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Letter from the President

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Fellow Treasurers,

It has been an honor to serve as CTAT President for 2010-2011. I would like to take this opportunity to THANK all of the officers, directors and committee members who agreed to serve during my tenure as President.

Well, the year is already half over and we have made it thru the Legislative Session, just in time to go back for a Special Session. The regular session was a successful session for the Treasurer's. Our own bill SB373 has moved on to the Governor for his signature. Dianna Spieker, Tom Green County Treasurer, has worked really hard this legislative session. She put an extra effort forward to make sure that our bill moved thru the legislative process without much of a hitch.

In January 2011, we had many new faces come to our CTAT family. They have been busy getting all the hours required, upon the start of a new adventure in their lives of trying to understand the *dos and don'ts* of County Government. I know that there have been challenges for most of you as you took on this new endeavor in your life and for some it has been a pleasant experience and, for some maybe not so pleasant. Just remember that you ran to make your office the best it can be and put professionalism in place, and for this I personally thank you!

It is almost time to pack your bags and get ready to head over to Smith County, Tyler Texas, where Region 10 is getting ready to host the annual conference. I know Kelli and Region 10 have been hard at work planning an amazing conference for us.

See you in Tyler!

Katherine Hudson

Wise County Treasurer

2010-2011 President

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2011-2012 DATES TO REMEMBER



September 18-22, 2011	63rd Annual County Treasurers' Association Conference Tyler, Holiday Inn Select
September 15-16, 2011	Public Funds Investment Act Workshops, Odessa
October 9-15, 2011	TAC Investment Officer Training Level I , Austin, TAC Events Center
September 20-21, 2011	Public Funds Investment Act Workshops, College Station
October 3-4, 2011	Public Funds Investment Act Workshops, Bellaire
October 12-13, 2011	Public Funds Investment Act Workshops, McAllen
October 25, 2011	TAC Human Resources Workshop, Odessa, Holiday Inn
October 25, 2011	TAC Human Resources Workshop, Corpus Christi, Holiday Inn Airport
October 27, 2011	TAC Human Resources Workshop, Kerrville, Inn of the Hills
October 27, 2011	TAC Human Resources Workshop, Huntsville, Veterans Conf. Center
November 8, 2011	TAC Human Resources Workshop, Lubbock, Overton Hotel
November 8, 2011	TAC Human Resources Workshop, Tyler, Holiday Inn
November 10, 2011	TAC Human Resources Workshop, Abilene, Hilton Garden Inn
November 10, 2011	TAC Human Resources Workshop, Waco, Hilton
November 16-18, 2011	TAC Texas Public Funds Investment Conf., Houston, Renaissance Hotel
Month of April, 2012	National County Government Month
April 15-19, 2012	40th Annual County Treasurers Continuing Education Seminar, College Station, Hilton
May 2-4, 2012	TAC County Management Institute, Austin
Jun 4-7, 2012	TAC County Investment Officer Level II , San Antonio, Sheraton
July 13-17, 2012	National Associations of Counties (NaCO), Pittsburgh
August 29-31, 2012	TAC Pre- legislative Conference, Austin, Renaissance

TAC – Texas Association of Counties www.county.org
 Public Funds Investment Act www.pacs.unt.edu/cpm
 TCDRS – Texas County and District Retirement System www.tcdrs.org

To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have

succeeded!

~Ralph Waldo Emerson





2011 CTAT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

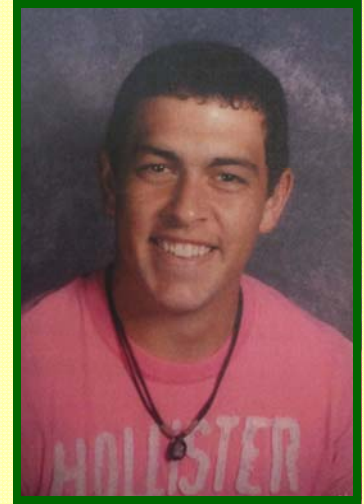


Congratulations to the 2011 CTAT Scholarship Winners!!!



Kaylee Joan Reeves is the daughter of Joe and **Billie Reeves**. Billie is the Bandera County Treasurer. Kaylee will be attending Blinn College in Bryan

Parker Ray Krause is the son of Curtis and **Lyndy Krause**. Lyndy is the Lee County Treasurer. Parker will be attending Texas A&M College Station and will be studying Engineering.



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~Ralph Marston

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2011 Tyler Conference

Sunday, September 18, 2011

Travel day for Committee members

7:00pm Hospitality Suite Opens

Monday, September 19, 2011

Travel day for Non-committee members

Registration desk opens at 1-5pm

Committee meetings:

8:30 – 10:00	Legislative
10:00 – 12:00	Education
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch on your own
1:30 – 3:00	CTAT Board Meeting

7:00pm

Welcome Reception

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

8am-12pm

Registration desk open

8am – 4pm

Vendor Exhibits

8:15am Conference Convenes

8:30 – 9:30

Class – Investment Opportunities in a Low Rate Environment

9:30– 10:30

Class – Michele Arseneau (TAC) Timekeeping

10:30 Break

10:45 -11:45

Legislative Update – James Clark/Dianna Spieker

11:45 – 1:15pm Luncheon (President’s Luncheon/TOCTA Nominees)

1:30 – 2:30

Class – Era of the Abnormal Normal/Dynamics of Money Markets

2:30 – 5:00

Shopping on Broadway!

6pm – 10pm Casino Night – Dinner at the Lake

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

8:00 – 4:00 Vendor exhibits

8:15am Conference re-convenes

8:30 – 9:30

Class – The Impact of Global Markets on US Markets

9:30 – 10:30

Class – Serving the Community – Commissioner JoAnn Hampton

10:30 Break

10:45 – 11:45

Class – William E. Ehling – Economic Forecast

11:45 – 1:15

Lunch on your own

1:15 – 2:15

CTAT Business meeting

2:15 – 3:15

Class – Living with Laughter

3:15 Break

3:30 – 5:00

Round Table Discussions

6:00

Silent Auction starts

6:30 Banquet

8:30 -11pm

Dance

Thursday, September 22, 2011

9:00 – 10:30

CTAT Board Meeting

2011 OUTSTANDING COUNTY TREASURER NOMINEES

Kelli R. White, Smith County Treasurer



Kelli White has served as the Smith County Treasurer for 6 years. She has been with Smith County for a total of 11 years, serving as Assistant Treasurer for her first 5 years. Kelli was appointed Treasurer by the Commissioners' Court in 2005 and ran unopposed in 2006 and 2010.

Kelli received her Bachelors degree from Stephen F. Austin University while working for the Accounting Office for Wal-mart. Kelli became a certified County Investment Officer 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 Second Vice President for CTAT and chair for the Constitution and Bylaws

Committee. Kelli will also be serving as the host of the CTAT annual conference this year 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 for the Optimist Club of Tyler.

Mitzi Wohleking, Midland County Treasurer

After serving the County taxpayers for over 15 years in another capacity, I was elected County Treasurer in November of 2004. Since being in office I have 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, developed an investment strategy that increased interest earned by 1000% in my first 3 years in office, and I continue to learn new ways of improving my office every day. This is not just a job to me. County government has been my career for nearly 23 years and I expect to continue to serve my community for many more.....I'm just getting started good! I am certified as a C.I.O., and I have served C.T.A.T. as Regional Director for Region 3, served on the Long Range Planning and the Directory Committees, Chaired the Education Committee in 2011 and am currently the Chairman of the Audit Committee. I am an active member of the Midland County Republican Women and served as Secretary for them in 2009. My husband's name is Mark and I have a beautiful daughter named Sally and an awesome son named Reese. I have three sweet step-children, one of which has given us our beautiful Granddaughter, Andie. I am a Christian and a Texan by the grace of God, and will always be a farmer's daughter.



Dolores Ortega Carter, Travis County Treasurer

Dolores Ortega Carter was elected Travis County Treasurer in 1987 and has served in this capacity to the present. She was the first woman ever elected to the position. Also, she was the first Hispanic woman elected to a countywide office in Travis County. She is a Certified County Treasurer and a Certified Investment Officer.

Ms. Ortega Carter has served as Chair of the Minority Business Enterprise and Women's Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Task Force as appointed by the Commissioner's Court. She is very active in community affairs and is very active in all issues pertaining to the advancement of women in all professions. In addition, she has served on various city recreation boards. She has been a member of the Board of the Lone Star Girl Scout Council, United Cerebral Palsy, Samaritan Counseling Center, and the Austin Women's Political Caucus. Ms. Ortega Carter is a graduate of the Leadership Austin class of 1996-97 and of the Leadership Circle with the Texas Association of Counties. She is a member of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials, a member of the Large Urban Counties Caucus of the National Association of Counties Organization (NACO), and is a member of the Financial Committee for NACO. She has served on the County Treasurer's Board in some capacity for 24 years and has been on the Executive Board currently as Secretary and previously as Parliamentarian. Ms. Ortega Carter has served on the Legislative Committee and has been the Chair of that Committee as well.



Dolores Ortega Carter is a graduate of Texas A&M University. She has a Bachelors Degree in Spanish and English (1976) and a Masters Degree in Education Administration (1980)

Sharon Reynolds, Brazoria County Treasurer

Sharon began working for Brazoria County in May 1979 in the County Auditors office.

Sharon was elected as Brazoria County Treasurer in 1990 and served from 1991-1998. She lost her bid for reelection in 1998 and worked as First Assistant County Treasurer in Fort Bend County from March 1999 thru December 2002.



Sharon ran again in 2002 and was elected County Treasurer of Brazoria County serving from 2003 to present.

Sharon served on the Board of Directors of CTAT during both terms in office. She is a Past President of CTAT.

Sharon currently serves on the following CTAT Committees, Chair-Certification and Validation, member of Resource Guide, Legislative, Life Membership, Nominating, Outstanding County Treasurer Award and Past President's.

Sharon has been a Certified Investment Officer since 1992 and serves as Vice Chair of the CIO Certification Committee. She is also co-chair and teacher for the Level I CIO classes.

Sharon is the Brazoria County Investment Officer, Brazoria County Bail Bond Board Member, ex-officio member of the Brazoria County Investment Advisory Committee, Tax Abatement Review Committee, member of the Brazoria County Insurance Committee, Brazosport and Pearland Republican Women Clubs, Worthy Matron of the Velasco Chapter #220 Order of the Eastern Star and Charter member of the Exchange Club of Angleton.

Sharon enjoys quilting, machine embroidery, playing golf, hunting, fishing, camping, and spoiling her grandchildren. She also sews quilt tops that are used for making quilts for the needy that are sent to the Lutheran Relief Center and distributed throughout the world.

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IT'S TIME TO VOTE!!!!

2011 Ballot

Texas Outstanding County Treasurer

If you will not be attending the CTAT conference in Tyler, we still need you to vote for the Texas Outstanding County Treasurer for 2011. Please vote for **only one** of the following nominees:

Sharon Reynolds, Brazoria County _____ Dolores Ortega Carter, Travis County _____

Kelli White, Smith County _____ Mitzi Wohleking, Midland County _____

Place your ballot in an envelope marked with your County Name on the outside. Your ballot will be removed and counted anonymously by the auditing committee. If you vote by fax or e-mail, please list your county name for auditing purposes and then your county name will be removed by the Chairman, Donna Kelly, before being sent to the auditing committee to be counted. Fax to (254)965-1447 or Email countytreasurer@co.erath.tx.us PLEASE DO NOT VOTE ON THE LISTSERVE!!

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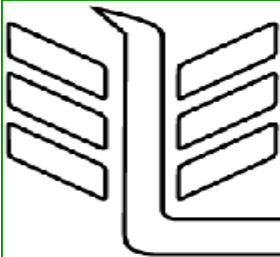
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