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President's Message

It is hard to believe that 2011 is almost over. The TMCCP Graduate Institute in Addison was outstanding. The venue was excellent, our speaker, David Reed, was superb, and the topic—leadership—could not be more timely. For those of you who were in attendance, I know that you took away at least one thing that you could use as soon as you got back to your office. For me there were three things that really struck home: 1) the leadership assessment; 2) looking at the different roles that you play in your life—we are city secretaries, but we also have many other roles such as parent, spouse, employee, son or daughter, volunteer; and 3) setting goals for each of these roles. If we don't set measurable goals, how do we know we are going in the right direction?



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TMCA President
Mary Kayser, TRMC
City Secretary, Garland

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I mentioned, our speaker was David Reed, and he was engaging and insightful. He kept the pace up and we were able to get up and moving with several different exercises. We worked in pairs, small groups, and large groups. One problem-solving exercise involved pairing up: one person held on to either end of a three-foot piece of rope; their partner looped their own three-foot piece of rope through their partner's loop, thereby attaching the two people by this pair of looped ropes. The exercise was to get untangled without letting go of the ropes. It's difficult to describe—I recommend you check out the pictures [see photo below right; [see more seminar photos on page 25](#)]. I won't give away the secret, but the first two to figure it out were Forth Worth City Secretary Marty Hendrix, TRMC, and Euless City Secretary Kim Sutter, TRMC. Now we know who some of the best problem solvers are!! The other take-away from this exercise is that the first thing they did was go to another group and say, "let us help you"; the solution got shared around the room in record time.

In addition to the seminar, we had a great TMCA Annual Business Meeting in Addison. We approved nine resolutions; received a trea-



Top right: Attendees participate in one of speaker David Reed's team-building exercises at the TMCCP Graduate Institute in Addison in November.

Near right: A problem-solving exercise set for attendees by David Reed.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

sure's report (our finances are in great shape); voted to make Bruce Sherbet, former Dallas County Elections Administrator, an honorary member of TMCA; and elected the 2012 TMCA officers.

At the TMCA Annual Banquet that evening, we recognized our retirees and scholarship winners. We also highlighted all of our nominees for TMCA Clerk of the Year. Linda Knight, TRMC, city secretary, Breckenridge, was recognized as the 2011 TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year. We also surprised Bruce Sherbet with his TMCA Honorary Membership. The 2012 TMCA executive board was sworn in—what an outstanding group. We also heard from incoming President LeAnn Gallman, TRMC, city secretary Muleshoe. 2012 will be a great year under her leadership. **Please take time to read her remarks**; you will be inspired. *[More banquet coverage begins on page 7.]*

It has been an honor to serve on the TMCA board, and especially to serve as your president during our 25th anniversary. By the end of December I will have visited **all 16 of our chapters** around the state.



2012 TMCA President LeAnn Gallman, TRMC (at right), presents a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the membership to 2011 President Mary Kayser, TRMC, city secretary, Garland, thanking her for her service as president.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been so exciting and gratifying to see the excitement and enthusiasm of our members. I also saw that strong bond that we form with our fellow clerks. Our network is what makes us so strong and vibrant and makes Texas shine so bright.

Let me close with one of my favorite quotes from George Bernard Shaw:

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no "brief candle" for me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.

As TMCA president I have seen first-hand how brightly our organization shines—at the local level and the state level.

Thank you again for the honor of serving you through TMCA, and I look forward to seeing you in 2012.

Mary J. Kayser, TRMC

2011 TMCA President

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President's Travels

In her capacity as 2011 TMCA president, Mary Kayser, TRMC, traveled extensively this year from her home city of Garland. She has coordinated visits with all 16 TMCA chapters across the state, represented us at the 2011 IIMC Conference in Tennessee, made the introductions at the "Women in Government" breakfast that TMCA sponsored at the annual TML Conference, and attended the IIMC Region IV meeting in Mississippi.

March 9 – Stephenville –
Bluebonnet Chapter

May 8-11 – Nashville, TN –
IIMC Conference

June 15 – McAllen – **Lower Rio Grande Valley Chapter**

July 8 – Goliad – **Coastal Bend Chapter**

July 20 – Midland – **West Texas Chapter**

July 29-30 – Salado –
Capital Chapter

August 17 – Beverly Hills – **Central Texas Chapter**

August 24 – San Antonio –
Alamo Chapter

September 14 – Richardson –
North Texas Chapter

September 15 – Wichita Falls – **Red River Chapter**

September 21 – Lubbock – **South Plains Chapter**

September 30 – Canton – **Northeast Texas Chapter**

October 5 – Lucas – **Lone Star Chapter**

October 11-14 – Houston – **TML Conference**

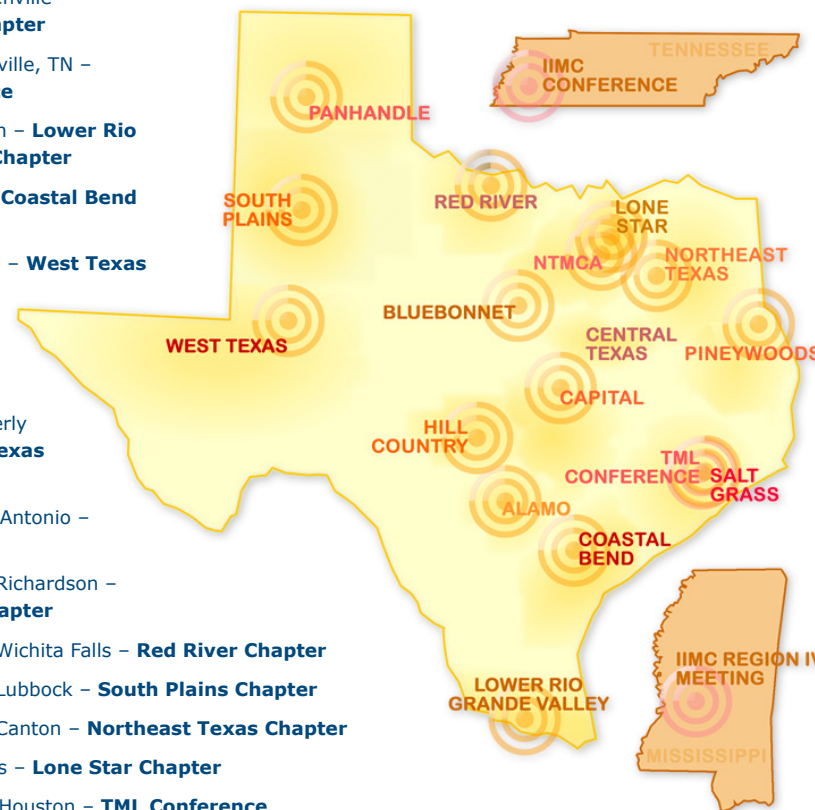
October 19 – Center – **Pineywoods Chapter**

December 7 – Houston – **Salt Grass Chapter**

December 9-10 – Jackson, MS – **IIMC Region IV Meeting**

December 14 – Fredericksburg – **Hill Country Chapter**

December 15 – Amarillo – **Panhandle Chapter**



2011 Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year Honorees



Esther Arzola
City Secretary
Port Aransas

Coastal Bend Chapter
Chapter Municipal
Clerk of the Year



Melissa Brunner, TRMC
City Secretary
Flatonia

Capital Chapter
Chapter Municipal
Clerk of the Year
& State Nominee



Melissa Bunch, TRMC
City Secretary
Katy

Salt Grass Chapter
State Nominee



Rita Frick, TRMC
City Secretary
Hurst

North Texas Chapter
Chapter Municipal
Clerk of the Year



LeAnn Gallman, TRMC
City Secretary
Muleshoe

South Plains Chapter
State Nominee



Rebecca Garza, TRMC
City Secretary
Lubbock

South Plains Chapter
Chapter Municipal
Clerk of the Year



Cheryl Gibson-Salgado,
TRMC, City Secretary/
Assistant City Manager
Spearman

Panhandle Chapter
Chapter Municipal
Clerk of the Year
& State Nominee



Melba Haralson, TRMC
City Secretary
Gladewater

Northeast Texas Chapter
State Nominee



Linda Knight, TRMC
City Secretary
Breckenridge

Bluebonnet Chapter
State Nominee

2011 TMCA
Municipal Clerk
Of the Year



Lydia Lopez, TRMC
City Secretary
Hewitt

Central Texas Chapter
Chapter Municipal
Clerk of the Year
& State Nominee



Lydia Ozuna, TRMC
City Clerk
Wichita Falls

Red River Chapter
Chapter Municipal
Clerk of the Year
& State Nominee



Sandra Passailaigue,
TRMC, City Clerk
Shavano Park

Alamo Chapter
Chapter Municipal
Clerk of the Year
& State Nominee



Pamela Schmidt, TRMC
City Secretary
Richardson

North Texas Chapter
State Nominee



Larry Thompson, TRMC
City Secretary
Ganado

Coastal Bend Chapter
State Nominee



Louetta Wallace
City Secretary
Haskell

Bluebonnet Chapter
Chapter Municipal
Clerk of the Year



Diane Zucco, TRMC
City Secretary
Plano

Lone Star Chapter
Chapter Municipal
Clerk of the Year
& State Nominee

TMCCP SEMINAR

Election Law Seminar

January 18-20, 2012, Irving, Texas • *Early Registration Deadline: January 4, 2012*

The Election Law Seminar is changing!

In 2012, you will have more choices when attending the Election Law Seminar. In order to provide relevant information for cities that hold their own elections and those cities that contract with the county for services, we have included more breakout sessions from which to choose.

Full information is available on our [website](#). **Plan the sessions** you would like to attend ahead of time.

See you in January!

Wednesday, January 18, **three** optional Pre-Seminar Sessions:

- **9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.:** Optional Pre-Seminar Round Table for **Attendees Holding Their First Election** (*free with paid registration*)
- **12:00 noon-4:30 p.m.:** Optional Pre-Seminar **Step by Step Session for Cities Who Hold Their Own Elections** (*\$135 registration fee, includes box lunch and "Step by Step" handbook*)
- **2:00-4:00 p.m.:** Optional Pre-Seminar Round Table for **Attendees Contracting for the First Time** (*free with paid registration*)

Wednesday, January 18—**the Election Law Seminar begins at 6:00 in the evening:**

- **"Changes to Polling Place Voting Process" followed by "TML Legislative Update on Elections"**

Thursday and Friday—the following is a partial list of **breakout sessions** being offered during the Election Law Seminar (most sessions are 1 ½ hours in length):

- **"Candidate Packets/Applications/Petitions"**
- **"DOJ Submissions"**
- **"Early Voting"**
- **"The Election Calendar (May/November)"**
- **"Joint Election Contracts"**
- **"Mail Ballots/FPCA Ballots"**
- **"Moving Your Election to November"**
- **"Ordering an Election/Posting & Publishing Notices/Canceling Elections"**
- **"Provisional Voting"**
- **"Recall Elections for Home Rule Cities"**
- **"Recruiting & Training Election Workers"**
- **"Special Elections/Vacancies/Resign to Run"**
- **"Unofficial Tabulation/Document Preparation for Canvass/Swearing In/Reporting to SOS/Election Register"**
- **"Voting Systems—Presented by Hart InterCivic, ES&S, and Dominion Voting"**



TMCA Annual Banquet

November 3, 2011 • InterContinental Hotel, Addison

TMCA held a wonderful, memorable annual banquet this year at the InterContinental Hotel on November 3. TMCA members were recognized; scholarships were awarded; 2011 retirees were honored; an honorary TMCA membership was bestowed upon Bruce Sherbet; all TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year nominees were honored, and the 2011 winner was announced; and the 2011 TMCA officers were sworn into office.

The following pages in this special TMCA newsletter section offer a glimpse of the banquet. We hope to see you next year at the TMCA banquet at the Embassy Suites in **San Marcos** on **October 18, 2012!**



TMCA ANNUAL BANQUET

Photos at right, top to bottom:

2011 TMCA President **Mary Kayser, TRMC** (*far right*), city secretary, Garland, swears in 2012 officers (*from left to right*): President **LeAnn Gallman, TRMC**, city secretary, Muleshoe; President Elect **Norma Grimaldo, TRMC**, city secretary, Odessa; Vice President **Art Camacho, TRMC**, city secretary, Haltom City; Secretary **Linda Knight, TRMC**, city secretary, Breckenridge; and Treasurer **Sherry Mashburn, TRMC**, city secretary, College Station.

Mary Kayser (*far left*) administers the oath of office to the 2012 trustees (*from left to right*): **Sandra Watkins, TRMC**, city secretary, Deer Park; **Pauline Small, TRMC**, city secretary, Webster; **Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, TRMC**, city secretary/assistant city manager, Spearman; **Scarlet Swoboda, TRMC**, city secretary, Victoria; **Lydia Lopez, TRMC**, city secretary, Hewitt; and **Marie Balthrop, TRMC**, city secretary, Holliday.

President Kayser gifted mementos to all the 2012 officers and trustees, explaining how they were each a unique and vital part of the whole that makes up the TMCA executive board.

Below: **TMCA South Plains Chapter members** honored their longtime member and new TMCA president **LeAnn Gallman, TRMC**.





2011 TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year

Congratulations to Breckenridge City Secretary Linda Knight, TRMC, on her selection as the 2011 TMCA Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year!

Each year Texas municipal clerks nominate one of their peers for the prestigious Municipal Clerk of the Year Award. To be eligible for the award, nominees must be active members of TMCA, must have provided service to other municipal clerks on a local level and/or state level, must have exhibited leadership abilities, must be a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk, and must currently hold a municipal clerk position. Nominee applications are scored on years of municipal service, years of TMCA membership, TMCCP certification/recertification achievements, TMCA service, local chapter service, special projects service, IIMC service, and participation as instructors or conveners in TMCA, local chapter, and IIMC education sessions.



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2011 TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year **Linda Knight, TRMC** (left), city secretary, Breckenridge, is presented a plaque of recognition by TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year Committee Chair **Cara McPartland, TRMC**, city secretary, Wimberley.

Special thanks to 2011 TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year Committee members Chair Cara McPartland, TRMC, city secretary, Wimberley; Peggy Cimics, TRMC, city secretary, Cibolo; Linda Rhodes, TRMC, city secretary, Lake Worth; Christi Shivers, TRMC, city secretary, Mexia; and Christie Wilson, TRMC, city secretary, The Colony.

2011 MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE YEAR

This year, Linda Knight, TRMC, CMC, city secretary, Breckenridge, was named the Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year by the TMCA membership. TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year Committee Chair Cara McPartland, TRMC, city secretary, Wimberley, presented the award at the Annual Awards Banquet in Addison on November 3, and commented that “City Secretary Knight exemplifies a positive, dynamic example of an outstanding public servant.”

Mrs. Knight has served as city secretary and director of finance for the City of Breckenridge since 1992. Previously, she served the city for 16 years as assistant city secretary and as secretary to the city manager.

Linda earned the Texas Registered Municipal Clerk credential in 1998. She recertified in 2003 and 2008, and is currently enrolled in her third recertification. Linda also earned her Certified Municipal Clerk designation from IIMC in 2005.

She has held membership in TMCA since 1993

and is active in the association. Most recently, she has served as treasurer on the TMCA executive board. Prior to serving as treasurer, she served as trustee from 2006-2010. Linda has also served on several TMCA committees, including Advisory Management, Certification, Municipal Clerk of the Year, and Membership; she chaired the Certification Committee in 2005 and chaired the Municipal Clerk of the Year Committee in 2002.

Linda is also active in her local TMCA chapter. She has held all offices of the Bluebonnet Chapter including that of president. Her chapter committee service includes Chapter Clerk of the Year (four years; chair, 1998), Nominating (chair, 2008-2009), Bylaws (two years), and Scholarship (two years). Linda was elected as the Bluebonnet Chapter’s Chapter Clerk of the Year in 1996 and has been nominated by the chapter for the TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year every year since 2006.



With so many outstanding nominees, the Municipal Clerk of the Year Committee faced the daunting—but rewarding—task of choosing the one individual who exemplifies the highest level of service and dedication our profession has to offer.

“Linda joins a distinguished group of honorees: those whose names inspire public confidence and respect for government, and whose personal and professional conduct demonstrate the fundamental values of honesty, integrity, loyalty, and courtesy.”

*—Municipal Clerk of the Year
Committee Chair
Cara McPartland, TRMC*

2011 MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE YEAR

Linda is also an active member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, and has chaired the MCEF Booth Committee and served on IIMC's Tote Bag Committee.

Linda's intelligence and commitment have been proven time and again by her outstanding service as an instructor on both the local and state levels. She has co-presented sessions on "Early Voting" and the "Step by Step Process of an Election" for the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program. She has been an instructor and a panel member on "Elections" for the Bluebonnet Chapter and has also served on a "Best Practices" round table at the Texas Secretary of State's Election Law Seminar. Linda served as an instructor on "Parliamentary Procedures" for TML Newly Elected Officials. She has also been an instructor for city and school election judges and clerks.

In addition to teaching, Linda co-authored a chapter in the sixth and seventh editions of the *Texas Municipal Clerks Handbook* and was the project coordinator for the eighth edition of the *Handbook*.

In addition to serving as city secretary of Breckenridge, Linda has served as acting city manager on several occasions and has been highly

involved in beneficial projects for the city. She planned and coordinated the \$6.2 million West Walker project, as well as the \$1.5 million Walker Street TxDOT project. She was also influential in securing a \$600,000 matching grant for the Dyer Street project and worked with the Main Street Committee to help Breckenridge gain designations as a Main Street City and as the Mural Capital of Texas.

In her chapter nomination of Linda for TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year, Bluebonnet Chapter President Kay Torres said, "Linda honors our profession with her dedication to her job, as well as her commitment to helping others. Her years of experience and education have proven to be invaluable to our chapter. Linda was instrumental in forming our chapter and continues to be an active member. ...She sets an example for others to follow, motivating her fellow city secretaries and

encouraging them to work on getting their certification.

"...On a personal note, I am very impressed with Linda's professionalism and her perseverance. She always has a smile on and is very welcoming and personable. She offers her support and makes herself available anytime I have a question or need help." ★

“Linda honors our profession.”

—Bluebonnet Chapter President Kay Torres



2012 TMCA Executive Board

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The TMCA officers were installed at the Annual Banquet on November 3 in Addison.



Seated, from left to right:

- Treasurer Sherry Mashburn, TRMC
City Secretary, College Station
- Secretary Linda Knight, TRMC
City Secretary, Breckenridge
- President LeAnn Gallman, TRMC
City Secretary, Muleshoe
- President Elect Norma Grimaldo, TRMC
City Secretary, Odessa
- Vice President Art Camacho, TRMC
City Secretary, Haltom City

Standing, from left to right:

- Trustee Sandra Watkins, TRMC
City Secretary, Deer Park
- Trustee Scarlet Swoboda, TRMC
City Secretary, Victoria
- Trustee Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, TRMC
City Secretary, Spearman
- Immediate Past President
Mary Kayser, TRMC
City Secretary, Garland
- Trustee Pauline Small, TRMC
City Secretary, Webster
- Trustee Lydia Lopez, TRMC
City Secretary, Hewitt
- Trustee Marie Balthrop, TRMC
City Secretary, Holliday



2012 President's Acceptance Speech

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2012 President LeAnn Gallman, TRMC
City Secretary, Muleshoe

LeAnn Gallman, TRMC, city secretary, Muleshoe, was elected the 60th president of TMCA during the TMCA Annual Business Meeting on November 3 in Addison. She presented this acceptance speech to attendees of the TMCA Annual Banquet.

Did any of you grow up wanting to be a city secretary? I sure didn't. I grew up in the country, on a farm, spending my summers hoeing cotton and looking forward to the next trip to "town." I didn't have a clue what went on at city hall, much less what a city secretary was. When David and I married, I went to floral design school and was a florist. I enjoyed working with beautiful flowers and the delight that came with delivering something beautiful to the recipient. I enjoyed the work (and still love flowers), but after about five years, I became restless and began to explore other options. I found out that there was an opening at city hall for a utility billing clerk. I interviewed with the city manager and was soon offered the job. I still wonder what he saw in me that made him think that I was the person to hire. I took the job, and when I think about it now, I'm not sure I knew what I was getting into. I soon realized that this was more than just a job—it was a calling. You see, I believe that we are where we are for a reason. Now, just over 30 years later, I stand before you looking forward to 2012 as the 60th president of this association.

PRESIDENT'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

The title of public servant means more to me now than ever before. In January at the TMCCP Election Law seminar, our speaker, Judge Ron Clark, spoke of passion. Are you passionate about what you do and who you serve? I am. I love what I do and wouldn't trade positions with anyone else in Muleshoe. Someone asked me one day if my job was monotonous. Don't we do the same thing day in, day out? I guess in some ways we do the same thing every day, but as you well know, our job is anything but monotonous. I love serving our citizens, knowing that we make a difference in their lives. I'm sure they don't realize it, but isn't that what we want: for things to run so smoothly that they don't realize that we do our jobs well? To answer those public information requests as quickly and efficiently as we can with a smile on our face; to have an election go off without a hitch, knowing that we are important in the democratic process; to be able to pull that file that your public works director or police chief or city manager asks for, and to go right back to what you were doing before they walked in or called you; or to take a few minutes to visit with that citizen that just sticks their head in to say hello.

We passionately uphold a Code of Ethics that states that we recognize our



2011 TMCA President Mary Kayser, TRMC (right), city secretary, Garland, administers the oath of office to 2012 President LeAnn Gallman.

responsibilities to the people, desiring to inspire public confidence and respect for government, and believing that honesty, integrity, loyalty and courtesy form the basis of ethical conduct, and that as members of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc., we subscribe to the principles and ethics which will govern the personal and professional conduct as a municipal clerk:

- *To uphold constitutional government and the laws of my community;*
- *To conduct my public and private life as to be an example to fellow citizens and co-workers;*
- *To never disclose confidential information gained by reason of my position nor use such information for personal gain;*
- *To be ever mindful of my neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all and to extend the same treatment I wish to receive myself;*
- *To impart to my profession those standards of quality and integrity that the conduct of the affairs of my office shall be above reproach and to merit public confidence in our community;*
- *To record that which is true and preserve that which is entrusted to me as if it were my own; and*
- *To strive constantly to improve the administration of the affairs of my office through independent study, courses, meetings and seminars, and through sound management practices to produce continued progress and so fulfill my responsibilities to my community.*

PRESIDENT'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

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We are leaders in our communities. We have answered a calling which is the oldest and noblest of public professions. To be successful we have to be willing to delve deep from within to passionately serve the municipal clerk profession. We must bring our very best to provide a lasting contribution for our citizens and the generations to come. We must perform our duties with passion, we must lead with passion, we must learn with passion, and we must serve with passion.

This year we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association. Because of the passion of those who have served before us, who recognize the importance of what we do, we have the opportunity to continue the legacy that has been provided for us. I urge all of you to become active in your local chapters, and when the opportunity for you to serve on state committees knocks at your door, be willing to say yes. You may be asked to step outside of your comfort zone, but that is where we are given the opportunity to grow. You can make a difference. Our association has grown to over 900 members. Our mission statement says the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc., and the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program are dedicated to providing an educational and professional development program for novice and experienced municipal clerks. We continue to learn and grow in our profession every day.

This evening I am honored and blessed to stand before you as your 2012 president. As you can see, I have quite the support system with me. To the South Plains Chapter, thank you for your support and friendship. To my Mayor Cliff



2012 President LeAnn Gallman delivers her acceptance speech.

Black and his wife Carren; Mayor Pro tem Mason and her husband Ray, thank you for being here and for your support, and allowing us to serve at the state level. To my city manager, David Brunson, thank you for the example you provide your department heads and for allowing me to commit to the coming year. To my public works director, Ramon Sanchez, and my police chief, Brian Frieda, you guys are the best—thank you for being here. And my deputy city secretary, Zanea Carpenter, thank you for your support and friendship, and for always saying yes to whatever I ask you to do. My family is also here—my mother Charlene Treider and her husband Raymond; my sister Susan and her husband Al; my brother Scotty and his wife Darla. It means so much to me that you are

here. Our children, Dillon, Erin, and Skylar: I am so proud of you. And finally, the love of my life, my husband, David: thank you for your love and support.

To the many presidents who have served before me, I thank you for the example you have set and for the inspiration you have provided, and for leading the Texas Municipal Clerks Association to a degree of respect, nationally and internationally, that compares to none other.

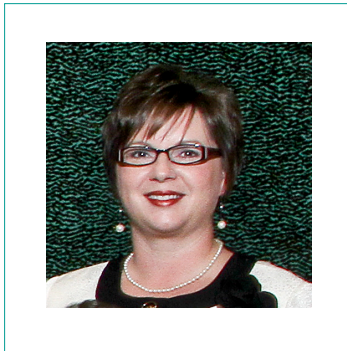
And to my fellow clerks: whether you are new to the city secretary's office or have served your community for years, I urge each of you to renew your passion for the job before you; to uphold our Code of Ethics with more commitment than ever; and to realize how blessed you are to be a public servant. ★



New Executive Board Trustees

Introducing Marie Balthrop, TRMC; Lydia Lopez, TRMC; and Scarlet Swoboda, TRMC

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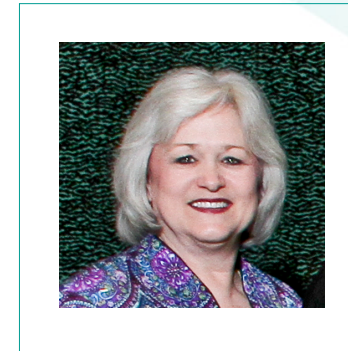
Marie Balthrop, TRMC, has served as the city secretary of the City of Holliday since 2001. She earned her Texas Registered Municipal Clerk Certification in 2005 (No. 460), recertified in 2010, and is enrolled in her second recertification.

"I am humbled and honored to serve as a trustee for TMCA and proud to represent the City of Holliday and the Red River Chapter of TMCA. The knowledge and experience I have gained through participation in TMCCP and TMCA are invaluable to me, and I look forward to the continued education and professional development I will receive by serving on the TMCA executive board. I will strive to be an active advocate of TMCCP and TMCA and to serve our organization with passion and dedication."



Lydia Lopez, TRMC, has served as city secretary of the City of Hewitt since 2007. She previously served at the City of Waco, where she held the positions of assistant city secretary (1997-2006) and executive secretary/senior administrative clerk for the city secretary's office (1986-1997). Lydia received her Texas Registered Municipal Clerk Certification in 2001 (No. 376), recertified in 2006 and 2011, and is enrolled in her third recertification. Lydia holds an Associates in Applied Science in Management Development.

"Service to TMCA, Inc., is a priority in my life. I fully support the mission of our organization. I am honored to be given this opportunity and look forward to being a part of the future success of this organization and its members."



Scarlet Swoboda, TRMC, began work for the City of Victoria in 1996 as a public service clerk. In 2001 she was appointed city secretary. Scarlet earned her Texas Registered Municipal Clerk Certification (TRMC) in January 2004 (No. 455), recertified in 2009, and is enrolled in her second recertification. Scarlet is also an IIMC Certified Municipal Clerk.

"I am flattered and honored to be considered for appointment. I will do my best to represent TMCA, the City of Victoria, and the Coastal Bend area. I am excited about serving this organization."

Professional Affiliations

Scarlet has served on several TMCA committees: Scholarship (2006), Retirement (2007),

NEW TRUSTEES

Marie Balthrop (continued)

Professional Affiliations

Marie has served on several TMCA committees: Resolutions (2011 chair), Scholarship (2007, 2009, chair 2010), Nominating (2008), and Retirement (2006). She is also active in the Red River Chapter of TMCA, where she has held the offices of president and secretary/treasurer. Marie was the Red River Chapter nominee for TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year in 2010.

Family, Community, and Hobbies

Marie has been married for 21 years to her high school sweetheart, Gary; they have one son, Gage, who is a senior this year.

In her community she is an active member of the Holliday United Methodist Church, where she has served as Youth leader for the past seven years, and also sings in the choir. She works closely with the Parks and Recreation Board in fundraising activities to raise money to build a park in Holliday. Marie serves as chair of the Archer County Appraisal District Board. She is a member of the Holliday Athletic Booster Club.

Her hobbies include singing, reading, watching her son Gage play sports, spending time with family and friends, and loving on her dogs.

Lydia Lopez (continued)

Professional Affiliations

Lydia has served on several TMCA committees: Certification (2009, 2010, and 2011), Scholarship (2007-2008), Retirement (2006), and Resolutions (2005). Lydia has volunteered as a TMCCP Election Law Seminar convener. She is also active in the Central Texas Chapter of TMCA, where she has held the offices of president, vice president, secretary, and historian. She has also served on the Central Texas Chapter's bylaws, nominating, and program committees. Lydia was the Central Texas Chapter TMCA Clerk of the Year Nominee in 2010 and 2011.

Lydia was a co-author of the ninth edition of the *Texas Municipal Clerks Handbook*.

Family and Hobbies

Lydia is married to Albert T. Lopez, and has three daughters, two grandchildren, and two dachshunds. Her hobbies include reading and exercising.

Scarlet Swoboda (continued)

Nominating (2008, chair 2009), Membership (2010-2011), and TML Booth (chair 2010). She has served as a convener at the TMCCP Election Law Seminar. Scarlet is a member of the Coastal Bend Chapter of TMCA, where she has served as treasurer, secretary (2008 and 2009), and president (2010 and 2011). She was the chapter nominee for TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year in 2009 and was the chapter's Chapter Clerk of the Year in 2010. Scarlet is a member of IIMC.

Family, Community, and Hobbies

Scarlet is married to Darrell Swoboda, has a daughter, a son, three grandsons, and two granddaughters. Scarlet is active in her church and serves on the Board of Congregational Life and on the Nominating Committee. She also helps her husband on their ranch. Her hobbies include traveling, dancing, spending time with her eight dogs, family, grandchildren, and friends. ★

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2011 TMCA Retirees

Congratulations to all our honored retirees!

Libby Ball, City Secretary, Coppell
Yolanda Benitez, TRMC, City Secretary, Garden Ridge
Susan Crim, TRMC, City Secretary, Euless
Karen Custer, City Clerk, Kilgore
Janice Elliott, City Secretary-Registrar, Atlanta
Clydette Entzminger, City Secretary, Temple
LaDonna Floyd, TRMC, City Clerk, Nederland
Martha Gillett, TRMC, City Secretary/PIO, La Porte
Marty Hendrix, TRMC, City Secretary, Fort Worth
Barbara Lawrence, City Secretary, Galveston
Barbara Long, City Secretary, League City
Karen Lawson, TRMC, City Secretary, Floydada
Carol McLemore, City Secretary, Dickinson
Cindee Peters, City Secretary, Farmers Branch
Susie Quinn, TRMC, City Secretary, Rowlett
Angie Scarlett, TRMC, City Secretary, Throckmorton
Deloris Walker, City Secretary, Early
Deborah Watkins, TRMC, City Secretary, Dallas
Lou Ann Watson, City Secretary, McCamey
Kathleen Wedell, TRMC, City Secretary, Aledo

*Photos, clockwise from top left: **Marty Hendrix, TRMC**, city secretary, Fort Worth; **Deborah Watkins, TRMC**, city secretary, Dallas; **Susie Quinn, TRMC**, city secretary, Rowlett; and **Yolanda Benitez, TRMC**, city secretary, Garden Ridge, were honored at the banquet.*



2011 Scholarships

Congratulations to the fourteen TMCA members who were awarded scholarships at the Annual Banquet! This year the TMCA Major Scholarship Awards included the Dorothy F. Byrd Scholarship, the Lila Fern Martin Scholarship, the Dr. Joyce Snay Scholarship, and individual scholarships from the following vendors: American Legal Publishing, Franklin Legal Publishing, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, and Municipal Code Corporation. Two MCCi Records Management Scholarships were also awarded.

The TMCA Scholarship Committee awards scholarships annually amongst a pool of applicants based upon factors of eligibility. Thank you to this year's Scholarship Committee for their service: Chair Diane Zucco, TRMC, city secretary, Plano; Krisha Langton, TRMC, city secretary, Sealy; Saundra Passailaigue, TRMC, city secretary, Shavano Park; Brenda Shaw, TRMC, city secretary, Morton; Linda Zartler, TRMC, city secretary, Boerne; Peggy Burnside, TRMC, administrative director, TMCA/TMCCP; and Board Liaison Pauline Small, TRMC, city secretary, Webster.



Photos from left to right: The **American Legal Publishing Scholarship** was presented by **Richard Frommeyer** to **Sherry Reeves**, city secretary, Grandview. The **Franklin Legal Publishing Scholarship** was presented by **Kirk Franklin** to **Marie Balthrop**, TRMC, city secretary, Holliday. A **Municipal Code Corporation Scholarship** was presented by **Russell Haddock** to **Aimee Nemer**, TRMC, city secretary, Murphy.

SCHOLARSHIPS



Clockwise from top left:

The **Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson Scholarship** was presented by **Richard Hill** to **Linda Rhodes, TRMC**, city secretary, Lake Worth.

An **MCCi Records Management Scholarship** was presented by **Russell Haddock** to **Trish Ervin, TRMC**, city secretary, Waco.

A **Municipal Code Corporation Scholarship** was presented by **Russell Haddock** to **Susan Brock**, city clerk, Taylor.

(Not present: an MCCi Records Management Scholarship was awarded to Jessica McEachern, city secretary, Bridgeport.)





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SCHOLARSHIPS

Clockwise from top left:

A **Dr. Joyce Snay Scholarship** was presented by **Dr. Snay** to **Norma Olvera**, administrative supervisor, McAllen.

A **Dr. Joyce Snay Scholarship** was presented by **Dr. Snay** to **Keesha Lay**, city secretary, Keene.

The **Dorothy F. Byrd Scholarship** was presented by **Dr. Snay** to **Gale Ivy, TRMC**, city secretary, San Saba.

The **Lila Fern Martin Scholarship** was presented by **Dr. Snay** to **Donna Pliska, TRMC**, deputy city secretary, Haltom City.

(Not present: Dorothy F. Byrd Scholarships were awarded to Teresa Valdez, TRMC, city secretary, Bastrop; Traci Riggs, TRMC, secretary community services, Stephenville; and Conchita Torrez, TRMC, city secretary, Seymour.) ★





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Thank you to all those who donated to TMCA scholarships in 2011

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TMCA Awards Honorary Membership To Bruce Sherbet

TMCA members surprised former Dallas County Elections Administrator Bruce Sherbet with an honorary TMCA membership at the November TMCA Banquet.

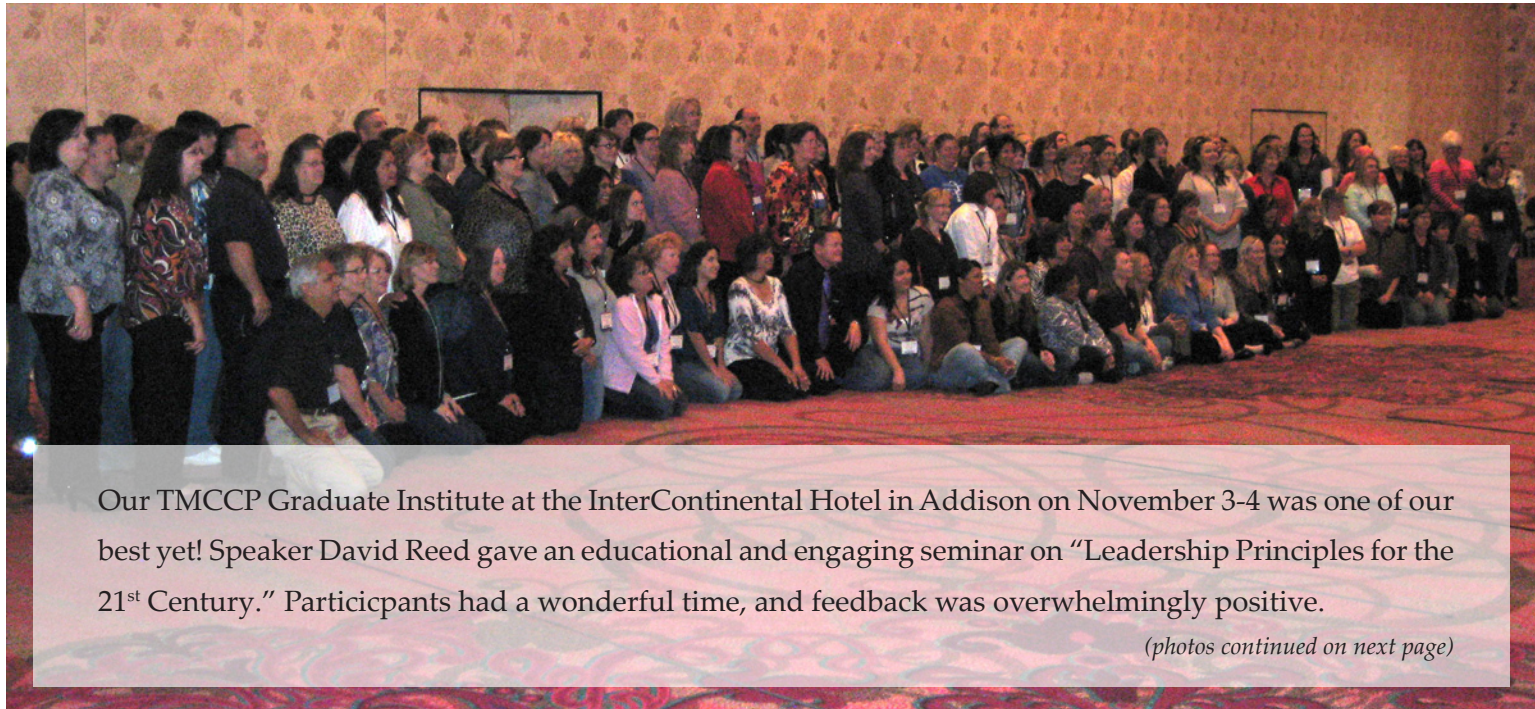
Committed to the democratic process of elections for over 30 years, Bruce has sustained the honorable reputation as a fair and objective administrator. He is known for his effectiveness and high ethical standards and is recognized by all political parties for his non-partisan management of elections. Bruce has also played a crucial role in the education and support of the members TMCA and has served as an outstanding instructor at the TMCCP Election Law Seminars for the last 14 years. Bruce is a great friend of Texas municipal clerks.



At right: TMCA President Mary Kayser, TRMC, presents Bruce Sherbet with a commemorative plaque. *Above:* Mr. Sherbet thanked the banquet attendees.



TMCCP 2011 Graduate Institute



2011 GRADUATE INSTITUTE

In addition to the lecture portion of the seminar, David Reed had the attendees engage in several teambuilding activities. Participants had a lot of fun!



City Secretaries Make Guest Appearance at UNT

On September 28, **Pamela Schmidt, TRMC**, city secretary, Richardson; **Mary Kayser, TRMC**, city secretary, Garland; and **Marty Hendrix, TRMC**, city secretary, Fort Worth, were guest presenters at the **University of North Texas for Dr. Abraham Benavides' graduate class in local government**. They talked about their responsibilities as city secretaries in each city they had served and emphasized the fact that some city secretary duties vary from city to city, depending on the type and size of the city. They also discussed the importance of the role of the city secretary as part of the city's management team. Students were very engaged and stayed after the presentation to ask questions and advice about future employment in municipal government. ★



Texas Municipal League Report

By TML Representative **Norma Grimaldo, TRMC**
City Secretary, Odessa



We had a wonderful TML Conference in Houston with many city secretaries in attendance. Thanks to all our TML booth volunteers. There was a great representation from the Salt Grass Chapter. *(See photos on next page.)*

In addition to our presence at the exhibit hall, we hosted jointly with TML for the "Women In Government" breakfast, spotlighting our 25th Anniversary. President Kayser spoke very highly about TMCA and introduced the speaker. We also provided a commemorative TMCA 25th Anniversary bookmark to each attendee at the breakfast.

TML will be celebrating its 100th anniversary at the 2012 annual conference in Grapevine, and is asking all affiliates to sponsor an event for next year's conference. There is a 100th-year Planning Meeting Committee, and it includes a fantastic group of city secretaries throughout Texas. I feel very confident that we can come up with something very special for next year's TML Conference. I will keep you posted as things progress. ★

IIMC News

Several Texas municipal clerks joined their counterparts from Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Mississippi for the IIMC Region IV meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, on December 9-10.



TMCA Booth at TML Annual Conference



The TMCA Booth at the annual Texas Municipal League Conference on October 11-14 in Houston was a great success. Thank you to our booth volunteers!

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| <i>Carolyn Anderson, Dickinson</i> | <i>Thelma Lenz, Missouri City</i> |
| <i>Nan Billings, Bangs</i> | <i>Lydia Lopez, Hewitt</i> |
| <i>Peggy Burnside, TMCA/TMCCP</i> | <i>Young Lorfing, Pearland</i> |
| <i>Dayl Cooksey, Sealy</i> | <i>Gretchen Mercer, Canyon</i> |
| <i>Kelly Dix, Burnet</i> | <i>Irma Parker, Rockport</i> |
| <i>Maria Gonzalez, Missouri City</i> | <i>Miriam Sheehan, TMCA/TMCCP</i> |
| <i>Sharon Harris, La Porte</i> | <i>Melinda Welsh, Friendswood</i> |
| <i>Mary Kayser, Garland</i> | <i>Sandra Watkins, Deer Park</i> |
| <i>Krishna Langton, Sealy</i> | |

*At top left: **Sandra Watkins, TRMC**, city secretary, Deer Park, and **Nan Billings, TRMC**, city secretary, Bangs, offered promotional materials at the TMCA booth.*

*At near left: **Lydia Lopez, TRMC**, city secretary, Hewitt; **Miriam Sheehan, TRMC**, administrative assistant, TMCA/TMCCP; **Peggy Burnside, TRMC**, administrative director, TMCA/TMCCP; and **Maria Gonzalez, TRMC**, city secretary, Missouri City, at the TMCA booth at the annual TML Conference.*

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Alamo Chapter

By Chapter President **Jennifer Reyna, TRMC**
City Secretary, Alamo Heights

On May 25, President Jennifer Reyna, TRMC, called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. at the Salt Grass Restaurant in San Antonio.

Vice President Carole Vanzant, TRMC, city secretary, Fair Oaks Ranch, introduced San Antonio Elections Manager Melinda Uriegas, who presented the City of San Antonio's City Council Orientation.

Leticia Vacek, TRMC, city clerk, San Antonio, announced there were four individuals from the chapter that were eligible nominees for the TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year, but for various reasons, only two of the four were considered. The Nominating Committee's recommendation was Sandra Passailaigue, TRMC, city clerk, Shavano Park, as the Alamo Chapter's nominee for the TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year, and the members voted to submit Sandra Passailaigue as the Alamo Chapter's nominee.

President Reyna made the following appointments to the Banquet Committee: Chair Delia Flores, TRMC, city secretary, Balcones Heights; Angela Cantu, city secretary-treasurer, La Vernia; Celia DeLeon, city secretary, Olmos Park; Debra Howe, TRMC, city secre-

tary, Castroville; and Leticia Vacek, TRMC, city clerk, San Antonio; President Reyna will serve as board liaison.

The following appointments were made to the Scholarship Committee: Chair Carole Vanzant, TRMC, city secretary, Fair Oaks Ranch; Janice Alamia, city secretary, Hollywood Park; Peggy Cimics, TRMC, city secretary/HR director, Cibolo; and Yolanda Benitez, TRMC, city secretary, Garden Ridge.

President Reyna's recommendations for the Banquet Committee and Scholarship Committee appointments were approved by the membership.

President Reyna announced the next meeting would be hosted by the Town of Hollywood Park on August 24 at The Adante in San Antonio.

In recent news, Yolanda Benitez, TRMC, city secretary, Garden Ridge, retired on September 30. She served the Cities of Lubbock, Pearland, Bunker Hill Village, Hondo, and Garden Ridge, Texas, for

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over 22 years. Ms. Benitez provided excellent service in the city manager's offices, finance departments, municipal court offices, as well as an unwavering dedication and outstanding service as a municipal clerk.

Ms. Benitez served as president of the Alamo Chapter from January 2009 to December 2010, after serving as treasurer from June 2007 to January 2009. She also served as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and historian for the Salt Grass Chapter. In TMCA, she served on the Resolutions Committee (2005, 2006 [chair]), the TML Booth Committee (2008 chair), the Nominating Committee (2007), and the Certification Committee (2010).



Yolanda Benitez, TRMC

Ms. Benitez was always a familiar face that welcomed "newbies" to the organization with a cheerful smile and warm hug. She has been a great mentor to many municipal clerks who are grateful for her time and patience, and for sharing her wealth of knowledge. Ms. Benitez will be greatly missed, but she will continue to be involved in civic and community activities. Her plans include spending more time with her family and her friends. Congratulations, Yolanda, on your retirement! ★

The following Alamo Chapter members were present at the May meeting:

Janice Alamia, city secretary, Hollywood Park

Celia DeLeon, city secretary, Olmos Park

Sheila Edmondson, Cibolo

Delia Flores, TRMC,
city secretary, Balcones Heights

Linda Gill, city secretary, Castle Hills

Deborah Goza, TRMC, city secretary, Live Oak

Debra Howe, TRMC,
city secretary, Castroville

Sandra Passailaigue, TRMC,
city clerk, Shavano Park

Jennifer Reyna, TRMC,
city secretary, Alamo Heights

Leticia Saenz, deputy city clerk, San Antonio

Melinda Uriegas,
elections manager, San Antonio

Leticia Vacek, TRMC, city clerk, San Antonio

Carole Vanzant, TRMC,
city secretary, Fair Oaks Ranch

Janie Willman, city secretary, Leon Valley

Mary Ybarra, executive assistant to the assistant
city manager, Schertz

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Bluebonnet Chapter

By **Traci Riggs, TRMC***Human Resources Manager, Stephenville*

The Bluebonnet Chapter meeting was hosted by Rhonda Williams, city secretary, Dublin, on September 14 at Dublin City Hall. Rhonda welcomed everyone. She introduced Dublin City Manager Jerry Gillery and Mayor Becky Norris. Mayor Norris informed us about projects the City of Dublin have in the works. The meal was provided by the City of Dublin and the invocation was given by Mayor Norris.

The business meeting was led by Chapter President Kay Torres, city secretary, Robert Lee. Recognition was given to our very own Bluebonnet Chapter City Secretary Linda Knight, TRMC, Breckenridge, who will receive the TMCA “Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year Award” and will be recognized at the Graduate Institute in November!

Tiffni Hererra, assistant city secretary, Abilene, gave a great program on “iPads in the Workplace.”



Linda Knight, TRMC (*left*), city secretary, Breckenridge, with a congratulatory gift from Bluebonnet Chapter President Kay Torres, city secretary, Robert Lee, for her receipt of the TMCA Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year Award!

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Attendees of the September Bluebonnet Chapter meeting (*seated from left to right*): Kim Kelley, city secretary/court clerk, Stamford; Bill Flannery, TRMC, city secretary/administrator, Comanche; and Becky Wiloth, city secretary, Albany. *Standing*: Traci Riggs, human resources manager, Stephenville; Tiffni Hererra, assistant city secretary, Abilene; Louetta Wallace, city secretary, Haskell; Nancy Turnbow, city secretary, Baird; Diane Latham, assistant city secretary, Breckenridge; Mary Wells, city secretary, Ranger; Pat Martindale, city secretary, Bronte; Kay Torres, city secretary, Robert Lee; Rhonda Williams, city secretary, Dublin; Karen Wilkerson, city administrator/city secretary, DeLeon; Shirley Stuart, city secretary, Eastland; Cindy Stafford, city secretary, Stephenville; Linda Knight, TRMC, city secretary, Breckenridge; and Jean Gilmore, city secretary, Clyde.

TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

Coastal Bend Chapter

By Chapter President **Scarlet Swoboda, TRMC**
City Secretary, Victoria

The Coastal Bend Chapter met in Edna on September 22 at the Brackenridge Park/Navidad Meeting Room. Becky Miska, city secretary, Edna, hosted the meeting. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful catered lunch of fajitas, rice, and beans, with all the fixings.

The Edna City Manager Ken Knight welcomed all chapter members to Edna. Edna Mayor Pro-Tem Maxine Price provided information on Brackenridge Park and encouraged us all to spend some time in the park, which has cabins, a pavilion, and campsites. She told us that the water level in Lake Texana was 11 feet down from full capacity, but the park was still a wonderful place to visit. Ms. Price also shared a little history about the little church built in 1859 in the Town of Texana. The church has since been moved to its location in the park. She told us that weddings are still held in the church on a regular basis,



Those in attendance at the September meeting (*standing*): Becky Miska, city secretary, Edna; Cynthia Contreras, city secretary, Bishop; Margarette Wright, Edna; Karen Ivey, San Patricio Municipal Water District; and Larry Thompson, TRMC, city secretary, Ganado. *Seated*: Irma Parker, TRMC, city secretary, Rockport; Pam Hatzenbuehler, deputy city secretary, Port Aransas; Esther Arzola, city secretary, Port Aransas; and Scarlet Swoboda, TRMC, city secretary, Victoria.

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and invited us to go and look at it. She also told us that the Town of Texana was located where the lake currently sits. It was all very interesting, and several of us took a drive through the park after the meeting.

President Swoboda and Rockport City Secretary Irma Parker, TRMC, provided the program, which was an overview of the information that they received at the TMCCP Legislative Update in Austin, along with information on SB 100. They also shared information on new legislation that has gone into effect. There was lively conversation about the various insurance companies and the needs and costs for each city. That is the beauty of chapter meetings: the sharing of information among the members.

President Swoboda provided information on the upcoming TMCCP seminars with dates and locations. The members voted to provide two cash door prizes for the upcoming TMCCP Graduate Institute Seminar to be held in Addison in November. President Swoboda then appointed Becky

At top right: Irma Parker, TRMC, city secretary, Rockport, and Scarlet Swoboda, TRMC, city secretary, Victoria, at the September meeting.

Near right (from left to right): Esther Arzola, city secretary, Port Aransas; Margarett Wright, Edna; Becky Miska, city secretary, Edna; and Larry Thompson, TRMC, city secretary, Ganado.



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Miska and Irma Parker to the Chapter Scholarship Committee, and Esther Arzola, city secretary, Port Aransas, and Karen Ivey, San Patricio Municipal Water District, to the Audit Committee.

Under chapter business, the members voted to award two \$250 scholarships each year starting in 2012. They also voted to form a committee to host another Athenian Dialogue and considered dates in September. There was discussion about making the dialogue an annual event and combining other activities with an overnight stay. Irma Parker volunteered to chair the committee, with Esther Arzola; Pam Hatzenbuehler, deputy city secretary, Port Aransas; and Scarlet Swoboda, volunteering to serve on the committee. The committee would decide on the date, arrange hotel accommodations, and plan activities.

Rockport City Secretary Irma Parker volunteered to host the next meeting in Rockport at a date to be determined in December. She stated that there would be a Christmas theme at the meeting.

Cynthia Contreras, Karen Ivey, and Pam Hatzenbuehler each won a door prize. Congratulations, ladies! ★

Coastal Bend Chapter members in attendance:

Esther Arzola, city secretary, Port Aransas

Cynthia Contreras, city secretary, Bishop

Pam Hatzenbuehler, deputy city secretary, Port Aransas

Karen Ivey, San Patricio Municipal Water District

Becky Miska, city secretary, Edna

Irma Parker, TRMC, city secretary, Rockport

Scarlet Swoboda, TRMC, city secretary, Victoria

Larry Thompson, TRMC, city secretary, Ganado

Guests in attendance:

Ken Knight, city manager, Edna

Maxine Price, mayor pro-tem, Edna

Margarette Wright, Edna

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Hill Country Chapter

By Chapter Secretary **Irma Hernandez**
City Secretary, Menard

The chapter met August 17 at Friedhelm's Bavarian Inn Restaurant in Fredericksburg. Chapter President Brenda Craig, TRMC, city secretary, Kerrville, called the meeting to order.

All present reported on projects and stories of interest from their cities.

Following discussion, the December meeting was scheduled for December 14. TMCA President Mary Kayser, TRMC, city secretary, Garland, will be attending.

The next meeting was set for October 19. ★

Members present:

Maria Alvarado, assistant city secretary, Junction
Shelley Britton, city secretary, Fredericksburg
Brenda Glenn Craig, TRMC, city secretary, Kerrville
Kelly Dix, city secretary, Burnet
Irma Hernandez, city secretary, Menard
Karen Kiehne, assistant city secretary, Fredericksburg
Bobbie Mowery, city secretary, Blanco
Vivian Saiz, city secretary, Junction
Carol Vanzant, TRMC, city secretary, Fair Oaks Ranch

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Lone Star Chapter

By 2010/2011 Chapter President **Bruce Dunn, TRMC**
Town Secretary, St. Paul

The Lone Star Chapter continues its policy of offering meetings throughout its region. Our chapter does not host meetings in January due to the TMCCP Election Law Seminar, or in May due to election activity.

August 2011

The Lone Star Chapter met at the Denison Chamber of Commerce office in Downtown Denison. The meeting began with a greeting from Denison City Manager Robert Hanna.

Chapter business consisted of the review of the previous meeting minutes and treasurer's report, a group discussion to plan the future direction of the chapter, discussion of and suggestions for chapter bylaw changes, a review of a graphic summarization of the participant survey from the "Records Management Day," discussion and recommendations for next year's budget, solicitation for nominees for next year's officer positions, and an announcement of future TMCA and



At the August meeting: Chapter President Bruce Dunn, TRMC (at far right), and Lone Star Chapter members reviewing the proposed budget for 2011/2012.

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IIMC meetings. The Nominations Committee then presented the officer slate for 2011/2012: President Kathy Wingo, Lucas; President-Elect Julie Lollar, Denison; Secretary Stephanie Storm, Wylie; Treasurer Diane Zucco, Plano; and Historian Jacky Casey, Wylie.

The meeting topic was “Main Street Partnerships.”

Presenting this was Donna Dow, Main Street Director. She reviewed the history of the Main Street program in Denison, its recognition by the National Trust for Historic Presentation, and how to train volunteers. She also presented their four-point approach (promotion, organization, economic restructuring and design).

The meeting ended with a raffle for items provided by the host city of Denison.



New chapter officers with TMCA President Mary Kayser, TRMC (*far left*), city secretary, Garland, at the October meeting: Chapter President Kathy Wingo, TRMC, city secretary, Lucas; Di Zucco, TRMC, city secretary, Plano; Secretary Stephanie Storm, Wylie; President Elect Julie Lollar, TRMC, city clerk, Denison. (Not present: Historian Jacky Casey, assistant to the city secretary, Wylie).

September 2011

The Lone Star Chapter met at the Harrington Library in Plano. The meeting opened with a welcome from Plano City Manager Bruce Glasscock.

Chapter business began with review of the previous meeting minutes and treasurer’s report. The attendees then reviewed and approved the proposed 2011/2012 chapter budget and voted to elect officers for 2011/2012: President Kathy Wingo; President-

Elect Julie Lollar; Secretary Stephanie Storm; Treasurer Diane Zucco; and Historian Jacky Casey.

The membership, bylaws, and holiday committee chairs discussed their activity and President Dunn reviewed upcoming chapter meetings and other related seminars and meetings. The group then participated in a roundtable discussing the recent legislative updates. Following this was a raffle for various items provided by host city Plano.

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October 2011

The Lone Star Chapter met at the City of Lucas city hall. The meeting opened with greetings from Mayor Rebecca Mark and City Manager Jeff Jenkins.

Chapter business began with review of the previous meeting minutes and treasurer's report. Outgoing chapter president Bruce Dunn made a few comments about the value of member participation and awarded several certificates of appreciation to the outgoing officers and committee members. The group then presented an engraved plaque to outgoing President Dunn for his contributions and service to the chapter. TMCA President Mary Kayser, TRMC, city secretary, Garland, then presented each new chapter officer with a gift representing their new position and swore them into office. Chapter President Kathy Wingo then kicked off a group roundtable discussion on "Conducting Your Own Election."

Chairpersons for the Bylaws and Holiday committees then reviewed their activities and President Wingo reviewed upcoming chapter meetings and other related seminars and meetings.

The next chapter meeting was scheduled to be held November 9 at the City of Wylie.

Visit the Lone Star Chapter's website to learn about upcoming events or to obtain membership information at <http://tmcalonestarchapter.com>. ★

Members in attendance from Collin, Dallas, Denton, Grayson, and Hunt counties were:

Linda Ardis, TRMC, city secretary, Lavon

Bruce Dunn, TRMC, town secretary, St. Paul

Carole Ehrlich, TRMC, city secretary, Wylie

Jennifer Faircloth, administrative assistant, Lucas

Vickie Faulkner, TRMC, city secretary, Celina

Joy Hart, TRMC, senior executive assistant, Murphy

Lisa Henderson, deputy city secretary/rec. coord., The Colony

Alice Holloway, city secretary, Pilot Point

TMCA President Mary Kayser, TRMC, city secretary, Garland

Julie Lollar, TRMC, city clerk, Denison

Aimee Nemer, TRMC, city secretary, Murphy

Pamela Schmidt, TRMC, city secretary, Richardson

Carrie Smith, TRMC, city secretary, Parker

Alice Snyder, TRMC, assistant city secretary, Plano

Stephanie Storm, Wylie

Kathy Wingo, TRMC, city secretary, Lucas

Diane Zucco, TRMC, city secretary, Plano

Lower Rio Grande Valley Chapter

By Chapter Historian **Annette Villarreal, TRMC**
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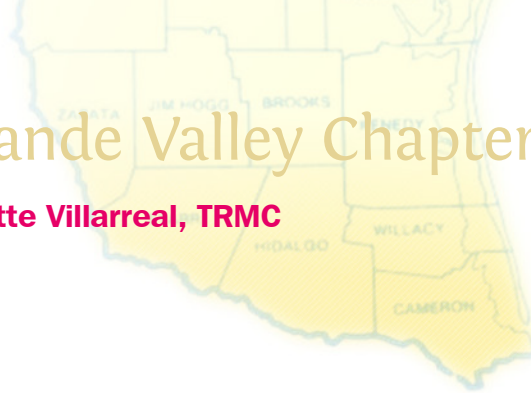
AUGUST 2011 MEETING

The City of Alton graciously hosted the August 24 chapter meeting and luncheon at Alton City Hall. Guest speakers included two representatives from Congressman Henry Cuellar's office (28th District): Alexis Gallegos (Outreach Coordinator – local Mission office) and Meagan Swearingen (Washington Office). The purpose of their visit was to offer their assistance with any issues for our respective cities and to obtain feedback on issues that directly impact our jobs.

A lengthy discussion was held relating to S.B. 100. Also part of the discussion was Hidalgo County's pending decision on the use of the voting equipment for the May 2012 elections and beyond; they were contemplating completely eliminating the leasing option for stand-alone elections as well.

Top right: August meeting guest speakers Alexis Gallegos and Meagan Swearingen from Congressman Henry Cuellar's Office (28th District).

Near right: September meeting guest speaker Letty Rodriguez, Regional Vice President for Primerica.



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Chapter members at the September meeting.

SEPTEMBER 2011 MEETING

The Town of South Padre Island graciously hosted the September 23 chapter meeting and luncheon at Blackbeard's Restaurant. The guest speaker was Ms. Letty Rodriguez, Regional Vice President, Primerica, with a presentation on "Money Management."

The Money Management Program focuses on education for a better understanding of our financial situation by being properly protected, debt-free, and financially independent. Ms. Rodriguez talked about the Money Management Seminars offered to organizations and how

numerous social and municipal organizations have benefitted from these seminars. She elaborated on the complimentary Financial Needs Analysis (FNA); it helps show where our finances stand today and what we need to do to prepare for tomorrow using five basic sections: "Debt Solutions," "Retirement Income," "Education Funding," "Income Protection," and "Building our Financial Future."

For membership information, contact Bobby Rodriguez, city secretary, San Juan, at 956-702-6400.

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Those in attendance at the September meeting:

Susie Alcocer, city secretary, Port Isabel

Blanca Castro, San Juan

Alma Deckard, city secretary, Laguna Vista

Anabel Guillen, assistant city secretary, Port Isabel

Susan Hill, city secretary, South Padre Island

Marta Martinez,
assistant city secretary, South Padre Island

Sonia Padron, TRMC, assistant city clerk, Pharr

Vice President Hilda Pedraza, TRMC,
city clerk, Pharr

Aida Rivas, city secretary, Palmview

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administrative supervisor, McAllen

Baudelia Rojas, city secretary, Alton

Historian Annette Villarreal, TRMC,
city secretary, McAllen

President Perla Zamora, TRMC,
deputy city secretary, McAllen

TMCCP Certificates Earned

Congratulations to the following enrollees who 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

Ronda Cockerham, Italy

Tammy Cook, Brenham

Kristin Edwards, Huntsville

Lisa Henderson, The Colony

Robin Hicks, Sugar Land

Tanya McNutt, College Station

Normal Olvera, McAllen

Dianne Peace, Jarrell

Kimberly Perez, Ralls

Theresa Scott, Flower Mound

Wendy Withers, Frisco

Amy Turner, Midland

Tammy Varner, Midlothian

Michael Wells, Bedford

Lee Woodward, Huntsville

Course 2

Robin Eldridge, Deer Park

Kathy Hoover, Gilmer

Tammy Varner, Midlothian

Course 3

Fonda Brewer, Chireno

Robin Eldridge, Deer Park

Stella Sauls, Borger

Martha Velasquez, Luling

Course 4

Maria Gonzalez, Missouri City

Stella Sauls, Borger

Martha Velasquez, Luling

TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

North Texas Chapter

By Chapter President **Shelly Doty, TRMC**
City Secretary, Cleburne

The North Texas Chapter (NTMCA) had a great meeting in September! Special thanks to Pam Schmidt, city secretary, Richardson, for serving as the host. We had a great turnout at the meeting, and we were honored to hear from TMCA President Mary Kayser, TRMC, city secretary, Garland. President Kayser also administered the oath of office to the newly elected officers and presented each with a framed quote related to our specific duties as board members... setting each of us on the path to a successful year. Thank you, Mary!

As we enter the new fiscal year, we welcome two new officers to the NTMCA board. Secretary Julie Heinze, city secretary, Lewisville, and Historian April Hill, city secretary, Roanoke, have committed to serve the chapter and move up through the ranks to one day become president of the chapter. We are very excited and grateful to welcome both ladies to the board.

Additionally, we have and will say goodbye to a few longtime members who are enjoying or are close to the retirement life: Susan Crim, TRMC, city secretary, Euless; Deborah Watkins, TRMC, city secretary, Dallas; Susie Quinn, TRMC, city secretary, Rowlett; Marty Hendrix, TRMC, city



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secretary, Fort Worth; and Kathleen Wedell, TRMC, city secretary, Aledo. Best of luck to these ladies, and we hope to see you at the Christmas party in December!

To get the year off on the right foot, we have begun the annual membership drive, and have solicited committee applications. To keep up with today's ever-changing technology and to promote the chapter's website as a valuable resource, a new committee has been added—the Technology/Communications Committee. The new committee will be responsible for reviewing and recommending changes and updates to the NTMCA website (www.NTMCA.org), as well as promote communication with our members regarding matters of interest and importance.

Last year, NTMCA held our monthly meetings around the North Texas area. Cities volunteered to become meeting hosts and took on the task of reserving meeting space, coordinating the room set up, arranging for lunch to be brought in, and in some cases planning the program. We experienced great success and saw very little fall off, if any, in our meeting attendance. As a result, we have once again asked our member cities to host our monthly meetings and have already confirmed sites for seven of the ten meetings to be held next year. So, if you are a NTMCA member city, there are still a couple of more opportunities to invite us to your neck of the woods (July and August 2012). If you offer, we will come!!

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 16 in Granbury, where Dee Arcos, city secretary, will serve as our meeting host!

If you get the chance, visit our **group room on Snapfish**. Pictures of members at various conferences and meetings are uploaded to NTMCA's Snapfish account. (You are required to join the group room and enter the code NTMCA to view pictures. If you have any questions, please email ntmca@ymail.com.) ★

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Panhandle Chapter

By Chapter President Gretchen Mercer
City Secretary, Canyon

Members in attendance at the October meeting:

Treasurer Leslie Bass, city secretary, Fritch

Vice President Frances Childers, city secretary, Dalhart

Machiel Covey, city secretary, Clarendon

President Gretchen Mercer, city secretary, Canyon

Karen Price, TRMC, city secretary, Pampa

Kim Rehkopf, city secretary, Dumas

Secretary Cheryl Salgado, TRMC, city secretary, Spearman

Stella Sauls, city secretary, Borger

Kim Sloat, Canadian

Terry South, city secretary, Canadian

Nelwyn Ward, city secretary, Memphis

Katy Williams, city secretary, Perryton



The Panhandle Chapter met October 20 and had a great roundtable session on SB100 and on plans for the TMCCP seminar to be held in Amarillo in August 2012. ★

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Red River Chapter

By Secretary-Treasurer **Lydia Ozuna, TRMC**
City Clerk, Wichita Falls

The Red River Chapter met September 16 at Pasqual's Restaurant in Wichita Falls.

This was a very special meeting for us because our state President Mary Kayser, TRMC, city secretary, Garland, was visiting us, and we were excited to hear all she had to share with us.

President Marie Balthrop, TRMC, city secretary, Holliday, called the meeting to order and welcomed TMCA President Mary Kayser to our chapter. She also welcomed the chapter members.

In chapter business, the June meeting minutes and the financial report through July 2011 were approved. President Balthrop then introduced our guest speaker President Kayser.

President Kayser shared information regarding the makeup of the TMCA executive board, its functions, and responsibilities. She also spoke on all the benefits of being a member of our association. President Kay-



At the chapter meeting in September in Wichita Falls.

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ser also provided detailed information on the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program: the requirements, benefits, and the invaluable education gained in obtaining certification. She encouraged those who had not begun the program to get started and motivated those who were in the Program to continue their coursework.

We had a stimulating discussion about TMCA and TMCCP and the value gained, applicable both to our careers and our municipalities.

Questions were addressed by President Kayser regarding TMCA, TMCCP, and SB 100. She also gave details on the upcoming TMCCP seminars and the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference.

President Kayser shared a wealth of information and some valuable ideas. We appreciate her and her dedicated service to our association and its membership. We are also grateful to the entire TMCA board and staff for all the work and time they commit to making this association one that benefits its members.

The Red River Chapter will donate an honorarium in President Kayser's name to the TMCCP Dr. Joyce Snay Scholarship Fund.

The Red River Chapter will contribute to a charitable project; suggestions should be emailed to President Balthrop for final decision by our members.

Our next meeting will be held December 7 at 1:00 p.m. at Pasqual's. The speaker will be Justice of the Peace Janice Sons.

We invite you to attend a future meeting and become acquainted with our members. ★

Members present:

Amy Anderson, city secretary, Lakeside City

President Marie Balthrop, TRMC,
city secretary, Holliday

Tracy Bankston-Smith,
assistant to city secretary, Lakeside City

Linda Byers, city secretary, Vernon

Janelle Dolan, city clerk, Burkburnett

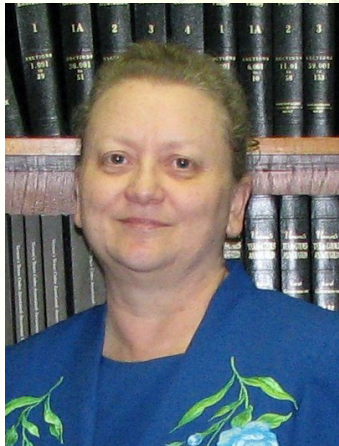
Secretary/Treasurer Lydia Ozuna, TRMC,
city clerk, Wichita Falls

Guest: TMCA President Mary Kayser, TRMC,
city secretary, Garland

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Salt Grass Chapter

By Chapter Secretary **Maria Gonzalez**
Deputy City Secretary, Missouri City



Doris Speer, city secretary, Tomball



Betsy Gates, asst. city secretary, Tomball

August 2011 Salt Grass Chapter Meeting

The Salt Grass Chapter was on the road after a three-month summer hiatus, meeting on August 17 at Gianna's Italian Kitchen in Tomball. President Thelma Lenz, TRMC, city secretary, West University Place, called the meeting to order and thanked City Secretary Doris Speer and Assistant City Secretary Betsy Gates for welcoming us and for hosting the meeting!

Todd McLane, Investment Advisory Representative for McLane Advisors, got the chapter motivated and thinking in terms of retirement. He also stated everyone owes it to themselves to find out "Your Number." Meaning, if you retire today, what percentage of your current adjusted gross income would you take home. Mr. McLane also discussed debt and financial management, investment choices, retirement plans, retirement systems, planning for retirement, and choosing a financial advisor.

Further chapter business included approval of the April minutes and treasurer's report; a report from the Banquet and Holiday Committee; and discussion regarding the Salt Grass Chapter throw.

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September 2011 Salt Grass Chapter Meeting

Chapter business was as usual on September 14 when President Thelma Lenz called the meeting to order at Joe's Crab Shack in Houston. President Lenz welcomed members in attendance and readily proceeded with an educational discussion with Donna Johnson, Olson & Olson, regarding social media and the Texas Public Information Act.

Pauline Small, TRMC, city secretary, Webster, announced the Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Salt Grass Chapter historian and encouraged applicants to contact her.

President Lenz also nominated two new members to the Nominating Committee, as one member withdrew her appointment and the other is no longer a Salt Grass Chapter member. Michele Glaser, TRMC, city secretary, Seabrook, and Maria Gonzalez, city secretary, Missouri City, unhesitatingly accepted a seat on the committee.



Above: Salt Grass Chapter members at the September meeting in Houston.



Left: Speaker Donna Johnson of Olson & Olson discussed social media and the Texas Public Information Act with the chapter members.

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Crystal Roan, TRMC, deputy city secretary, Webster

Sandi Watkins, TRMC, city secretary, Deer Park, discussed the chapter's 2012 Annual Public Information Workshop. Two dates were discussed and the chapter opted to move forward with Wednesday, March 7, 2012.

President Lenz was also pleased to recognize Treasurer Crystal Roan, TRMC, deputy city secretary, Webster, for obtaining her International Institute of Municipal Clerks CMC designation! The chapter joined together to acknowledge Crystal for her hard work! Great job, Crystal!

October 2011 Salt Grass Chapter Meeting

The Salt Grass Chapter held its monthly meeting on October 19 at Salt and Pepper Restaurant in Katy thanks to our gracious host, Katy City Secretary Missy Bunch, TRMC. President Lenz called the meeting to order and welcomed members in attendance.

There was an informative discussion with Patrice Fogarty, TRMC, city secretary, La Porte, regarding SB100 and its impact on May elections for Harris County.

Pauline Small also reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee and stated two Salt Grass Chapter

members would like to be considered for the position of historian.

Patrice further stated no suggested changes were received regarding the Chapter bylaws, therefore leaving the 2010 bylaws without amendment.

The chapter also readily accepted Patrice's nomination of Karen Vannerson as the very first Honorary Member! Karen has been a valuable friend to cities in the Salt Grass Chapter area. She ensures smooth process regarding the collection of delinquent fines and fees. She has attended various Salt Grass



Patrice Fogarty, TRMC, city secretary, Missouri City; Karen Vannerson, consultant, Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson; and Pauline Small, TRMC, city secretary, Webster.

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Chapter meetings, including the chapter's 2010 Holiday Party. Welcome aboard, Karen!

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m. The chapter is scheduled to meet again on November 9.

For more information about our chapter, to become a member, or to inquire about future meetings, please contact Chapter Secretary Maria Gonzalez at 281-403-8686 or mgonzalez@missouricitytx.gov.



Above: Salt Grass Chapter members at the October meeting in Katy.

Left: Missouri City City Attorney Caroline Kelly and Thelma Lenz, TRMC, city secretary, West University Place.

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Members and guests attending the October meeting were:

Leticia Brysch, city clerk, Baytown

Missy Bunch, TRMC, city secretary, Katy

Dayl Cooksey, deputy city secretary, Sealy

Paula Favors, city secretary, Wharton

Melinda Feild, administrative secretary, Katy

Patrice Fogarty, TRMC, city secretary, La Porte

Maria Gonzalez, city secretary, Missouri City

Sharon Harris, TRMC, assistant city secretary, La Porte

Angie Jordan, administrative assistant, Katy

Krishna Langton, TRMC, city secretary, Sealy

Thelma Lenz, TRMC, city secretary, West University Place

Jenny Redden, TRMC, city secretary, Morgan's Point

Crystal Roan, TRMC, deputy city secretary, Webster

Pauline Small, TRMC, city secretary, Webster

Karen Vannerson, consultant, Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson

Linda Vourazeris, assistant city secretary, Katy

Lee Woodard, city secretary, Huntsville



At the October meeting (*from left to right*): Pauline Small, TRMC, city secretary, Webster; Missy Bunch, TRMC, city secretary, Katy; and Patrice Fogarty, TRMC, city secretary, La Porte. Patrice led a discussion on SB 100 at the chapter's October meeting.

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South Plains Chapter

By Chapter Secretary **Sharon Trumble**
City Secretary, New Deal

The South Plains Chapter met on September 21 at Lakeridge Country Club in Lubbock. The meeting was hosted by the City of Morton and City Secretary/Manager Brenda Shaw, TRMC.

President Toni Chrestman, TRMC, city secretary, Slaton, called the meeting to order.

President Toni Chrestman introduced 2011 TMCA President Mary Kayser, TRMC, city secretary, Garland. President Kayser informed the members that this year is Texas Municipal League's 25th anniversary. TMCA is sponsoring the "Women in Government" breakfast at TML this year.

Brenda Shaw introduced the guest speaker, Elena Quintenera, from the South Plains Association of Governments. Elena addressed the members on enjoying our jobs and doing our best. She also spoke about different grants and how SPAG can assist cities in applying for them.

Crosbyton City Secretary Jodie House, chairman for the Annual Chapter Seminar, reminded members that October 26 is the date for the annual chapter seminar and reminded them to bring door prizes if they wished.

A motion carried to donate a \$100.00 bill as a door prize for the TMCA Graduate Institute Seminar in Addison in November.

The chapter also voted to donate \$500.00 each to the TMCA Dorothy F. Byrd, Lila Fern, and Dr. Joyce Snay scholarships.

Beth Walls informed the chapter members she is working on the chapter directory and hopes to have it ready after the first of the year.

The next meeting was set for December 21. Jodie House, city secretary, Crosbyton, will host. ★

Members and guest attending were:

Janie Butler, city secretary, Littlefield

Sue Castles, Xcel Energy

Toni Chrestman, TRMC, city sec., Slaton

Lora Dockery, city secretary, Sundown

Kami Eady, city secretary, Hale Center

LeAnn Gallman, TRMC, city sec., Muleshoe

Linda Garcia, clerk, Ralls

Maria Hatchett, TRMC, city sec., Lamesa

Linda Henry, city secretary, Amherst

Jodie House, city secretary, Crosbyton

Sharon Kerby, Slaton

Kim Perez, city secretary, Ralls

Jeannie Rodgers, Tulia

Brenda Shaw, TRMC, city secretary, Morton

Belinda Terrell, city secretary, Whiteface

Sharon Trumble, city secretary, New Deal

Beth Walls, TRMC, city secretary, Levelland

Toni Wilson, TRMC, city sec. (ret.), Sundown

Guests:

Dana Heflin, daughter of Brenda Shaw

Rylan Heflin, grandson of Brenda Shaw

TMCA President Mary Kayser, TRMC,

city secretary, Garland

Guest speaker Elena Quintanilla, SPAG

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West Texas Chapter

By Chapter Reporter/Historian **Marla Arizola**
City Secretary, Sterling City

The West Texas Chapter met at Clear Springs Café in Midland for the third quarter meeting on July 20.

Vice President Gloria Saenz, city secretary, Kermit, called the third quarter meeting of the West Texas Chapter to order. Secretary/Treasurer Karen Bullard, city secretary, Crane, called roll with nine members present, representing seven cities. Vice President Saenz determined a quorum was present.

Vice President Saenz welcomed all members and guests.

The minutes from the second quarter meeting on April 20 were accepted as presented. The Treasurer's Report and the approval of bills as presented were approved.

Vice President Gloria Saenz spoke of reviewing the bylaws, increasing membership dues, and creating a scholarship

program for seminars for the West Texas Chapter at the next meeting. Saenz reported Marfa will host a meeting for newly elected officials on August 22.

The fourth quarter meeting was scheduled for November 16 at Gerardo Casito in Midland, where we will hold our annual Christmas gift exchange.

TMCA President Mary Kayser, TRMC, city secretary, Garland, reported on the legislative updates pertaining to elections. Mary Kayser reported on Senate Bill 100 and other senate and house bills. Vice President Gloria Saenz presented TMCA President Mary Kayser with a thank-you gift for being the guest speaker.

The meeting adjourned at noon. ★

Members present:

Evelyn Ammons, city secretary, Big Lake
 Secretary/Treasurer Karen Bullard,
 city secretary, Crane
 Norma Grimaldo, TRMC, city sec., Odessa
 Laquetta Harris, city secretary, Iraan
 Renee Lee, assistant city secretary, Rankin
 Lyn Miller, deputy city secretary, Midland
 Vice President Gloria Saenz, city secretary,
 Kermit
 Anita Sparks, city secretary, Rankin
 Amy Turner, city secretary, Midland

Guests:

TMCA President Mary Kayser, TRMC, city
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 Sherry Wilson, daughter of Evelyn Ammons
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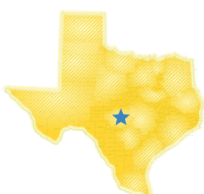
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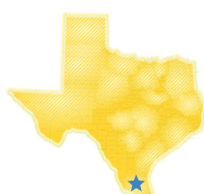
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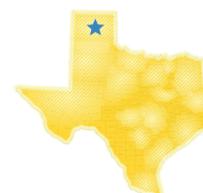
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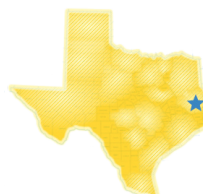
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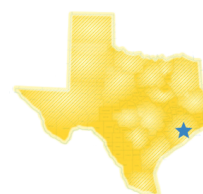
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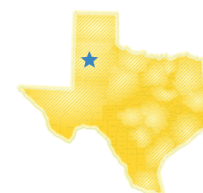
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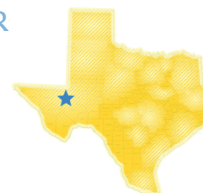
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