

# TMCA NEWS



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TMCA President Kim Sutter, TRMC  
City Secretary, Euless

## President's Message

I had the opportunity to see many of you at the annual TMCCP Election Law Seminar held in Frisco in January. We enjoyed great attendance and heard some great information from experienced and knowledgeable people, including our very own members. On behalf of TMCA, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the members who took the time to prepare for the presentations and share their knowledge and personal experiences regarding elections. Experience is a great teacher and we are blessed to have members willing to share their knowledge and experience as instructors.

Additionally, we enjoyed a fantastic graduation luncheon as we recognized 44 individuals who received the Texas Registered Municipal Clerk certification and 53 obtaining recertification! Congratulations to the many graduates and recerts for putting in the time and effort to obtain or maintain the TRMC credentials.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



At the TMCCP graduation and recertification ceremony in January. *From left to right:* President Kim Sutter addresses attendees; those who have earned their recertification pose for a group photo; Cathy DiMaggio (*right*) walks across the stage.

TMCA is not only a professional association, we are a community of professionals and friends. Attending seminars and celebrating accomplishments is one part of what makes TMCA and the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program great!

As of this writing, I have had the opportunity to squeeze in two chapter visits. One to Lufkin on January 16 for a visit with the Pineywoods chapter and also on February 7 to the Yellow Rose chapter. I love being able to visit with the chapters and provide updates and reminders about TMCA.

When will I see you? Check out the schedule listed at right!

In closing, I want to remind you of my charge—**#SPOT**—and encourage you to practice SPOT and feel free to share your SPOT moments with me. We all need to experience things that put a smiles on our faces and joy in our hearts. **Wanda Brooks,**

*“When we establish human connections within the context of shared experience we create community wherever we go.”*

*—Gina Greenlee,  
Postcards and Pearls:  
Life Lessons from Solo  
Moments on the Road*

### TMCA President's Tour of Texas

CHAPTER	DATE
Pineywoods	1/16/2019
Yellow Rose	2/7/2019
Bluebonnet	3/13/2019
Northeast Texas	3/15/2019
Red River	3/20/2019
Central Texas	3/27/2019
Coastal Bend	3/28/2019
Hill Country	4/18/2019
Alamo	4/24/2019
Panhandle	6/20/2019
Lone Star	7/18/2019
North Texas	9/11/2019
Lower Rio Grande Valley	9/18/2019
West Texas	11/13/2019
Salt Grass	12/11/2019
South Plains	12/18/2019
Capital	TBA

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Bellmead Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Secretary** did that for me on December 14, 2018, when I received an email from her letting me know that as soon as she returned to the office following Graduate Institute, she shared #SPOT (with a little something extra) to show her appreciation to several people. Great job, Wanda!

I also want to give a shout out to **Sharon Fadden, Graham City Secretary/Finance Director**. Our paths crossed once again in November while attending an Athenian Dialogue in Wichita Falls and she shared with me that she has integrated SPOT into her work and home life!

Remember, each day is a new opportunity to make someone else's day!

Signing off,

*Kim Sutter, TRMC*

*TMCA President*

## TMCA SEMINAR

# MUNICIPAL BUDGET CYCLE

WITH SPEAKER  
PATRICK SHINKLE

We look forward to seeing everyone in **Round Rock** on **April 4-5** with one of our attendees' favorite speakers, **Patrick Shinkle**, Program Director for the Center of Public Management at the University of North Texas. The **Municipal Budget Cycle Seminar** will include an overview, relevant local government code, budget types and components, the budget calendar, disaster management and budget policy, recommended practices and exercises, and more. **Learn more here and register today!**

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# 2019 Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year

*Nominate your honoree by June 15!*

By Municipal Clerk of the Year Committee Chair **Jeana Bellinger, TRMC**  
*City Secretary, Brenham*



Jeana Bellinger, TRMC

As chair of the 2019 Municipal Clerk of Year Committee, I am excited to announce nominations for the 2019 Texas Municipal Clerks Association Municipal Clerk of the Year are now being accepted. Please take this opportunity to recognize a fellow clerk's contribution to TMCA, or maybe he or she has inspired you personally.

Nomination forms will be sent to all TMCA chapter presidents and each is encouraged to nominate a representative from their chapter. Nominations may also be submitted by an individual. **Download the nomination form [here](#)** or contact the TMCA office at 940-565-3488 to request a form. **The deadline to submit nominations is Saturday, June 15, 2019.**

The 2019 Municipal Clerk of the Year will be announced at the TMCA Annual Awards Banquet, held in conjunction with the TMCCP Graduate Institute in Fort Worth on October 24. We encourage you to make plans to attend the awards ceremony to support your nominee(s) and honor the recipient of this prestigious award. I am excited to serve on this committee and can't wait to present the award to a deserving individual!



2018 Municipal Clerk of the Year Norma Grimaldo, TRMC (*right*), city secretary, Odessa, being presented the award in October 2018 by Committee Chair Kimberly Sloat, TRMC.

# Apply to Serve as a Trustee On The 2020 TMCA Executive Board

By Nominating Committee Chair **Jennifer Reyna, TRMC**  
*City Secretary, Alamo Heights*



Jennifer Reyna, TRMC

Now is the time to consider applying to serve as a trustee on the TMCA executive board! Serving on the board is both professionally and personally rewarding.

**What does the board do?** The TMCA Executive Board

- is the governing body of the TMCA and oversees the activities of the organization;
- provides oversight of the educational and professional development program; (TMCCP) and, in collaboration with staff, ensures information and materials presented are current and applicable to the needs of the profession;
- plans for the future of TMCA by recognizing needs of the profession and working together to meet those needs; and
- is intentional about receiving input from the full membership of TMCA.

If you are interested in applying to serve as a trustee, complete and submit the **2020 TMCA Trustee/Officer Nomination Application form** along with the letter of recommendation by **May 1, 2019**. Send to: TMCA Nominating Committee Chair Jennifer Reyna, TRMC, City Secretary, City of Alamo Heights, 6116 Broadway, Alamo Heights, Texas 78209, or [jreyna@alamoheightstx.gov](mailto:jreyna@alamoheightstx.gov).



**Who is eligible to apply?** There are a few things to consider before applying to serve on the TMCA Executive Board:

- **Certification**—Applicant must be a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk (TRMC).
- **Municipal clerk**—An applicant must be a practicing city secretary or municipal clerk for at least three years and a TMCA member in good standing for at least three years.
- **Committee service**—An applicant must have a minimum of two years of TMCA committee service.
- **The support of your city**—The applicant must indicate city support by having the mayor or city manager sign the application form.
- **Letter of recommendation**—The applicant must provide a letter of recommendation from an active or retired municipal clerk or current TMCA chapter president.
- **Time and travel commitment**—Board members must commit to the travel and financial cost that may be associated with attendance of meetings.
- **One-year term commitment**—The term for a trustee is one year with option to reapply the following year.
- **Meetings**—The Board meets four times a year. The dates are scheduled months in advance so you can plan accordingly.
- **Attendance**—Attendance is crucial. Missing more than one meeting a year results in automatic resignation.

# Scholarship Opportunities

By Scholarship Committee Chair **Crystal Roan, TRMC**

*City Secretary, Webster*

*Learn more about scholarships and apply today:*

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Crystal Roan, TRMC

*2019 TMCA  
Scholarship Committee:*

*Chair Crystal Roan  
City Secretary, Webster*

*Linda Asbell  
Town Admin./Town Secretary,  
Lakewood Village*

*Sara Copeland  
City Secretary, Andrews*

*Erika McComis  
Town Secretary, Argyle*

*Tanya Smith  
City Secretary, College Station*

*Janelle Stahr  
City Clerk, Burkburnett*

*Bobbie Jo Taylor  
Asst. City Secretary, Crandall*

*Jo Ann Touchstone  
City Secretary, Lakeway*

The Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc., and the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program are dedicated to providing an educational and professional development program for beginner and experienced municipal clerks. Providing for continuing education and leadership is the fundamental objective of the Association. The goal is to provide an opportunity for pursuing professional development through training and professional interaction.

The TMCA scholarship program provides financial assistance to members who are enrolled in the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program, or in the Recertification Program. In addition, there are scholarships available for TMCA members who are pursuing a bachelor's or graduate degree in a program of study that directly enhances the individual's professional job performance.

**On behalf of TMCA and the 2019 Scholarship Committee, I encourage all eligible municipal clerks to let TMCA help you achieve your professional and educational goals by applying for one of the many scholarships available.**

Scholarship applications may be mailed or emailed to Crystal Roan no later than **June 15** to be considered for a scholarship. Once the TMCA Scholarship Committee has reviewed and considered all applications, scholarship recipients will be notified that they have been awarded a scholarship. Scholarships will be formally presented at the annual TMCA Awards Banquet at the Sheraton Fort Worth Downtown on October 24, 2019. This event is held during the TMCCP Graduate Institute Seminar.



## 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

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# About the Scholarships

[Apply for a TMCA Major Scholarship Award or an MCCi Records Management Scholarship](#)

## TMCA Major Scholarship Awards

Depending on the applicant's intended use of the scholarship—TMCCP or college/university study—the applicant may be granted a scholarship from one of the following sources, chosen by the Scholarship Committee. To apply for a TMCA Major Scholarship Award, download and submit our **application form**.

### Dorothy F. Byrd Scholarship

**Maximum amount awarded:** \$500

**Intended use:** pursuit of either the Texas Registered Municipal Clerk Certification/Recertification (TRMC) or eligible college/university study

**History:** The Dorothy F. Byrd Scholarship was established in 1993 by the members of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc., to honor Dorothy Byrd, former Executive Director of Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program and Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc.

### Lila Fern Martin Scholarship

**Maximum amount awarded:** \$1,000

**Intended use:** eligible college/university study

**History:** The Lila Fern Martin Scholarship honors the 1958-1959 president of the Association of City Clerks and Secretaries of Texas—the predecessor organization of TMCA.

### Dr. Joyce Snay Scholarship

**Maximum amount awarded:** \$500

**Intended use:** pursuit of the Texas Registered Municipal Clerk Certification/Recertification (TRMC)

**History:** Established in 2008, this scholarship honors former TMCCP/TMCA Education Director Dr. Joyce Snay.

### Susan Rocha Scholarship

**Maximum amount awarded:** \$500

**Intended use:** pursuit of the Texas Registered Municipal Clerk Certification/Recertification (TRMC), including travel to and from approved seminars.

**History:** Established in 2011 to honor Susan Rocha's memory and her commitment to education and enthusiasm for the municipal field. Ms. Rocha was a partner with Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, P.C., and a frequent speaker for the TMCCP Legislative Update Seminar. The scholarship was established by friend and colleague, Alan Bojorquez, Bojorquez Law Firm, P.C., to be administered by TMCA, Inc.

### Vendor Scholarships

**Maximum amount awarded:** \$500

**Intended use:** pursuit of the Texas Registered Municipal Clerk Certification (TRMC) or Recertification, including travel to and from approved seminars.

**History:** Various donors contribute funds toward Texas Municipal Clerks scholarships in recognition of the mission of TMCA and TMCCP, which states, "The Texas Municipal Clerks Association and the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program are dedicated to providing an educational and professional development program for novice and experienced municipal clerks." Past vendor donors have included: Agent IT; American Legal Publishing; Franklin Legal Publishing, Inc.; Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP; Municipal Code Corporation; and the Underwood Law Firm.

## MCCi Records Management Scholarship

Developed to recognize city secretaries/municipal clerks who have established outstanding systems for records management or who have improved existing systems. To apply for an MCCi Records Management Scholarship, download and submit our **application form**.

**Maximum amount awarded:** \$500.00 in each of three categories

**Intended use:** Scholarship award funds are to be used for continued or advanced education in a TMCCP program or a TMCA-approved records management program (e.g., ARMA, Texas State Library, Council of Governments), including travel to and from eligible seminars.

**History:** The MCCi Records Management Scholarship was developed in 2006 for the purpose of recognizing city secretaries/municipal clerks who have established outstanding systems for records management or who have improved existing systems.

## 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

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# General Requirements

Eligible applicants shall be current paid members of TMCA and shall have been paid members of TMCA for two consecutive years previous to application for the scholarship. Applicants must be actively pursuing certification or recertification in the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program. Applicants must have already earned the TRMC to be eligible to use the funds for a college degree.

(To learn about requirements for those pursuing a bachelor degree or graduate degree, **visit our website.**)

# Selection Criteria

1. Applicants must meet all of the eligibility requirements.
2. Scholarships will be awarded based on a combination of the applicant's years of municipal service, membership in TMCA, Inc., and progress in the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification/Recertification Program. For those pursuing a college or university degree, points are awarded based on the number of college hours completed.
3. Preference will be given to applicants who have not received a previous award within the last three years.
4. With the exception of the MCCi Records Management Scholarship, preference will be given to 1) city secretaries or municipal clerks; 2) assistant or deputy city secretaries or municipal clerks; and 3) other TMCA, Inc., members. Applicants *must be* city secretaries/municipal clerks to be eligible for the MCCi Records Management Scholarship.
5. Members of the current scholarship committee are not eligible to apply for a TMCA Major Scholarship or MCCi Records Management Scholarship.

*Download the TMCA  
Major Scholarship Award  
application*

*Download the MCCi Records  
Management Scholarship  
application*



## 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

# Scholarship Administration

(For full information about scholarship administration, visit our [website](#).)

The TMCA treasurer disburses scholarship funds to the recipient(s) on a cost-reimbursement basis not to exceed the amount(s) awarded. The recipient(s) shall be reimbursed for qualifying expenses incurred between January 1 and December 31 of the year following the award of scholarship. The recipient must submit original, official receipt(s) issued by TMCCP, the college, or the university to receive payment for reimbursable expenses. Reimbursable expenses depend upon the scholarship awarded. Each scholarship and eligible expenses are listed at right.

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### *Dorothy Byrd Scholarship*

*(for TMCCP certification/recertification or college)*

Reimbursable expenses are exclusive to TMCCP expenses, including: enrollment fees, textbooks, exam fees, and TMCCP seminar registration fees and travel expenses; or college expenses, including: 1) credit-hour tuition fees (extension and correspondence courses listed in the institutional catalog that apply to the recipient(s) degree plan are acceptable); 2) building use fees; 3) student service fees; 4) identification card fees; 5) publications fees; 6) union building fees; 7) property damage fees; 8) science laboratory fees; and 9) academic department fees.

### *Lila Fern Martin Scholarship*

*(for college use only)*

Reimbursable expenses are exclusive to: 1) credit-hour tuition fees (extension and correspondence courses listed in the institutional catalog that apply to the recipient(s) degree plan are acceptable); 2) building use fees; 3) student service fees; 4) identification card fees; 5) publications fees; 6) union building fees; 7) property damage fees; 8) science laboratory fees; and 9) academic department fees.

### *Susan Rocha Scholarship*

*(for TMCCP certification/recertification, incl. travel)*

Reimbursable expenses are exclusive to: enrollment fees, textbooks, exam fees, TMCCP seminar registration fees and travel expenses.

### *Dr. Joyce Snay Scholarship*

*(for TMCCP certification/recertification, incl. travel)*

Reimbursable expenses are exclusive to: enrollment fees, textbooks, exam fees, TMCCP seminar registration fees and travel expenses.

### *Vendor Scholarships (Including the MCCi Records Management Scholarship)*

*(see page 7 for intended use)*

Reimbursable expenses are exclusive to: enrollment fees, textbooks, exam fees, TMCCP seminar registration fees and travel expenses. ★

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For full information about the scholarships, including post-award requirements, please [visit our website](#).

# TMCCP 2019 Election Law Seminar

January 24-25, 2019, Frisco

The 2019 TMCCP Election Law Seminar was a great success! Over 500 were in attendance. We had over 30 instructors, including longtime city secretaries and presenters from Texas Municipal League, Texas Ethics Commission, and the Elections Division of the Texas Secretary of State's Office. Topics ranged from ordering an election to candidate packets to provisional voting to early voting, and much, much more. We also offered the invaluable pre-seminar session on "Step By Step: Conduct of an Election." Thank you to everyone who made this seminar possible, and such a great experience!



Above: Northeast Texas Chapter members with their certificates at the TMCCP graduation ceremony.

Photos shared by TMCA chapters from the seminar, clockwise from top left: Lower Rio Grande Valley Chapter members (photo: Ana Valdez); Bluebonnet Chapter members (photo: Karen Wilkerson); South Plains Chapter members (photo: Kim Perez); Pineywoods Chapter members (photo: Julie Davis); Panhandle Chapter members (photo: Kim Sloat); Red River Chapter members (photo: Marie Balthrop); Yellow Rose Chapter members.

## TMCCP ELECTION LAW SEMINAR

*At top right:* Keynote speaker TML Executive Director Bennett Sandlin is thanked by TMCA President Kim Sutter.

*At middle right:* Fort Worth City Secretary Mary Kayser, TRMC (*right*), shakes hands with TMCA/TMCCP Education Director Amy Holt, TRMC, and TMCA Certification Committee Chair Melissa Brunner, TRMC, as Mary is awarded her fourth recertification.

*At lower right:* The TMCA Certification Committee shook hands with all graduates and recertifiers as they descended the stage and collected their certificates and pins.

*Below:* Keynote speaker Bennett Sandlin speaks at the TMCCP graduation luncheon.



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## TMCCP Graduating Class of 2019

*Congratulations to graduates  
who have earned their Texas Registered Municipal Clerk Certification!*

*Photograph by Paul Traves, f16 Photography*

*The Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program (TMCCP) is a professional development program with college/university-level courses. It is the only university-level professional education program for city clerks and city secretaries in Texas and is the third oldest of 39 such programs in the country.*

*The Certification Program seeks to establish certain qualifications for fulfilling the office of municipal clerk in order to retain the traditional and rightful standing as an officer of the municipality. Instruction and study includes current insight into such areas as public relations, ethics, municipal budgets, interpersonal communications, and public management. The program provides the municipal clerk with the knowledge and methods necessary to execute the duties of his/her office, as well as develops familiarity with the theory and practices of local government.*

*Pursuit of the Texas Registered Municipal Clerk Certification (TRMC) helps municipal clerks grow both personally and professionally. Earning the TRMC certification increases the proficiency of the public servant and enhances personal awareness, flexibility, knowledge, and innovative decision-making, resulting in new professionalism.*

*Successful completion of TMCCP requires approximately 200 hours of individual home study, examinations over each of the four courses, and attendance at eight two-day seminars. Recertification requires an additional 80 hours of professional development course work every five years.*

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| <b>Lucy Aldrich</b><br><i>Killeen</i>              | <b>Tonya Hopper</b><br><i>Crowell</i>                   |
| <b>Siria Arreola</b><br><i>Boerne</i>              | <b>Sereca Huff-Huggins</b><br><i>Van</i>                |
| <b>Kelly Ballard</b><br><i>Keller</i>              | <b>Patricia Isaguirre</b><br><i>Hale Center</i>         |
| <b>Erika Brady</b><br><i>Austin</i>                | <b>Tammy Lofton</b><br><i>Waskom</i>                    |
| <b>Cassandra Brager</b><br><i>Tyler</i>            | <b>Jamee Long</b><br><i>Annetta</i>                     |
| <b>Tara Brooks</b><br><i>Grapevine</i>             | <b>Susana Marin</b><br><i>Mansfield</i>                 |
| <b>Dianna Buchanan</b><br><i>Haslet</i>            | <b>Tammie Mitchell</b>                                  |
| <b>Christina Cabrera</b><br><i>Bryan</i>           | <b>Kristi Morrow</b><br><i>Frisco</i>                   |
| <b>Laura Calcote</b><br><i>Wimberley</i>           | <b>Mindi Parks</b><br><i>Everman</i>                    |
| <b>Giani Cantu</b><br><i>Richwood</i>              | <b>SueAnn Reyes</b><br><i>Midland</i>                   |
| <b>Marina Cantu</b><br><i>Fort Stockton</i>        | <b>Kathryn Roberson</b><br><i>Kennedale</i>             |
| <b>Dayl Cooksey</b><br><i>Sealy</i>                | <b>Heather Robertson-Caraway</b><br><i>Breckenridge</i> |
| <b>Amanda Cummings</b><br><i>Shallowater</i>       | <b>Stephanie Schutte</b><br><i>Wake Village</i>         |
| <b>Robyn Densmore</b><br><i>Georgetown</i>         | <b>Angela Smith</b><br><i>Cleveland</i>                 |
| <b>Norma Duncan</b><br><i>Heath</i>                | <b>Kimberly Smith</b><br><i>Hallsville</i>              |
| <b>Jesse Elizondo</b><br><i>Burleson</i>           | <b>Diana Stapp</b><br><i>League City</i>                |
| <b>Katherine Field</b><br><i>Slaton</i>            | <b>Brenda Tarpley</b><br><i>Jacksboro</i>               |
| <b>Sandra Frantz</b><br><i>Krugerville</i>         | <b>Lluvia Tijerina</b><br><i>Manor</i>                  |
| <b>Rachél Gafford</b><br><i>Overton</i>            | <b>Vicki Watson</b><br><i>Vidor</i>                     |
| <b>Lily Anne Garcia</b><br><i>Harlingen</i>        | <b>Ian Whittenton</b><br><i>College Station</i>         |
| <b>Cinda Garner</b><br><i>San Augustine</i>        | <b>Janie Willman</b><br><i>Glenn Heights</i>            |
| <b>Lola Hazel</b><br><i>Dalworthington Gardens</i> | <b>Kasi Wright</b><br><i>Wortham</i>                    |



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## TMCCP Recertifying Class of 2019

*Congratulations to graduates who have recertified their Texas Registered Municipal Clerk Certification!*

### *1<sup>st</sup> Recertification*

**Kara Andrepont, Lufkin**  
**Linda Asbell, Lakewood Village**  
**Rosena Becker-Ross, Mount Enterprise**  
**Sherri Bellard, Port Arthur**  
**Roxanne Benitez, Spring Valley**  
**Shannon Bennett, Deer Park**  
**Terry Blanchard, Rockdale**  
**Christy Cavness Bradshaw, Granger**  
**Tammy Dixon, Bartonville**  
**Paula Favors, Wharton**  
**Gay Ferguson, Nederland**  
**Asucena Garcia, Decatur**  
**Blanca Garcia, McKinney**  
**Jannette Goodall, Austin**  
**Jana Lewellen, Robinson**

**Tina Linder, Briarcliff**  
**Lisa Modisette, Hedwig Village**  
**Diana Offord**  
**Kimberly Perez, Ralls**  
**Baudelia Rojas, Alton**  
**Leticia Saenz, San Antonio**  
**Amy Shelley, Southlake**  
**Kimberly Sloat, Canadian**  
**Janelle Stahr, Burkburnett**  
**Mary Supino, Arlington**  
**JoAnn Touchstone, Lakeway**  
**Melinda Uriegas, San Antonio**  
**Lindsay Wells, Euless**  
**Christe Whitley, Port Arthur**

### *2<sup>nd</sup> Recertification*

**Theresa Bowe, Yoakum**  
**Tina Broussard, Beaumont**  
**Amanda Campos, Burleson**  
**Lori Carroll, Boerne**  
**Susan House, Mesquite**  
**Angela Miller, Highland Village**  
**Laure Morgan, Hemphill**  
**Jenny Page, Humble**

**Jennifer Reyna, Alamo Heights**  
**Kristi Rogers, Hickory Creek**  
**Vickie Schmid, Richardson**  
**Miriam Sheehan, TMCCP**  
**Carole Vanzant, Fair Oaks Ranch**  
**Melinda Welsh, Friendswood**  
**Christi Wynn, Brownwood**

### *3<sup>rd</sup> Recertification*

**Melissa A. Bunch, Katy**  
**Linda Cernosek, retired, Rosenberg**  
**Catherine DiMaggio, Grand Prairie**  
**Tracy Dutton, Bellaire**  
**Kelly Edwards, Westlake**  
**Ronald Gonzales, Fort Worth**

**Sharon Maddings, Sugar Land**  
**Alice Rodgers, Lake Jackson**  
**Scarlet Swoboda, retired, Victoria**  
**Theresa Van Meter, West Orange**  
**Christie Wilson, retired, The Colony**

### *4<sup>th</sup> Recertification*

**Mary Kayser, Fort Worth**

TMCCP ELECTION LAW SEMINAR

THANK YOU

*Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the 2019 Election Law Seminar!*

*Volunteer instructors:*

Christina Adkins, Legal Director–Elections Division,  
Texas Office of the Secretary of State  
Linda Asbell, TRMC, Town Admin./Town Secretary, Lakewood Village  
Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, City Secretary, Brenham  
Amanda Campos, TRMC, City Secretary, Burleson  
Peggy Cimics, TRMC, City Secretary, Cibolo  
Patrice Fogarty, TRMC, Consulting City Secretary, City Hall Essentials, LLC  
LeAnn Gallman, TRMC, City Manager, Muleshoe  
Shelley George, TRMC, City Secretary, Allen  
Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, TRMC, City Secretary/Asst. City Mgr., Spearman  
Jannette Goodall, TRMC, City Clerk, Austin  
Lisa Henderson, TRMC, City Secretary, Plano  
Scott Houston, TML Deputy Executive Director & General Counsel  
Rebecca L. Huerta, TRMC, City Secretary, Corpus Christi  
Shane Jennings, TRMC, City Secretary, Irving  
Bill Longley, TML Legislative Counsel  
Lydia Lopez, TRMC, City Secretary, Hewitt  
Amanda McCrory, TRMC, City Secretary, Burleson  
Gretchen Mercer, TRMC, City Secretary, Canyon  
Ellie Monteaux, TRMC, City Secretary & Asst. City Manager, Livingston  
Aimee Nemer, TRMC, City Secretary, Richardson  
Jenny Page, TRMC, City Secretary, Frisco  
Kim Perez, TRMC, City Secretary, Ralls  
Susie Quinn, TRMC, City Secretary, Murphy  
Alicia Richardson, TRMC, City Secretary, North Richland Hills  
Crystal Roan, TRMC, City Secretary, Webster  
Doris Speer, TRMC, City Secretary, Tomball  
Fred Stormer, Attorney, Underwood Law Firm  
Kim Sutter, TRMC, City Secretary, Euless  
James Tinley, Attorney, Texas Ethics Commission  
Leticia Vacek, TRMC, City Clerk, San Antonio  
Beth Walls, TRMC, City Secretary/HR Director, Levelland  
Lee Woodward, TRMC, City Secretary, La Porte

*Volunteer session conveners:*

Kara Andrepont, TRMC	Irma Parker, TRMC
Linda Asbell, TRMC	Christel Pettinos, TRMC
Melissa Brunner, TRMC	Elana Quintanilla, TRMC
Lori Cartwright, TRMC	Leticia Saenz, TRMC
Crystal Dozier, TRMC	Brenda Shaw, TRMC
Kelly Edwards, TRMC	Christi Shivers, TRMC
Shelley Goodwin, TRMC	Kim Sloat, TRMC
Norma Grimaldo, TRMC	Kim Sutter, TRMC
Thomas Harris, TRMC	Carole Vanzant, TRMC
Maria Jackson, TRMC	Christi Wynn, TRMC
Gretchen Mercer, TRMC	

*Volunteer attendance scanners:*

Frances Aguilar, TRMC	Maria Jackson, TRMC
Linda Asbell, TRMC	Amanda Jacobs, TRMC
Erika Brady, TRMC	Laura Kennemer, TRMC
Lori Cartwright, TRMC	Sharon McFadden, TRMC
René Dowl, TRMC	Gretchen Mercer, TRMC
Crystal Dozier, TRMC	Beth Nemeth, TRMC
Kelly Edwards, TRMC	Irma Parker, TRMC
Marisela Garcia, TRMC	Hilda Pedraza, TRMC
Thelma Gilliam, TRMC	Christel Pettinos, TRMC
Sharon Harris, TRMC	Brenda Shaw, TRMC
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April Hill, TRMC	

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# Texas Municipal League Report

By TML Representative **Aimee Nemer, TRMC**

*City Secretary, Richardson*



TML Representative  
Aimee Nemer, TRMC

The TML Board of Directors met on December 7, 2018, in Austin. TML staff updated the board on preliminary legislative filings, the speaker race, and interim committee activity. We expect to have a thorough legislative update at the March meeting. Staff presented the new TML messaging campaign, “Our Home, Our Decisions.” There are several various campaign materials that TML has developed with the target audience of chambers and civic groups that member cities may use. If you haven’t had the opportunity to view these resources, you should take some time to do so and share this information with your city council and management.

[www.tml.org/ourhomeourdecisions](http://www.tml.org/ourhomeourdecisions)

TML is such a great resource for Texas cities! Please visit [www.TML.org](http://www.TML.org) to find out how they can help you! And for those that missed the TMCCP Election Law Seminar, it was great to have TML Executive Director Bennet Sandlin give some inspiring words at our certification luncheon prior to the recognition of our graduates.

## Upcoming Education & Networking Opportunities

*April 4-5, 2019 • Round Rock, Texas*

**TMCCP “Municipal Budget Cycle” • [learn more](#)**

*May 19-22 • Birmingham, Alabama*

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*June 12 • League City, Texas*

**Athenian Dialogue (to be announced in April)**

*June 13-14 • League City, Texas*

**TMCCP “How Emotional Intelligence Influences Strong Leadership & Ethical Behavior” • registration opens in April**

*August 21 • San Marcos, Texas*

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*August 22-23 • San Marcos, Texas*

**TMCCP “Legislative Update” • registration opens in June**



# TMCCP Certificates Earned

*Congratulations to the following enrollees who recently 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*

Betty Conde, Lamesa  
Debra Johnson, Canton

## *Course 2*

Sonia Acosta, Deer Park  
Debra Johnson, Canton  
Bianca Maldonado, Cotulla  
Michelle Phillips, Lindale  
Amanda Valdez, Cibolo

## *Course 4*

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Leah Brooks, White Oak  
Betty Conde, Lamesa  
Vicky Coopwood, Texarkana  
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Georgia Martinez, Cotulla  
Kelly McDonald, Lake Worth  
Sharon McFadden, Graham  
Judy Van Houten, Gladewater  
Stefani Wright, Horseshoe Bay

# IIMC Bulletins

Congratulations to **Zanea Carpenter, TRMC**, city secretary, Muleshoe; and **Christy Cavness Bradshaw, TRMC**, city secretary, Granger, on receiving the **Certified Municipal Clerk** designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). To earn the CMC designation, a municipal clerk must attend extensive education programs often totaling more than 120 educational hours. The CMC designation also requires pertinent experience in a municipality.

Congratulations also to **Alice Holloway, TRMC**, city secretary, Pilot Point, on receiving the **Master Municipal Clerk** designation from IIMC. To qualify for the MMC designation, one must first earn the Certified Municipal Clerk designation as well as attend extensive advanced education programs and make significant professional contributions to the community and municipality in which they serve.

## TMCA CHAPTER NEWS—ALAMO CHAPTER

### *Fiesta San Antonio Medals Craze*

By **Grace Tamez, TRMC**

*Retired City Secretary of Helotes*

The Alamo Chapter proudly introduces its first Fiesta Medal (FM) commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo landing on the moon. **Proceeds from this FM fundraiser benefit the Alamo Chapter's Norma S. Rodriguez Scholarship fund for education through the TMCA Certification Program.**

Fiesta San Antonio, April 18-28, 2019, occurs annually with various events located throughout the city and featuring great food, music, parades, and other fun events. While Fiesta began in 1891 with the Battle of Flowers Parade and pelting of flowers, fiesta medals traces its roots back to 1946. According to Henry Graham's "History of the Texas Cavaliers," King Antonio first handed out commemorative coins at River Parades and other Fiesta events. Joske's department store improved on this idea about 15 years later by giving out cardboard coin holders. Soon after, school kids added ribbons to the hold-

ers and began wearing the coins as badges. King Antonio XLIX Charles G. Orsinger issued the first official Fiesta medal in 1971. (Source: San Antonio Express News, April 21, 2015, Rene A. Guzman)

Today, governments, corporations, businesses, nonprofits, clubs, and individuals participate in this fun activity by giving away, selling, and trading medals.

The FM is available for purchase through eBay (search 2019 Fiesta Medal) or if you plan to be in San Antonio, contact Grace Tamez, Alamo Chapter retired member, directly at [gtamez330@yahoo.com](mailto:gtamez330@yahoo.com).

The Alamo Chapter cordially invites you, your family, and friends to visit San Antonio during this fabulous family-friendly event. For more information and list of Fiesta San Antonio events please see [fiestasantonio.org](http://fiestasantonio.org).



## TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

# Bluebonnet Chapter

By Chapter Secretary **Staci L. King, TRMC**

*City Secretary, Stephenville*

The TMCA Bluebonnet Chapter met for their quarterly meeting on December 12 at Twisted J in Stephenville. Guests were welcomed and invocation was given by Allen Barnes, city manager, Stephenville. Special guests from Stephenville included Assistant City Manager Jeremy Allen and Police Chief Jason King.

Donna Farrell, code enforcement officer, Stephenville, spoke to the group about the importance of code compliance and shared her work experiences, both good and bad. Her talk was informative, but also a good reminder that we all face challenges in our careers, but we keep doing what we love for the rewarding experiences.

The following officers were sworn in for 2019:

*President Christi Wynn, TRMC, city secretary, Brownwood*

*Vice President Karen Langley, TRMC, city secretary, Coleman*

*Treasurer Ryan Polster, city secretary, Hamilton*

*Secretary Staci King, TRMC, city secretary, Stephenville*

Staci King, TRMC, city secretary, Stephenville, was recognized as Bluebonnet Chapter Clerk of the Year. Karen Langley, city secretary, Coleman, and Staci King, TRMC, city secretary, Stephenville, each received a scholarship from the Bluebonnet Chapter to assist in continuing training and education.



*Front row, left to right: Diane Latham, Deputy City Secretary, Breckenridge; Rhonda Williams, City Secretary, Dublin; Karen Wilkerson, TRMC, Executive Assistant, Stephenville; Staci King, TRMC, City Secretary, Stephenville; Ryan Polster, City Secretary, Hamilton; Connie Thornton, City Secretary, Clyde.*

*Back row: Rose Soliz, City Secretary, Hamlin; Linda Knight, City Secretary (retired), Breckenridge; Tina Aldape, Administrative Clerk, Hamlin; Shirley Stuart, City Secretary, Eastland; Kim Bryant, City Secretary, Stamford; Christi Wynn, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary, Brownwood; Karen Langley, TRMC, City Secretary, Coleman; Brenda Kilgo, City Secretary, Early.*

## BLUEBONNET CHAPTER

The meeting wrapped up with a mystery Christmas gift exchange and results of the silent auction.

If you are in the area, please come join us! The Bluebonnet Chapter meets quarterly on the second Wednesday of the month at noon.

2019 chapter meeting locations: March 13 – Coleman; June 12 – Hamilton; September 11 – TBD; December 11 – Early.



Above: Karen Wilkerson, TRMC, administers the oath of office to Staci King, TRMC; Ryan Polster; Christi Wynn, TRMC, and Karen Langley, TRMC.

At top right: Scholarship recipients Staci King, TRMC, and Karen Langley, TRMC (right), with Kim Bryant (center).

At near right: Bluebonnet Chapter Clerk of the Year Staci King, TRMC.



## TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

# Central Texas Chapter

By Chapter Secretary **Liz Caraway**

*Assistant City Secretary, Waco*

The Central Texas Chapter held a quarterly meeting on December 5 hosted by the City of Waco and held at Los Cucos Restaurant. This meeting served as the chapter's annual Christmas Party. Each attendee brought a gift to donate to Toys for Tots as well as a Christmas ornament for a gift exchange. Christmas goodie bags were given to each attendee. The meeting was called to order and special guest TMCA President Marie Balthrop was introduced.

President Balthrop gave valuable information and updates on the Texas Municipal Clerks Association.

As an ice breaker, everyone told their favorite Christmas present and then business of the Central Texas Chapter was conducted. The meeting ended with a "What's Happening in Your City" blurb from attendees and a Christmas ornament exchange.

Everyone is invited to attend any of our chapter meetings. Contact President Michelle Hicks, TRMC, city secretary, Lacy Lakeview, at [michelle.hicks@lacylakeview.org](mailto:michelle.hicks@lacylakeview.org) for more information.



At the December meeting in Waco (from left to right): Sandie Polk, records coordinator, Waco; Roshuna Wiley, deputy city secretary, Mexia; Liz Caraway, assistant city secretary, Waco; Patricia Ervin, TRMC, interim city secretary, Bellmead; 2018 TMCA President Marie Balthrop, TRMC, city secretary, Wichita Falls; Renee Flores, city secretary, Crawford; Wanda Brooks deputy city secretary, Bellmead; Jana Lewellen, TRMC, city secretary, Robinson; Christi Shivers, TRMC, city secretary, Mexia; and Donna Barkley, TRMC, city secretary, Woodway.

## TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

## Coastal Bend Chapter

By Chapter Secretary **Cathy Duhart, TRMC**

*City Secretary, Sinton*

Greetings from the Coastal Bend Chapter! This quarter, our chapter held a meeting in Corpus Christi on February 7. We enjoyed a delicious meal and fellowship at P.F. Chang's. Our president Mary Valenzuela, city secretary, Kingsville, called the meeting to order and everyone introduced themselves to the new members.

During our business meeting, updates were given from the Scholarship Committee, Nominating Committee for Board Members, and Bylaws Committee. The motion was made, seconded and agreed upon unanimously, to have the present board to continue serving for the 2019 year. Therefore President Mary Valenzuela, Vice President Rebecca Huerta, Treasurer Ruby Beaven, and Secretary Cathy Duhart all agreed to serve another year.

Discussion was also made about the Coastal Bend Chapter Scholarship and making sure everyone was aware of the availability of funds for TMCA conferences.

TMCA executive board report was given by Teresa Valdez, city secretary, Rockport, who serves on the TMCA executive board. She encouraged us all to continue to participate in the TMCCP Certification Program and to serve on the many boards that are part of TMCA. We truly enjoyed



*Seated, left to right:* Beatriz Charo, assistant city secretary, Robstown; Gabby Garcia, Robstown, Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary, Kingsville; Armandina Garcia, City Administrator, Driscoll; Jan Hill, City Secretary, Fulton; Teresa Valdez, City Secretary, Rockport. *Standing:* Cathy, Duhart City Secretary, Sinton; Gabriela Hernandez, City Secretary, Beeville; Mary Gonzales, City Secretary, Mathis; Herman Rodriguez, City Secretary, Robstown; Ruby Beavens, Assistant City Secretary, Rockport; Kimberly Henry, City Secretary, Ingleside; Kandi Hubert, City Secretary/Administrator, Goliad; Paul Pierce, Assistant City Secretary, Corpus Christi. *Not pictured but present:* Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary, Corpus Christi.

## COASTAL BEND CHAPTER

the updates and information she had to share with us.

We are really excited about The TMCCP Graduate Institute coming to Corpus Christi in 2020!!! We discussed fundraising ideas and different entertainment events that will ensure a grand time is had by all.

Our next meeting will be in Rockport in March and we are looking forward to that being hosted by City Secretary Teresa Valdez and

Assistant City Secretary Ruby Beaven. We are also looking forward with great anticipation to our TMCA President Kim Sutter being with us at that meeting, where she will swear in our chapter board members for 2019.

Anyone interested in joining the Coastal Bend Chapter, or for general inquiries, please contact Chapter Secretary Cathy Duhart, city secretary, Sinton, at 361-364-2381 or [city1395@sintontexas.org](mailto:city1395@sintontexas.org).

## TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

# Hill Country Chapter

By Chapter Secretary **Kerri Craig, TRMC**  
*City Secretary, Horseshoe Bay*

The Hill Country Chapter met at Sozial Haus in Fredericksburg in December for our annual Christmas luncheon. Before we started an exciting round of White Elephant, we celebrated City of Llano's retiring city secretary Toni Milam (*pictured at right*), and welcomed the new Llano City Secretary Erica Berry. Retired Kerrville City Secretary Brenda Craig made us all jealous with her fun post-retirement stories.

Congratulations to Erica Berry (Llano's new city secretary) and Jill Shelton (Bandera's city secretary) for passing exams at the January TMCCP Election Law Seminar.

In February the chapter met in Fredericksburg and discussed our by-laws and scheduling an Athenian Dialogue sometime in the near future.

Future meetings: The Hill Country Chapter always meets in Fredericksburg, where the restaurants and shopping make it very hard to go back to work after the meeting!



Above: Retired Llano City Secretary Toni Milam, TRMC, was celebrated by her city at a retirement party. The party was attended by Llano's mayor, council members, city staff, Llano citizens, and fellow Hill Country Chapter members.

Toni Milam opening her gift blanket from TMCA.





## HILL COUNTRY CHAPTER



The Hill Country Chapter at their February meeting in Fredericksburg. *Standing (left to right):* Shelley Goodwin (Fredericksburg), Erica Berry (Llano), Elaine Simpson (Granite Shoals), Kerri Craig (Horseshoe Bay), Tina Keys (Brady), and Kelly Dix (Burnet). *Seated:* Margie Rivera (Fredericksburg), Toni Milam (Retired Llano), Brenda Craig (Retired Kerrville), and Sabrina Maultsby (San Saba).

## TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

# Lower Rio Grande Valley Chapter

By Chapter Historian **Yesenia Rodriguez, TRMC**

*Deputy City Secretary, McAllen*

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Chapter met on November 14 in the City of Pharr. Our meeting topic was “Emergency Management” presented by Danny Ramirez, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator. Chapter members and attendees received an informative presentation on preparing for regional emergencies. The chapter also nominated and elected officers for the 2019-2020 term:

*President Yesenia Rodriguez, Deputy City Secretary, McAllen*

*Vice President Imelda Barrera, Assistant City Clerk, Pharr*

*Secretary/Treasurer Diana Cavazos, City Secretary, San Juan*

*Historian/Reporter Ruth McGinnis, City Secretary, San Benito*

The chapter also met on December 19 in the City of Weslaco. Our meeting consisted of swearing in of new officers and exchanging of gifts.

For those wishing to join the LRGV Chapter please contact President Ana M. Valdez at [citysecretary@cityofpenitas.com](mailto:citysecretary@cityofpenitas.com). Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30am. Also be sure to like our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/lrgvsecretaries](http://www.facebook.com/lrgvsecretaries).



Danny Ramirez, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator, spoke at the chapter's November meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP CITIES:** Alamo, Alton, Brownsville, Donna, Edcouch, Edinburg, Elsa, Granjeno, Harlingen, Hidalgo, La Feria, La Joya, La Villa, Laguna Vista, Los Fresnos, Los Indios, Lyford, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Palmview, Penitas, Pharr, Port Isabel, Palmhurst, Raymondville, Town of Rancho Viejo, San Benito, San Juan, So. Padre, Sullivan City, Weslaco



## LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY CHAPTER



*Clockwise from top left:*

The LRGV Chapter at the December meeting.

LRGV Chapter attendees at the TMCCP Election Law Seminar.

New officers were sworn into office at the December meeting.

The chapter's Ugly Sweater Contest in December.



## TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

# North Texas Chapter

By Chapter President **Amy Shelley, TRMC**  
*City Secretary, Southlake*

Greetings TMCA Members!

Now that 2019 is here we can refocus our energy and accomplish new goals. If you're like me, a new year brings a renewed spirit with a new resolution; hopefully, one which I can attain/accomplish this year. Ha! The NTMCA chapter is blessed to have outstanding volunteers working hard for the success of the chapter. Every member puts effort in supporting each other and achieving organizational goals. Our holiday committee selected the Wise Hope Shelter Supporting victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault and attendees demonstrated their generosity by donating gift cards. Similarly, our Alyce Deering Scholarship Committee raised over \$1,600 in support of our education fund. Go team!



*From left to right: first row: Christine Loven, Colleyville, and Yael Forgey, Azle; second row: Erika McComis, Argyle, and Susie Hiles, Azle; third row: Tammy Dixon, Bartonville, and Monica Solko, Lake Worth, fourth row: Christine Green, University Park, and Amy Shelley, Southlake; fifth row: Sheila Morales, Copper Canyon, and Lisa Cabrera, Joshua; sixth row: Dianna Buchanan, Haslet, and Diane Cockrell, Decatur; seventh row: Asucena Garcia, Decatur, and Brandi Garlock, Southlake; and eighth row: Michelle DeVoss, Southlake, and Veronica Lomas, Southlake.*

## NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER

We continue to provide fun and engaging education opportunities every month and have the good fortune of being hosted by generous cities across the Metroplex. In October we met at the beautiful Southlake Town Hall and our guest speaker was Kelly Ballard, president of the Dallas ARMA chapter. She shared with us about how to prepare for our next job, while becoming excellent at your current one. It was a very interesting topic which made everyone a little nervous!

During the TMCCP Graduate Seminar in South Padre, our very own Kim Sutter took her oath of office as TMCA's 2019 president! Aimee Nemer, also an NTMCA member, took her oath of office as TMCA's vice president! We are so very excited for both of them!

In November we met at the City of White Settlement's Splash Dayz. Our guest speaker was our very own Mary Kayser, TRMC, city secretary, Fort Worth. Mary provided an update relative to the latest and greatest information about the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). She explained how important it is to continue learning and growing in our profession, and IIMC is a great tool to provide those opportunities. She said most clerks do not feel they are valued; however, IIMC provides tools for clerks to advocate for themselves. She encouraged each of us to consider moving forward with our CMC or MMC certifications.



Speaker Kelly Ballard



Speaker Mary Kayser



Speaker Robert Summers



2019 TMCA President Kim Sutter, TRMC (left), is administered the oath of office by 2018 TMCA President Marie Balthrop, TRMC.

## NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER

Unfortunately, in January our chapter also suffered a great loss. Southlake's City Secretary Carol Borges lost her very quick battle with renal cancer. Being the president of the NTMCA chapter and having worked under Carol in Southlake, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all who have offered their love and support during this difficult time in our office. It has been the most difficult time I have ever had while serving in municipal government. We lost a dear family member, one who has left a deep hole in our hearts forever. Carol was an experienced city secretary with a huge heart and an even bigger smile. She had an enthusiastic laugh and a sincere desire to get things done right with a willingness to dig in and try new things. May you be resting in peace, dear friend.



Carol Borges, TRMC

It was a pleasure meeting in January at the Azle Memorial Library. Guest speaker Robert Sumners spoke to us about "Notary Services – Keeping You Out of Trouble and Best Practices." If you would like to reach out to Robert with questions, feel free to contact him at 512-463-5562 or email [atrsumners@sos.texas.gov](mailto:atrsumners@sos.texas.gov).

In closing, I'd like to thank ALL our members for their continued dedication to TMCA and NTMCA!



NTMCA Chapter Board members were administered their oath of office during the September meeting. Here is a little bit about us (pictured from left to right).

**Amy Shelley, President.** Amy has served as vice president, treasurer, secretary, and historian during her chapter board service. She is the deputy city secretary for the City of Southlake. Amy received her TRMC certification in January 2014 and is currently finished with her first recertification. She has also served NTMCA on the Professional Seminar and Technology/Communications Committees.

**Monica Solko, Vice President.** Monica has served as treasurer and historian during her board service. She is the city secretary for the City of Lake Worth. Monica received her TRMC certification in 2009 and is currently working on her second recertification. She has also served NTMCA on the Holiday and Technology/Communications Committees.

**Traci Henderson, Treasurer.** This is Traci's first year on the board, and we are happy to have her! She is the assistant city secretary for the City of North Richland Hills. Traci received her TRMC certification in January 2011 and is currently working on her second recertification. She has also served NTMCA on the Alyce Deering Scholarship and Municipal Clerk of the Year Committees.

**Christine Green, Secretary.** Christine has served as historian during her board service. She is the City Secretary for University Park. Christine is currently working on her TRMC certification. She has also served NTMCA on the Professional Seminar Committee.

**Erika McComis, Historian.** This is also Erika's first year on the board, and we are happy to have her, too! She is the city secretary for the City of Bridgeport. Erika received her TRMC certification in August 2017 and her CMC certification in September 2017. She has also served NTMCA on the Holiday Luncheon Committee.

## TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

# Panhandle Chapter

By Chapter President **Stella Sauls, TRMC**

*City Secretary, Borger*

The Panhandle Chapter had a change in the office of secretary in October 2018. Lynn French left the City of Gruver to become the Hansford County Treasurer, and Stella Sauls took over as chapter secretary. Due to the transition, we have a little catching up to do.

We had excellent attendance at our August chapter meeting with 14 members present. We celebrated the retirement of longtime city secretary Nelwyn Ward, who had been with the City of Memphis for 36 years!!! We were blessed with speakers from TML-IRP, Gary Ward (Nelwyn's son) and Mike Palmer. Nelwyn was a very active participant in our Panhandle Chapter and will be greatly missed!

In October we met with 12 members present and two speakers from the State Comptroller's Office, Robin Torias and Vanessa Zientek. They gave the chapter so much useful information. We also appointed Borger City Secretary Stella Sauls as the new Panhandle chapter secretary and approved the update of the by-laws.

On December 13 we met at the Amarillo Club in Amarillo with nine members in attendance. We began our Christmas program, which was the Dirty Santa gift exchange. Fun was had by all, but we were relatively nice Santas this year.



Panhandle Chapter members at the TMCCP Graduate Institute Seminar in October 2018. *From left to right:* Gretchen Mercer, Canyon; Kristina Soloman, Tulia; Kimberly Sloat, Canadian; Suzanne Finch, Hereford; Lindy Forsyth, Lefors; Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, Spearman; Franchesca Jimenez, Herford; and Machiel Covey, Clarendon.

Panhandle members at their December 2018 Christmas party. *From left to right:* Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, Spearman; Machiel Covey, Clarendon; Mandy Cator, Gruver; Stella E. Sauls, Borger; Gretchen Mercer, Canyon; Stacie Miller, Stinnett; Kimberly Sloat, Canadian.



## PANHANDLE CHAPTER

In closing, it was a fast and furious 2018 for the Panhandle Chapter. We learned a lot! We lost a couple of members, but we gained a few as well. We are really excited for the representation of the Panhandle Chapter on the state level with Gretchen Mercer being sworn in on the TMCA executive board, Stella Sauls serving as the chair of the TMCA Retirement Committee, and Kimberly Sloat serving on the Certification Committee. 2018 was a good year, but we look forward to all that 2019 has to offer.

Members in attendance at any of all the August, October and December meetings were as follows:

President Kimberly Sloat, TRMC, City Secretary, Canadian

Vice President Machiel Covey, TRMC, City Secretary, Clarendon

Secretary Stella E. Sauls, TRMC, City Secretary, Borger

Treasurer Kristina Solomon, City Secretary, Tulia

Historian Karen Price, TRMC, City Secretary, Pampa

Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, TRMC, City Secretary, Spearman

Gretchen Mercer, TRMC, City Secretary, Canyon

Kim Fowler, City Secretary, Perryton

Kim Rehkopf, City Secretary, Dumas

Mandy Cator, City Secretary, Gruver

Stacie Miller, City Secretary, Stinnett

Lynn French, former City Secretary, Gruver

Charlene Gardener, TRMC, Deputy City Secretary, Pampa

Karen Haddon, City Secretary, Booker

Nelwyn Ward, retired, Memphis

Heidi Tiffin, City Secretary, Kress

Kim Rehkopf, City Secretary, Dumas

Cindy Woodard, City Secretary, Memphis

Stacie Miller, City Secretary, Stinnett

Mandy Cator, City Secretary, Gruver



Panhandle Chapter members at the TMCCP Election Law Seminar in Frisco. From left to right: Kim Fowler, Perryton; Lee Davila, Friona; Franchesca Jimenez, Hereford; Gretchen Mercer, Canyon; Veronica Wilburn, Panhandle; Kim Rehkopf, Dumas; Kimberly Sloat, Canadian; Lizet Dominguez, Canadian; Suzanne Finch; Hereford; Kristina Soloman, Tulia; Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, Spearman; Stacie Miller, Stinnett.



## TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

# Pineywoods Chapter

By Chapter President **Ellie Monteaux, TRMC**

*City Secretary and Assistant City Manager, Livingston*

Greetings from the Pineywoods Chapter! It's hard to believe we've finished up the first quarter of 2019! Time flies when you're busy, that's for sure!

The TMCA Pineywoods Chapter quarterly meeting was held at Ralph & Kacoo's seafood restaurant in Lufkin on January 16. We were very fortunate to have TMCA President Kim Sutter visit our chapter meeting. President Sutter provided an overview of TMCA and TMCCP and the many opportunities available for municipal clerks across the state of Texas. She reminded us of her theme for 2019: S.P.O.T.—Sharing Positive Observations Today—and encouraged each of us to make a positive impact on someone with an encouraging, uplifting word. Thank you, President Sutter!

The Pineywoods Chapter celebrated the recent accomplishment of San Augustine City Secretary Cinda Garner, TRMC, in achieving her certification and becoming a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk. Cinda was presented with a card and gift from the chapter. TRMC recertification is also a major accomplishment. We celebrated with Lufkin City Secretary Kara Andrepont, TRMC, and Hemphill City Manager Laure Morgan,



Pineywoods Chapter at their January meeting in Lufkin. *Standing, from left to right:* Kelli Beall, City Secretary, Hemphill; Jeanyse Mosby, Finance Director, San Augustine; Kim Sutter, TMCA President, City Secretary, Eules; Kara Andrepont, City Secretary, Lufkin; Michelle Morgan, Deputy City Secretary, Hemphill; Wendy Bendy, City Secretary, Colmesneil; Julie Davis, City Secretary, Huntington; Laure Morgan, City Manager, Hemphill; Johnna Childers, Executive Administrative Assistant, Lufkin; and Ellie Monteaux, City Secretary/Assistant City Manager, Livingston. *Seated, left to right:* Amber Treat, City Secretary, Tenaha; Cinda Garner, City Secretary, San Augustine; Mitzi Thompson, City Secretary, Crockett; and Debbie Wells, City Secretary, Lovelady.

## PINEYWOODS CHAPTER

TRMC, as they achieved their recertification. Each received a card and gift from the chapter.

Several Pineywoods Chapter members attended the TMCCP Election Law Seminar in Frisco. The education, training, and networking opportunities are invaluable.

Our next Pineywoods Chapter meeting will be held Wednesday, April 17, at noon in Lovelady. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Happy 2019 from the Pineywoods Chapter!



Pineywoods Chapter members at the graduation luncheon during the TMCCP Election Law Seminar in January in Frisco.

## TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

# Red River Chapter

By Chapter Secretary **Sharon McFadden**

*City Secretary/Finance Director, Graham*

The Red River Chapter met for our quarterly meeting at Johnny Carinos in Wichita Falls on December 19.

President Stahr called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Normal chapter business followed, with the approval of minutes and financials. Members of the chapter who were present at our meeting elected officers for 2019-2020. Janelle Stahr will continue serving as president. Kim Hemmi will continue serving as treasurer and will also serve as vice president. Sharon McFadden will serve as secretary.

Our chapter hosted an Athenian Dialogue in November. Our discussion of *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race* was a success. We had several attendees that traveled long distances to attend. A delicious barbeque lunch was catered and the door prizes were a lot of fun for all. TMCA/TMCCP Education Director Dr. Amy Holt did an excellent job of facilitating the dialogue.

The chapter committed to donating \$100 toward Faith Refuge as a charitable donation for our Christmas project. Members contrib-

*At top right, left to right: Gerri Ayres, Holliday, and Carla Walker, Granbury.*

*At near right: Janelle Stahr, Burkburnett; Tim Houston, Olney; and Kim Hemmi, Scotland.*



## RED RIVER CHAPTER

uted additional funds and the chapter donated a total of \$265.00. President Stahr delivered the donation to Faith Refuge. The mission of Faith Refuge is to provide Christ-centered programs and services that lead the homeless toward self-sufficiency. The Red River Chapter is blessed with being able to help those in need.

Chapter members participated in an ornament exchange during our meeting. Kia Weathersby provided a dice rolling game that kept the gift bags moving all around the table. The photos are a few of the ornaments received when the entertaining game ended.

Congratulations to our chapter president, Janelle Stahr, on her first TMRC recertification. Janelle was recognized during the TMCCP graduation exercises at the TMCA Election Law Seminar on January 24. Gerri Ayres, Marie Balthrop, Kim Hemmi, Tim Houston, Sharon McFadden, and Sandy Page attended the seminar and cheered for Janelle during graduation.

In December Sharon McFadden was awarded a \$100 Jim Tinnin Online Learning Scholarship from IIMC for Region IV. The scholarship can be applied toward registration expenses of any existing online learning opportunity on the IIMC website.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, March 20, at 1:00 p.m. at Johnny Carinos, 4330 Kell W Blvd., Wichita Falls, 76309. Everyone is invited to attend any of our chapter meetings.

For more information about the Red River Chapter contact our president Janelle Stahr, TRMC, city clerk, Burkburnett, at [jestahr@burkburnett.org](mailto:jestahr@burkburnett.org) or 940-569-2263.

Members present at the December meeting:

Sandy Page, City Secretary, Bowie

Janelle Stahr, City Clerk, Burkburnett

Sharon McFadden, City Secretary, Graham

Gerri Ayres, City Secretary, Holiday

Brenda Tarpley, City Secretary, Jacksboro

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Kim Hemmi, City Secretary, Scotland

Maria Balthrop, City Clerk, Wichita Falls

Kia Weathersby, Deputy City Clerk, Wichita Falls

## TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

# Salt Grass Chapter

By Chapter Secretary **Dixie Roberts, TRMC**  
*City Secretary, Alvin*

### November 2018 Meeting

The Salt Grass Chapter held their monthly meeting on November 14 at the Meadows Place Training/EOC Center. Chapter Vice President Crystal Dozier, TRMC, city secretary, Hunters Creek Village, called the meeting to order with many members in attendance. Representatives from the University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs Certified Public Manager Program gave a presentation on “Millennials in the Workplace.” Many interesting perspectives were shared and discussed.

The 2019 chapter executive board slate was elected and the chapter approved a charitable donation of \$500 to the Heroes and Cops Against Childhood Cancer Foundation, selected by Chapter President Marisela Garcia, TRMC.

The chapter accepted the 2019 slate of officers as follows: President Crystal Dozier, TRMC, city secretary, Hunters Creek Village; Vice President Roxanne Benitez, TRMC, city secretary, Spring Valley Village; Secretary, Dixie Roberts, TRMC, city secretary, Alvin; Treasurer Tracylynn Garcia, TRMC, assistant city secretary, Tomball and Historian Tomika Lewis, TRMC, city secretary, Stafford.



The Salt Grass Chapter met in November in Meadows Place and discussed “Millennials in the Workplace.”

## SALT GRASS CHAPTER

### December 2018

The Salt Grass Chapter held their 2018 Annual Installation Banquet/Holiday Luncheon on December 12 at Arturo Boada Cuisine in Houston, where \$2,500 in scholarships were awarded to members to use toward registration and travel costs incurred while attending TMCCP seminars. Paula Favors, TRMC, city secretary, Wharton, was named the 2018 Salt Grass Chapter Outstanding Municipal Clerk of the Year, and TMCA President Marie Balthrop, TRMC, administered the oath of office to the 2019 chapter executive board. The chapter presented outgoing President Marisela Garcia, TRMC with a gavel plaque and gift card in appreciation of her dedication and service on behalf of the chapter. Then began the most anticipated event of the entire year... the annual Christmas gift exchange! Great fun, food, and fellowship was had by all.

*At top right:* The incoming Salt Grass Chapter executive board was administered the oath of office at the December Banquet (*from left to right*): President Crystal Dozier, TRMC; Vice President Roxanne Benitez, TRMC; Secretary Dixie Roberts, TRMC; Treasurer Tracylynn Garcia, TRMC; Historian Tomika Lewis, TRMC.

*At near right:* The Salt Grass Chapter at their December Installation Banquet/Holiday Luncheon on Dec 12 at Arturo Boada Cuisine in Houston.



## SALT GRASS CHAPTER

### **Patrice Fogarty, TRMC, City Secretary, LaPorte, Retires After More Than 25 Years of Service as a City Secretary**

LaPorte City Secretary Patrice Fogarty, TRMC retired in December 2018 with more than 25 years of service as a city secretary. Patrice served the City of LaPorte since 2011 and has previously served in that capacity for the cities of Missouri City, Beaumont, and Dickinson.

Patrice is an active and longtime member of TMCA. She received her TRMC Certification in 1997, and is currently pursuing her fifth recertification. Patrice served as the 2006 president of TMCA, and prior to that served three terms as a trustee on the TMCA executive board, as secretary in 2003, as vice president in 2004, and as president elect in 2005. She served four years on the TMCA Certification Committee, with two years as chair. Additionally, she established the TMCA TexasMunicipalClerks Yahoo email list serv in 2000.and has served for the past 18 years as chair of the Technology Committee. In 2003 she was recognized with TMCA's, highest honor, the Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year. Patrice is also certified as a Master Municipal Clerk through the IIMC.



Longtime friends and colleagues Pauline Small, TRMC, (retired) and Patrice Fogarty, TRMC, (retired) share a smile for the camera at Patrice's retirement party in December.

Patrice is proud to have held all elected offices in the Salt Grass Chapter, where, in 2004, she was recognized as the Salt Grass Chapter Municipal Clerk of the year, the chapter's highest honor.

Patrice authored the chapter titled "The Municipal Court" in the *Texas Municipal Clerks Handbook*, sixth through ninth editions, and authored "The Office and Duties of the Municipal Clerk" in the tenth edition. She has also authored numerous articles for professional publications.

Patrice is an instructor at the annual TMCA Election Law Seminar and the open government conference; instructs for the Houston-Galveston Area Council on election laws; has taught for the Texas Municipal League on open government and parliamentary procedure; has taught many years for the Salt Grass Chapter's Annual Public Information Act Seminar; and serves on the Texas Municipal League's task force on legislative matters regarding public information laws, election laws, and open government.

Thank you, Patrice, for your dedicated service to your citizens, mayor's and city council's, staff, fellow board members, and for leading by example in our profession.

## SALT GRASS CHAPTER

### January 2018

The Salt Grass Chapter welcomed the New Year with a meeting on January 9 at Grace's in Houston, hosted by Linebarger Goggan Sampson & Blair, LLP, and honorary Salt Grass Chapter member Karen Vannerson. President Crystal Dozier called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The chapter approved minutes, reviewed the treasurer's report, and discussed available committee positions.

The next Salt Grass Chapter meeting was set for February 13 in Meadows Place. Salt Grass Chapter meetings are typically held on the second Tuesday of the month, January through April and August through December. For more information about monthly meetings, please contact Secretary Dixie Roberts, TRMC at [droberts@cityofalvin.com](mailto:droberts@cityofalvin.com).



The Salt Grass Chapter at the January 9 meeting at Grace's in Houston.



## TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

# South Plains Chapter

By Chapter Vice President **Kim Perez, TRMC**  
*City Secretary, Ralls*

Greetings from West Texas!

The South Plains Chapter met at Furr's Fresh Buffet in Lubbock on December 18 for our quarterly meeting/Christmas party. Our meeting was hosted by Janine Butler from the City of Littlefield.

Chapter President Sharon Trumble congratulated Betty Conde, city secretary, Lamesa, and Courtney Paz, deputy city secretary, Lubbock, for both passing tests at the last TMCA seminar held in October.

The 2019 Municipal Clerk of the Year Committee was appointed. The 2019-2020 slate of new officers were sworn in by President Trumble: President Belinda Terrell (Whiteface), Vice President Kim Perez (Ralls), Treasurer Beth Walls (Levelland), Secretary Zanea Carpenter (Muleshoe), Historian Elena Quintanilla (Ransom Canyon), and Director Veronica Olguin (Morton). A gift was presented to outgoing Chapter Presi-



*Above:* A handful of members from the South Plains Chapter that attended the TMCA Election Law Seminar in January in Frisco.

*At left:* 2019-2020 South Plains Chapter slate of officers, from left to right: Chapter Vice President Kim Perez, TRMC, city secretary, Ralls; Chapter Treasurer Beth Walls, TRMC, city secretary, Levelland; Chapter Secretary Zanea Carpenter, TRMC, city secretary, Muleshoe; Chapter Historian Elena Quintanilla, TRMC, city manager, Ransom Canyon; Chapter Director Veronica Olguin, TRMC, deputy city secretary, Morton; and Chapter President Belinda Terrell, city secretary, Whiteface.

## SOUTH PLAINS CHAPTER

dent Sharon Trumble for her service on the board and to the chapter.

After all business was discussed the members participated in a Christmas gift exchange.

The South Plains Chapter had 35 members attend the TMCCP Election Law Seminar held in Frisco. Amanda Cummings (Shallowater), Patricia Isaguirre (Hale Center), and Kathy Field (Slaton) all received their Texas Registered Municipal Clerks Certification. Kim Perez (Ralls) received her first recertification.

Our next meeting will be on March 20 and will be hosted by Renee Wilbanks (Idalou). If you would like to join us please contact Vice President Kim Perez at [kim@rallstx.org](mailto:kim@rallstx.org) for information.

Members and guests in attendance at the December chapter meeting:

Janine Butler, TRMC, city secretary, Littlefield

Zanea Carpenter, TRMC, city secretary, Muleshoe

Sue Castles, Xcel Energy, retired

Toni Chrestman, TRMC, retired city secretary, Slaton

Jennifer Clements, TRMC, assistant to city secretary, Lubbock

Betty Conde, city secretary, Lamesa

Amanda Cummings, city secretary, Shallowater

Kathy Field, deputy city secretary, Slaton

Kirk Franklin, honorary member, Franklin Legal Publishing

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Patricia Isaguirre, city secretary, Hale Center

Pam King, city secretary, Slaton

Veronica Olguin, TRMC, deputy city secretary, Morton

Kim Perez, TRMC, city secretary, Ralls

Elena Quintanilla, TRMC, city manager, Ransom Canyon

Brenda Shaw, TRMC, city manager/secretary, Morton

Belinda Terrell, city manager/secretary, Whiteface

Sharon Trumble, city secretary, New Deal

Amy Wallace, city secretary, Crosbyton

Beth Walls, TRMC, city secretary, Levelland

Toni Wilson, TRMC, retired city secretary, Sundown

## TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

# West Texas Chapter

By Chapter Historian **Syra Nichols**

*City Secretary, Pecos*

The West Texas Chapter of the Texas Municipal Clerks had their last quarterly meeting on November 14, 2018. The meeting was held at the local Mulberry Cafe in Midland and it was delicious! If you ever get a chance to try it out it is highly recommended.

Regular chapter business was conducted and outgoing Chapter President Norma Grimaldo swore in three new officers: Sue Ann Reyes, Midland; Miriam Watson, Rankin; and Syra Nichols, Pecos. The clerks participated in a gift exchange by playing the White Elephant Game.

We invite members of our profession in our area to join our chapter. For information, please contact Chapter Secretary Sara Copeland (Andrews) at [scopeland@cityofandrews.org](mailto:scopeland@cityofandrews.org) or Chapter President SueAnn Reyes (Midland) at [sreyes@midlandtexas.gov](mailto:sreyes@midlandtexas.gov).



*At left:* West Texas Chapter members at their November meeting in Midland.

*Top row, above:* Norma Grimaldo (*at left*) administers the oath of office to Miriam Watson, city secretary, Rankin, and to Chapter President SueAnn Reyes, TRMC, deputy city secretary, Midland.

*Lower row, above:* The chapter participated in a White Elephant gift exchange.

TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

# Yellow Rose Chapter

By Chapter President **Angie Wade, TRMC**

City Secretary, Ennis

Greetings from the Yellow Rose Chapter!

The Yellow Rose Chapter was honored to welcome TMCA President Marie Balthrop as our special guest and speaker at the annual Business Meeting/Christmas Luncheon this year, hosted by the City of Mesquite. Marie encouraged our members to continue educating themselves and to step outside of their comfort zone and get involved with the Texas Municipal Clerks Association by volunteering to serve on a committee. The chapter was also given an update on the TMCA Strategic Plan Review Committee; the new Sandra Watkins Election Law Scholarship; and funds raised by TMCA for members affected by Hurricane Harvey. Following the business portion of the meeting members had a great time listening to Christmas music, taking pictures around the tree, and enjoying the fellowship of our awesome chapter!



*At top right:* Merry Christmas from the Yellow Rose Chapter! Members in attendance include: Amber Villareal, Waxahachie; Cathy Dimaggio, Grand Prairie; Sonja Land, Mesquite; Kathryn Roberson, Kennedale; Susan House, Mesquite; Ivy Peterson, Cleburne; Angie Wade, Ennis; Keely Wells, Mesquite; Cindy Gross, Balch Springs; Leslie Galloway, Kennedale; Alicia Thomas, DeSoto; Rhonda Winters, Ennis; Lori Cartwright, Waxahachie; Mayra Ortiz, Lancaster; Norma Zenk, Retiree; Patsy Patten, Wilmer; Cynthia Chapman, Cleburne; Susana Marin, Mansfield; Mona Galacia, Grand Prairie; Holly Owens, Keene; Rhonda Quintana, Oak Leaf; Angie Arenas, Lancaster.

*Inset:* Retiree Norma Zenk, TRMC and Ivy Peterson, TRMC, City of Cleburne having fun with the photo frames! *Above left:* Lori Cartwright, TRMC and Amber Villareal, TRMC from the City of Waxahachie snuggling under the tree. *Above right:* Thank you to 2018 TMCA President Marie Balthrop (left) for visiting the Yellow Rose Chapter!

## YELLOW ROSE CHAPTER

The chapter had a great turnout at this year's TMCCP Election Law Seminar. A big thank you to all of the instructors, vendors, and to TMCA for a wonderful conference. We had three members earn their Texas Registered Municipal Clerk certification this year: a big congratulations to Jesse Elizondo, TRMC, City of Burleson; Susana Marin, TRMC, City of Mansfield; and Kathryn Roberson, TRMC, City of Kennedale. We also congratulated members Amanda Campos, TRMC, City of Burleson, and Susan House, TRMC, City of Mesquite, on receiving their second recertification; and Cathy DiMaggio, TRMC, City of Grand Prairie, on receiving her third recertification!



*Above, clockwise from top left: Susan House, TRMC, deputy city secretary, Mesquite, earned her second recertification; graduate Jesse Elizondo, TRMC, deputy city secretary, Burleson; Cathy DiMaggio, TRMC, city secretary, Grand Prairie, earned her third recertification; Amanda Campos, TRMC, city secretary, Burleson, earned her second recertification; graduate Susana Marin, TRMC, city secretary, Mansfield; and graduate Kathryn Roberson, TRMC, deputy city secretary, Kennedale.*

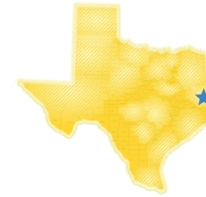
*At left: Graduate Jesse Elizondo, TRMC, deputy city secretary, Burleson, took what we believe to be the first ever "graduation selfie" while shaking hands with Dr. Holt on stage!*

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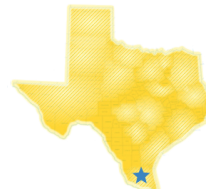
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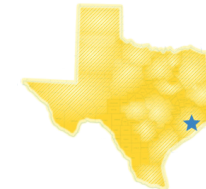
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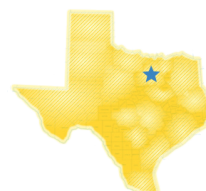
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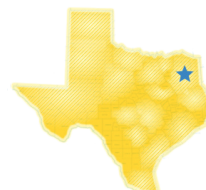
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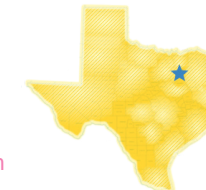
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