

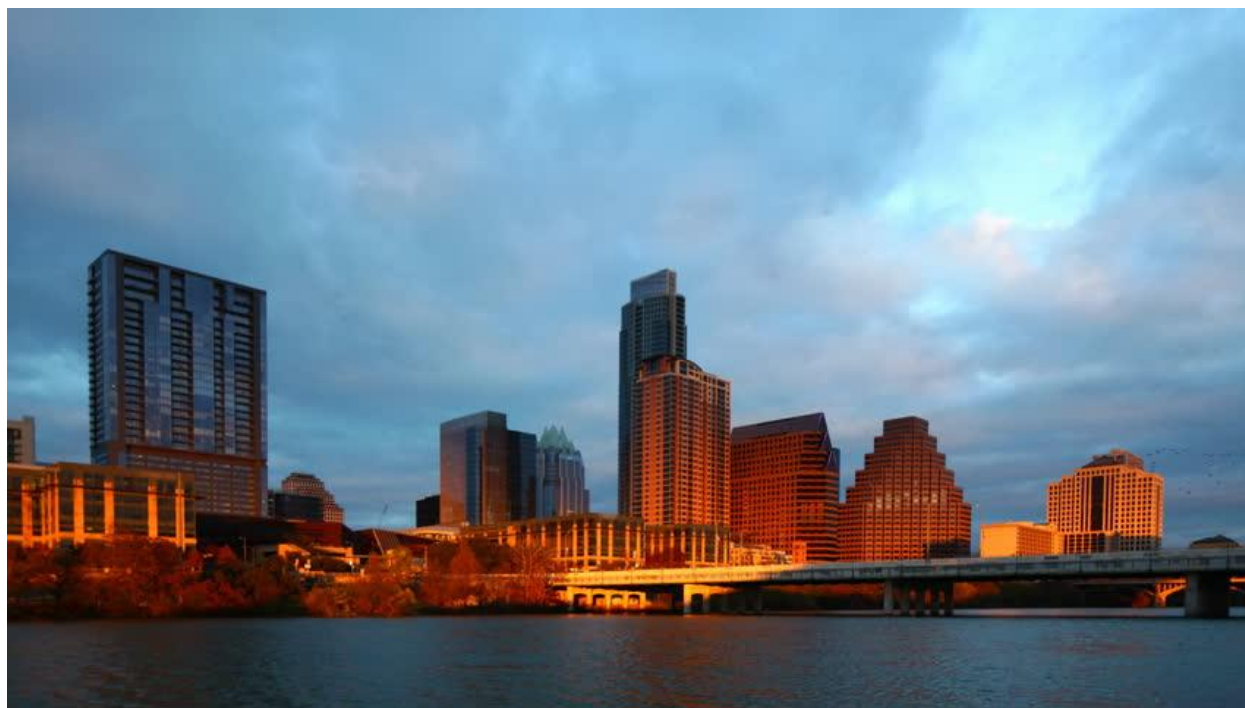


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow members. Hope you all are excited for the upcoming Annual Conference. As this calendar year concludes, I am looking back at a year of several new experiences for me. I think that we achieved some great things and got a lot taken care of. However, I also see several things that I wish we had done better or moved further.



This Association has a great past that has been a great foundation for us to grow upon. On the other hand there is a lot of room for growth in this Association. It is so great to see new members coming in and taking pride in this Association. To see that they are getting several things out of it as well as this Association getting new thing from them.

It is imperative that all members both old and new work together to ensure the foundation of this Association while helping it reach dazzling new heights. This collaboration is the best way to make this Association dazzle and shine in the future. This collaboration will require even more work and effort on behalf of our members, but I know that we will do it.

I cannot wait to see how Texas Association of Legal Professionals will show “Dazzling Determination” in the future while we work “Hand in Hand as One.”

In conclusion, I would again like to thank all of you for your contributions and support of this Association during my Presidency. I will continue to strive to do my best for this Association and not to let any of you down. I am determined to make this Association dazzle.



Laura DeLeon

President 2024-2025



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Austin, Texas * April 4-5, 2025

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Friday, April 4, 2025

- 9:00 am – 10:00 am Travis County District Clerk
 10:15 am – 11:15 am 501c3 Nonprofit
 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Professional Development Luncheon-The Grady Group
 1:15 pm – 1:45 pm President-elect's Forum & Mtg. of 2025-26 Chairs
 1:45 pm – 2:15 pm Open Forum
 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm State Office of Administrative Hearings
 4:00 pm – 4:15 pm Credentials Check-in
 4:15 pm – 6:00 pm Texas ALP Annual Board Meeting

Saturday, April 5, 2025

- 9:00 am – 10:00 am Health Care
 10:15 am – 11:15 am Litigation – Insurance Defense
 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Recognition Luncheon
 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm Appreciation of 2024-25 TALP President
 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Medicare 101
 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Trial Preparation
 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm President's Toast
 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Presidents' Banquet

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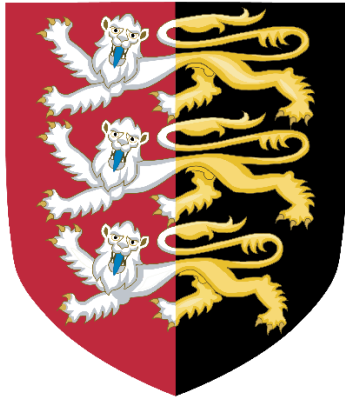
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3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Texas ALP Fundraising Raffle
6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	President’s Toast
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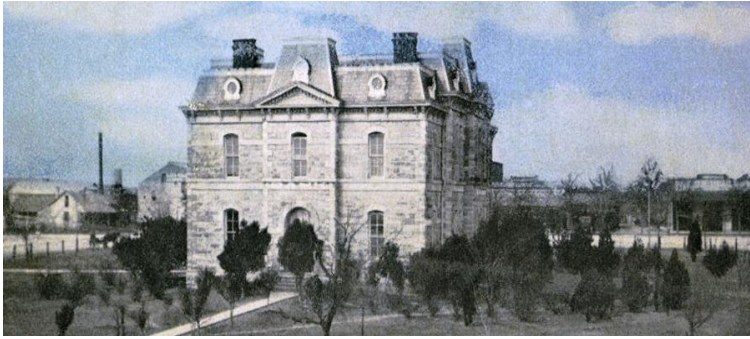
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A message from TALP Hugs Chair Tina Hurley, PP, PLS (Dallas ALP)

As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you need a “virtual hug” or someone to just listen. As part of the TALP family, we are here to support each other in times of need.

I’ll be there for you. Blessings and prayers for each and every one of you.

HISTORY OF THE OLD BLANCO COUNTY COURTHOUSE



While visiting Blanco, Texas, I came across some interesting history of the Old Blanco County Courthouse given by the Courthouse Curator, Victoria Smith. She is with the Old Blanco County Courthouse Preservation Society. I hope you enjoy the history below, I sure did! Be on the lookout in the coming months for more interesting facts of the Blanco Courthouse.

The Old Blanco County Courthouse is located at 300 Main Street in Blanco, Texas. It was built during 1885-1886 by Philip Case and C.P. Boon at a cost of \$25,970. Designed by well-known Austin architect Frederick Ernst Ruffini. The building was accepted for use by Blanco County on January 29, 1886. The grand new courthouse in Blanco was only used as the official county courthouse for scant four years. An election in 1890 moved the county seat to Johnson City.

The abandoned Courthouse continued to serve the community well in a multitude of ways for the next eighty years. It was mainly used as a hospital which saw the birth of over 800 Blanco citizens. The Grand Old Building eventually fell into a state of disrepair and was for sale for a number of years. An ardent admirer who envisioned the faded beauty restored to her former grandeur as his private residence, bought the building in 1986. His plan included dismantling the old building and moving her stone by stone to his ranch.

What ordinarily would have been an inconspicuous notice in the Blanco County News in June of 1986 proved to be the first trickle of a tidal wave voicing public indignation. Within days local citizens gathered to plot their strategy. Thus, the Old Blanco County Courthouse Preservation Society was born, and a formal petition was drawn up opposing the owner's plan to remove the Old Courthouse from her home on the square.

In July, U.S. Representative Jake Pickle added his name to those of over twelve hundred other petitioners — a large percentage of the population of the entire county. In August of 1986, Courthouse advocates crowded into a City Council meeting determined that an Historical District ordinance to prevent the loss of additional buildings would be passed. The successful outcome spoke out clearly on behalf of preserving Blanco's cultural heritage.

Now the courthouse is used as Blanco's visitors center, Chamber of Commerce and other offices. It also was used as a movie set as seen in the remake of the movie Ture Grit.

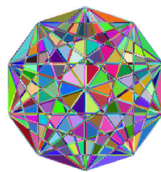
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(November-December-January)

Jennifer Jeanette Flores

Member of Corpus Christi ALP

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(April-May-June 2025)

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- 6—Katrina M. Smith
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May

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- 12—Barbara Sucsy, PLS
- 19—Sofia Hardin
- 21—Sarah Bailey
- 24—Genesis Flores
- 27—Scotti Beam, PP

June

**BIRTHSTONE - PEARL
FLOWER - ROSE**

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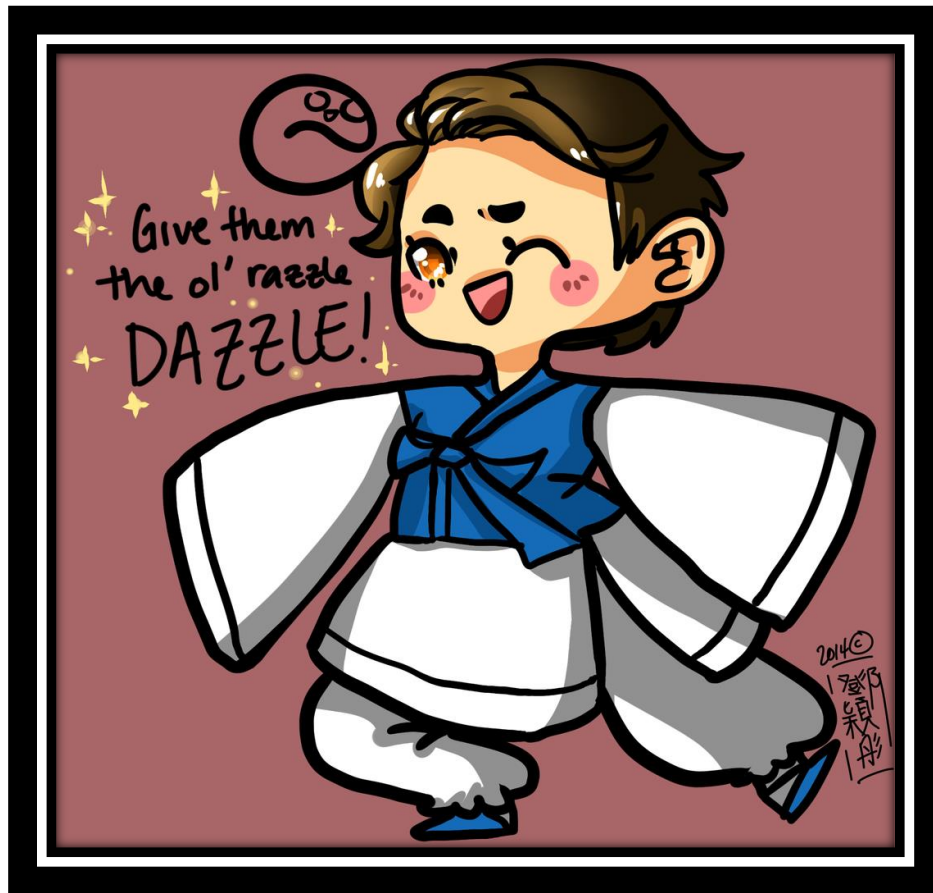


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By: Sylvia Juarez



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On January 17, 2025, the Lubbock Legal Professionals Association volunteered by serving the Community Meal for Lubbock Impact. It was our first community service for the year. It was very rewarding giving back to the community. The people who come to eat are the poor and/or the homeless of Lubbock. As we sat in for the training prior to serving the meal, we were told to work as waiters at a restaurant. Attending these Community Meals can be like experiencing dining out at a restaurant, possibly for the first time. The tables are set with a centerpiece, a box of scriptures, and pieces of paper to jot down a prayer request or a thought for the attendees. The Community Meal was opened by Becky Robertson, Director, by welcoming everyone and a prayer. Then we got to work by serving each table. It was such a rewarding experience for those of us that served for the first time or even some of us that have served various times.

This program not only serves the Community Meal, but also has programs like the Clothing and Shoe Closet, Food & Hygiene Pantry, Health & Wellness Ministries, and Spiritual Ministries. TTUHSC collaborates with Lubbock Impact to provide a Free Clinic.



Thanks to Joyce Ashabranner, Crystal Duenez-Ortiz (non-members), Beatrice Duenez, Lola Smith-Gentry and Katrina Smith for your volunteer services.

WACO LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION

Waco LPA held their annual Holiday Social at Crickets Draft House & Grill in the month of December that also served as a membership drive. Our local president, Kirsten Kindle chose “Keep Waco Beautiful” as her charity of choice, and over \$165 was collected by the attendees to go to that program.

Waco LPA continues to be proud of our local members who were recipients of NALS awards. The most recent issue of the @Law had several articles that mentioned our local members who were recognized at the NALS Annual Meeting last October in Portland, Oregon.

As we wind up this fiscal year, our members are planning to attend the Texas ALP Annual Meeting in Austin in early April. Registrations forms are being prepared and sent in, sponsorships are being processed, and advertisements prepared and submitted for inclusion in the Annual Meeting program.

The new anniversary date renewal process that NALS has implemented may be a saving grace for both NALS and our local chapter in assisting us with retention of members and gaining new members. As Waco LPA’s director, I believe this is a great step forward that the NALS Board has implemented and hope it all goes smoothly.

We are all looking forward to connecting with our Texas ALP friends in Austin.



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