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Denton County Paralegal Association

Membership Renewal

There is still time to renew your membership!

This year there are two ways to renew your membership or submit a new application:

1. Submit an application or renewal through the website at www.dentonparalegals.org, or
2. Mail in a paper application. Members who renew through the website receive immediate confirmation that their renewal application has been submitted. Payments are accepted online through the website. To renew, log in to your profile at <http://www.dentonparalegals.org/Content/Members/MemberProfile.aspx> with the email address that DCPA has on record for you and your password and follow suggested actions on your profile screen. If you have not yet accessed your profile on the website, enter your email address and click "Forgot Password" to be permitted to set up a password.

Applications and payments by check may also be mailed to P.O. Box 2641, Denton, Texas 76202. Applications are available at <http://www.dentonparalegals.org/apply>.

If you need help logging into the website or renewing your membership, please contact the membership committee. You can call Sunnie Palmer at (940) 383-2674 ext. 228 or email sunnie@zellmerlaw.com or email membership chair Gina Elliott at gottigina@yahoo.com.

Finally, please consider inviting an officemate or paralegal friend to join our organization! New applicants may submit their applications through the website or by mail. See more information at <http://www.dentonparalegals.org/apply>.

Meeting Notice

The Denton County Paralegal Association's next Luncheon will be on Thursday, **March 27, 2014** 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.

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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.

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, March 24, 2014.

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

Oakmont sign in the median

- Turn right into Oakmont Country Club (second right)

2014 Committee Chairs

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AGENDA FOR MARCH MEETING

Date: March 27, 2014
Place: Oakmont Country Club
1901 Oakmont Drive
Corinth, Texas 76210
Time: Noon

1. **Welcome members and guests**
2. **Old Business**
 - a. Approve February, 2014, Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Approve February, 2014, meeting Minutes
3. **New Business**
 - a. Committee chairs to give quarterly reports.
 - b. Update on Legal Directory Committee
 - c. Take vote on delaying the printing of the Legal Directory until next year, and to thereafter be printed in non-election years.
 - d. Encourage members to sign up for committees.
 - e. Encourage members to renew their memberships,
 - f. Update on DCPA’s new website.
 - g. Announce sponsorship levels, and what sponsors will receive at various levels.
4. **Speaker:** Earl Dobson – speaker on the “Understanding the Various Types of Sexual Charges.”
(Thank you trophy given to speaker, along with Certificate of Appreciation)
5. **Door Prize and Announcements**
6. **Adjournment**

CLE GUEST SPEAKER



Our speaker will be Earl Dobson and he will be speaking on the “Understanding the Various Types of Sexual Charges.”

President's Message

By: Kim Guertler

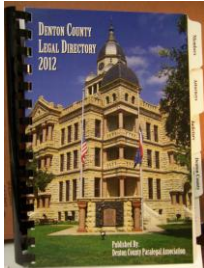
Dear Valued DCPA members,

Happy Spring DCPA members!!! I am sure I am not alone in being happy to say goodbye to winter. Spring is usually associated as being a time of renewal and rejuvenation. Well let me tell you, your DCPA Committee Chairs and members do not need to be rejuvenated. Enthusiasm and creativity continue to emanate from your Committees. I am so blessed to be able to work with each person who has stepped up to serve the DCPA this year. Keep up the great work! As you know from my emails earlier this month, our Legal Directory is currently without a chair due to unforeseen circumstances. A couple of members have volunteered to help finish the fine work Michele and Company have started and for that we say thank you! Due to this being an election year which will result in many changes in the Courts Building, we have decided that it will be most productive to use this year to shift the printing of the Legal Directory to the beginning of the non-election year. With this change, we can provide a more accurate Legal Directory with this publication and for publications to come. We will discuss this at the luncheon on March 27th so if you have any thoughts or concerns about the change in the production schedule, please attend the luncheon so your voice can be heard. We are also asking for volunteers to help finish this important publication!

Speaking of the luncheon, you will not want to miss this one! Our speaker will be Earl Dobson and he will help to provide us with an understanding of the various types of sexual charges. Do not let the fact that you do not work in criminal law prevent you from coming, as I can assure you, it will be an interesting and informative subject matter. In addition, remember that every time you attend a DCPA event, your chances increase of winning the beautiful Pandora bracelet that Nasr Brothers Jewelers has donated to our organization.

Lastly, I have been in touch with Friends of the Family to see if we can be of service to them in any way, but please let me know if you are passionate about a charity that we can assist or if there is a community event that the DCPA can participate in. Let's get involved and have fun in the process! See you all on Thursday, March 27th!





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@hbwvlaw.com or lpittman@hbwvlaw.com.

Birthdays

Our members with April birthdays are:

Jennifer Stout (4/8)
 Christine Piott (4/16)
 Priscilla Brooks (4/24)
 Sunnie Palmer (4/24)

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.

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

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.

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Minutes

1. President Kim Guertler called the business meeting of February 27, 2014, to order at 12:11 p. m. at the Oakmont Country Club. There were 19 attendees (18 members and 1 guest speaker), all of whom were welcomed by President Guertler.

OLD BUSINESS:

2. President Guertler asked for a vote on the December, 2013, Treasurer's report. A motion for approval was presented by Michelle Beecher and seconded by Jennifer Stout. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
3. President Guertler asked for a vote of approval of the January, 2014, Treasurer's report. A motion for approval was presented by Michelle Beecher and seconded by Carolyn Ganzer. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
4. President Guertler asked for a vote on the January 23, 2014, meeting minutes. A motion for approval was presented by Lisa Bowles and seconded by Christy Rodgers. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Fundraising Chair, Jennifer Stout, gave a report on the Valentine Fundraiser, stating that it was a huge success. It was announced that we sold 220 valentines making over \$1,000.00 in profit. Big thanks to sponsors Randy Stout, Tim Powers, Stephen Wohr, and the Kelsey, Kelsey & Hickey firm. Party City donated \$162.00 toward the cost of purchasing candy there which originally totaled \$245.00. Party City indicated they would be interested in contributing to our association in the future. Thanks also to all the members who donated chocolate candy for the candy kabobs, those who helped assemble the kabobs, and those who helped deliver the Valentine Grams. Fundraising Chair Stout encouraged everyone to patronize Party City.
 6. President Guertler announced that Social Chair, Priscilla Brooks, is meeting with the Social Committee to plan our upcoming events.
 7. Historian, Sunnie Palmer, announced on behalf of Membership Chair, Gina Elliott, that membership applications can be accessed and renewed on our website, but that they can also be mailed in. Historian Palmer advised that there are lots of renewals coming in, encouraging those who have not yet renewed to do so. President Guertler announced that Membership Chair Elliott is in transition so Historian Palmer offered to assist her with membership issues during her transition, and would be happy to answer questions or assist anyone with a membership need.
 8. CLE Chair, Michelle Beecher, introduced the speaker, Carol Wolfram, who gave a presentation titled, "Pitfalls of Preparing Chapter 7 Schedules" and also addressed how Chapter 7 affects divorce cases. Upon the conclusion of her presentation, CLE Chair Beecher presented Attorney Wolfram with a trophy and certificate of appreciation.
 9. CLE Chair Beecher announced that Hugh Coleman would be the speaker in March presenting Employment Law, including theft of corporate information and records.
 10. A door prize was selected by the speaker, Attorney Wolfram, which was won by Stephanie Skipworth.
 11. There being no further business, President Guertler adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p. m.
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