



Treasury Notes

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Letter from the CTAT President

Hello Fellow Treasurers,

I would like to let you all know that it is an honor and a pleasure to serve as your CTAT President. I assure you that the fun and excitement certainly outweighs the boring and the dull.

However, we have been initiating some new procedures for the Association. CTAT has a Legal General Counsel, the Honorable Bill Aleshire, J.D., former Travis County Judge, on contract that assists us with legal writing of the CTAT bills. Also, Judge Aleshire has worked with CTAT on re-writing and analyzing legislation that affects County Treasurers. There is so much legislation introduced that affects county government and our Lobbyist, James Clark, and the Task Force Chair, the Honorable Orlando Sanchez, and Co-Chair, the Honorable Dolores Ortega Carter have been monitoring this legislation. At the beginning of the Session, we were sending out bills to the Region and Sector Directors so that they in turn could disseminate this information in their regions. When the deadline passed to introduce bills, we continued to monitor the bills daily. CTAT has two bills that we have introduced: HB 3751-Relating to the use of certain letters of credit as related to the deposit and investment of public funds; and HB 3752-Relating to the administration of oaths by a county treasurer. Both of these bills are being carried by Representative Jessica Farrar (D) Houston. We will keep you all informed of the progress of these bills. Also, we are watching SB 581, which relates to procedures for securing the deposit of public funds. This bill has been the most work for us. It is carried by Senator John Carona, (R) Dallas. Essentially, the bill attempted to send the collateral receipt to anyone but the County Treasurer. This bill is pending in the House committee.

We are very happy to report that no one has filed a bill to abolish our offices—to date. Of course, it isn't over till Sine Dei on May 27th!

There is so much information to share that we initiated a procedure that does not tie up the list serve. We send information to the Region and Sector Directors. These Directors in turn send out the information to their Regions and Sectors. This procedure allows for communication in the Regions and Sectors and also, lets everyone know each other.

We have been trying to attend the TAC breakfasts to represent the Treasurers on Tuesday mornings. This has probably been the hardest chore. It's very hard for me to get up at 6:00 am for a breakfast at 7:30 am, but just four more to go!

Let me say "thank you" to all of you...for your support, prayers, assistance, comments and criticisms. The time is going by fast and I am grateful to you all for this great honor. I hope to see you all in Austin for our Spring Seminar. The Education Committee has worked diligently to provide an exciting and educational curriculum.

Warmest Regards,
Dolores Ortega Carter
Travis County Treasurer
CTAT President 2012-2013

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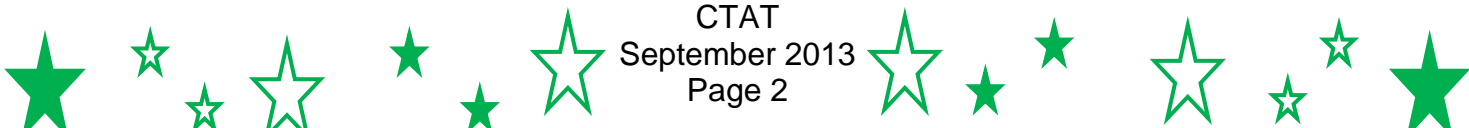
Congratulations to all of the CTAT scholarship winners!
There are four very deserving winners
That will each receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

Margaret Walsh, daughter of Kevin Walsh, Galveston County Treasurer. Margaret will be attending St. Edwards University.

Luke Matthew Harris, son of Liberty County Treasurer, Kim Harris. Luke will be attending Texas A&M University.

Heather N. Albert, daughter of Sharon Fuller, Tyler County Treasurer. Heather will be attending Stephen F. Austin University.

Brianna Spinks, granddaughter of LeAnn Jennings, Potter County Treasurer, Brianna will be attending Oklahoma State University.



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- Daves Words of Wisdom*

**IT'S TIME TO VOTE!!!!
2013 Ballot
Texas Outstanding County Treasurer**

If you will not be attending the CTAT conference in Beaumont, we still need you to vote for the Texas Outstanding County Treasurer for 2013. Please vote for **only one** of the following nominees:

Cindy Brown, Denton County _____

Kelli White, Smith County _____

Mitzi Wohleking, Midland County _____

Scott Hahn, Gray County _____

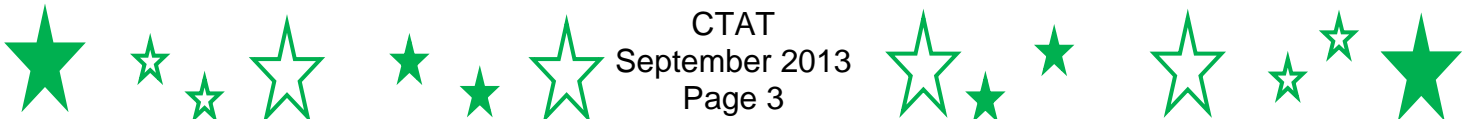
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PLEASE DO NOT VOTE ON THE LISTSERVE!!



2013 OUTSTANDING COUNTY TREASURER NOMINEES



Cindy Yeatts Brown *Denton County Treasurer*

Cindy Brown was elected to her first four year-term as Denton County Treasurer in November 1998 after having worked for her predecessor Claudia Mulkey for 13 years.

Her greatest professional accomplishment is serving as an elected official and knowing that the citizens of Denton County elected her as a person of integrity that will uphold their trust in the management of the county finances. Cindy has developed and implemented various new programs and efficiencies since taking office which have produced cost savings to her county, including implementing internal services that allowed the county to discontinue a contract that saved the county over \$50,000 per year. When she took office, most of the functions of the office were still managed manually and on paper ledgers. Cindy values and appreciates the use of technology and as such she has not only fully automated and streamlined the duties of her office, but also the duties of other county offices that submit or report information to her. She continuously works to provide transparency in financial reporting in which she has earned the Gold Level award for three consecutive years with the Texas State Comptroller Leadership Circle for Financial Transparency.

Another important accomplishment that she celebrates was her tenure as President of CTAT. She is honored and humbled that her peers placed their confidence in her to serve as President of CTAT in 2009-2010. Before serving as President, she also served in all the other positions of the CTAT Executive Board as President Elect, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Additionally; she has been Region 5 President and Region 5 Director. She also served and or continues to serve on the Education Committee, Legislative Committee, Fundraising Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Scholarship Committee, Past Presidents Committee and currently chairs the CTAT Resource Guide Committee. Cindy also created and continues to oversee the online membership CTAT Directory. She also served on the CTAT Legislative Task Force and hosted the 2009 CTAT Conference in Grapevine.

Cindy was a Founding Board Member of the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool and continues to work with Texas Association of Counties education staff by presenting various courses as needed to other organizations/events around the state. She thoroughly enjoys sharing her knowledge and appreciation of county government with her peers and colleagues.

Cindy and her husband Bill have been married 22 years and together they have two children, Will (19) and Delanie (12). They attend church at Highland Baptist in Denton. One of her favorite quotes is "Remember the past, plan for the future, but live for today, because yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never come."

Kelli R. White *Smith County Treasurer*

Kelli White has served as the Smith County Treasurer for seven years. She has been with Smith County for a total of thirteen years, serving as Assistant Treasurer for her first five years. Kelli was appointed Treasurer by the Commissioners' Court in 2005 and ran unopposed in 2006 and 2010.

Kelli received her Bachelor's degree from Stephen F. Austin University while working for the Accounting Office for Wal-Mart. Kelli became a Certified Investment Officer (C.I.O.) in 2004 and since taking office in 2005, has computerized all the County's investments and tracking. She is most proud of her accomplishments at streamlining the County's check request policies and investment reporting. During Kelli's tenure as Treasurer, Smith County has gone 100% direct deposit. Kelli has also implemented stricter signature-pick-up policies regarding Accounts Payable checks including reimbursement checks.

Kelli served as President of Region 10 of CTAT from 2007 to 2010. In 2008 she was appointed to the Executive Board of the CTAT and also chaired the Education Committee. After serving two years as Treasurer for CTAT she is currently serving as President Elect for CTAT. Kelli also served as the host of the 2011 CTAT annual conference in Tyler.

Kelli is a life-long member of Friendly Baptist Church in Tyler. Kelli is also an avid supporter of the Susan G. Komen Foundation which raises money locally and nationally for breast cancer research. This cause is very dear to her heart, as four members of her family have previously been diagnosed with breast cancer. Kelli has organized Smith County's "Denim Day" every year since 2005, which allows County employees to wear denim in exchange for a \$5 donation to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. She also was a charter member and served on the board of directors of the Optimist Club of Tyler.



Scott Hahn
Gray County Treasurer



Following college graduation from Texas Tech, Scott began what would be a 20 year career in management at Firestone Tire & Rubber. When the Pampa store closed, rather than accept a transfer, Scott decided to retire at age 42 and begin a new stage in life. In 1987 Scott started as County Treasurer in Gray County and immediately fell in love with the position. He and his new assistant set out to discover the wonders of county government (using a total manual-hand written accounting system.) Checks typed in triplicate with carbon paper, either 3 or 5 to the page! What a joy! It took exactly one year to go live on a fully automated accounting system.

Another of Scott's accomplishments was the writing and gaining approval for a personnel policy manual, where none had ever existed before. Also, since there had not been an investment policy or investment officer, he got them established. The county had sold a hospital and Scott invested the money until he had accumulated enough to build a new jail without borrowing. He and his fellow tax-payers were pleased about that. Within a couple of years of being a member of CTAT, he began serving on the board, first as a Sector Director and culminating with his presidency in 1997-98.

After 16 years in office, Scott suffered an election loss and retired reluctantly. During the next three years his fellow voters encouraged him to run again and re-gain the office and finally when his County Auditor also asked him to run, he decided to try once more. There is not much greater satisfaction than being returned to office by the voters. He has achieved the CCT designation every year in office. Scott became a CIO in the earlier days of that program. He retains both designations to this day.

Scott has really found a home in county government, the treasurer's office and CTAT; and often wonders why he waited so long in life to begin it.

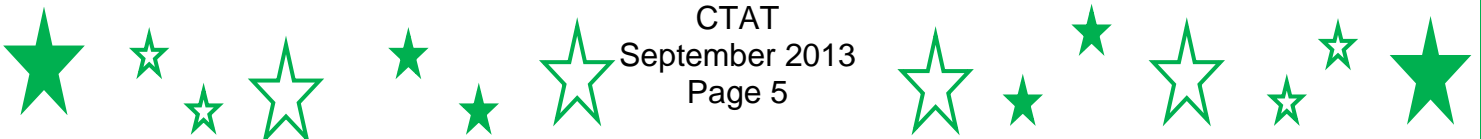


Mitzi Wohleking
Midland County Treasurer

After serving the Midland County taxpayers for over fifteen years in another capacity as Administrative Assistant, Mitzi was elected Midland County Treasurer in November of 2004. Since being in office she has developed a new pay increase system based on years of service, spearheaded the development and opening of a County health clinic that is completely free to all County employees and their dependents, and developed an investment strategy that increased interest earned by 1,000% in her first three years in office, and she says she tries to learn new ways of improving her office every day. Mitzi has been a member of the County Investment Academy thru T.A.C. since 2004.

Mitzi has served the County Treasurers Association of Texas (CTAT) as Regional Director for Region 3, served on the Long Range Planning and the Directory Committees. Mitzi Chaired the Education Committee in 2011 and is currently the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Mitzi is an active member of the Midland County Republican Women and served as Secretary for them in 2009. She has a beautiful daughter named Sally who blessed her with Farrah, her granddaughter this year, and a handsome son named Reese.



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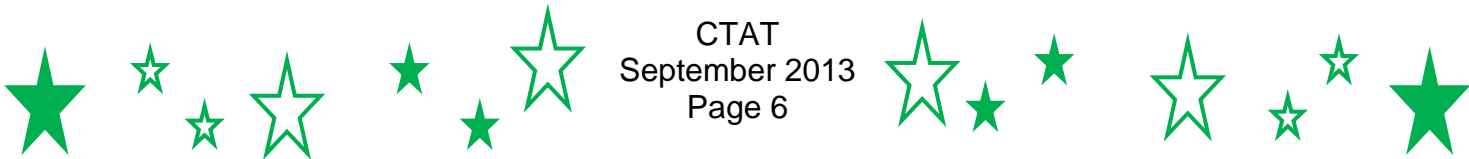


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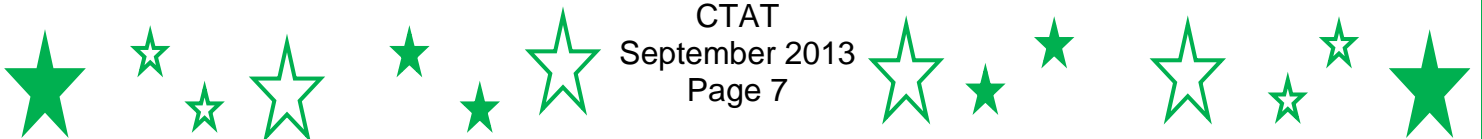
MONDAY (16TH)

12:00-1:00 p.m.	CTAT Board Meeting
1:00-1:30 p.m.	Legislative Committee
1:30-2:00 p.m.	Educational Committee
2:00-2:30 p.m.	CTAT Former Presidents Meeting
3:00 p.m.	Board Buses to Casinos
5:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Opens



TUESDAY (17TH)

8:00-8:30 a.m.	<p>OPENING CEREMONIES</p> <p>Call to Order-Dolores Ortega Carter</p> <p>Delores Ortega Carter Presiding</p> <p>Presentation of Colors-Jefferson County Sheriff Honor Guard Unit.</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance to American & Texas Flags Dolores Ortega Carter</p> <p>National Anthem-Mr. Fred A. Simon</p> <p>Invocation-Mitzi Wohelking</p> <p>Greetings from Conference Host</p> <p>Hon. Tim Funchess, Jefferson County Treasurer</p> <p>Welcome-Hon Jeff R. Branick Jefferson County Judge</p>
1 hr 8:30-9:20 a.m.	Continuity of Operations during Emergencies, NIMS (Peggy Fonseca, Goliad County EMC)
1 hr 9:20-10:10 a.m.	FHLB Letters of Credit as Collateral (Michael Lambert, FHLB of Dallas)
(\$\$\$) 10:10-10:40 a.m.	Break
11:30-1:00 p.m.	Lunch honoring President & TOCTA
1 hr 1:00-1:50 p.m.	Affordable Health Care Act Ed Oleksia-V.P. Holmes, Murphy (Nat'l Ins. Brokers)
1 hr 1:50-2:40 p.m.	Clarification of Required hours for CTAT, Co.IA, PFIA Hon Vivian Woods & Hon. Sharon Reynolds



TUESDAY (17TH) continued

4:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Board Buses to Gladys City
Return to Hotel for a little Magic
(Jerome Ennis)



WEDNESDAY (18TH)

1 hr 8:30-9:20 a.m.
(\$\$\$) Kelli R. White-Presiding

Economic Outlook Update
Representative from Federal Reserve-Houston

1 hr 9:20-10:10 a.m.

CSCD Restitution Accounts
Marcia Roberts-TDCJ

10:10-10:40 a.m. Break

1 hr 10:40-11:30 a.m.
(\$\$\$)

Investing in Current Market/Calculations Review (I)
Steve Albert et.al.

1 hr 11:30-1:00 p.m.

Business Meeting w/Lunch Provided

1 hr 1:00-1:50 p.m.
(\$\$\$)

Investing in Current Market/Calculations Review (II)
Steve Albert et.al.

1 hr 1:50-2:40 p.m. Region Meetings

2:40-3:10 p.m.

Break

1 hr 3:10-4:00 p.m.

Round Table Discussions by Population
Under 10,000 without Auditor
Under 10,000 with Auditor
10-25,000
25-50,000
50-100,000
Over 100,000



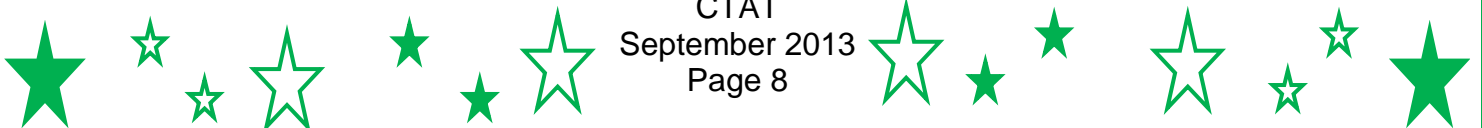
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Group Picture
Silent Auction

6:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.-Till

Banquet and Presidential Ceremony
Live Entertainment (Jamie Talbert and his Band of Demons)

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Thursday (19TH)

1 hr (\$\$\$)	8:00-8:50 a.m.	David Bentancourt-Presiding	Depository Crises/Claiming Collateral Bank of NY-Mellon Trust/Collateral Management
1 hr (\$\$\$)	8:50-9:40 a.m.		The Feds, Interest Rates and Traps (Robert L. Ross-Funds Management)
	9:40-10:10 a.m.		Break
1 hr	10:10-11:00 a.m.		Motivational Speaker (Mark Warren)
	11:00 a.m.		Final Comments/Adjourn
	11:00-12:00 p.m.		CTAT Board Meeting

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MEETING ROOMS

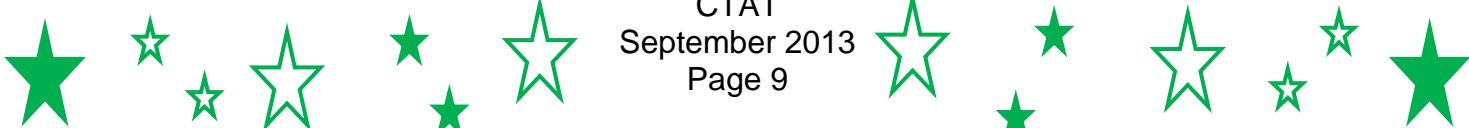
Sessions marked with “\$\$\$” will apply as Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) training.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 23-24, 2013	Public Funds Investment Act, College Station
October 10-11, 2013	Public Funds Investment Act, McAllen
October 15-16, 2013	Public Funds Investment Act, Arlington
November 7-8, 2013	Texas Public Funds Investment Conference, Houston
January 14-15, 2014	Texas Public Funds Investment Conference, Arlington
January 21-24, 2014	Basics of County Investing (formerly CIO Level 1), Austin
April 1-3, 2014	Executive Leadership Class, Module 1, Bandera
April 21-24, 2014	42 nd Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar, Austin
April 30 to May 2, 2014	County Management Institute, Austin
May 20-22, 2014	Executive Leadership Class Module 2, Austin
June 2-4, 2014	Conference of the County Investment Academy, Farmers Branch
July 9-11, 2014	Executive Leadership Class Module 3, Austin
August 4-7, 2014	66 th Annual County Treasurers' Association Conference
August 27-29, 2014	TAC Pre-Legislative Conference, Austin

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