

# The Verdict

*Denton County Paralegal Association*

## **3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL BINGO NIGHT AT BRIDGEMOOR UPDATE**

By: Christy Rodgers, Bingo Coordinator

The Fundraising & Social Committees joined forces again this year to plan and hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bingo Night at Bridgemoor on June 17, 2015. Proceeds from the event benefitted DCPA and Denton County Friends of the Family.

We had several Bridgemoor Residents, some Vintage Residents, DCPA Members and their families attend. Everyone had a great time and went home with some great door prizes and game prizes. Grand Prize was \$50.00 cash that was donated by Randolph W. Stout!

We also had some great Vendors: Carol Pelzel - Zeal for Life Wellness Products, and Michael Earhart - Dearheart Creations Handmade Soaps.

Thank you to Bridgemoor for allowing DCPA to use their beautiful facility and the use of their bingo equipment and many thanks to the Social & Fundraising Committees for organizing the event, securing donations and helping on Bingo Night! **See photos from the event on pages 8-10.**

A special thank you to following law firms, businesses and committee members for the items donated:

**Game Prizes & Door Prizes:** Garden Gate, Jason’s Deli, McAlister’s Restaurant, Debbie Minter – Mary Kay, Pei Wei Restaurant, Carol Pelzel – Scentsy & Zeal for Life, Mary Miller – Handmade Wreath, Heather Walker – Handmade Wreath, Yankee Candle & Metal Dinner, Sign, and Randolph W. Stout – \$50.00

**Snacks & Other Items:** Kroger – Sandwiches, Cookies, Fruit Trays, Drinks, Ice, Plates, Napkins and Plasticware; Hayes, Berry, White & Vanzant, LLP – Popcorn & Popcorn Oil, Dry Erase Board and markers; Steve Woehr – Cups

### *Special Interest Articles:*

- Bingo Night Update & Photos
- Birthdays
- Birth & Marriage Announcements

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## Meeting Notice

### 2015 Officers

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The Denton County Paralegal Association's next Luncheon will be on Thursday, **June 25, 2015** at noon at Oakmont Country Club, 1901 Oakmont Drive, Corinth, Texas.

The all-inclusive cost of lunch is \$14.00 payable when you sign in. We cannot accept debit or credit cards, or make change, so please bring **exact** amount of cash or a check made payable to DCPA.

## Did you know...

Payments for the CLE Luncheon can now be made online. For more information and online registration see Events/CLE Luncheon at [www.dentonparalegals.org](http://www.dentonparalegals.org).

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and can be made via e-mail to Cheryl Cooper@mlj@steelelawfirm.com. The deadline to RSVP is June 19, 2015.**

**Notice: We must notify Oakmont of the number attending prior to the meeting for preparation of adequate food and seating arrangements. Those that have RSVP'd will get served and seated first. We cannot guarantee that you will have seating or food if you do not RSVP. Please note we are also required to bill those individuals who make reservations and do not attend.**

## Directions to Oakmont

Oakmont Country Club is located in Corinth off I-35 East between Lewisville and Denton.

- Exit 461 – Shady Grove Road/Post Oak Drive
- Turn west onto Post Oak Drive
- Turn right (west) onto Robinson Road at stop sign
- Turn left (south) onto Oakmont Drive – you will see an Oakmont sign in the median
- Turn right into Oakmont Country Club (second right)

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### 2015 Committee Chairs

CLE, Michelle Beecher  
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## **AGENDA FOR MEETING**

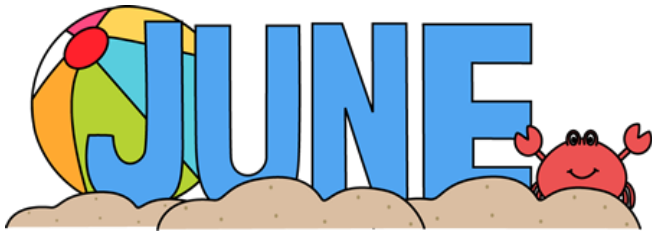
Date: June 25, 2015  
Place: Oakmont Country Club  
1901 Oakmont Drive  
Corinth, Texas 76210  
Time: Noon

- 1. Welcome members and guests**
- 2. Old Business**
  - a. Approve May meeting Minutes
  - b. Approve May Treasurer's Report
- 3. New Business**
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Reports from all committee chairs
  - b. Sunnie Palmer to announce the winner of the membership referral contest
- 4. Announcements and Door Prize**
- 5. Adjournment**



## President's Message

By: Cheryl Cooper



June brings sunshine, vacations, and Father's Day!

I can't believe we are halfway through our year. Many of you are planning or taking vacations, or visiting family and friends now that school is out. The sun is also out which means being outdoors more and soaking in the rays. Whatever you're doing, be safe. Melanoma is one of the most dangerous cancers out there (it can kill you), so take precautions by using sunscreen, wearing a hat, putting on lip balm with SPF in it (I learned too late that being out in the sun can fade your natural lip color), use floatation devices, and brush up on your first aid skills and CPR. You never know when it might come in handy.

By the time you read this, we will have had our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Bingo event. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this a success (the Social Committee, the Fundraising Committee, and Christy Rodgers, Bingo Chair). I am happy we have an opportunity to be visible in our community and raise some money for a worthy cause: our chosen charity - Friends of the Family.

Look for our new feature on our website and Facebook page: *DCPA Member in the Spotlight*. This month our member highlight is one of our sustaining members: Janel Stoffels. She has been a great supporter of DCPA. Please consider her when you need a court reporter.

Volunteering is the ultimate  
exercise in democracy.  
You vote in elections once a year,  
but when you volunteer, you vote  
every day about the kind of  
community you want to live in.

HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY!

## Birthdays

Our members with July Birthdays are:

- Gina Elliott (7/6)
- Janel Stoffels (7/7)
- Shirley Shelburne-Ramos (7/17)
- Heather Walker (7/22)

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

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### 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

## 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 Sunnie Palmer at [sunnie@zellmerlaw.com](mailto:sunnie@zellmerlaw.com).

### Member Suggestion Contest Extended!

The membership committee has extended the member suggestion contest until June 22, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. To enter, simply gather the contact information for paralegals (Name, Firm, Address, Phone Number, and Email Address) who are not members of DCPA and email it to [sunnie@zellmerlaw.com](mailto:sunnie@zellmerlaw.com). Submissions of the names of paralegals who are already DCPA members will not be eligible for the contest, but you will receive notice that the paralegal you suggested is a member. Each suggestion equals one entry into a drawing for a prize. We will announce the winner at our meeting on June 25, 2015. There is no limit on entries. 50 paralegal suggestions - 50 entries to win! Please email Sunnie Palmer at [sunnie@zellmerlaw.com](mailto:sunnie@zellmerlaw.com) with questions and entries.

## **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.

### **Stewart Process Service, Inc.**

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## **Minutes**

1. President Cheryl Cooper called the business meeting of May 28, 2015 to order at 12:14 p.m. at Oakmont Country Club. President Cooper welcomed 20 attendees, consisting of 17 members and 3 guests.

### OLD BUSINESS:

2. President Cooper asked for a vote on the April 2015 meeting minutes. A motion for approval was presented by Heather Walker and seconded by Priscilla Brooks. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
3. President Cooper asked for a vote of approval for the April 2015 Treasurer's report. A motion for approval was presented by Beth Honeycutt and seconded by Debbie Mitchell. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

### NEW BUSINESS:

4. President Cooper reminded members that the June monthly luncheon would be a business meeting for the presentation of quarterly reports.
  5. President Cooper discussed the idea of creating a new position within the association to handle technology. The Chair of the Technology committee should be skilled at using all features of the DCPA website to the fullest extent possible, and have the ability to memorialize more events and activities with media updates and photographs on the Facebook page.
  6. Christy Rogers of the Social Committee reminded the members of the upcoming Third Annual Bingo Night to be held on June 17 at Bridgemoor from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  7. President Cooper announced the "DCPA Member in the Spotlight" which will highlight one member in the newsletter each month. This month Priscilla Brooks was our featured member.
  8. President Cooper announced that the membership contest was extended through June 22, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Any member can submit the name of a paralegal who is not a DCPA member to Sunnie Palmer, Membership Chair, for an entry in the contest. Each suggestion equals one entry into a drawing for a door prize.
  9. President Cooper introduced guest speaker Curtis Loveless. Mr. Loveless gave a presentation regarding Ethics for Dealing with Pro Se Parties and Difficult Clients. Mr. Loveless emphasized the importance of the Lawyers' Creed and a renewed effort of professionalism for both attorneys and paralegals.
  10. Members' names were placed in a drawing for the attendance door prize. Amy Riggs was the winner of the drawing for the monthly luncheon door prize, a gift card for six cupcakes from Sugar Queen Cupcakes.
  11. There being no further business, President Cooper adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p. m.
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# BINGO NIGHT – EVENT PHOTOS





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### Bingo Vendors & Event Food Donor



**BINGO NIGHT – EVENT PHOTOS CON'T**



### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Member, Jenna Earhart would like to introduce her newest grandson, Matthew Barnett. Matthew was born on April 14, 2015 in Denton, Texas. Isn't he just adorable?!

### MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS



We would like to congratulate Member, Amy Riggs and Jerrold Hoffee who were married on May 30th in Denton, Texas. We wish you both a "Happily Ever After!" What a lovely bride! A sense of humor is important too!



Member, Kim Guertler would like to announce the marriage of her son, Sam, to Deavon Wedel of Fairview, Oklahoma. Sam and Deavon met through their participation in CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) while they were both attending Oklahoma State University. They were married in the presence of their friends and family on June 14 at Camp Loughridge in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After their honeymoon in the Dominican Republic, they will reside in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where Deavon is an elementary school teacher and Sam works for Paycom.

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