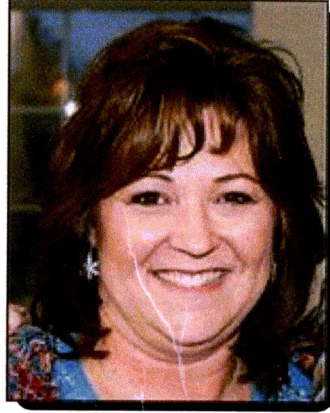


CDCAT President's Welcome



Welcome to the County and District Clerks' Association of Texas official Website.

Welcome to the new and improved CDCAT website. We continue to make updates and improvements and appreciate your suggestions/feedback. Please help us make this site the best ever!

What an amazing time we had in San Antonio!!! Donna Kay McKinney and Gerry Rickhoff did an amazing job assembling a great education program, along with some great entertainment and tons of food! We stayed in the Hyatt on the Riverwalk and I know a lot of you enjoyed most of what downtown San Antonio has to offer; from the Riverwalk to the Alamo to Mexican Food to Dick's Last Resort and Howl at the Moon. A HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped make the conference successful.

During the business portion of our conference in San Antonio, we learned of a change in venue for our 119th Annual Conference. We will be going to Frisco, Texas June 22 – 26, 2014 staying at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center with an All – American as Baseball and Apple Pie style event. (it's all about the Red, White and Blue) More details to follow; but continue to check our website daily for the room block to open. We will also put an email out on the listserve reflecting this information as well.

I want each of you to know how honored I am to serve as your President of CDCAT from July 2013 – June 2014. I am looking forward to working with the Board of Directors and Committees. These roles are so important to the success of our association and I am so appreciative for those that continue to volunteer their time each year. You amaze me! For a complete list of Board and Committee Members and for descriptions of responsibilities go to: www.CDCATexas.org.

Along with our regular committees, we will continue with the Texas Trial Courts Advisory Council to the Office of Court Administration (OCA). This committee was created last year and comprised of the executive board, and four additional clerks from larger counties. These clerks will meet at least four times a year with OCA and provide input on projects that involve the duties of county and district clerks. We are looking forward to working with David Slayton, Executive Director for OCA, and his staff.

We are just coming off an exciting legislative session and want to thank Carter Casteel and Cary Roberts (our lobbyists) for an amazing 'job well done'! They were tremendous in their efforts and helped us get several bills passed that may have been otherwise stuck in committees. They performed an amazing feat this year by getting all of the CDCAT bills set for hearing on the same day in the same committee. It was no April Fools Joke – many of us represented the association at the Capitol on April 1st and boy were we noticed. Many comments were made about how we 'can turn out in numbers when necessary'. TAC was extremely helpful providing assistance from their legal department creating draft legislation and tracking the bills on a daily basis and our entire legislative team did an awesome job staying on top of things. Thank you, thank you, thank you for an amazing job during the legislative session.

Another committee I am excited to continue this year is the Community Outreach Committee – Sheri Woodfin is chairing this committee and I continue to be amazed at this woman's 'energizer bunny' attitude and creativity. This

committee will work to compile and develop curriculum that can be used by our members to assist in various outreaches within their community; from speaking engagements, to providing information on educational topics. We welcome any programs, brochures or ideas that you may have created for use in your counties. This information will be compiled and made available on our website, for all to use.

CDCAT's purpose is to promote professional standards, provide a means for the education of its members regarding the statutory and constitutional duties of the offices of the county clerks and district clerks, and participate in the legislative, judicial and executive processes of state government that are beneficial to our association. As a member of CDCAT I encourage you to get involved in our association and if you have any comments, concerns and solutions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to a wonderful year of building relationships, and working diligently to see ideas come to fruition!

Sincerely,

Teresa
CDCAT President 2013 - 2014