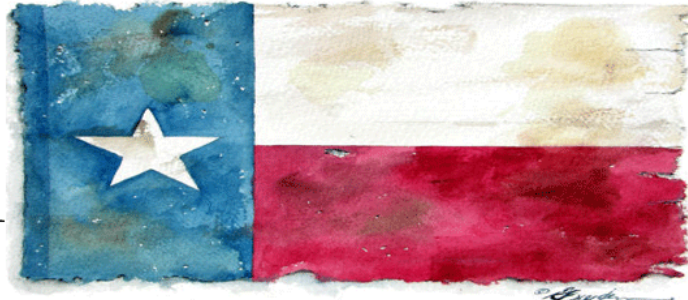


# TRCA NEWSLETTER

June, 2015

# TRCA



**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.

**November 1-3, 2015** — The date to remember for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Texas Rural Chief Appraisers, Inc. Conference. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual TRCAi Conference will be 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**.

Be sure to ask for the **special TRCA room rate**. Room rates this year are \$99.00 for a single or double. (Deadline: **10.10.15**) **Great rate!!!**

**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.**

**Legislative - Laws and Rules Update:** *—As mandated by the Texas Department of License & Regulation.* On Sunday, prior to the Welcome Reception of the TRCA Conference, there will be a Session on the new **Legislative Laws and Rules Update** by **Tracey L. Foster**, Attorney - Hugh L. Landrum & Associates, Inc. Tracey will also present a one hour **Ethics Session** during the Conference.

**Luncheon** — Monday Noon will be the Awards Luncheon where the Troy Sloan Good Neighbor Award for 2015 will be announced, the Top Hand will be revealed, the Guest will be introduced, and the Sponsors will be recognized. *We encourage our sponsors to take their clients out **any time other than the luncheon**. We want you to enjoy the luncheon and spend time with other Appraisal Districts. We also want to recognize our sponsors during the luncheon on*

*Conference is for Chief Appraisers, Board Members, ARB Members, staff. Also, invited are Appraisal firms, Attorney firms & Providers of services performed for Appraisal Districts.*

Monday. Last year's Chairman Curtis selected **Don Awalt**, from Freestone CAD as the Top Hand. Don is invaluable to the TRCA Conference. He is the Man behind the scenes – making sure everything runs smooth and keeps everyone calm. Named as the recipient of **The Troy Sloan Good Neighbor Award was Ralph and Patti Fatheree, Central Texas Pension Planners**. Patti wrote the following letter of thanks:

*Dear Hearts, Thank you for your kind recognition of our joyful relationship with you. You have been our dear friends for so many years and the trust and confidence you have shown in us are treasures. Ralph was so proud to be associated with such a hard working group of people. He said often that he was proud that he could walk into an office of government in any county in the great state of Texas and talk to real people who are as concerned about the people they serve as they are about their own real estate values. We are honored to be of service to you. Thank you again for such a sweet acknowledgment. God Bless you. Thanks again, sig Patty Fatheree  
(Patti, we miss Ralph along with you)*

**Welcome Reception** – Sunday, 11.1.15 – 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Pick up packets, visit with other Districts all over the State, bid on Silent Auction items and view Live Auction items.

**Auction Items** – Again, this year, you will have an opportunity to participate in the traditional “famous” TRCA auction. Start bidding on Sunday, during the welcome reception, on the Silent Auction items. Live Auction will be during the Sponsor Trade Show on Monday afternoon. Items for both auctions may be checked in beginning on Sunday afternoon. Contact Sarah Curtis at [sarah.curtis@upshur-cad.org](mailto:sarah.curtis@upshur-cad.org) if you have questions about the auction. Watch the TRCAi.org web site for additional news on the auction: **TRCAi.org**

***A special “Texas” Thank you from the TRCA Steering Committee. Your participation in donating and buying items as well as our Sponsors contribution is the only way the Steering Committee can keep the cost down for a fun, educational, short conference.***

**2014 Live Auction items, as follows::**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Donated By</u>	<u>Buyer</u>
Texas Barnwood Flag	Katherin Keith	Wendy Grams
Metal Texas Star	Sarah Curtis	Art deLuna
Tin Medallion	Sarah Curtis	Patti Fatheree
Wild Bunch Blanket	Sarah Curtis	Patti Fatheree
Barbed Wire Texas	BettyAnn & Ronnie Morris	Cherry Sheedy
Christmas Centerpiece	Bud Black	Johnette Dixon
Metal "Welcome"	Cherry Sheedy	Ted Smith
Metal Welcome Star	Cherry Sheedy	Ronnie Morris
Republic of Texas Flag	James Archer	Sandra Gilbert
Alamo Flag	James Archer	Johnette Dixon
Box of Spices	Karen Wietzikoski	Susan Childers
Seal of the State of Texas	Sam Calderon	Ronnie Morris
Lava Seal	Atascosa CAD	Charles Williams
Wall Art	Christie Ussery	Sarah Curtis

Trough Ice Chest	Eagle Appraisal	Alice Wittier
Wreath	Jan Tinsley	Twila Butler
Quilt	Raines CAD	Patti Fatheree
Stained Glass Texas Flag	Wardlaw Appraisal	Gary Zeitler
Ergo Pack – Black	Pension Planners	Jeff Landbnigh
Ergo Pack – Brown	Pension Planners	Linda Zarate
Case Knives	Wardlaw Appraisal	Pat Curtis
Game & Shell Belt	Pension Planners	Tony Fidelie
Walkie Talkies	Pension Planners	Sandra Gilbert
Binoculars	Pension Planners	Tony Fidelie
Wall Hanging	BIS	Tom Denny
Texas Wall Hanging	Mistey Jones	Sandra Gilbert

**2014 Silent Auction items, as follows:**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Donated By</u>	<u>Buyer</u>
Snowman	TRCA	Carson Wages
Wooden Trees	TRCA	Wendy Grams
Wooden Snowman	TRCA	Wendy Grams
Wooden Santa	TRCA	Wendy Grams
Mason Jar Potpourri	TRCA	Doran Lemke
Metal Santa	TRCA	Johnette Dixon
Wooden "Home" Sign	Bud Black	Maggie Duran
T-shirt & Koozies	Heritage Mercantile	Tracy Tidwell
Handmade Shave Kit	Carolyn & Francis Heritage	Terry Decker
Serving Tray	E Street Collections	BettyAnn Morris
50 Caliber Bullet Pen	Cherry Sheedy	Patti Fatheree
Box of Spices	Karen Weitzikoski	Rod Instine
Peanut Brittle	Lipscomb CAD	Marsha Graves
Peanut Brittle	Lipscomb CAD	Lisa Krabbenhoft
Metal Wall Hanging	Lipscomb CAD	BettyAnn Morris
Texas Mirror	Lipscomb CAD	Cherry Sheedy
Texas Mirror	Lipscomb CAD	Carson Wages
Horseshoe Roping	Lipscomb CAD	Arlice Wittie
Horseshoe Bucking	Lipscomb CAD	Joe Raper
Merry Christmas	Jan Tinsley	Carson Wages
Candles	Christi Ussery	Rita Stermadel
Pink Knife	Christi Ussery	Wendy Grams
Moore Make Knife 1	TRCA	Randy Dudley
Moore Make Knife 2	TRCA	Terry Wolley
Moore Makes Knife 3	TRCA	Pat Curtis

Thank you to all who donated or purchased an Auction Item!!!

**Raffle Item:** As in past years, there will be a really great raffle item. Watch the web site for information and a picture of the item to be raffled this year. In, 2014, **Adam Walker**, an attorney for Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP was **one excited** man when he discovered he was holding the winning ticket for the Yieldiz Side by Side 20 Gage Shotgun plus some ammunition donated by Pension Planners of Central Texas. Thank you, Patti

**Our 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.

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A special thank you to Brandon, Britt, and group with **BIS Consulting** for hosting our web site: **TRCAi.org**.

Also, to the **BIS group** and **Tyler Technologies, Inc.** for co-hosting a party Monday night with **The Texas Renegade** band. **Great fun!!!**

.....and to other Sponsors for entertaining the Conference Attendees for Dinners, etc. I bet we all gained weight during the conference.



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**22nd Year --See Ya There**

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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 10, 2015.**

**(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.) Extra Rooms Blocked for Saturday, 10.31.15).**

- 2. Mail the Registration Form along with full payment to:

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ TDLR #: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ CAD/Firm: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest/Spouse - Luncheon

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you be joining us for the Luncheon on Monday? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No**

<u>Number</u>		<u>Amount</u>
_____	Program & Luncheon Registration Fee @ \$150.00 <i>(Before October 10, 2015)</i>	\$ _____
_____	Program & Luncheon Registration Fee @ \$175.00 <i>(After October 10, 2015)</i>	\$ _____
_____	Luncheon Only Fee @ \$45.00 – (Guest/Spouse Only)	\$ _____
	Total Enclosed	\$ _____

In the event of cancellation, refunds, requested in writing by **October 10, 2015**, will be made following the conference. A \$50 fee will be deducted from refunds to cover expenses already expended. No refunds for cancellations after 10.10.15.