

# Texas Taxing Times



## A Message From our President

Dear Texas NATP Members,

I hope you and your loved ones had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, filled with joy, love, and time with those you cherish. I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you for your contributions to our chapter's success. I am thrilled that we have been recognized as Chapter of the Year, a testament to our collective efforts. Go Texas!

It has been an absolute honor to serve as President of the Texas chapter for the past three years. As I term out, I am filled with pride and appreciation for the progress we have made together. Thank you for your support and collaboration.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for our next Texas Tax Tuesday Talks on January 7, 2025, and February 4, 2025, from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm.

Additionally, do not miss our EPIC education event, taking place at Epic Central in Grand Prairie, TX, from June 9-11, 2025. More details to come, so be sure to stay up to date by following us on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram for the latest Texas NATP news.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,

Hilliary Fontenot  
Texas NATP President



**“The only difference between death and taxes is that death doesn’t get worse every time Congress meets.” — Will Rogers.**



## **Texas Tax Tuesday Talks**

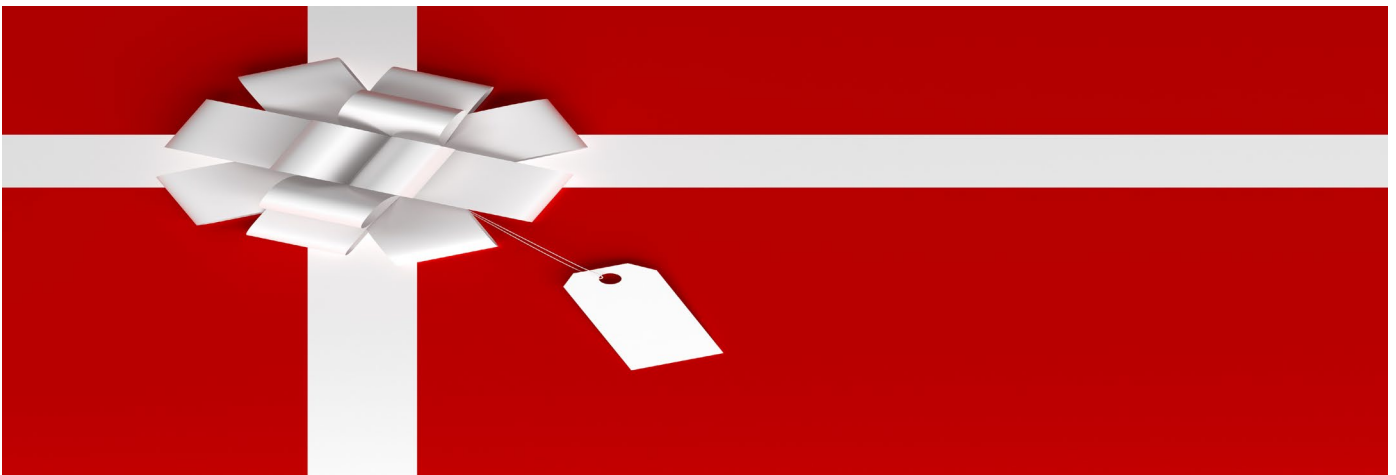
The Texas Chapter is hosting a series of open talk webinars. These webinars are discussions around the current tax environment. The webinars will be led by different members of the Texas Board of Directors and include topics ranging from government updates, tax tips, office techniques and self-care. These FREE webinars will be an excellent opportunity to network with other tax professionals. Please submit any topic requests to: [Texasnatp@gmail.com](mailto:Texasnatp@gmail.com).

Next Talks are January 7, 2025 & February 4, 2025.

CPE: No Federal IRS CPE credits or hours of education

Link to register: <https://www.natptax.com/Chapters/Pages/TexasChapterEducation.aspx>

***HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!***



**"Dear IRS, I am writing to you to cancel my subscription. Please remove my name from your mailing list." — Snoopy.**

**FORT WORTH TAX SEMINAR SPEAKER – KATHRYN KEENE  
RECEIVES HER GIFT WITH A GREAT BIG SMILE.**

Kathryn Keene, EA spoke for 3 days in November at our Annual Tax Conference and State Meeting. The classes and her knowledge were shared in her usual enlightening way with humor and good business points detailed. This writer's favorite class was the one on ethics. From A-Z as she went through the alphabet describing what is expected of us as preparers. Everyone knows that Kathryn has a cat. Our Texas Board Member, Norma Collins, does paintings and got a picture of Kathryn's cat, Miss Lola, and painted a beautiful portrait of her. What a great surprise for our speaker and a great display of the talents of one of our Texas Members.



Our annual meeting this year included a free trip on Tuesday afternoon to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Ft. Worth. Our Texas tax professionals enjoyed a bus ride over and back along with the tour of how money is made. It was a wonderful experience and well received by the attendees who signed up for the adventure. A Big Thanks to the Education Committee for including this tour.

**CRUNCHING NUMBERS IS MY CARDIO!!**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**JUNE 8-11, 2025**

**For an EPIC Education and Annual Meeting  
Adventure in Grand Prairie, Texas**

**Not Your Normal Event**



# **TEXAS CHAPTER NATP**

## **MARK AWARD 2024**

Jackie Sanders



Jackie Sanders from Beaumont, Texas, and proud owner of JXS Tax Professionals was the recipient of the MARK Award for 2024. She was nominated by her husband, Xavier Sanders, and reference letters were received from Brett Rosser, Jaimee Hammer, NATP National Broad President, and Leslie Kitto.

Xavier's letter, as well as the other three reference letters commented on the qualifications of the MARK that Jackie exhibits. "M"- She has maturity, motivation, and leadership qualities; "A" – Acceptance by her peers and members and a very able leader as she is Past President of the Texas Chapter NATP and currently on the National Board of NATP. "R" Highly respected not only by NATP and her clients, but highly active in her church and her local Chamber of Commerce on community outreach and strategic planning. "K" knowledge of Tax, Bookkeeping, Payroll and best of

all a Texas spirit through and through. The last sentence of Xavier's letter "I am and continue to be inspired and honored to work alongside her for 20 years in the Tax Business. She is not only my boss, but she is my amazing wife."

### **Texas Represented at National Level**

Jackie Sanders was re-elected for a second term to the National Board of NATP. She has been serving as Secretary for the Board in recent years.

Debbie Holliday, a busy person on our Texas State NATP board serving on several committees, including newsletters, scholarship, and as a strong promoter of our current plans to have social gatherings in different cities and keeping our Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram pages updated. Now she will be moving to the National level as a new Board Member and sharing her talents there.

#### **\*\*\*\*\*UPDATE ON OUR NEW 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS\*\*\*\*\***

Effective December 31, 2024, Debbie Holliday resigned from the Texas Board of Directors to accept her position on the NATP National Board of Directors. Also, Jennifer Westbrook resigned in early 2024. This opened two board positions, and therefore, the next highest vote receivers during the annual election were Kathy Braden and Denise Henderson and they have been placed in the two vacant positions, respectively. The full list of Officers and Board Members for the Texas NATP effective 1/1/2025 is listed on the last page.





## **THANK YOU!!!!!!**

Thank you to everyone for supporting our selected charity at the Cowtown CPE in Ft Worth. Our Chapter was able to give the **4 Saint and Friends Episcopal Food Pantry** all the food, baby items and pet items you see in the picture below. Our Chapter was also able to give them a check from our auction for \$1900.





## **CHAPTER AUCTION FORT WORTH NOVEMBER 2024**

Our Chapter held our annual auction at our Cowtown CPE in November to benefit our scholarship program and our selected charity this year. We raised a total of \$3,450 across twenty items and raffle sales. Our raffle winner won a free registration fee to the 2025 Annual Meeting. The scholarship program received \$1,550 and our charity, 4 Saints and Friends Episcopal Food Pantry, received \$1,900. Thank you to those who donated items to the auction, purchased auction items and bought raffle tickets. Also, a big thank you to our auctioneer, Brett Rosser.



# 2025 Texas NATP Board of Directors

As of January 1, 2025

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