

November 2013

The Verdict

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Denton County Paralegal Association

Toy Drive

Reminder: The donation deadline of December 2, 2013 is quickly approaching. The Fundraising Committee is collecting donations for the Christmas Toy Drive benefitting Denton County Friends of the Family. If you would like to make a toy or monetary donation, please contact Michelle Beecher at (940) 891-0003.

Legal Directory

Reminder: The deadline to return the Attorney and Paralegal information sheets to be included in the 2014 Legal Directory is December 31, 2013. If you have not completed the form and returned, please take a moment to fill it out. To make each Legal Directory the most updated resource to have on hand, members must participate and encourage others to do so as well. There are advertising pages still available. For additional information please contact Michele George at (940) 387-3518 or mgeorge@hbvwlaw.com.

2014 Officer Elections

The 2014 Officer Elections was held on October 24, 2013.

The 2014 Officers are:

Kim Guertler, President
Michelle James, President-Elect
Melody Brackeen, Secretary/Parliamentarian
Lisa Pittman, Treasurer

President Guertler appointed Sunnie Palmer to serve as Historian.

Please join us at the November 21, 2013 CLE Luncheon for the officer installation and to thank our immediate past president, Ria Sherman for her innovative ideas, diligent work and dedication to DCPA!

Meeting Notice

The Denton County Paralegal Association’s next Luncheon will be on Thursday, **November 21, 2013** at noon at the Denton County Courts Building, in the Law Library on the second floor, located at 1450 East McKinney, Denton, Texas.

This will be a brown bag luncheon.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and can be made via e-mail to kim.guertler@dentoncounty.com. The Deadline for making your reservation is 5:00 P.M. on Monday, November 18, 2013.

Notice: We must have an accurate count of the number attending prior to the meeting for preparation of seating arrangements.

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AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

2014 Committee Chairs

CLE, Open

Fundraising, Open

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Date: November 21, 2013
Place: Denton County Courts Building
Law Library, 2nd Floor
1450 E. McKinney, Texas 76209
Time: Noon

1. Welcome members and guests
2. Old Business
 - a. Approve October minutes
 - b. Approve October treasurer’s report
3. New Business
 - a. Committee Year End Reports
 - b. 2014 Committee Chair update
4. Speaker: Denton County Law Librarian, Kathleen Bransford, and Assistant Librarian, Stephanie Bassinger will present information on the resources available at the Denton County Law Library
5. i-Pad Drawing
6. Adjournment

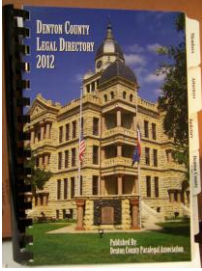
President's Message

By: Ria Sherman

As you know, our Toy Donations Drive deadline of December 2, 2013, is rapidly approaching. A toy or monetary donations are greatly appreciated for the families that would otherwise not have gifts to open at Christmas.

With the holidays right around the corner, I would like to wish each of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays!





Legal Directory

The 2012 Legal Directory is available for purchase. This latest directory has been updated to include some of the newest attorneys in Denton County. The cost of the directory is \$25.00 each. If you have an old directory, turn it in for a \$2.00 rebate on the purchase price. This is a great resource! Get yours today! For more information contact Michele George or Lisa Pittman at (940) 387-3518 or at mgeorge@hbwwlaw.com or lpittman@hbwwlaw.com.

Birthdays

Our members with December birthdays are:

Ava Watson (12/5)
 Ria Sherman (12/20)
 Jennifer Flores (12/29)
 Carla Neal (12/30)

Hope each of you will have a **Happy Birthday!**

Membership News

Please encourage those paralegals and others in the legal field, whom are not currently members, to join. If you know of anyone who would like to join, please contact Gina Gotti at gottigina@yahoo.com, (972) 436-7584.

Support Our Sustaining Members

Please help support our Sustaining Members by calling them when you have a project that needs outside support. Remember it is through their continued support and generosity that DCPA is able to provide social events at a low cost.

Benefits of Membership In The Denton County Paralegal Association Include:

- ❖ Receipt of the monthly issue of *The Verdict*
- ❖ Free Accredited CLE at monthly meetings
- ❖ Continuing Legal Education seminars on various topics
- ❖ Job Bank
- ❖ Motivation
- ❖ Networking with other paralegals in Denton County
- ❖ Professional growth through participation
- ❖ Communication and promotion of professional conduct and responsibility
- ❖ Continued individual and professional growth as paralegals

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