

TREASURY NOTES

Summer 2016

Dear Fellow County Treasurers,

What a great Kick-off for 2015-2016 we had in Wichita Falls!

The opportunity for all attendees to learn and be inspired was worthy and complete. It was the perfect beginning to this year's theme....."Say YES to Opportunity."

The definition of opportunity is an occasion or situation that makes it possible to do something we want or have to do. The best we can expect is a chance to do things for ourselves and if we're lucky, we will encounter many windows of opportunity

in our lives. It is up to us to go through them and make something of them. Sometimes those windows turn out to be

the key to something BIG. Sometimes a person you meet for the first time, a letter or thank you note you write, an event you attend, a conversation you start can make all the difference.....but only if you act on the opportunity.

There is so much opportunity in everything we do.....our families, our communities, our churches, but I want to focus on Opportunities for ourselves as County Treasurers and as members of the County Treasurers Association of Texas.



As the County Treasurer, never pass on an opportunity to be an Ambassador for your County, such as.....

Get to know your State Senator and Representative on a first name basis. Don't miss an opportunity to attend an event that will allow you to personally "know" your legislator.

Attend Commissioners Court on a regular basis, not just when you are on the agenda so you know everything that is going on in the entire county not just your office.

Volunteer to participate in County Projects or be the County's representative on community boards.

Be willing to take on additional duties in your office when asked and never relinquish duties unless it is better for the checks and balance of the county. Be a team player.

Be willing to speak about your county to civic organizations, political groups, and even schools for career days or government classes.

As a member of CTAT, your opportunities are endless starting first and foremost with taking on a leadership role by being on the Board or serving on a committee. This year we had six Treasurers want to be considered for the two available Board positions. What a great problem for the Nominations committee to have. Also so many of you expressed interest to serve on a committee and that is wonderful. A few other CTAT opportunities worth mentioning are.....

Attend and learn from the classes offered at our conferences. We have such a valuable educational resource with our partnership with TAC.

Network with your fellow Treasurers. Learn from our seasoned Treasurers as well as be opened to new ideas from our newly elected Treasurers.

Take advantage of the relationships within your own Regions. Each Region consists of 20 -22 counties all sharing similar regional issues. Meet twice a year and grow your One-on-One Regional Support.

Participate in our two Silent Auctions we have each year. Help with the Scholarship opportunities for your children and grandchildren.

CTAT awards scholarships for two County Treasurers to participate in the TAC Leadership Program. Upon completion, you will become a member of very distinguished group of graduates offering you opportunities you will not otherwise have.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve each of you as your President for 2015-2016. And remember...."Our lives are defined by opportunities, even the ones we miss." - F. Scott Fitzgerald

Renee L. Couch

Comal County Treasurer, CTAT President 2015-2016

COUNTY TREASURERS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

2015-2016 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Executive Board

Renee Couch	President	Comal
Tim Funchess	President-Elect	Jefferson
Cheryl Chambers	1 st Vice President	Ellis
Becky Burford	2 nd Vice President	Wood
Jan Hartl	Secretary	Wilson
Shawn Walston	Treasurer	Concho
David Betancourt	Immediate Past President	Cameron

Appointments

Teresa Kassell	Historian/Treasurer Notes Editor	Llano
Cindy Yeatts Browns	TAC Representative	Denton
Bob Hampton	Parliamentarian	Wichita
Dianna Spieker	Research Liaison	Tom Green

Sector Directors

Sector 1 (Regions 1-4)	Leann Jennings	Potter
Sector 2 (Regions 5-8)	Kathy Davis	Hood
Sector 3 (Regions 9-12)	Lori Rangel	Caldwell
Sector 4 (At Large)	Norma G. Garcia	Hidalgo

Region Directors

Region 1	Glenna Canada	Randall	2014
Region 2	Michael Lord, Jr.	Gaines	2012
Region 3	Carolyn Huelster	Irion	2014
Region 4	Barry McCallister	Pecos	2012
Region 5	Kim Gibby	Jack	2014
Region 6	Ann Strube	Runnels	2015
Region 7	Billie Reeves	Bandera	2014
Region 8	Priscilla A. Cantu	Kleberg	2014
Region 9	Teri Pruitt	Van Zandt	2011
Region 10	Terri Williams	Polk	2015
Region 11	Melinda "Lyndy" Krause	Lee	2014
Region 12	Mary Horton	Jackson	2011

67th ANNUAL COUNTY TREASURERS' CONFERENCE IN WICHITA FALLS
WAS HOSTED BY REGION 5 AND INCLUDED NOT ONLY EDUCATION,
HILARIOUS ENTERTAINMENT BUT A BEAUTIFUL INSTALLATION
BANQUET FOR THE NEW CTAT OFFICIERS
THANK YOU REGION 5 FOR YOUR HARD WORK!





Nominees for 2016 Outstanding Treasurer of the Year



Finalists for 2016 Outstanding Treasurer of the Year

CTAT 2016 Finalist for Outstanding County Treasurer

Region 4

Barry McCallister

Pecos County



Barry McCallister became the Pecos County Treasurer on January 1, 1991. He was elected to office after his mother Garnett McCallister retired from 8 years as Pecos County Treasurer and 18 years as assistant Pecos County Auditor. Upon assuming office he immediately acquired the duties of payroll, revenues and bank reconciliation from the Auditor's office. He transformed the hand kept ledgers to a fully automated office with one deputy.

Barry wrote the investment policy for Pecos County and is the Chief Investment Officer. He has been a CIO since 1996

and was a member of the CIO Certification Committee responsible for certifications and curriculum for the CIO's of the state of Texas. Barry also was a member of the Texas Association of Counties investment committee and has been Region IV director for the County Treasurers' Association of Texas.

His civic duties have included being treasurer of the Fort Stockton Chamber of Commerce, treasurer of Harvestfest, a mentor at Fort Stockton High School, is a graduate of leadership Fort Stockton and is responsible for raising over \$300,000 for the junior golf program in the past 20 years through the Blaine McCallister Invitational golf tournament.

Barry has been married to his wife Betty for 37 years. They have two daughters, Staci & Jeff Duncan and Barrie Lynn & Stevie Fuentes. Four grandchildren, Cedric 11, Cai 8 and twins Victoria Lynn & Pierce McCallister Duncan 15 months.

CTAT 2016 Finalist for Outstanding County Treasurer

Region 6

Shawn Walston

Concho County



Shawn Walston took office as Concho County Treasurer in February of 2010, and was elected to a four-year term on January 1, 2012. She serves as the County Investment Officer, Grant Manager, Indigent Defense Coordinator, and HR Director.

In April of 2013, she was appointed to serve as the Region 6 Director and in 2014 as Co-Chair of the Education Committee for County Treasurers Association of Texas and currently serves as Treasurer on the CTAT

Board of Directors.

Since 2010, Shawn has served on the Child Welfare Board and the County Historical Commission.

Since serving as Concho County Treasurer she has implemented a Debt Management Policy, required direct deposit for all new employees. She has been a strong voice in updating and restoring the Courthouse.

Shawn was previously a Customer Service Manager for the Internal Revenue Service where she audited taxpayer corrected returns. Prior to joining the IRS, she was the manager of multiple Zales Jewelry stores throughout the United States as her husband served in the United States Marine Corp.

She and her husband, Joe, of 26 years spend all of their free time with children Elizabeth Stephens and husband Mark, and Joe Walston and wife Reba and her amazing grandsons Trystian and Jakob.

CTAT 2016 Finalist for Outstanding County Treasurer

Region 7

Dolores Ortega Carter

Travis County



On behalf of Region 7 County Treasurer's Association, it is with pride we nominate the Honorable Dolores Ortega Carter of Travis County. Dolores has served as County Treasurer for

29 years and as such, has served on the CTAT Board for all of those 24 years in various positions. Dolores has been on the CTAT Executive Board for the past 7 years and currently serves as Past-President, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, and Co-Chair of the Legislative Task Force.

When Dolores was first elected as Treasurer in 1987, she became active in the Legislative portion of CTAT. At that time there was no

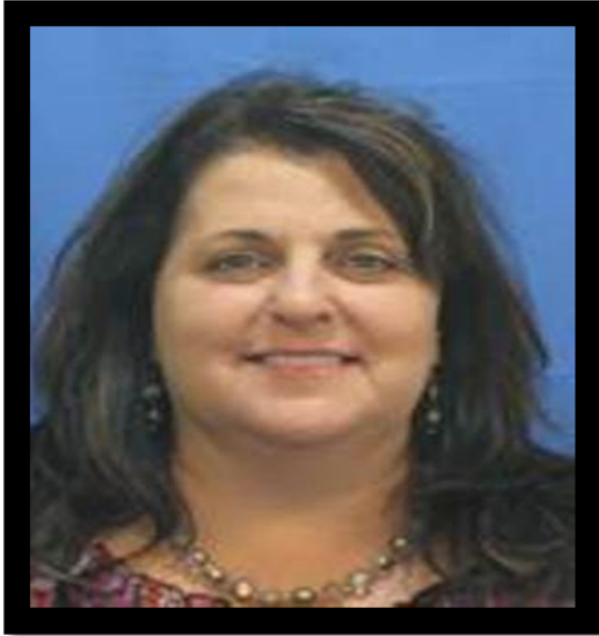
structure to the legislative agenda and thus we lost nine County Treasurers. So Dolores, along with the new treasurers in 1987 organized, hired a PR firm and a lobbyist, and the rest is history. She feels her greatest accomplishment is not having lost a treasurer by a Constitutional amendment. Her dedication to the livelihood of County Treasurers is shown in her many years of commitment on the CTAT Legislative Committee and the endless hours she has represented all County Treasurers at the State Capitol.

At Travis County, Dolores has implemented a \$30 million financial accounting system (SAP) that collects data for budgeting and streamlining the revenue collections from all revenue producing departments. In addition, she has implemented a credit card system that will be used by various departments for the payment of fees. Also, this system has provided a streamlined process for distribution of jury payments to the jurors of Travis County. She is Vice President of the Bail Bond Board and serves on the Emergency Response Team for Travis County.

Dolores is also very involved with her community and political party. She has served on the Leadership Austin Board, as President of the Samaritan Counseling Center for Pastoral Care Board and is a graduate of the TAC's Leadership class. Politically, she helps with the Democratic Party as well as being a member of the National & Austin Women's Political Caucus, member of National Association of Latino Elected Officials, member of the Large Urban Counties Caucus of National Association of Counties Organization (NACo), served on the Financial Committee for NACo and is State Director for the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers & Finance Officers (NACCTFO).

Dolores Ortega Carter is a role model for all County Treasurers in the State of Texas.

CTAT 2016 Finalist for Outstanding County Treasurer
Region 11
Melinda “Lyndy” Krause
Lee County



Lyndy has been the Lee County Treasurer since 2003. She was hired as the Chief Deputy Treasurer in 1996. She has kept all of the core duties of the County Treasurer in the treasurer's office in Lee County. This includes payroll, accounts payables and receivables. In a small county of less than 20,000 in population, the treasurer's office wears many hats. She handles all of the Human Resource responsibilities including all payroll, insurances, workers compensation, wellness coordination, safety meetings and drug testing. So basically anything that involves the employees or money, she is responsible for. She is blessed to have a great relationship with all of her County Commissioners and other elected officials. She has implemented Direct Deposit and has kept her department up to modern technology and anything that will save the county time and money. She strives to keep the Treasurer's position a necessary department and try to help fellow treasurer's with their tasks in order to keep their office

running efficiently also. She feels that her greatest professional accomplishment is serving as an elected official and that her fellow constituents trust her to take care of and manage their tax payer dollars.

She is very involved with Region 11 and has served as Secretary/Treasurer since 2004 and was elected as their Regional Director in 2014. She has served as CTAT Education Chairman or Assistant Chairman many times and helped with the transition phase of moving from VG Young to Texas Association of Counties.

She has served on the Law Enforcement Advisory Board at the Texas Association of Counties since 2011. She says that it has been quite an educational experience to serve on this board. She enjoys being able to give input on what is going on within the county law enforcement educational needs within our State.

Lyndy received the "Making a Difference" award from Texas Association of Counties in 2010. She was honored to have received this award. She was told that she was given this award because of the working relationship that she shares with her fellow elected officials and employees. She handles all the Workers Comp in her county and really cares about her employees and making sure that they are taken care of and aren't falling through the system.

She is very involved with her community. Giddings has 5 Lions Clubs and she is a member and a board member of the Giddings New Horizons Lions (ladies only) Club. They have many events throughout the year. She has also served on the Board for the Lee County Fair Association for their annual fair. She loves to volunteer for the Blue Santa program every year along with her children as a gift wrapper. She enjoys being part of such a wonderful community and giving organizations.

Lyndy spends most of her free time with her family. Her family is her world! She has been married for 26 years to her best friend, Curtis. They have two children which are both CTAT scholarship recipients. Her "Aggie" son, Parker, 23, is a Civil Engineer and works for Jones and Carter Development in The Woodlands. He and his fiancée, Jessica will be getting married in the Fall of 2016. Lyndy also has a musically talented daughter, Kimberlyn, 19, who is a sophomore at Texas A&M University. She is seeking an Elementary School teaching degree and would like to incorporate her musical talents into her teaching methods. Lyndy and her husband spend a lot of their time on the road going to Kimberlyn's music gigs and going to visit Parker in The Woodlands.

A LOOK BACK AT THE 44th ANNUAL COUNTY TREASURERS' CE SEMINAR





CONGRATULATIONS! TO THE 2016 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to all of the CTAT scholarship winners! It is through our members' support, of our silent auction fundraisers at our Annual Conference and at our yearly Seminars, that CTAT is able to award these \$1000 scholarships. The April 2016 silent auction raised \$2,396.00!

Royce Harris; will attend West Texas A&M; is the son of Gina Harris-Treasurer, Collingsworth County

Madisyn A. Stancik; will attend Sam Houston State; is the granddaughter of Joyce Stancik-Treasurer, Colorado County

Clarissa G. Martinez; will attend St. Mary's University; is the daughter of Estanislado Martinez-Treasurer, Dimmit County



REMINDER

Region 8 will be hosting the 68th Annual County Treasurers' Association of Texas Conference which will be held in the Rio Grande Valley, September 19 -22, 2016.

A great time awaits you at the hotel in South Padre Island, Texas! Birding Center, fishing excursions, parasailing (for the daredevils looking for adventure), crab racing contest, lots of shopping, lots of good eating and lots of great entertainment! Oh, and some great Border Buttermilk (which contains absolutely NO buttermilk)!!

The 68th Annual County Treasurers' Association of Texas Conference helps bring to you the most recent and relevant information to enhance your knowledge base and assist you in performing your duties. This is a great opportunity to get together with fellow treasurers from across the state.

Registration is still open online at www.county.org!

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 24 to August 26 – TAC Legislative Conference

September 19 to September 22 – 68th Annual County Treasurers'
Association of Texas Conference

September 21 to October 5 – Legislative Exchange Regional Meetings.

October 4 to November 29 – TAC Regional Pool Workshops.

December 6 to December 15 – Preparing to Take Office.

December 13 to December 16 – New Treasurers' Seminar

Information on the locations of these meeting can be found on the TAC
website county.org