election Law Seminar in Austin. WOW! What an ugly 2-3 days Austin had, weather-wise. CONGRATULATIONS are in order to Hutto's city secretary, Debbie Chelf, who received her Texas Registered Municipal Clerk Certification at the graduation luncheon in Austin on January 18. Debbie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hudgeons; family members Gilly Chelf, Sandy Wile, and Pat McCool; and City of Hutto Mayor Ken Love and Mayor Pro-Tem Debbie Holland, were there to see her receive this well-deserved diploma! Also, CONGRATULATIONS go out to Executive Assistant Toni Milam, City

of Buda, who also received her Texas Registered Municipal Clerk Certification at the graduation luncheon. Mayor John Trube, City Administrator Robert Camareno, Finance Director Sarah Mangham, Economic Director Warren Ketteman, Shawn Riggs, and Toni's mother, Beverly Roberts, were there to applaud her hard-earned efforts. CONGRATULATIONS also to President Sherry Mashburn and Vice President Teresa Valdez, who received their first recertifications. It takes discipline and hard work for these accomplishments and achievements! The Capital Chapter would also like to congratulate all of the other attendees who either received their initial certification or recertification.

Bryan City Secretary Mary Lynne Stratta, TRMC, was officially notified January 30 that she is unopposed for IIMC Vice President, and will assume that position on May 26 in New Orleans. We all send our sincerest and heartfelt congratulations to Mary Lynne and know that the other Texas chapters do, too. Congratulations, Mary Lynne Stratta!

In spite of the bad weather, we had a good turnout for our January meeting. Those in attendance were: Melissa Brunner, TRMC, city secretary, Flatonia; Betty Brown, TRMC, local government/election specialist, Bickerstaff-Heath; Debbie Chelf, TRMC, city secretary, Hutto; Shirley Garvel, city secretary, Elgin; Amy Harris, city secretary, Cameron; Sherry Mashburn, TRMC, city secretary, Bee Cave; Toni Milam, TRMC, executive assistant, Buda; Brenda Page, city secretary, Smithville; Rose Sickel, deputy city secretary, Liberty Hill; Shelli Turner, city secretary, Rockdale; Martha Velasquez, city secretary, Luling; Teresa Valdez, TRMC, city secretary, Bastrop; Linda Winn, city secretary, Lakeway.

President Sherry Mashburn, TRMC, welcomed everyone in attendance. Minutes from the December 6 meeting were approved along with the financial report. A presentation was made to past president Shirley Garvel on a job well done. Shirley served the Capital Chapter as president for the past six years. Thank you, Shirley! Treasurer Melissa Brunner reported of the 63 membership applications sent out, 38 have been returned. In addition to the 63 applications sent out, 32 were sent out to cities that were not members last year. Of those, two have already been returned—good job on the membership drive!

Betty Brown, TRMC, serving on the nominating committee, swore in new officer Amy Harris as historian, and administered her oath of office. Mary Lynne Stratta, TRMC, offered an update on her

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Betty Brown, TRMC, administers the oath of office to Capital Chapter Historian Amy Harris (right), city secretary, Cameron.

Campaign for IIMC Vice President. Things are going well, and she is gaining lots of support. Of course, as we all know, these sorts of campaigns are not cheap, so the chapter continues to help in her support. A lot of great support from all over the state of Texas, too! Mary Lynne encourages all that can to attend the IIMC Conference in New Orleans in May 2007.

President Mashburn encouraged members to sign up to serve on a committee. A list of various committees within the chapter was passed around with members signing up to serve on membership drive committee, clerk of the year committee, nominating committee, etc.

This year, the Capital Chapter is hosting the 2007 Salado Seminar on July 27-28 at Salado's Stagecoach Inn. Make your reservations now to attend. Every other year the Capital Chapter along with the Central Texas Chapter host this informative seminar. Oh yeah, and we have fun, too!

The Capital Chapter's 2007 meeting schedule is as follows: March in College Station; April in Austin; July in Salado; September in Bastrop; and December in Bee Cave. For further information regarding the Capital Chapter, please contact President Sherry Mashburn at 512-767-6440 or Secretary Toni Milam at 512-312-0084. ★

CENTRAL TEXAS CHAPTER

By Donna Hawkins

The Central Texas Chapter held their Christmas Luncheon at the historical Hamilton House on December 8.

Chapter members present included: Benevolence Officer Jennifer Canady, TRMC, city secretary, Woodway; Connie Foreman, city secretary, Lacy Lakeview; Treasurer Lee Garcia, finance director, Hewitt; Kendra Giles, Robinson; Historian Audra Good, TRMC, assistant city secretary, Bellmead; Betty Harrell, city secretary, Hillsboro; Secretary Donna Hawkins, city secretary, Beverly Hills; Brenda Jackson, city secretary, Groesbeck; Dorthy Jackson, city secretary, Hubbard; Vice President Lydia Lopez, TRMC, city secretary, Hewitt; President Carolyn Martin, TRMC, city manager, Mexia; Yrene Morgan, TRMC,

deputy city secretary, Mexia; Cresandra Polk, Waco; Tanya Ramer, city administrator/secretary, Meridian; Becky Springston, Golinda; and Linda Vranich, city secretary, Robinson.

A fantastic luncheon was served, and the chapter had a gift exchange.

The chapter held their bi-monthly meeting at the City of Bellmead at the newly renovated Bellmead Civic Center on February 14.

Chapter members present were: Benevolence Officer Jennifer Canady, TRMC, city secretary, Woodway; Trish Ervin, TRMC, city secretary, Waco; Connie Foreman, city secretary, Lacy Lakeview; Becky Frels, TRMC, city secretary (ret.), Hewitt; Treasurer Lee Garcia, finance director, Hewitt; Historian Audra Good, TRMC,



Congratulations to Becky Frels, TRMC, city secretary, Hewitt, who retired after combined 31 years of service for the City of Hewitt and a former privately-owned water company.

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assistant city secretary, Bellmead; Betty Harrell, city secretary, Hillsboro; Michelle Hicks, Lacy Lakeview; Brenda Jackson, city secretary, Groesbeck; Vice President Lydia Lopez, TRMC, city secretary, Hewitt; President Carolyn Martin, TRMC, city manager, Mexia; Patti Paschall, city secretary, McGregor; Cresandra L. Polk, Waco; Tanya Ramer, city administrator/secretary, Meridian; Christi Shivers, TRMC, city secretary, Mexia; and Linda Vranich, city secretary, Robinson.

City of Bellmead Deputy Mayor Ruth Haines-Fields was a special guest. She delighted the group with a “perfect love story” to set the mood for Valentine’s Day.

Central Texas Chapter accepted the resignation of President Carolyn Martin, TRMC, who has accepted the position as city manager for the City of Mexia. The chapter presented Ms. Martin with a plaque for her service. Christi Shivers, TRMC, was appointed as Mexia City Secretary. The membership extended their congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Martin. She will be missed by our chapter. Ms. Shivers was also recognized for her appointment as city secretary.

Special recognition and congratulations were also extended to retiring Becky Frels, TRMC, city secretary, Hewitt. Ms. Frels will be retiring on February 22 after combined 31 years of service for the City of Hewitt and a former privately-owned water company. Ms. Frels’ replacement will be Lydia Lopez, TRMC, former City of Waco Assistant City Secretary. Congratulations go out to Lydia.

Chapter members Christi Shivers, TRMC, city secretary, Mexia, and Yrene Morgan, TRMC, deputy city secretary, Mexia, have earned their certification and recertification. Donna Barkley, TRMC, administrative assistant, Woodway, also received her certification. Our congratulations to all of you! ★

LONE STAR CHAPTER

By Aimee Nemer, TRMC

The Lone Star Chapter met on December 7 for a special holiday luncheon. It was hosted by the City of Plano at the Courtyard Theater. Our Holiday Committee worked together to make this a very special event with uplifting entertainment from the Men of Note (*see picture at right*). We also raffled off many gift baskets, with the funds going towards our chapter scholarship, as well as a donation the chapter made to CITY House, which serves over 1000 youths in our region.

Our February meeting was hosted by the City of Howe with speaker Mary Kayser, TRMC, city secretary, Garland, on the topic of elections.

Our next several meetings will focus on roundtable discussions among attendees with topics such as Policies and Procedures, New Board and Councilmembers, and Records Management.



The Lone Star Chapter at their December holiday Luncheon in Plano.



“Men of Note” entertained the Lone Star Chapter at their December holiday luncheon held at the Courtyard Theater in Plano.

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Congratulations to Lone Star Chapter members who recently graduated or recertified at the 2007 Election Law Seminar: Graduates - Dorothy Brooks, Rockwall; Matthew Denton, Prosper; Julie Lollar, Denison; Sandra Melton, Sherman; Carrie Smith, Parker; Eddie Sturgal, Lowry Crossing; and Recertifications –Codi Delcambre, Argyle; Carole Ehrlich, Wylie; Shelley George, Allen; Susie Quinn, Rowlett; and Pam Schmidt, Richardson. We also want to congratulate Gayle Walton, Wylie; and Bruce Dunn, St. Paul for taking and passing their tests at the Election Law Seminar.

Thank you to all of you who purchased items through the Lone Star Chapter silent auction at the Election Law Seminar. We collected over \$200 to provide for scholarships for members to attend TMCCP seminars. ★

NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION CHAPTER

By Susie Quinn, TRMC

The North Texas Chapter had a wonderful turnout for its meeting on September 13, during which we welcomed 2006 TMCA President Patrice Fogarty, TRMC, city secretary, Missouri City, as our speaker.

We were also delighted to have two of Alyce Deering's sisters and her son present for the presentation of our first three Alyce



NTMCA 2006-2007 officers. From left to right: Vice President Ashley Mitchell, TRMC, city secretary, Carrollton; Secretary Codi Delcambre, TRMC, city secretary, Argyle; Treasurer Brenda Staab, TRMC, city secretary, Haltom City; Historian Linda Rhodes, TRMC, city secretary, Lake Worth; and President Susie Quinn, TRMC, city secretary, Rowlett.

Deering Scholarships. Because of the generosity of friends, family, and TMCA members, three \$500 scholarships were awarded. The recipients were: Jean Dwinnell, TRMC, city secretary, Westlake; Diane Rasor, TRMC, city secretary, Haslet; and Julie Featherston, city secretary, Garrett. It is interesting to note that the applicants represented three different types of needs: Jean is a long-time city secretary who is currently serving in a city that does not have a budget for training; Diane is starting on her first recertification; and Julie is a new city secretary who has just enrolled in the certification program and is about to begin her first course. Special thanks are extended to everyone who has contributed to the scholarship fund, as well as our Alyce Deering Scholarship Committee members: Marty Hendrix, TRMC, city secretary, Fort Worth; Mary Kayser, TRMC, city secretary, Burleson; and Susan Crim, TRMC, city secretary, Euless. If you wish to be a part of this legacy, please contact any officer of the North Texas Chapter.

On October 11 the monthly luncheon featured Pamela Schmidt, TRMC, city secretary, Richardson, and Pamela Kirkland, purchasing agent, Richardson, as our speakers. They provided an informational program on HB 914 which established the new conflict-of-interest disclosure requirements for local government officers. The business meeting included adoption of the budget for FY 06-07 and swearing in of the new officers: President Susie Quinn, TRMC, city secretary, Rowlett; Vice President Ashley Mitchell, TRMC, city secretary, Carrollton; Treasurer Brenda Staab, TRMC, city secretary, Haltom City; Secretary Codi Delcambre, TRMC, city secretary, Argyle; and Historian Linda Rhodes, TRMC, city secretary, Lake Worth.

On November 8 the monthly luncheon featured former TMCA President Mary Lynne Stratta, TRMC, city secretary, Bryan, who discussed IIMC. She brought lots of useful IIMC handouts. As

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always, her enthusiasm was contagious, and we all know she will do a fantastic job as an IIMC officer.

Our Holiday Luncheon was held on December 13 at Texas Star Golf Center in Euless. Members of the Holiday Celebration committee included: Becky Null, TRMC, deputy city secretary, Euless; Rita Frick, TRMC, city secretary, Hurst; Linda Rhodes, TRMC, city secretary, Lake Worth; and Arthur Camacho Jr., TRMC, city secretary, Azle. We were very pleased to have several retired city secretaries attend.

The NTMCA professional seminar was held on February 14 at Carrollton Library at Josey Ranch Lake. The Amigos Group, who facilitated the document imaging dos and don'ts, were very informative and well-received.

Future chapter meetings will be held on the following dates: March 14 in Irving; April 11 in Fort Worth; June 13 in Irving; July 11 in Fort Worth; September 12 in Irving. ★

PANHANDLE CHAPTER

by Suzanne Finch, TRMC

The Panhandle Chapter met December 14 at the Amarillo Club with fourteen members present for their bimonthly meeting. Special guest TMCA President Patrice Fogarty, TRMC, city secretary, Missouri City, spoke to the group about the Texas Municipal Clerks Association and the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program. Members also enjoyed a Christmas gift exchange.

Prior to our regular meeting, State Representative Warren Chisum met with the group to discuss election issues.

Connie McKiernan, city secretary, Panhandle, presided over the meeting. Those in attendance were: Crystal Black, court/city clerk, Fritch; Jo Carol Boyles, city secretary, Canyon;

Frances Childers, city secretary, Dalhart; Secretary Suzanne Finch, TRMC, city secretary, Hereford; Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, TRMC, city secretary, Spearman; Historian Janice Henson, TRMC, city secretary, Perryton; Phyllis Jeffers, city secretary, Pampa; Terri Johnson, TRMC, city manager/city secretary, Friona; Mary Sue Lyles, city secretary, Groom; Kayla McLennan, city secretary, Gruver; Carolee Nance, city secretary, Fritch; Kim Rehkopf, city secretary, Dumas; and Nelwyn Ward, city secretary, Memphis.

The chapter is scheduled to meet again February 15 and April 19 at the Amarillo Club in Amarillo. ★



The Panhandle Chapter at their December meeting in Amarillo.



State Representative Warren Chisum met with the Panhandle Chapter to discuss election issues.

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The Pineywoods Chapter at their January meeting.

PINEYWOODS CHAPTER

Terre Noble, TRMC

The Pineywoods Chapter held their quarterly meeting on January 10 at Lufkin City Hall. Members present were: Kara Atwood, administrative assistant, Lufkin; Terri Bible, city secretary, Woodville; Secretary/Treasurer Tina Cavazos, city secretary, Diboll; Vice President Carrie Edwards, city secretary, Colmesneil; Lila Fuller, city secretary, TRMC, Nacogdoches; Cinda Garner, city secretary, San Augustine; Betsy Gregson, city secretary, Huntington; Laure Ladner, city secretary, Hemphill; Jeaneyse Mosby, administrative assistant, San Augustine; President Terre Noble, TRMC, city secretary, Center; Wendy Stoddard, administrative assistant, Huntington; and Renee Thompson, city secretary, Lufkin.

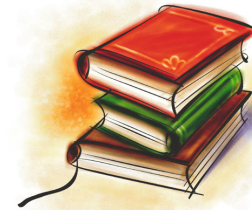
The group enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by MarTeres Tea Room. One of the top items of discussion during the meeting was the TMCCP January Election Law Seminar in Austin. ★

RED RIVER CHAPTER

By Marie Balthrop, TRMC

The Red River Chapter met on September 13 at the Holiday Inn at the Falls, Wichita Falls. Five members attended, and Dane Clarke with Docubase Systems presented a program on agenda preparation and minutes software. On December 13 the chapter met at Johnny Carino's Country Italian Restaurant in Wichita Falls, with seven members in attendance. The chapter participated in a Christmas ornament exchange. The chapter also voted to donate \$50.00 to the Rathgeber Hospitality House to sponsor the house for a day, and also donated much needed office supplies.

The Red River Chapter is very proud to have one of our members, Lydia Ozuna, TRMC, city secretary, Wichita Falls, serving as the president of TMCA for 2007. Lydia has already done a wonderful job leading our organization with professionalism and grace. Lydia Ozuna was also the Municipal Clerk of the Year for the Red River Chapter for 2006, and was also honored as the statewide Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year. Congratulations, Lydia—we look forward to supporting you this year in every way we can. ★



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SALT GRASS CHAPTER

By Michele L. Glaser, TRMC

The Salt Grass Chapter held its November meeting at the Steak and Ale Restaurant in Houston. Loren Smith of Olson and Olson gave an informative presentation to 27 members about notary public duties.

Our annual Christmas party was held at Pauline Small's house. This is always a highlight of our year, as members and guests alike look forward to sharing in the delicious buffet dinner and gift exchange. The Smalls' house is beautifully decorated for the holidays, and Pauline and her husband, Rick, are gracious hosts. Each holiday season, the chapter president selects a charity to which members and the chapter donate money. President Glaser selected "Seabrook Share Your Christmas" as the chapter's 2007 charity. This is a 23-year-old charity that helps families in Seabrook and the surrounding area during Christmas, with food, toys and utility payments.

Anthony Mills and Trueman O'Quinn of Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) presented vital information about TMRS benefits at our January meeting. February's meeting will cover planning and zoning issues.

The chapter will hold its Sixth Annual Public Information Seminar on March 21 in Deer Park.

This is an all-day seminar that covers the Public Information Act and Open Meetings Act. We are excited that Hadassah Schloss from the attorney general's office has agreed to be one of our speakers, as well as our own talented Patrice Fogarty, TRMC, city secretary, Missouri City, and Deloris McKenzie, TMRC, city secretary, Friendswood. Also speaking will be Missouri Police Records Supervisor Janice Poppenhusen. This seminar is attended by city secretaries and their staff, by police chiefs and staff, by city administrators and even by mayors and city council members.

Another educational opportunity available to Salt Grass Chapter members is the Records Managers' Group, which meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month on a quarterly basis. This group was started last year by a group of Salt Grass members who serve as Records Clerks. All Salt Grass members are invited to attend these meetings—there are no dues—in addition to the Salt Grass meetings.

The year will end with the annual banquet. This year's banquet committee is planning a fun "casino night." We will also install new officers for 2007/08; name the Salt Grass Chapter Clerk of the Year, and announce the 2007 winner of the Deloris McKenzie Scholarship. ★



The Salt Grass Chapter at their annual Christmas party. Pauline Small (far right), TRMC, city secretary, Webster, hosted the party at her home.



Trueman O'Quinn and Anthony Mills of TMRS presented information about TMRS benefits at the January Salt Grass Chapter meeting.

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SOUTH PLAINS CHAPTER

By Toni Chrestman, TRMC

The South Plains Chapter met on December 13 at the Lubbock Club in Lubbock. The meeting was hosted by the City of Seminole City Secretary Debbie Gressett, TRMC.

President Gayla Cowan, city secretary, Amherst, welcomed members and guests.

Debbie Gressett introduced TMCA President Patrice Fogarty, TRMC, city secretary, Missouri City, and Terri Johnson, TRMC, city manager/city secretary, Friona.

Gayla Cowan read correspondence: a thank you from Mary Lynne Stratta, TRMC, city secretary, Bryan, for the contribution from our chapter to her IIMC campaign for Vice President.

Tommy Combs, deputy city secretary, Lubbock, reported that Kim Scofield with the Texas Library Association presented the program for our training seminar on October 13. The seminar was well attended and received positive feedback.

Karen Lawson, TRMC, city secretary, Floydada, volunteered to update our South Plains Chapter directories again this year.

TMCA President Patrice Fogarty, TRMC, installed the following officers for 2007-2009 and presented each with a book: President Toni Wilson, TRMC, city secretary, Sundown; Vice President LeAnn Gallman, TRMC, city secretary, Muleshoe; Treasurer Toni Chrestman, TRMC; Secretary Maria Hatchett, TRMC, city secretary, Lamesa; Historian Brenda Shaw, TRMC, city secretary/manager, Morton; and Trustee Sharon Trumble, city secretary, New Deal.

The December meeting agenda was sent by email instead of being mailed. Some of the members did not receive the email. The members were asked to reply to the email agenda for the next meeting to verify it was received. We enjoyed our Chinese Christmas gift exchange.

Members and guests attending were JoAnn Beard, Smyer, Barbara Cabe,

TRMC, city secretary (ret.), Tulia; Toni Chrestman, TRMC, city secretary, Slaton; Tommy Combs, deputy city secretary, Lubbock; Gayla Cowan, city secretary, Amherst; LeAnn Gallman, TRMC, city secretary, Muleshoe; Becky Garza, TRMC, city secretary, Lubbock; Debbie Gressett, TRMC, city secretary, Seminole; Nancy Hale, city secretary, Spur; Maria Hatchett, TRMC, city secretary, Lamesa; Jodie House, city secretary, Crosbyton; Mary Helen Jamerson, TRMC, city administrator (ret.), Ralls; Sharon Kerby, Slaton; Vickie Kelley, city secretary, Earth; Karen Lawson, TRMC, city secretary, Floydada; Stephanie Lee, Lubbock; Jeannie Rogers, billing director, Tulia; Pam Rowe, TRMC, city secretary, Plains; Brenda Shaw, TRMC, city secretary/manager, Morton; Belinda Terrell, city secretary, Whiteface; Cynthia Trower, city secretary, Farwell; Sharon Trumble, New Deal; Wilma Williams, city secretary, Denver City; and Toni Wilson, TRMC, city secretary, Sundown.

The next meeting was set for March 21. ★

TMCCP Certificates Earned

The following enrollees 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.

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