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After School Workshop  
Sept 18, 2010



Location:  
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8750 Tesoro Drive  
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Saturday, Sept 18, 2010

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\$19 (includes lunch)

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# The STAR

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Summer 2010



Leia Francisco, executive coach

## Board begins strategic planning

### Kerrville retreat sets new directions

Your board met in June for two days to begin strategic planning for TCEA, under the guidance of Leia Francisco, a life and executive coach.

Participants felt strongly that this is the time for honest self-assessment and laying out of goals to decide what type of organization TCEA will become.

Although it is impossible to represent two days' worth of intense work, here is a list of main points that bubbled up.

These represent individual board members' contributions to their vision for what the TCEA board can be. Vision elements were then clustered into strategic categories.

In the days and years ahead, membership will be involved in helping address these issues.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Large membership – 500+

Highly attended conferences that have "WOW" factor

See the board as a diverse representation of the membership

#### LEADERSHIP

Seen as an entity educators want to join

Leading membership into becoming more involved in growing

Our board will be known as the spokesman for CE

Like to see our board be knowledgeable about all CE programs in the state

Leadership training

A lifeline for struggling and new programs

Known as THE professional organization for lifelong Learners in Texas

Great support to new programs

2-5 years our board will be known for invigorating CE programs to enrich lives  
Have a written, well thought out "mission statement"

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The official newsletter of the Texas  
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Institutional = \$125 *Best Deal!*  
*Up to 8 professional members and 20  
advisory board members*  
Professional = \$60  
*Any individual supervising a community  
education program*  
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## Member News

### Region 4 Report

by Sylvia Renick, Dalhart ISD



Community Connect, the Dalhart Community Education Program, is having its best summer since inception three years ago. We are offering 30 classes, all but two for kids, and by the looks of things, all but a few will make. Granted registrations seem to be coming in concurrently with payday but that's okay. Some of our highlights include:

- \* **Several free classes** – always a hit! – such as Discover Disc (Frisbee) Golf, along with disc giveaways; Fix a Flat & More, basic auto care; and Native American Indian folk Tales told by Eldrena Douma.
- \* **Drama Camp** – five fun filled days culminating in the musical performance of “Once Upon a Dream” a modern-day Cinderella story. Camp tuition is only \$50 thanks to a grant from the Dalhart Education Foundation.
- \* **Rita Blanca Lake Eco Adventure Camp** – one day at the lake which includes geo-cache adventure hike, animal tracking, flora & fauna identification and of course campfire food! Geo-cache seekers will also be hauling trash out of the lake park.
- \* **Phonics Fun** - First grade teacher Kristin Holt is leading 4, four day Phonics Workshops for kids in grades 1 and 2, to help them gain and retain reading skills! The sessions have been very well attended by kids from all area schools, public and private, as well as homeschoolers.
- \* **Books, Books, Books** – another first for Dalhart, two school libraries are opening their doors once a week during summer vacation to keep kids reading.

*As incoming Region 4 TCEA representative I have been slowly but surely contacting school districts in my region in search of fellow Community Education Directors and (hopefully) TCEA members. If I have not yet reached out to you PLEASE email me at renicksyl@dalhart.k12.tx.us Members in other regions who might know of CE programs in my area, please share your contact info!*

### Region 1 Report

by LeeAnn Bandy, Lewisville ISD



LISD reorganized last year, and Community Ed was assigned to the Human Resources department, along with Staff Development and Communications. Part of the reorganization meant the Community Ed main staff would be split in different locations in Lewisville and Carrollton and classes would be decentralized.

On August 2 the department will be reunited in a Lewisville administrative office formerly occupied by the Special Education department, once the former band hall for the original Lewisville High School.

Currently, we're in a state of organized chaos. The original move date of September 27 was changed to August 2 with little notice – so this region report is sparse. Our scheduled Region 1 meeting date of Aug. 6 is being postponed to later in the month.

In the meantime, summer classes and camps operating on three campuses in Flower Mound, Lewisville and Carrollton continue to serve approximately 500 children, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. We are (very happily!) operating in the black again with a projected ROI of 30-34%. They close on Friday, August 13.

## Advisory Council News

### Advisory Councils: Are you out there?

by Donna Adams



Let me introduce myself... my name is Donna Adams and I am the newly elected TCEA Vice President of Advisory Councils. I am from Mesquite, TX, and am retired from Mesquite ISD after 32 years. After my retirement, I joined the Mesquite ISD advisory council where I have served for 3 years. I will be serving another 3-year term starting this August. Staying active in Mesquite schools and city is important to me. Educating our community and our state community about CE is one of my goals.

As VP-Advisory Councils, and new to the inner workings of the organization, I want to open up the lines of communication with membership and, particularly, advisory council members throughout the state. It will take all of you helping me by letting me know your concerns, your strengths, and your ideas for helping rejuvenate advisory councils statewide. The fact remains that we need to broaden our outreach. To do that, we have to identify advisory council members across the state and make sure they are aware of the help and resources available to them.

Our first task will be to compile an accurate list of local CE advisory councils and a contact for each. Please include the following information to me: name, school district affiliated with, address, phone number, email address, size of your district and advisory council. If you could do this in the next two months, this would help us get started so we will be able to share our experiences and expertise.

To contact me, you can email me at dladams5@gmail.com or, if you prefer to call, please call me at home at 972-288-6717 or my cell 214-535-6821.

For further news and information about TCEA, please go to our website – www.tcea.com. I hope you will take the time to send me your information and check out our website often for updates. Have a great new school year!

## Region 3 Report

by Ester Buendia, Northside ISD



### North East ISD

Another successful year for KIN (Kids' Involvement Network) brought to a close! KIN is the District's after school program with sites at every North East elementary and middle school campus with close to 7000 students served annually. We are delighted that we are retaining a large majority of our staff. Changes in store for next year include the addition of two new elementary campuses and extending program hours until 6:30. Summer session for Community Ed classes started June 1st with fantastic enrollments. We have been experimenting with different marketing techniques with some good success. Summer Driver Ed classes are booked solid with waiting lists as are available slots for the GED Testing Center. We will continue GED/ABE classes throughout the summer thanks to additional funding from TEA. The enrollments for Summer Camps for kids were off the charts!

### Northside ISD

Tuition-based Learning Tree after school programs are "branching out" this fall, with five tuition-based campuses and one Title 1 (economic stimulus funded) campus being added to our department, bringing us to a total of 37 after school sites. Community Ed reports that the Robotics classes for youth have been very popular. They have had to open up 3 more classes and still had over 20 students on a waiting list! In partnership with Northwest Vista College, Adult Education is offering Preparing Adults for College Excellence program (PACE). PACE is a fast-paced, intensive program designed to assist new and returning college students with passing placement exams, navigating the college entrance process, and transitioning successfully into higher education.

### Kerrville ISD "Club Ed"

Overall class enrollments have been steady, though slightly off this spring, due to the first signs of the economy affecting

us. As people look for things to do closer to home at a reasonable cost, hot classes have included dance, cooking, do-it-yourself, dog obedience, and many of the music courses. Classes that haven't been as hot have included art, travel, and kids camps, likely due to duplication of services from local organizations that offer those subjects (senior centers, YMCA, etc.).

**What's New:** Motorcycle Safety Course is back, with full classes every two weeks, as we are the only provider in the area and the new law requires licenses for all operators. We are also seeing interest in new computer trends - Google Docs and Sketchup, iPad, Kindle, and social networking. We are experimenting with Facebook, Twitter, blogging, and weekly newspaper columns to raise awareness and participation, as well as offering classes in neighboring communities of Boerne and Bandera as a way to reach more students.

### Southwest ISD

You do not have to look farther than Southwest ISD to find inspiration for developing healthy living habits! The cover of their 2010 Community Education Spring Brochure featured the faces of children who participated in the YMCA Kid's Rock San Antonio Fun Run in the fall. Fifty-seven students from SWISD elementary schools participated in the one-mile run at Brackenridge Park. The students took this event seriously and prepared daily by exercising and listening to the guidance of their school's PE coaches. Many of these children also prepared for the 2010 Valero "Go! Kids Challenge" Marathon which asked all children and their families to participate in physical activity 30 minutes, six days a week while building healthy eating habits.

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2-5 years this board will be known for its passion in sharing education

Arbiter of standards

The "Go To" guys for innovative community programs

Like for our board to be known for its vision and outstanding achievements

Know the direction that CE needs to go for the board and community

### LEGISLATIVE

Be a resource for supts., legislators, media, school boards

Problem-solving resource

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\$75,000 in the bank - "Savings"

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

See our board as seen to be a leader in school/community improvement

Be supportive of each other

Instilling passion for lifelong learning in everyone

### ACTION

See our board as seen to be a leader in school/community improvement

Our board will have initiated CE in every school district

Be supportive of each other

Quality education opportunities for all ages

Instilling passion for lifelong learning in everyone

In 2-5 years our board will be known for increasing community involvement in CE programs

## What's Happening in TCEA Region II Summer 2010

by Diana Hanz, Judson ISD



The annual TCEA Region II meeting was held at Ryan's Restaurant in New Braunfels on May 14 at 11:30 a.m. Diana Hanz, Region II Director, called the meeting to order. Attendance was low due to inclement weather. Helen Kimsey, TCEA Executive Secretary and Phil Houseal, TCEA Vice President were both on the agenda, however, due to flooding could not attend. A total of 9 people attended. The school districts represented were: Judson ISD, Seguin ISD and Comal ISD. The theme and decorations utilized route 11 highway signs to depict the 2011 conference theme. The tables were decorated with Americana patriotic candle holders, route 11 street signs, patriotic wooden trinket boxes resembling books, old cars, etc. The table decorations were used for the door prizes.

Participants played and learned new ice breaker games lead by Becky Farrow of Judson ISD that could also be utilized in team building activities and after school activities. The group discussed educational games and how to incorporate them into after school program schedules. The games give children time to re-group, improve social skills, learn new skills and have fun at the same time. The games can become a craft since they allow children to create new games stimulating their creative side and critical thinking skills. It's easy to incorporate fun time with core subjects to improve the student's academic skills. Meeting participants shared ideas that are successful in their respective programs.

Technology software utilized in each district was discussed. Charlotte Muniz from Comal ISD stated that their district is using Classware for their after school program. Diana Hanz shared that Judson will be piloting a portion of the REVTRAK software soon.

Anita Springer (currently teaches GED) from Seguin ISD reported that in early fall she will be teaching a College Readiness class in Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD. They were awarded a grant and formed a partnership with Northeast Lakeview College. The program is for students who have completed their GED and

want to attend college. Students will receive intense training on how to complete admission forms, FASFA applications for financial assistance, and how to navigate obstacles for first time students. Ms. Springer said there was a real need for this type program and it would assist students in making a successful transition into college.

The TCEA 2010 Conference was critiqued. Everyone that attended agreed the conference was exceptional! They left the conference with many ideas on how to invigorate their own respective programs.

Diana Hanz shared info on the 2011 Conference in Kerrville at the Y. O. Resort Hotel and Conference Center. Suggestions from the Region II members that attended were to include legal training for staff in handling and diffusing student situations in after school programs and how to diffuse difficult/angry parents. Flyers were distributed on the Afterschool Training/Workshop scheduled at North East ISD in San Antonio on September 18. The all day workshop fee of \$19 includes lunch. Region II members please put it on your calendars!

Each Region II member earned a certificate for the four hours of in-service training they received. Each member left the meeting with new ideas to put to work for them in their own districts and programs.

Diana Hanz and Becky Farrow met at a later date with Charlotte Muniz of Comal ISD to share program ideas. Becky Farrow provided staff training at the Comal ISD's staff training workshop in June. This is only one example of how networking with other TCEA districts in your region can help improve community education programs.

In other news, the JISD Adventure Club Summer camp had an exciting Convocation of Fun Day at Converse Elementary on July 7. Campers from all the JISD schools were bussed to Converse. Sea World launched an exciting day by bringing a hooting owl, baby alligator and albino boa constrictor for the students to observe as staff from Sea World showed them to the campers. Next, they were entertained by the Disney Radio crew who in conjunction with San Antonio Food Bank and HEB Buddy played games with the camp participants (and staff) on health and nutrition. Campers and staff received prizes for participating. Disney Radio dancers performed several numbers for the

audience. San Antonio Waste Management and Recycling put on a program on how to recycle. Carter the Garbage/Recycle Bin made an appearance, shook hands with all the students and gave each camper a surprise gift.



Then Dr. Seuss - Cat in the Hat made a special appearance. The Cat read a book regarding cleanliness and asked for audience participation. Student volunteers went up on stage to assist. The Cat

awarded the volunteers with a variety of gifts.

The Cat in the Hat in real life is one of the JISD water aerobics instructors. Her name is Brenda Sessums and she is a retired school teacher and coach from San Antonio ISD. Her appearance was one of the highlights of the day. She is truly a blessing to have on our Judson team!

The Adventure Club Campers have had a busy summer. They have had field trips to the Live Oak Movie Theater, Mr. Gatti's Pizza and Gameland, AT&T Backstage Tour, SA Sports Basketball Game, Magik Theater, San Antonio Riverwalk Barge Ride, San Antonio Silver Stars Basketball game and a trip to Splash Town just to name a few highlights of their thrilling summer.

If you have ideas on what you would like to see in training at the annual TCEA Afterschool Workshop on September 18 or the 2011 Conference in Kerrville, please submit them to Diana Hanz at [dhanz@judsonisd.org](mailto:dhanz@judsonisd.org) or call 210-945-5340. Don't be shy! If you have not heard -- Community Educators are all one BIG family. We beg and borrow from each other to enrich the lives of our community members! As one of the TCEA Board members (and I speak for the entire team of Directors), we are all here to serve you and keep community education strong to provide lifelong learning opportunities for all Texans! I look forward to hearing from you and have a great rest of the summer!

## FUTURE FORWARD

NCEA 2010 Annual Conference  
Dec 1-3, 2010  
Phoenix, Arizona

It's time to register for the **National Community Education Association's** 45th Annual Conference. If you didn't have a chance to attend last year's conference, NCEA will once again be in beautiful, colorful Phoenix, Arizona.

Come for education, come for networking or simply come for the beautiful warm weather in Arizona in December. Whatever your reason, NCEA will be there providing yet another opportunity to showcase excellence in community education.

Registration is now open for the 45th Annual NCEA Conference. Early Bird registration ends September 15th. Don't miss out on significant savings to you and your organization. Simply click here for the form or you can also go to NCEA's website -- [www.ncea.com](http://www.ncea.com)

Once again NCEA will bring workshops with LERN and the Rural Forum and all of the exhibitors and presenters, the Awards Banquet and much, much more.

There is no better time than right now!

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### Hotel Information

The code to make your hotel reservations is NCENCEA. Click here to make your hotel reservation. NCEA's room rate is \$139 single or double occupancy. You can also call the Renaissance Glendale at 800-HOTELS1 (800.468.3571) and ask for the NCEA room block or code NCENCEA.

The NCEA staff look forward to seeing you in December!

Sincerely,  
John Myers, Executive Director  
National Community Education  
Association



## Chicago is calling...

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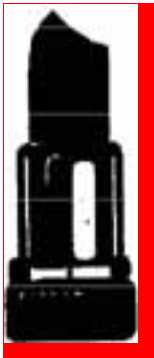
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Years ago we had fun with this unscientific personality test. By popular demand, see if it still fits!

# The Lipstick Personality Test



## 1. Stays close to original tip slant

- Abides by the rules
- Great follower
- Does not like too much attention
- A little self-conscious
- Somewhat reserved
- Likes a schedule
- May occasionally color hair to attract attention



## 5. Tip rounded to a point

- Lovable
- Family-oriented
- A "doer"
- Can give orders easily
- Domestic
- Exaggerates sometimes
- Stubborn over little things
- Needs people around



## 2. Rounded, smooth tip

- Easy going
- Peacemaker
- Even-tempered
- Steady
- Likable
- Generous



## 6. Flat top

- To the point
- High morals
- Needs approval
- Careful about appearances
- Very dependable
- Conservative
- Quick mind
- Loves challenges



## 3. Sharp-angled tip

- Opinionated
- High-spirited
- Dislikes schedules
- Selective of friends
- Outgoing
- Likes attention
- Argumentative



## 7. Flat top concave

- Makes a great detective
- Makes friends easily
- Inquisitive
- Adventurous
- A prober
- Complex
- Exciting



## 4. Sharp-angled, curved tip

- Creative
- Enthusiastic
- Energetic
- Talkative
- Loves attention
- Falls in love easily
- Helpful
- Needs schedule, but dislikes one



## 8. Sharp angles both sides

- Spiritual
- Curious
- Seeks attention
- Mysterious
- Big ego
- Faithful
- Looks for easy way
- Loves life

## Foundation Partners

The following organizations have joined TCEA in helping support the Foundation, bringing the benefits of community education to more Texans.



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## The Foundation

The mission of the Texas Community Education Foundation is to encourage the development and expansion of Community Education projects in Texas.

It accomplishes this in four ways:  
1) through the formation of new projects,  
2) the development of innovative programs,  
3) supporting research and development, and  
4) educating the population about the benefits of community education.

The process of getting support to projects is through the Technical Assistance Partnership, an award program set up by the Texas Community Education Association and funded by the Foundation.

### Funding Sources

The Foundation is funded through individual and organization donations, funds from partnerships with businesses and vendors, and money raised from the Silent Auction at the annual conference (see Partners sidebar).

There is an ongoing search for major underwriters, with the goal of someday having enough principle to generate enough interest to fund the initiatives.

### Become a Part

The Foundation is a strong step toward future growth and autonomy, a solid way to bring the benefits of community education to more citizens of Texas. You can help by

- 1) identifying potential partners
- 2) donating to the Foundation

Send your contribution to TCEF, 1121 Second St., Kerrville TX 78028. For more information call 830-257-2218.

To find out more about becoming a Partner, contact Phil Houseal, 830-257-2218, info@tcea.com.

### To Support the Foundation

The Foundation is actively seeking partnerships with vendors, businesses, and organizations. Since 1998 the Foundation has played a part in starting many projects.

Anyone interested in supporting the Foundation can contact Phil Houseal, 830-257-2218, info@tcea.com

# Get your staff to After School Workshop

In support of quality after school programs for children in Texas, Texas Community Education Association will present a one day workshop for after school staff. Participants will have the opportunity to attend various sessions conducted by experts with practical experience in the field. This is a unique opportunity for front line staff to share in the latest trends for after school care.



**Location:** Northeast Community Education Building  
8750 Tesoro Drive, San Antonio, Texas

**Date:** Saturday, Sept 18, 2010

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Tuition:** \$19 (includes lunch)

## Registration Form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are registering multiple staff members from the same organization, you may attach a sheet with only their names and agency to this form.

**Please make payment to:** TCEA % Helen Kimsey  
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## Thoughts from Big Sky Country



by Helen Kimsey  
Executive Director

For the past three weeks I have been traveling through Wyoming and the Panhandle of Nebraska. What a revelation! Even though I lived in Wyoming for many years I had forgotten just how beautiful it is. The majestic Rockies are still snow capped and seem to reach out to the sky. I wish I were an artist and could transfer this view to canvas. The prairie is greener than it has been for many years, thanks to the abundance of rain this spring. Who would believe that you can actually see for a hundred miles? The sky is what I would call “chamber of commerce blue” with white fluffy clouds casting their shadows like giant ink spots on the prairie.

Breathing the clean, fresh air is so revitalizing to the soul. When I lived in Wyoming, I sometimes missed the hustle and bustle of the city. However, there is something special about being the only human within miles, it gives one the chance to be in touch with something greater than ourselves.

As I sat on a hillside recently I watched the Burlington Northern train snake its way across the prairie, I am reminded that this is what brought new life and progress to the west. Each train would need a water stop every 7 or 8 miles and small communities sprang up around the water towers. Many of these small communities still exist and thrive. Each community has a school, one or two churches, a small store, lots of pickup trucks and men in baseball caps with seed emblems on them. But what has really surprised me is the sense of community that exists in these small towns.

An example was a celebration for cancer survivors held recently. Several of the towns gathered together to hold a craft fair, fund raising activities, food and a general air of celebration as the names of the survivors were read. Any child that had a talent could perform and the smallest one was praised and applauded just as heartily as the more accomplished.

To me, the highlight was the releasing of hundreds of butterflies and balloons. It is a Native American belief that if you whisper your prayers to the butterfly, when released it will carry them up to the heavens.

People greeted each other with genuine friendliness and concern. Believe it or not, I sat as quietly as a mouse and I heard ladies talking about the newest quilting club, some men were gathering to learn the intricacies of the latest tractor engine and young girls were sharing make-up secrets.

Education in these small communities is wherever you find it. Community Education as we know it is not limited to the class room, but it is wherever people share their knowledge. So many times as community educators, we get stuck in a rut and think that we know what is best for our students. We need to remember to ask the community, “what would you like?.”

You may be surprised by their answers. I know that I was.

So my HINT for this time is to not only stop and smell the flowers but to ask the gardener to share how he grew them. We all learn from each other. And after all... isn't that the philosophy of Community Education?

