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Denton County Paralegal Association

Membership News & Officer Election Notice

By: Julia Christman, Membership Committee Chair

We are thrilled with the new members who have joined our ranks this year. Thank you for becoming part of our team. Thank you to those “old” members who have reached out to friends and co-workers to encourage them to join the association.

*It is time to begin planning for next year! Those who have been active members for at least one year are eligible to declare your interest in becoming an officer with the Denton County Paralegal Association. The offices for which the Membership Committee must receive a written notice of candidacy are: President-Elect ** Secretary ** Treasurer.*

The notice must include your name, business address, phone number, and the office for which you desire to be considered. The notices must be received by 5:00pm on September 15, 2018. Send them to Julia Christman at Julia.christman@dentoncounty.com, or to Julia Christman at Denton County Sheriff's Office, 127 N. Woodrow Ln, Denton, TX 76205.

We encourage each of you to consider becoming an officer. Many hands make light work, and new viewpoints and ideas are incredibly important. If you have questions, please call me at 940-349-2390.

For those who have not yet been a member for a full year, or for those who are not quite ready to be an officer, the selection of committee chairs is coming quickly. We welcome assistance from everyone. There is plenty to do; you are needed.

Meeting Notice

2018 Officers

Daphina Park, President
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Jennifer Earhart, President-Elect
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Sharron Dowdle,
Secretary/Parliamentarian
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Lisa Pittman, Treasurer
lpittman@hbvwlaw.com

Pamela Snavelly, Historian
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The Denton County Paralegal Association's next Luncheon will be on Thursday, **September 20, 2018** at noon at Oakmont Country Club, 1200 Clubhouse Drive, Corinth, Texas.

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 this month's meeting is **September 19th at 3 p.m.** 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.**

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)

2018 Committee Chairs

CLE, Kimberly Spivey
kim.spivey@hotmail.com

Fundraising, Melissa Boyd
assistant@dobsoncrimlaw.com

Legal Directory, Cheryl Cooper
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Membership, Julia Christman
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Newsletter, Lisa Pittman
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Social, Cindy Moon
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Scholarship, Amy Hoffee
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AGENDA FOR MEETING

Date: September 20, 2018
Place: Oakmont Country Club
1200 Clubhouse Drive
Corinth, Texas 76210
Time: Noon

- 1. Welcome Members and Guests**
- 2. Speaker – Panel of Court Coordinators/Administrators**
- 3. Old Business**
 - a. Approve August Minutes
 - b. Approve Treasurer’s Report
- 4. New Business**
- 5. Announcements**
 - Announce winner of Participation Award
 - Judge Lee Gabriel will be here next month to speak on ethics – and we can get one (1) hour of ethics CLE!
 - Elections are coming up in October; please consider running for President-Elect, Treasurer or Secretary – let Julia Christman know if you want to run for one of these positions
- 6. Door Prize**
- 7. Adjournment**



President's Message

By: Daphina Park

Dear DCPA Members,

September is upon us. I hope everyone had a nice Labor Day Weekend! September is Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month. Spinal Cord Injury (sci) is an injury to the spinal cord that results in temporary or permanent changes in the spinal cord's normal motor, sensory, or autonomic function. People who sustain a spinal cord injury often have permanent and profound neurologic defects or paralysis. There are currently about 285,000 people in the U.S. living with sci.

I hold this cause very dear because my husband suffered a spinal cord injury in 2014, which left him paralyzed from the chest – down. It has been a huge learning experience, and we are still learning. At the time of the accident, we were devastated, and he did not know how to move forward or have the want to move forward. However, with the help of our neurologist, gastroenterologist, pain management doctor, respiratory therapists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, nurses, and support of our family and friends we were able come up with a plan for the future. He attended extensive physical therapy at Baylor Institute for Rehab, and his caseworker put him in touch with Neuro Assistance Foundation. This non-profit organization is a wonderful tool for anyone suffering from sci. They usually have two run/walks a year to raise funds for research and helping those in need. We have participated in three walks, and have met so many great people.

If you know someone with sci, and they do not know where to turn, please let them know about Neuro Assistance Foundation. If you would like to donate to their cause, their website is www.neuroassistance.org.

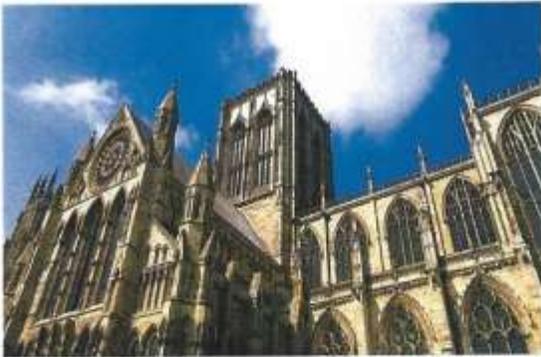
Our members with September Birthdays are:

Jennifer Earhart (9/3)
Joanna Jasso (9/3)
Holly McDuffie (9/7)
Angela Juarez (9/16)
Cindy Moon (9/22)
Kim Spivey (9/23)
Estina Childs (9/29)

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

Upcoming Events & Important Dates! Con't

PARALEGALS RETURN TO LONDON TRIP April 12-20, 2019 (Eight Days and Seven Nights)



The State Bar of Texas – Paralegal Division’s 2019 Annual Trip will be to London. Registration is now open - Register today! Payment Schedule Option Deadline for Registration is November 1, 2018. See attached flyer for more info and registration details. You do not have to be a member of the

Paralegal Division to go on the trip, it is open to all paralegals.



Social Committee News

By: Cindy Moon, Committee Chair



SAVE THE DATES and plan on joining us for these upcoming events:



October 23, 2018, to celebrate Texas Paralegal Day!! Look for details coming soon.



Our annual Christmas Social will be held on December 6, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Luigi's Restaurant, Denton, Texas. Additional information will be provided.

CLE Speaker - October

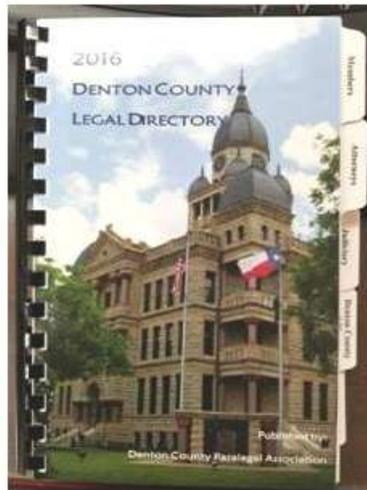
By: Kim Spivey, Committee Chair

Next month's CLE Speaker will be the Justice Lee Gabriel, 2nd Court of Appeals who will speak on Ethics.



2016 Legal Directory

By: Cheryl Cooper, Committee Chair



The 2016 Legal Directory Committee of the Denton County Paralegal Association is pleased to report that we have published our Denton County Legal Directory.

We are providing two options for the directory this year: a bound hard copy of the directory, as well as a digital copy of the directory that is on a flash drive. This is the first time in the history of DCPA that we have offered a digital copy of the directory and we are very pleased at the way they turned out.

If you, or someone you know, would like to purchase one of these directories, please contact Cheryl Cooper at Cell (979) 277-8761.

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.

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.

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Minutes

President Daphina Park called the meeting held on August 16, 2018 to order at 12:16 p.m. at Oakmont Country Club in Denton. President Park welcomed 12 members and 0 guest were in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Park presented the following for approval/vote:
 - Meeting minutes from July's meeting: Motion by Beth Honeycutt to approve, seconded by Martha Gallegos, unanimously approved.
 - Approval of Treasurer's report: Motion by Julia Christman to approve, seconded by Beth Honeycutt, unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. President Park reviewed the status of the Participation Drive and the members' points in same.
2. Holly McDuffie announced-as a prior member- that the Ft. Worth Paralegal Association offers self-defense classes and Julia Christman also stated that the Denton County Sheriff's Department offers a women's Empowerment class as well.

NEW BUSINESS

1. President Park announced the details of the upcoming CLE's as follows:
September–Court Administrators will discuss preferences in their respective courts. Members should email specific questions for the panel to President Park or Kim Spivey.
2. Upcoming DCPA Election: all members intending to run for office should contact Julia Christman. President Park also asked members to volunteer for the Membership Committee Chair.
3. President Park welcomed speaker Laura Amick Gadness to present the CLE on Disability Law.
4. There being no further business, President Park adjourned the meeting at 12:54 p.m.