

The Verdict

Denton County Paralegal Association



Special Interest Articles:

- DCPA Christmas Social
- Birthdays
- Food Drive

It's time for the annual DCPA Christmas Social

It is going to be held at Angelina's Mexican Restaurant in Corinth
on **Thursday, December 3rd from 6-8pm.**

If you would like to participate in our
Chinese Christmas ornament gift exchange,
please bring a wrapped ornament
(\$5 or less).



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In addition to an ornament, we are asking
that each member bring a non-perishable
item(s) which will be donated to a local
food pantry.

Please come out for some good food, cold drinks, and a great
time! We hope to see everyone there.

In order to give Angelina's an accurate head count, it is **imperative** for those planning
on attending to RSVP Heather Walker at heather.walker@dentoncounty.com no later
than Monday, November 30th.



FOOD DRIVE

2015 DENTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

GENERAL ITEMS NEEDED:

Snack Pack Items Canned Juice
Canned Fruit Tomato Sauce
Canned Vienna Sausages
Tuna/Chicken Pop Top Cans or Pouches
Single Serving Fruit
Baked Beans
Single Serving Chips
Ground Coffee
Cheese Crackers
Peanut Butter Crackers
Cereal or Granola Bars
Paper Napkins
Travel Size Hygiene Items
Single Serving Pack of Nuts
Disposable Cups, Bowls, and Plates
Canned Vegetables
Sweet & Low Packets
Evaporated Milk
Cream of Soups
Chili

August 1st—December

20th, 2015

Drop Off Locations:

1450 E. McKinney Street, Denton
Denton County Clerk's Office
Denton County District Clerk's
Office

512 W Hickory St. Ste 100, Denton
Hayes Berry White & Vanzant

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Alagood Cartwright Burke PC

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Laughlin Law



Meeting Notice

2015 Officers

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The Denton County Paralegal Association's next Luncheon will be on Monday, **November 30, 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.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and can be made via e-mail to Cheryl Cooper at dentoncopa@gmail.com. The deadline to RSVP is November 27, 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)

AGENDA FOR MEETING

Date: November 30, 2015
Place: Oakmont Country Club
1901 Oakmont Drive
Corinth, Texas 76210
Time: Noon

1. Welcome members and guests

2. Old Business

- a. Approve October Minutes
- b. Approve October Treasurer's Report

3. New Business

- a. Induction Ceremony for 2016 Officers
- b. Appreciation Ceremony for 2015 Officers and 2015 Committee Chairs
- c. Networking Session
- d. Discussion about upcoming Christmas Social and Year End Events
- e. Call for vote on charitable contribution
- f. Drawing for Annual Participation Prize (Luxury Spa Gift Certificate)

4. Announcements

5. Adjournment

President's Message

By: Cheryl Cooper



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I can't believe this year has almost come to an end. This is the last publication of The Verdict for 2015. I hope as you look back that you feel good about your year and what you were able to accomplish. I had some big projects to tackle which prevented me from accomplishing some of my goals for Denton County Paralegal Association, but alas, it is time for someone else to take the reins and accomplish their vision for our association. I hope you support Melody Brackeen during her presidency, and the rest of the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs. If you are interested in chairing or serving on a particular committee, please do not hesitate to let me or Melody know. We are only as good as the people willing to step up and volunteer their talents and efforts.

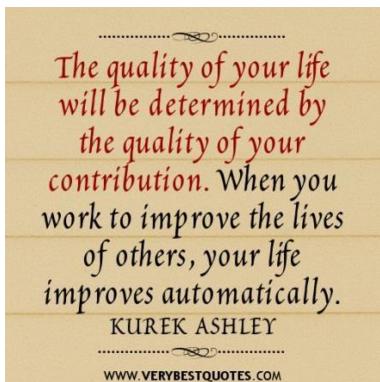
There is a lot to do before the end of the year. First, we will have our last official membership meeting of 2015. This will be a great time to network as we'll be inducting our new officers and showing our appreciation to our officers and committee chairs who have worked so hard to serve you this year. Due to the fact that our normal meeting fell on Thanksgiving Day, we have arranged for our meeting to be held on Monday, November 30, 2015, at Oakmont Country Club. The meeting will begin at noon, as usual. Please RSVP to dentoncopa@gmail.com. Due to the holidays, it's probably a good idea to RSVP right away so you won't forget.

We will be giving away our special 3rd Annual Participation Prize at our November meeting. The prize is a fantastic spa package at Sutera Spa in Flower Mound. I think the value is around \$150.00. Nice, huh? I know we all need some pampering & relaxation. I hope you win! Remember, you have been awarded an entry for each meeting and event that you attended over the past year. You have to be present to win, so don't miss this meeting.

Next, we are working hard to get our Legal Directory published sometime in December. I know some of you have inquired about it. We have had some members at large and your Executive Committee dedicate their best efforts to assist with getting an updated and accurate directory published. Thank all of you who gave your time and best efforts to assist our Legal Directory Committee with this huge project.

Finally, the most anticipated social event of our year is almost upon us. The Social Committee has scheduled our Christmas social for **Thursday, December 3, 2015**, from **6-8 p. m.** The Social will be held at Angelina's Mexican Restaurant in Corinth (same place as last year). In order to adequately prepare for the Christmas Social, our Social committee Chair, Heather Walker, needs you to RSVP as soon as possible to heather.walker@dentoncounty.com. If you wish to participate in the Chinese Gift Exchange, please bring a \$5.00 wrapped ornament. This is always so much fun, so I hope you can participate. We are also asking that you support the DCBA Food Drive by bringing at least one non-perishable item for those who are in need this holiday season.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve this year as your President. It was a great honor and privilege. I pray for you all to have a blessed and safe holiday season with your friends, family, and loved ones.



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.

Membership News

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

Birthdays

Our members with January Birthdays are:

Joni Barr (1/09)
Sharron Dowdle (1/10)
Vicki Schmidt (1/11)
Jeffrey Philbrick (1/12)
Christina Cain (1/14)
Brandi Hunter (1/21)
Nina Winfrey (1/21)
Carol Pelzel (1/24)
Amy Riggs (1/24)
Christy Rodgers (1/24)

Hope each of you will have a Happy Birthday!

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 Cheryl Cooper called the business meeting of October 22, 2015 to order at 12:10 p.m. at Oakmont Country Club. President Cooper welcomed 19 attendees, consisting of 17 members and 1 guest.

OLD BUSINESS:

2. President Cooper asked for a vote on the August 2015 meeting minutes. A motion for approval was presented by Pamela Snavely and seconded by Kim Guertler. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
3. President Cooper asked for a vote of approval for the August 2015 Treasurer's report. A motion for approval was presented by Jenna Earhart and seconded by Melody Brackeen. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
4. President Cooper asked for a vote on the September 2015 meeting minutes. A motion for approval was presented by Melody Brackeen and seconded by Amy Riggs. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
5. President Cooper asked for a vote of approval for the September 2015 Treasurer's report. A motion for approval was presented by Sunnie Palmer and seconded by Kim Guertler. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

6. President Cooper announced that printed copies of the quarterly reports were available on each table for the members. The directory report and scholarship report are forthcoming. Sunnie Palmer, Membership Chair, announced the candidates of each office for 2016. Membership Chair Palmer provided election ballots to all active members present and eligible to vote. She reminded the members that current President-Elect Melody Brackeen would serve as President in 2016. Palmer asked for any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations. Ballots and proxy votes were collected and tallied.
7. President Cooper introduced guest speaker Allen Mihecoby, CLAS, RP. Allen gave a motivational presentation regarding ethics and leadership entitled "Getting Plugged in - Powering Up the Paralegal Profession."
8. Membership Chair Sunnie Palmer announced the 2016 DCPA Officers: for Treasurer, Lisa Pittman; for Secretary/Parliamentarian, Heather Walker; for President-Elect, Pamela Snavely; and previously elected for President, Melody Brackeen.
9. A drawing was held for the monthly membership door prize. Sharon Dowdle was the recipient of a decorative scented wax warmer.
10. President Cooper reminded the members of the participation prize drawing to be held at the November meeting.
12. There being no further business, President Cooper adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p. m.

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