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**Denton County Paralegal Association**

## Membership Committee

By Holly McDuffie, Chair



**\*\*\*\*Membership and 2020 Elections\*\*\*\***

With the upcoming DCPA elections and getting ready for the year, we are looking for people who would like to serve as committee chair or serve as a committee member on that particular committee. If you have any questions or would like details on what each committee is involved with, please reach out to the current committee chair or myself and even if I am not sure, I will get you an answer.

We are needing people for the following chair or committee members:

- Social Committee:
- Fundraising Committee:
- Membership Committee:
- CLE Committee:
- Scholarship Committee:

Second, we are still looking for donations and/or ideas for the monthly door prizes for our CLE Luncheons as well as don't forget we are still doing a prize for the most membership referrals so share..... share..... share.....!

Third, we have notice that a lot of members are showing "Active" but their renewals are past due, the membership committee will be going through our members list and getting these updated so we have clear accounting of "Active" members. Please make sure that your renewal shows paid and your information is current if you have not paid that please let Lisa Pittman and myself know the status of getting your renewal done.

Last but not least, please remember that non-members may attend the CLE luncheons and pay the regular fee for the lunch however if they ARE NOT eating the lunch, the CLE is \$5.00 for guests.

If there are any other thoughts or comments for membership, please feel free to shoot me an email [holly@cmloveless.com](mailto:holly@cmloveless.com).

The Denton County Paralegal Association's Luncheons are held on the third Thursday of month, except December, at noon at Oakmont Country Club, 1200 Clubhouse Drive, Corinth, Texas.

## 2019 Officers

Jennifer Earhart, President  
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## Did you know...

We have streamlined the online registration process! Go to the DCPA website at <http://dentonparalegals.org/>. Under the Upcoming Events blue bar click the Monthly Luncheon & CLE link, then click the Register tab and provide the requested information. When registering online, you must indicate whether you plan to attend the CLE and pay for lunch, or will attend the CLE only. We encourage you to make the buffet lunch payment online. If you prefer to pay at the door, you can choose to receive an invoice during the registration process.

**Online Registration Is Required! The deadline to register for each month's meeting is the Monday prior to the meeting.** Be sure to complete the registration sequence to notify us that you will either attend the CLE and purchase lunch, or will attend the CLE only. That will help us ensure Oakmont is prepared for the number of guests who will go through the buffet line, and that we provide adequate seating for those attending CLE only. **Please note we must bill individuals who register for lunch even if they are unable to attend.**

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## 2019 Committee Chairs

**CLE**, Kimberly Spivey  
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**Scholarship**, Amy Hoffee  
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## 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 Clubhouse Drive (second right)



## **President's Message**

By: Jennifer Earhart

Members as we approach the Fall season we find ourselves getting ready for many events such as our kids or grandkids starting a new school year, attending various athletic events and the fun of local community seasonal events - football, soccer, 5k runs to benefit various non-profit organizations, Halloween festivities, various festivals, Thanksgiving and Christmas. I don't know about you, but I love this time of year! Temperatures will start cooling down, the opportunity to participate in the giving atmosphere, and all of the memories that you are making with your family and friends, will make you smile! I know I am already smiling with all the plans I have in mind.

For DCPA, Fall means you will look forward to some exciting CLE, Social and Fundraiser events which are shared within this issue of The Verdict. Please take a peek-see of those events, and save those dates so you don't miss something exciting!

Thank you for being a DCPA Member. DCPA only runs well when our active Members share/participate/attend/volunteer at our events - please consider signing up to help with our various committees, sharing/promoting our events on your Facebook page and bragging about your local paralegal association to anyone who will listen! If you can only help with one event per year, DCPA would welcome your talent and skills. Please connect with us!

Here is to you and your continued growth in 2019!



## **Members Birthdays**

Our members with October, November and December Birthdays are:

### **October**

Kathy Geoffrion (10/2)  
Michelle Beecher (10/5)  
Dana Shockey (10/13)  
Suzanne Wilkinson (10/24)  
Theresa Mitchell (10/28)

### **November**

Beth Honeycutt (11/5)  
Carla Pressly (11/18)  
Pamela Snavelly (11/22)

### **December**

Samantha Stewart (12/4)

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

## **Committee News**

### **Scholarship Committee**

By Amy Hoffee, Chair

Members, did you know that DCPA offers a \$500 scholarship each year towards certification through a State Bar of Texas, Paralegal Division approved school, NALA, NFPA, and/or TBLS? Simply visit the DCPA website at <http://www.dentonparalegals.org>, click on the Resources tab, scroll down to Certification Scholarship and follow the link to download the application form and instructions. We encourage members to apply!



## Committee News Con't

### Social Committee

By Cindy Moon, Chair

Our School Supply Fundraiser benefiting Friends of the Family was a success! Thank you to all who participated.

**Texas Paralegal Day/Pro Bono Month Celebration:** This will be a joint event with the Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Texas. We are scheduled to gather at the Movie Tavern in Denton, Texas on October 23, 2019, after work for this year's Texas Paralegal Day celebration with a "Friends" theme twist. We will enjoy dinner and a private showing of the new "Adams Family" movie! In addition, we will be collecting canned food items and personal hygiene items for Friends of the Family. We will donate the food items that evening to Friends of the Family and the hygiene items will be used to stuff our Christmas stockings for the mothers currently receiving services.

Please mark your calendars to join us!

**Christmas Stocking Drive:** We are planning to fill Christmas stockings to be donated for the Friends of the Family mothers receiving services. We will also gather to make scarves to give as little gifts with the stockings. Scarf/stocking workshop dates will be circulated shortly.

**2019 Christmas Social:** Plans are underway – stay tuned for details!

**2020 Wellness Retreat:** Plans are already in the works for next year's retreat!!  
*SAVE THE DATE: May 29-31, 2020.*



## Committee News Con't

### Fundraising Committee

By Holly McDuffie, on behalf of Melody Brackeen, Chair

#### \*\*\*Upcoming Event\*\*\*

With the upcoming Prom Rewind held on October 19, 2019 we are getting ready to kick off the preparations for this event. It will be a night to remember so we are asking all DCPA members to share this invite with the other law professionals in their office or courthouse and let's start getting those RSVP's in. We will need a final headcount close to the time of the event so if you know you are attending go ahead and RSVP to the information on the flyer (attached).

**Corsages and Boutonnieres:** Flowers are optional. Beautiful single flowers will be given to all Single Women; and women who do not arrive with a corsage.

**Dress attire:** We are encouraging women to wear a prom dress in the era of their original prom. This is, of course, optional. Ladies, feel free to wear a prom dress of your dreams instead. Men are encouraged to dress in the era of their original prom. This is optional as well, however, **no jeans.**

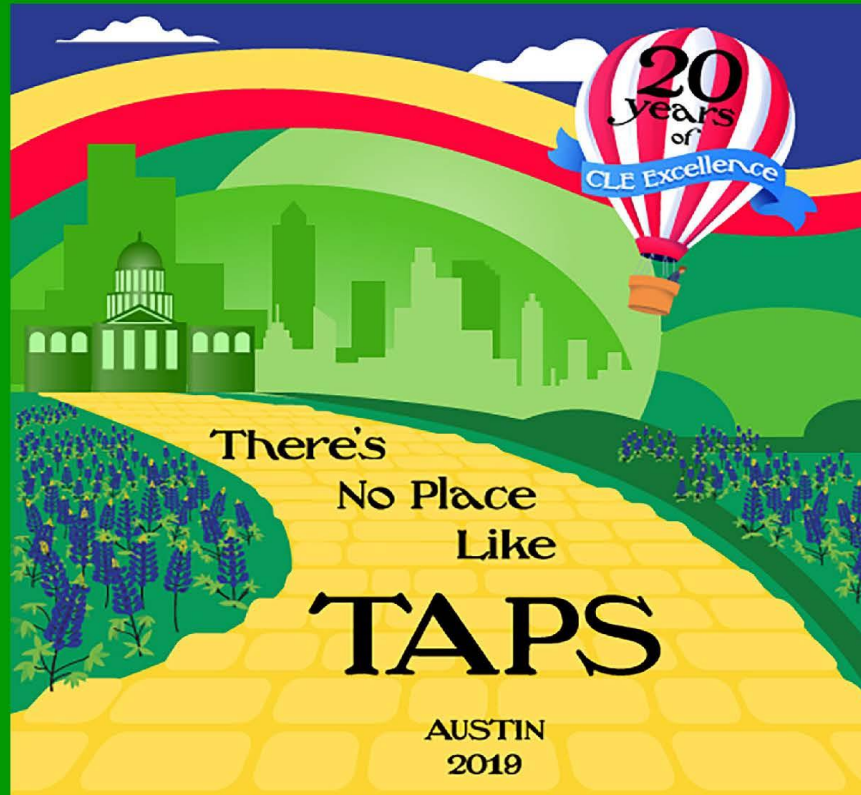
Music: 70s, 80s and 90s and of course Dancing is encouraged.

This is an adult event only. No children, teens or young adults.

If there are any other thoughts or comments for membership, please feel free to shoot Melody an email [Mbrackeen@koonfuller.com](mailto:Mbrackeen@koonfuller.com).



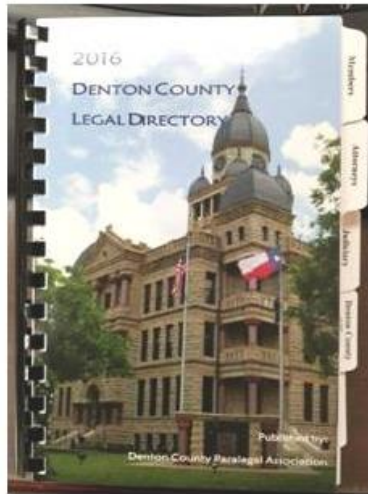
## The Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Texas



Texas Advanced Paralegal Seminar  
A Three Day Multi-Track CLE  
September 18, 2019 – September 20, 2019  
DoubleTree–Austin, TX

For more information go to [www.txpd.org/taps](http://www.txpd.org/taps).

## Legal Directory



The Legal Directory Committee of the Denton County Paralegal Association has copies of our Denton County Legal Directory available!

There are two options: a bound hard copy or a digital copy of the directory contained on a flash drive. We are very pleased with the finished product and are certain you will be also!

If you, or someone you know, would like to purchase one of these directories, please contact Lisa Pittman at (940) 387-3518.

Digital directory - \$15.00 (\$2.50 Shipping Fee)

Bound directory - \$22.00 (\$4.50 Shipping Fee)

Both directories - \$35.00 (\$6.50 Shipping Fee).

If you prefer to pick up a copy at no additional cost, you may do so, with advance notice to Lisa Pittman, Treasurer at (940) 387-3518 or [lpittman@hbwvllaw.com](mailto:lpittman@hbwvllaw.com).

Checks should be made payable to Denton County Paralegal Association and mailed to P.O. Box 2641, Denton, Texas 76202.



## **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.

### **County Process Service**

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## June Meeting Minutes

*As Approved by the Membership on August 15, 2019*

President Jenna Earhart called the meeting held on this date to order at 12:11 p.m. at Oakmont Country Club in Corinth. President Earhart welcomed members and guests.

### OLD BUSINESS

The May minutes were voted on and approved. Beth Honeycutt made the motion and Lisa Bowles seconded it. All were in favor, none opposed.

The Treasurer's Report were voted on and approved. Cindy Moon made the motion and Laura Powers seconded it. All were in favor, none opposed.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. President Earhart announced there would be some business to be discussed first. First, The Quarterly Report was available on the table for each member. Secondly, Jenna announced that at this meeting we'll discuss upcoming events such as Friends of the Family, TAPS, and the Back To School drive. Jenna asked everyone to give their input and ideas on each topic once everyone is through with their lunch.

2. Cindy Moon - President Elect and Social Chairman began the meeting by discussing the Retreat. The Retreat was a success. Thanks was given to Beth Honeycutt for her Meditation session and Krystal Novas for her Yoga session. Hula dancers were the entertainment which included group participation. There were three speakers, all of which were excellent. One hour CLE ethics credit was given for those who participated. The next Retreat has already been scheduled for May 29-31, 2020. Second discussion was Texas Paralegal Day. Cindy announced Texas Paralegal Day is October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Back by popular demand Texas Paralegal Day will be celebrated at the Movie Tavern in Denton. The theme would be F\*R\*I\*E\*N\*D\*S, from the popular sitcom F\*R\*I\*E\*N\*D\*S. Stay tuned for the exact date. Third discussion was the upcoming June 29<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Day at Cindy's residence. Bring your family and bathing suits for a BBQ by the pool. Cindy will be collecting school supplies for Friends of the Family at that time. A Sign Up Genius went out once, but due to calendar restrictions, will be going out again. Fourth discussion was the 2020 Chair Elections coming up. A Sign Up Genius went out for this as well. Lastly, Plans are already in the works for our annual Christmas Party. Stay email alert for more information.

3. Kim Spivey – CLE Chariman began by announcing there would be 3 more CLE Luncheons – July – August – September. July Speaker, Mr. Bonner, will be providing 2 door prizes...A Yeti Tumbler and a Starbucks Gift Card. August Speaker will be Tamera Bennett who will speak on Entertainment and Copyright Law. DCPA's September Luncheon will be changed to the fourth Thursday, September 26, 2019, due to TAPS.

## **June Meeting Minutes Con't**

President asked if anyone has an EC question. If anyone has a question about a committee chair position. We don't expect you to run that committee by yourself. We would love for you to run that chair with 2-4 people on it with you so you're not doing it by yourself. If you have questions, email me or Cindy. If you think you know of someone who would be great for a certain position, email me. Give us their name. If you want to see something new, let us know.

### **DOOR PRIZE**

Door Prize was won by Kim Spivey.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Jenna Earhart adjourned the meeting at 12:49 p.m.



## **July Meeting Minutes**

*As Approved by the Membership on August 15, 2019*

President Jenna Earhart called the meeting held on this date to order at 12:05 p.m. at Oakmont Country Club in Corinth. President welcomed 16 members and 7 guests.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The **July or June** minutes were tabled until the August CLE meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. President Jenna Earhart asked if anyone was interested in becoming a DCPA member to register online.
2. President Earhart reminded everyone to see Lisa Pittman to “sign in” for today.
3. President Elect Moon announced the school supply drive was still going on but would conclude on July 31, 2019. Drop off locations are at two locations: Reecer Law Firm and Hayes Berry White Vanzant, both located in Denton.
4. President Elect, Cindy Moon, announced there is still availability on the DCPA team. If anyone has an interest in being on the Executive Committee or Membership Committee, please feel free to sign up.
5. President Earhart announced that no one has yet to sign up to be on the Newsletter Committee. If anyone is interested, please sign up.
6. Holly McDuffie spoke on behalf of the Fundraising Committee to announce the Prom Rewind coming up on October 19, 2019 from 7 - 10 p.m. Cost is \$45.00 per couple or \$25.00 for an individual. \$5.00 from each ticket will be donated to charity. Flyers were placed on the table.
7. President Earhart announced next month's speaker as Tamera Bennett, who will be speaking on: How To Spot Trademark, Copyright and Patent Legal Issues.
8. President Earhart asked Michael to announce our speaker for the day, Daniel Bonner.

### **DOOR PRIZE**

Door Prizes were won by Marjorie Mohr and Samantha Stewart, compliments of our speaker Daniel Bonner.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

1. There being no further business, President Earhart adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

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Our group name is  
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