

# Governmental Collectors Association of Texas

## March 2014 Newsletter

### Hotel Reservations

When reserving your room for the conference you will need to identify that you will be attending the Governmental Collectors Association of Texas Conference.

All reservations must be made to guarantee a room by **April 30, 2014**. Also, when reserving your hotel stay you will have to give a credit card number to hold the reservation but it will not be charged at that time! If you have called to make a reservation prior to this Newsletter and have been told otherwise – just note that this has been corrected and the hotel will not be making any charges prior to your arrival to the conference!



### Conference Updates



We are looking forward to hosting the Putt-Putt Golf tournament – where we will give out awards to the winning team!

We will be serving a morning and afternoon break that will be displayed throughout the entire day. They are large break menus that include eggs, fresh fruit, pastries, granola bars, muffins, drinks, and more. Afternoon breaks will include beef jerky, chocolate candies, fruits, chips and dips, drinks, and more. The Chef makes the menu so it changes on a daily basis.

The menu prices at the La Torretta Resort range between \$8.95 - \$29.95 which includes anything from breakfast items to the dinner buffet. If you choose not to eat at the hotel there are many restaurants within 5 miles of the resort. We will prepare a list of restaurants and entertainment around Lake Conroe that will be provided to you at registration.

We are sorry to inform you that we will not be able to present the awards on the boat as planned, but will be hosting the Annual Awards and luncheon at the hotel in the Beautiful Versailles Ballroom!

### Award Nominees

If you would like to nominate someone or a department for the following awards please email Lisa Kirk at [l.kirk@wilco.org](mailto:l.kirk@wilco.org) or Karen Daugherty at [k.daugherty@wilco.org](mailto:k.daugherty@wilco.org) no later than April 30, 2014!!



#### Most Innovative Program

Awarded to the organization selected as having most improved collections by developing and implementing innovative procedures, systems, or techniques in the past year.

#### Collector of the Year

Awarded to the collector selected as having had the greatest impact on collections and the collections effort for their city or county in the past year.

#### Collections Program of the Year

Awarded to the program showing the most dramatic increase in revenue for their city or county in the past year.

#### Excellence In Service Award

Awarded to the individuals or programs selected for unselfishly providing assistance to others embodying the elements of dedication, commitment, and service, to the association and its membership.

#### Becky Sirmans Award

Awarded to the individuals or programs selected for finding a way to succeed in spite of seemingly insurmountable obstacles and challenges embodying the spirit to never give up.

#### Honorary Membership

Honorary membership is an honor reserved for those non-member individuals that the association believes have gone above and beyond the call of duty in assisting the association in achieving its mission and vision.

#### Scholarship Information

A total of 5 - 2014 GCAT Conference scholarships are available. The scholarship will cover your GCAT 2014 Conference Registration fee only. The criteria is a 150-200 word description on how attending the 2014 GCAT Conference will benefit your city or county.

Email all essays to Shawna Goerlitz at:

[sgoerlitz@wacounty.com](mailto:sgoerlitz@wacounty.com) (979-277-6225) and Sheryl Keel at [skeel@smith-county.com](mailto:skeel@smith-county.com) (903-590-4620) by **April 4, 2014**.