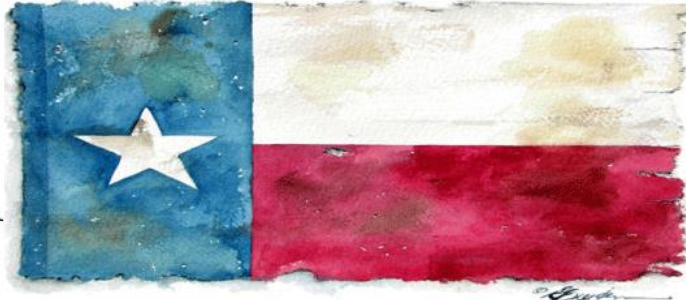


# TRCA NEWSLETTER

September, 2013

# TRCA



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**The Purpose of the Texas Rural Chief Appraisers, Inc. is:** To promote positive attitudes, support, respect state organizations, and serve the taxpayers and rural tax officials of Texas through education, cooperation, and information sharing.  
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Can you believe it is time for FOOTBALL????? School is starting. Fall is in the air (maybe) and it should be getting a little cooler. Yea!!! Time to register for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Rural Chief Appraisers, Inc. conference. The date is **November 10-12, 2013.**

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**The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual TRCAi Conference** will be at held at **The Omni Austin South Park Hotel** at 4140 Governor's Row, Austin, TX 78744. The telephone number to make your room reservations is **512- 448-2222** or **1-800-The-OMNI**.

Be sure to ask for the **special TRCA room rate**. Room rates this year are \$99.00 for a single or double. (Deadline: 10.22.13) The Formula One race will be held in Austin the week-end following the Conference, so rooms will be hard to find if you do not get in the block of TRCA rooms. **If you book a room and decide you do not need the room, please contact BettyAnn at 512-791-9998 or BAttrca@aol.com, so the room can be used by someone else.**

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**WHEN DO YOU NEED TO GO? WHAT HAPPENS? WHAT DO I WEAR?:** First of all, the TRCA Conference is for you, the Rural Appraisal District. Wear something business casual and plan on visiting with lots of other Rural Appraisal Districts that face the same unique situations that you face on a daily basis. Plan on learning a lot from the speakers and in discussions with individuals from the Property Tax Assistance Division, the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation,

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Attorneys, Mineral Appraisers, other Appraisers, computer companies, and all sorts of vendors that will take time to share information with you regarding their products.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR 2 CEs on **State Laws and Rules as mandated by the TD&LR.** Prior to regular starting time of the Conference, there will be a **two hour** class taught by **Tracy Foster, Attorney, with Hugh Landrum & Associates.** The class will start at **2:00 p.m. Sunday** and last until **4:00 p.m.** That will give you some time to check into your room and refresh before the **Welcome Reception from 5:15 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.** At the Welcome Reception, you may eat some light refreshments and pick up your packet for the Conference. Also, you will have an opportunity to buy Raffle tickets, look over the "Live" Auction items and place bids on the "Silent" Auction items.

Meetings will start on Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. (If you go a little earlier, you may have coffee, juice, and some breakfast breads). Noon Monday is the Luncheon where the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Troy Sloan Good Neighbor Award will be presented, the Top Hand will be named, and a tribute will be given to our Contributing Sponsors. Wait, there is more!!! At 3:15 p.m., you will be invited to attend the Exhibitor Booths displayed by our Contributing Sponsors, have a light reception, and bid on the items in the Traditional "Famous" Live Auction. You may end up going out to eat with a group, so don't stay up too late, we have another big day planned for Tuesday.

Same schedule on Tuesday, continental breakfast, and then meetings start at 8:00 a.m. First is the Eighth Annual meeting of the Texas Rural Chief Appraisers, Inc. **This meeting is for all Chief Appraisers, Board of Directors, staff, ARB members, Appraisal firms, Attorney firms & Providers of services performed for Appraisal Districts;** not just Chief Appraisers. **Some very important information will be discussed during this meeting.** The Conference will end about noon on Tuesday with a drawing for the Door Prizes and for the Raffle item. *Be watching the TRCAi.org web site to see what the raffle item will be.* **Attend the Annual Meeting to get more information**

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**SURVEY:** *Your Survey, comments, and suggestions are important. Please complete both pages of the forms at Conference and return them to the registration desk.*

**CEs:** Continuing Education is being requested. *Please submit your form at end of Conference.*

**AUCTION:** Have you thought about what you want to take to the Conference to have auctioned? Have you thought about what you want to purchase? We encourage everyone to participate in the traditional "famous" auction. Contact Sarah Curtis at **sarahcurtis1@suddenlink.net.** Watch the TRCAi web site for more news on the auction: **TRCAi.org**

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**SPONSORS:** A very special "***Thank You***" to our sponsors. Most of you have been with us from the beginning. We owe you for your friendship, your trust, your support, and just always being there for us. If you see one of our sponsors, please let them know how much they are appreciated.

*We encourage our sponsors to take their clients out to eat any other time than the luncheon. We want to recognize you during the luncheon on Monday.*

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A special thank you to Brandon and group with **BIS Consulting** for hosting our web site: **TRCAi.org**  
Have you checked the site lately? We are started, but it is still a work in progress.



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**20<sup>th</sup> Year --See You There!!!!!**

New: State Laws & Rules Update  
Sunday 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Head 'Em Up, Move 'Em Out to TRCA

**SAVE THE DATE: November 10-12, 2013**

*You are invited to join other Rural Districts for the*

**20th Annual Conference**

of the

# Texas Rural Chief Appraisers, Inc.

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## Omni Austin Hotel – South Park

4140 Governor's Row - Austin, Texas 78744

1. Call the Omni Hotel, **512-448-2222** or **1-800-THE-OMNI**, to reserve your room at the **special TRCA** Conference rate of: Single and Double: \$ 99.00

*Deadline for special conference rate is **October 22, 2013.***

*(If you reserve a room and determine that you are unable to attend the conference, please call **512-791-9998** before canceling your room. Someone may be looking for a special conference rate.)*

2. Detach the registration form, located below, and mail it with full payment to:

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| <b>Texas Rural Chief Appraisers, Inc.</b> | (web site & phone)  |
| <b>P. O. Box 1450</b>                     | <b>TRCAi.org</b>    |
| <b>Bastrop, Texas 78602</b>               | <b>512-791-9998</b> |

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| _____         | Program & Luncheon Registration Fee @ \$150.00<br>(Before October 22, 2013) | \$ _____        |
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| _____         | Luncheon Only Fee @ \$45.00 – (Guest Only/Spouse)                           | \$ _____        |
|               | <b>Total Enclosed</b>   | <b>\$ _____</b> |

In the event of a cancellation, refunds that are requested in writing within 10 days following the Conference will be made within 3-4 weeks after the conference. A \$50 fee will be deducted from refunds to cover expenses already expended.