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President's Message

At the time of this writing December is just a few short days away. I want to take this opportunity to wish you all Happy Holidays and may the New Year bring joy, good health, and less stress to your life.

As the year draws quickly to an end, I know time is no respecter of what we need to do, what we have to do or what we want to do. We can't slow time down, but it seems as if somehow it speeds up, when we least expect it. As I look back over the past few months, I am very proud of all we have accomplished and appreciative to have the opportunity to serve the members of the Lone Star Chapter.

A brand new year "2009" is fast approaching. I hope that we all can make 2009 the best year ever for the Chapter. The first few months of the year will be busy with election activities starting off with the TMCA, Inc. Election Law seminar to be held for the first time in

Irving, Texas on January 12th – 14th. This is a time for new clerks to learn all there is to know about elections! Well, it is a time to learn many things and share experiences with others that might help them with the upcoming election in their city.

We have many opportunities in 2009. One is to call upon our surrounding communities and invite new members to join the Lone Star Chapter. Another, share some of the knowledge and experience you might have with the members of the Chapter. Contact President-Elect Eddie Sturgal and sign up for a program during the monthly chapter meeting. In July, once again, we will conduct the Lone Star Chapter Workday. We are currently working to schedule the Texas State Library who will spend ½ day with us going over the new retention schedules. We have the opportunity this coming year to visit more of the "small town" Texas cities. If you would like to host one of the upcoming monthly meetings, contact President-Elect Eddie Sturgal.

Our cookbook sales are well underway. At a recent Lone Star Chapter meeting, the members voted to lower the price of the cookbook to \$10. This is a great opportunity for the members to raise monies for the scholarship fund. If you need more cookbooks to sell contact me and I will bring them to the next meeting.

If we work together in 2009 and take advantage of every opportunity that comes our way, the Lone Star Chapter will have a great year. We must work together to be a success. Not one person can do it alone; it must be a team effort. Opportunity is knocking, will you answer the door?

Kathy Wingo, TRMC
Lone Star Chapter President

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



LINDA BANNISTER CITY SECRETARY CITY OF MELISSA

How long have you worked for your city and in your position?

I began working for the City of Melissa in September 2003. That was my introduction to the position of City Secretary. Before that time I spent 15 years in the Risk Management field for two other municipalities.

Tell us about Melissa.

I am very proud of Melissa as well as the Council members I work with. They have an incredible future planned for Melissa and have accomplished a great deal already to make sure the citizens have a city they can be proud of. We have reached the magic number of 5,000 population and are looking forward to our Charter election next year. We will be breaking ground on our new Town Center in the near future and are very excited to see that come to fruition.

What is your professional background?

I began my municipal career as an EPA Code Enforcement Officer with the City of Ardmore, Oklahoma. I served as the Safety Director with the City of Ardmore until moving to McKinney, Texas in 1997. I held the position of Safety and Risk manager for the City of McKinney until 2003. I've had extensive training in Safety, Worker's Compensation Management and Risk Assessment.

Personal Facts & Interests:

I am married to the love of my life and have two beautiful granddaughters. We will be welcoming our first grandson in February.

Additional Comments:

I am looking forward to being more involved with the Lone Star Chapter this coming year.



MENU

**Roasted Turkey & Honey Glazed Ham
Tossed Salad
Green Bean Almondine
Mashed Potatoes
Bread Stuffing
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Dinner Rolls
Pecan & Pumpkin Pies
Coffee & Iced Tea**

- \$20.00 per person -

**Please RSVP for the December 3, 2008
Lone Star Chapter Holiday Luncheon by contacting
Gayle Walton, Chapter Secretary, at
(972) 442-8126 or at
gayle.walton@wylitetexas.gov**



The Lone Star Chapter members to be honored at the TMCA Luncheon on January 13, 2009:

TRMC Certifications:

Linda Ardis (Lavon)
Angela Kelly (The Colony)
Vickie Schmid (Richardson)

TRMC Re-Certifications:

Mary Kayser (Garland)
Beverly Covington (McKinney)
Christie Wilson (The Colony)



TMCA Lone Star Chapter Offers:

- ★Scholarship
- ★Education
- ★Resources
- ★Networking

Two \$500.00 Scholarships are offered through the Lone Star Chapter for 2009 that can be used for the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Prog. (TMCCP). If you would like a Scholarship



Application, please contact a member of the Scholarship Committee.

Lone Star Chapter meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month except the months of January, May and July. Meetings consist of a Guest Speaker or roundtable discussion along with a planned luncheon.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

UPCOMING TMCA SEMINARS



January 12-14, 2009
Election Law – Irving, TX

April 2-3, 2009
Public Relations – McAllen, TX

June 18-19, 2009
Municipal Finance – Waco, TX

August 20-21, 2009
Legislative Update – Irving, TX

October 8-9, 2009
Graduate Institute – San Antonio, TX

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