



# Treasury Notes

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## PRESIDENTS WELCOME

A quick word from our President, Gayla Hawkins, about her theme and vision for CTAT:

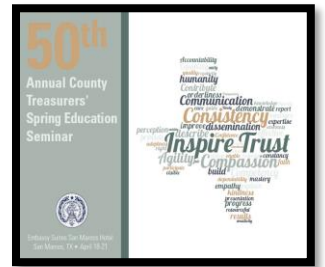
"My theme this year is "Courage to Stand". Let us continue to find our courage to face new challenges we may never have thought we could and with that courage we can overcome the obstacles that keep us from accomplishing great things in our offices, our counties, our Association, and even our personal lives. In a world where it seems at every turn, we encounter negativity, it becomes even more important to embrace the power of positivity through determination, endurance, resolution, fortitude and faith to stay the course in everything we do. ....I think we can all agree it is quite the challenge some days, but the more we practice, the stronger we become."

– Gayla Hawkins, Grayson County Treasurer



**"COURAGE IS BEING SCARED TO DEATH, BUT SADDLING UP ANYWAY." – JOHN WAYNE**

# A Year In Review





# Treasurer Connection

On November 30<sup>th</sup>, I was honored to welcome over 40 new Treasurers and a few new Deputy Treasurers to the New Treasurers' Orientation in Denton, TX, alongside CTAT President Gayla Hawkins. The curriculum had been refreshed with the help of an amazing committee: Patricia Vieth, Randi McFarlin, Cindy Yeatts Brown, Cheryl Chambers, Leigh Ann McCoy, Brittini Turner, Tracy Soldan, Kitley Wasicek, Melanie Bush and Dianna Spieker. Amy Lawson and Nino Miranda from TAC made sure everything ran smoothly, and TAC HR Consultant Ms. Lorie Floyd and TAC County Relations Officer, Alan Bristol joined the committee to introduce our newest members to the statutory requirements of their new positions as Elected Treasurers. I encourage all of our returning Treasurers to reach out to our newest Treasurers and offer your friendship, and to become a resource to them. It is by engaging with each other that we become better in our own offices and stronger as an Association.

-Jennifer Henderson, Schleicher County Treasurer  
CTAT Immediate Past President

*When was the last time you checked out the websites below? Updates are happening continually. Stay informed by checking out [County.org](http://County.org) & [CTATX.org](http://CTATX.org)*

***These are Your "Go-To" Resources!***

## **Little Known Facts about McAllen**

*(well, little known to those who don't live there!)....*

McAllen is the largest city in Hidalgo County. It was founded in 1905 by a Scottish rancher, John McAllen. Did you know the "Bubble Gum King" lived in McAllen? The historic Paris Bubblegum Factory is located in McAllen! And did you know the Casa De Palmas Hotel, which opened in 1918, was host to famous people like President Johnson, Bob Hope & Marlon Brando?

**You can check out all this and more when you visit McAllen in September!**

## ***Welcome Elizabeth Choate as the CTAT Legislative Consultant***

**Elizabeth** has experience advocating public policy priorities to state legislators, agencies and other policymakers as both senior legislative staff and as an industry advocate. She started her career in the Texas House where she worked multiple sessions as a Policy Analyst and Chief of Staff/General Counsel to the Chairman of the County Affairs Committee. Later she served for more than 10 yrs as the Director of Government Relations/General Counsel to the Texas Veterinary Medical Association where she managed the association's government affairs program and political action committee while providing association and member advice on legal and ethical matters. Elizabeth has also served as a Government Relations Specialist for AAA Texas & New Mexico where she lobbied company interests before legislatures, regulatory bodies and other stakeholder forums. Ms. Choate has a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Economics and a Juris Doctor with a certificate in Government Law.



Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”

Theodore Roosevelt

## *New to TAC Education in 2023*



The robust, member-shaped 2023 County Technology Conference agenda is split into two tracks to empower county officials & staff of all technical comfort levels with critical information about technology and cybersecurity. The conference will also offer opportunities for you to meet with your county colleagues and to learn how other counties tackle technology risks and challenges.

### *In Memoriam*

*2021 - 2022*

- Jim Bob Trant, Grimes County Treasurer
- H.C. "Butch" Howard, Retired Martin County Treasurer
- Vivian Wood, Retired Williamson County Treasurer
- Joyce Smith, Retired Smith County Treasurer
- W. Mark Price, Former Ellis County Treasurer & Denton County Assist. Treasurer
- Sean Kennedy, Victoria County Treasurer

Gone, but never forgotten.

As you many know, Aurora Flores will no longer be our Legislative Liaison. She has been with TAC for over 16 years and she has been a most valuable asset to CTAT during her time as our liaison. Her knowledge and expertise regarding legislative processes and her desire to always be available to us not only at TAC, but at the Capitol, does not go unnoticed. We can't express enough how much Aurora is appreciated and will most definitely be missed and we wish her the best!

# Dates to Remember

## **Tuesday Morning Breakfast**

**January 10**

TAC Building

## **Counties at the Capitol Legislative Day**

**February 7**

## **Healthy County Bootcamp**

**February 8-10**

Embassy Suites Denton Convention Center Hotel

## **Basics of County Investment Course**

**February 28-March 3**

Embassy Suites San Marcos Hotel Spa & Conference Center

## **County Management & Risk Conference**

**March 22 -24**

Kalahari Resort & Conventions

## **51st Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar**

**April 17-20**

Embassy Suites by Hilton San Marcos Hotel, Conference Center & Spa

## **Conference of the County Investment Academy**

**June 12-14**

Sheraton Austin Georgetown Hotel & Conference Center

## **TAC Legislative Conference**

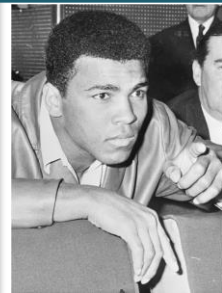
**August 30 – September 1**

Fairmont Austin Hotel

## **75th Annual County Treasurers' Association of Texas Conference**

**Sept. 18-21**

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel McAllen



"He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life"

NEED TO ADD ADDITIONAL DATES OR INFORMATION?  
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LET US KNOW:

WHO'S RETIRING?

WHO'S NEW?

WHO'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

HAVE "NOTE" WORTHY PICTURES?