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Denton County Paralegal Association

EMERITUS MEMBER

By Sunnie Palmer

At the August membership meeting, member Gloria Porter was recognized for her contributions to DCPA. Gloria is a charter member of DCPA and became DCPA's first emeritus member after retiring this year.

Gloria was presented with a plaque by Historian Sunnie Palmer on behalf of the executive committee and members. Sunnie described how DCPA leaders often turn to Gloria for advice and historical perspective. Sunnie also shared other paralegals' memories of Gloria: Past Paralegal Division President Javan Johnson of Longview said, "There simply is no one like Gloria- she very quietly and methodically goes about whatever her tasks are, and flawlessly makes everything happen— always with a smile on her face." Norma Hackler, executive director of the PD, said: "Over the past years, you were the one person everyone depended on." Gloria also received personal messages from past PD presidents Debbie Oaks McBride and Susan Wilen.

Sunnie said, "Gloria is able to see other people's potential and encourage us to take on new roles. She has been a mentor to so many paralegals in our area, encouraging us to join DCPA, then join the PD, then join a committee, and so on."

Gloria began her career as a legal assistant in 1980, and joined the Paralegal Division of the State Bar in 1989, She became a charter member of the Greater Denton Legal Assistant's Association in 1991. Her work for DCPA includes having served as membership committee chair and on the newsletter and bylaws committees. She served as secretary/parliamentarian and two-year terms as historian and president.

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Meeting Notice

2014 Officers

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The Denton County Paralegal Association's next Luncheon will be on Thursday, **September 25, 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.

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 to RSVP is September 19, 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
- Turn left (south) onto Oakmont Drive – you will see an Oakmont sign in the median
- Turn right into Oakmont Country Club (second right)

2014 Committee Chairs

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AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING

Date: September 25, 2014
Place: Oakmont Country Club
1901 Oakmont Drive
Corinth, Texas 76210
Time: Noon

- 1. Welcome members and guests**
- 2. Old Business**
 - a. Approve August, 2014, Treasurer's Report
 - b. Approve August, 2014, meeting Minutes
- 3. New Business**
 - a. Announce that elections for 2015 are coming up in October
 - b. Reminder that quarterly reports are due from Committee Chairs.
 - c. TAPA update
 - d. Reminder about TAPS
- 4. Speaker: Scott Alagood
(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 Scott Alagood with Alagood & Cartwright, P.C. Mr. Alagood will be speaking on "Receiverships in Civil and Family Law."

CONGRATULATIONS



Mark and Linda Lewis welcomed a grandson on August 19, 2014. Linda says "It's my first and Mark's third grandchild. He's a precious baby boy, named Rylen William Lewis. His parents are our son, Andrew Lewis, and his girlfriend, Alexa Citta. Grandparents are, of course, thrilled to welcome Rylen to the world!" He is just adorable!

President's Message

By: Kim Guertler

Happy Fall everyone! I know everyone is happy to see cooler temperatures on the horizon. I believe that more than any other season, Fall is known as the season of change. Among the many changes we see this time of year, including time change, temperature change, foliage change, our very own DCPA experiences change, as well. Next month, we will hold elections for the 2015 DCPA officers. Our organization is extremely fortunate that your current President-Elect, Cheryl Cooper, will serve as your President next year. Cheryl brings a wealth of gifts to the position. She is fun, innovative and she brings many years of paralegal wisdom with her. She will be a wonderful President and I look forward to supporting her and the DCPA in the coming year! Along with voting in new officers, we will also begin discussing Committee Chairs for next year. Our current Committees for the DCPA are CLE, Membership, Social, Fundraising, Scholarship, Newsletter, and Legal Directory. Whether you are a current Officer or Committee Chair or a member looking to get involved, please contact Cheryl or me and let us know of your interest in a leadership position with the DCPA. Speaking from experience, I can tell you, the DCPA and all of you wonderful members have been a wonderful investment of my time! I am grateful for my time in leadership and I know if you decide to volunteer in some capacity, you will be glad you did!

Not only will there be DCPA elections in October, don't forget to vote in the local, state and national elections that will occur on November 4, 2014. If you have not registered to vote yet, there is still time! The deadline is October 6, 2014.

Please plan to attend our CLE luncheon next Thursday, September 25, 2014, at Oakmont Country Club. Scott Alagood will be our speaker and he will be presenting information on "Receiverships in Civil and Family Law." Don't forget that with every luncheon/event you attend, you increase your chances of winning a beautiful Pandora bracelet in November! Hope to see you all next week!



Birthdays

Our members with October Birthdays are:

Cheryl Cooper (10/3)
Michelle Beecher (10/5)
Stephanie Skipworth (10/26)
Kayti Mixon (10/30)
Gloria Porter (10/31)

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

EMERITUS MEMBER CON'T

In addition to Gloria's work with DCPA, she has served the Paralegal Division in the following leadership roles:

District 12 Membership Sub-Committee Chair—2005/2006
District 12 Public Relations Subcommittee Chair—2006/2007
District 12 Elections Sub-Committee Chair—2007/2008
District 12 Director—2007/2009
Continuing Education Committee Online CLE Chair—2008/2009 and 2009/2010
Elections Committee Chair – 2010/2011, 2011/2012 and 2012/2013
Pro Bono Definition Ad Hoc Committee Chair—2011
TAPS Planning Committee Marketing Chair—2007, 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2012

In June 2011, Gloria was presented the Paralegal Division Outstanding Committee Chair award for her work on the Elections Committee, and in June 2013, Gloria received special recognition-- the Paralegal Division Above & Beyond Award 2012-2013.

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 meeting of August 28, 2014, to order at 12:10 p. m. at the Oakmont Country Club. There were 27 attendees (25 members, 1 guest, and the guest speaker). President Guertler welcomed guests.

OLD BUSINESS:

2. President Guertler asked for a vote on the July 2014 meeting minutes. A motion for approval was presented by Jenna Earhart and seconded by Carolyn Ganzer. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
3. President Guertler asked for a vote of approval of the July, 2014, Treasurer's report. A motion for approval was presented by Vicki Schmidt and seconded by Priscilla Brooks. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Heather Walker announced the winner of the scavenger hunt held in conjunction with the Ice Cream Social. Team 1 was the winner with the most points.
5. Sunnie Palmer presented the Emeritus Member award to Gloria Porter.
6. Michelle Beecher introduced the guest speaker, Kim Tindall who discussed Court Reporting 101.
7. President Guertler awarded the door prize won by drawing to Amy Riggs.
8. Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. by President Guertler.

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