



# TexMATYC News

Texas Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges

Fall 2016

## President's Message

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Welcome to another Fall semester. I hope everyone had a productive summer and was ready for the new academic year to begin in August. The semester is well underway now and I know we are all looking forward to the Thanksgiving break, and hopefully I will see some of you at AMATYC in Denver from November 17-20.

The Executive Board of TexMATYC is busy planning the sessions for our annual meeting held in conjunction with TCCTA. The convention will be in Austin this year at the Renaissance Hotel from February 23-25. We will have sessions on Thursday afternoon, Friday morning, and Saturday morning. TCCTA will have general Student Success sessions and breakouts on Friday afternoon, as they did last year.

We are planning sessions on technology to use in the classroom and a panel discussion with faculty from across the state to discuss their experience with Mathways (developed by the Dana Center) and other pathways that can help our developmental students progress through remediation and into their college math requirement. There will also be informational updates regarding any items the state legislature and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board might be discussing that will impact our job.

I hope to see all of you in Austin in February and hear any concerns you have that TexMATYC might be able to help with. Have a great semester!

*Becky Heiskell*  
TexMATYC President

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## 2016-2017 Conferences

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- AMATYC Conference: Denver, CO. November 17-20, 2016.
- AMS/MAA Joint Meetings: Atlanta, GA. January 4-7, 2017.
- TexMATYC/TCCTA Convention: Austin, TX. February 23-25, 2017.
- NADE Conference: Oklahoma City, OK. March 1-4, 2017.
- ICTCM: Chicago, IL. March 9-12, 2017.



## Message from AMATYC Southwest VP

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The Annual AMATYC Conference is in Denver, Colorado, November 17-20, 2016. Registration is open right now. I would suggest getting your reservation for a hotel soon. Rooms in the conference hotel fill up fast. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, and you can take public transportation from the airport to the area of the hotel. See the AMATYC website ([www.amatyc.org](http://www.amatyc.org)) for more information about the conference.

Congratulations to the newest Project ACCESS Fellows from the Southwest Region. They are Preeti Singh from Lone Star College CyFair in Texas and Krishna Thapa Magar from Eastern New Mexico University - Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Have you ever thought of running for the AMATYC board? If you have, the deadline for turning in your paperwork is February 1, 2017. The positions that are available are President-Elect, Secretary, and Vice President of the Southwest Region. The election will be September 2017, and the winner will take the office on January 1, 2018. I have really enjoyed being the Southwest VP. I know that you will also find it a rewarding experience. Just so everyone knows, I cannot run for the office again, since there is a term limit.

AMATYC has 8 Committees and 4 AMATYC Networks. Please consider joining one of the committees or networks. A description of each can be found at the AMATYC website.

NCTM will hold a regional conference in Phoenix, Arizona, on October 26-28. Consider attending if you are a pre-k through 12 classroom teacher, a math coach, an administrator, a math teacher educator, a preservice teachers, or a math specialist. You can find out more information at [www.nctm.org/regionals/](http://www.nctm.org/regionals/).

I hope to see all of you at the Annual AMATYC conference in Denver. Remember, there will be a free regional breakfast on Friday morning. Please plan to attend this so you can meet other members of the Southwest region, and to learn about what is happening in AMATYC and in the region.

*Kathryn Kozak*  
AMATYC Southwest VP

## Note from TexMATYC President-Elect

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Hear ye! Hear ye! Membership to TexMATYC is only \$10 per year! We encourage you to join our professional organization focused on supporting Mathematics faculty across our great state of Texas. Already a member of our fabulous organization? Please consider renewing your membership for the same low price or you can choose to become a **Lifetime Member for only \$150!** This Lifetime Membership offer is valid until December 31 2016. Please don't forget to share this invitation with a friend or two who may also be interested in becoming a member.

What are the benefits of becoming a member, you ask? Here's a list of just a few:

- \* Stay abreast of all the news and discussions regarding mathematics education and programs across Texas.
- \* Representation of your voice and concerns at the AMATYC conference.
- \* Newsletters three times a year with the most up-to-date information regarding legislative changes, Coordinating Board updates, and news from other exciting mathematics programs.



\* Annual TexMATYC meeting (held in conjunction with TCCTA) where there'll be plenty of networking with other educators, professional development opportunities, and guest speaker presentations. This year's meeting will be our 70<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and will be held in Austin at the Renaissance Hotel, February 23 – 25, 2017.

\* Gift card drawing at TCCTA for members-only.

We hope that you'll consider joining TexMATYC and contributing to our organization and our efforts to represent a unified voice for mathematics education in Texas. To join, simply go to the website: <http://www.texmatyc.org> and click on the large green button at the top right corner of the page. You can also print out a form and submit via your campus representatives; dues can be paid for online via credit card or PayPal, or in-person at the TCCTA conference in Austin. We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

*Mario Morin*  
TexMATYC President-Elect

## Update from TexMATYC Treasurer

TexMATYC Annual Financial Report For 2016 (Mid-Year)

Description	Expenses	Income
Previous Balance		\$10,678.89
Membership (Cash)		\$300.00
Membership (PayPal)		\$504.06
Interest		\$4.67
Membership Raffle	\$100.00	
Balance		\$11,387.62

*Habib Far*  
TexMATYC Treasurer

## Cryptograms

Created by *Dr. Jeffrey Groah*  
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Answers will be posted in the next issue. Please email Kyle Kundomal ([kkundomal@collin.edu](mailto:kkundomal@collin.edu)) your answers. The first correct response to each cryptogram will be acknowledged in the next issue, with full bragging rights.

1. JHBXHG NO ZTSPHZTSLGR YNQMR LJIWQD  
SN TXX MJNYXHKBH, RLJGH PH YPN LR  
LBJNQTS NO LS GTJJNS MJNY SPH NSPHQ  
RGLHJGHR NQ SPH SPLJBR NO SPLR  
YNQXK. QNBHQ UTGNJ
2. GKWLEY VKGJRVKGLBF DAUV GJR  
ORYLEELEY UD GJR MUATX GU GJR GLVR UD  
ERMGUE, MJKG JR JFK XUER LF VHBG GJR  
ORGGRA JKTD. TRLOELS
3. UPLQNIU RH LQMQUIVTH; HOQ VAXQM DVIQ  
XOUM RH UHJQK VA OQI. K'IUPQDNQIX

Solutions to Cryptograms from the last Newsletter:

1. IN MATHEMATICS I CAN REPORT NO  
DEFICIENCY, EXCEPT IT BE THAT MEN DO  
NOT SUFFICIENTLY UNDERSTAND THE  
EXCELLENT USE OF THE PURE  
MATHEMATICS. FRANCIS BACON
2. TO THALES... THE PRIMARY QUESTION WAS  
NOT WHAT DO WE KNOW, BUT HOW DO WE  
KNOW IT. ARISTOTLE
3. THERE WAS MORE IMAGINATION IN THE  
HEAD OF ARCHIMEDES THAN IN THAT OF  
HOMER. VOLTAIRE

Congratulations to Nancy Pence from Houston Community College for being the first to submit the correct answers to the last cryptogram.



## Joke of the Month

Parallel Lines have so much in common... it's a shame that they'll never meet.



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## Got News?

If you know of any exciting news or events happening in the world of mathematics, have it published in the next TexMATYC Newsletter!

Submit your articles to Kyle Kundomal at [kkundomal@collin.edu](mailto:kkundomal@collin.edu).

Visit us at [www.texmatyc.org](http://www.texmatyc.org)

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