



## TCEA *is* people

Tony Neely,  
TCEA President

Your TCEA Board of Directors met on September 20 and 21 in Dallas for a very productive and enjoyable meeting. Serving on the board has allowed me to establish meaningful, long-term relationships with other TCEA members. It's nice to have opportunities to get to know people on more than a casual basis.

One of the board's agenda items, discussed with much enthusiasm, is the 2008 TCEA conference to be held in San Antonio at North East ISD's new Community Education Center. Thanks to Becky Stoughton, NEISD Community Education Director, for graciously making this facility available for the conference.

Bill Hoelscher, TCEA President-Elect, is preparing specific conference information to be available this fall. Some of the conference highlights will include a pre-conference designed for anyone interested in after-school training. There will also be a "Leadership" pre-conference for all community educators – whether new to community education or a seasoned veteran. The conference is guaranteed to be packed with exciting sessions and entertaining speakers. Bill is working meticulously with Helen Kimsey, TCEA Executive Secretary, to ensure that No Detail is Left Behind. I guess you could say this will be a NDLB conference!

As we all know, conference food is, well, just that – conference food. Not at this conference! Bill said he would stake Phil Houseal's professional career on this conference having the best food yet.

I close by encouraging each of you to consider volunteering to serve on the TCEA Board of Directors or on one of the major committees. For information on how to become more involved, you may contact Helen Kimsey at [hkimsey@sbc-global.net](mailto:hkimsey@sbc-global.net). TCEA is your professional organization and with you TCEA has a bright future.

# The STAR

Texas Community Education Association  
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*Dalhart community leaders gather to plan the first session of their new community education program. The program is truly a community project, with support from five local entities.*

## Dalhart supports new Community Education/Enrichment Program

By Becky Packham, *The Dalhart Texan*

While work, work, work, busy, busy, busy, seems to be the resounding mantra as Dalhart turns in the wheel of change, growth and progress, five public entities have joined forces to make sure that their constituents keep sight of the fun, fun, fun, joy, joy, joy of leisure learning by funding the creation of a Dalhart Community Education Program. Supported by the Dalhart Independent School District, City of Dalhart, Dallam-Hartley Counties Hospital District and both Dallam and Hartley Counties, the community based education/enrichment program should have the first class and workshop offerings by the beginning of November, said Superintendent David Foote, who championed the program to the five entities along with Carolyn Field, XIT School principal, and Sylvia Renick, program coordinator.

"A great way to bring people together is to have a common goal and purpose. The Community Enrichment Program will pro-



### Welcome to our first email newsletter!

In order to be more timely and provide easier access to TCEA news, we are sending you The Star via the Internet. Just another way TCEA is working to serve you better!

### Watch for our updated website!

Soon you will enjoy an easier to navigate, easier to use web site at [tcea.com](http://tcea.com). We will add a new splash page, with a special login for members use only. One stop for all your TCEA news and resources!

### TCEA Conference in April!

Make plans now to join us for a Fiesta in San Antonio. Workshops in leadership, afterschool training, top keynotes and plenty of helpful sessions. See page 5-6 for schedule and registration form.

### Support Our Foundation Partners

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## The Star

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The official newsletter of the Texas  
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### Dues

Professional = \$60  
Paraprofessional = \$20  
Advisory Council Member = \$20  
Retired Professional = \$20

### To Support The Foundation

Help develop Community Education in  
Texas. Send donations to:  
Texas CE Foundation  
1121 Second Street  
Kerrville TX 78028

### Web Site

[www.tcea.com](http://www.tcea.com)  
Up-to-date news, events, forums, forms,  
online directory, password-protected  
member area. Go here to join, update  
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vide a vehicle for individuals to interact in a positive and productive learning environment. This is exciting; it's a win - win proposition for the citizens of Dalhart, the local businesses and the schools," said Mrs. Field.

The idea behind community education classes is not a new concept. As Sylvia Renick, coordinator wrote in a proposal to the public entities, "the need for a program promoting lifelong learning was apparent as early as 1911 when Wisconsin passed the "lighted schoolhouse" legislation in support of night time use of schools to teach English to immigrants. Today Community Education programs of varying magnitude exist in most states, each program individually crafted to enhance the quality of life of the people it serves whether it be by teaching English to immigrants, supplementing school Arts education, teaching job skills to teens, or offering enrichment classes for everyone. The benefits of a Community Education program are greater quality of life and increased community desirability while using existing facilities, mainly schools and existing resources, teachers and community professionals."

"One of the first steps in establishing a curriculum would be to conduct a community wide survey to assess the interests and needs of residents and businesses. Basically classes would fall into two categories, educational and enrichment, geared toward children, students, adults and seniors. In addition to longer classes there could be week-end workshops, cultural excursions, mentoring programs, etc." Surveys will be distributed in Dalhart through schools, the Dalhart Chamber of Commerce, United Supermarket and published in the Dalhart Daily Texan. Surveys will be distributed in similar locations in Channing, Hartley and Texline.

Some of the sample enrichment classes mentioned in the proposal, were home related such as gardening, xeriscaping, cooking for children, holiday decorating, and learning to sell on EBay. Sports related classes included golf etiquette for beginning golfers, fly fishing, narrated nature hikes along Rita Blanca Lake, hunter safety, and boating safety. Life skills classes listed were: job skill basics for teens, budgeting skills for teens or adults, simple saving techniques, caring for elderly parents, dealing with grief, or handling relocation. For seniors the proposal mentioned classes such

as memory training, reflex training, or afternoon dancing.

Examples of educational classes included be adult literacy, children's literacy, learning English, learning Spanish, computer basics, internet safety, just to mention a few.

The list could be endless, explained Renick, and is only limited by the ability to match teachers with class requests.

### Program Setup

Each of the five entities contributed \$5,000.00 to help establish the Community Education Program, with the City of Dalhart adding \$2,000.00 to help cover unexpected costs. The Dalhart School District will also provide in-kind donations with office space and administrative support, free use of facilities for classes, as well as act as fiduciary agent. Of the funds raised \$15,000 will be used to pay the coordinator's salary the remainder will be used for publicity, supplies, etc. In most cases teacher salaries will be paid from class tuition. A board of directors, composed of appointees from each funding entity, will be established to help oversee and guide the program.

The long term plan for the program, as stated in this proposal, is a three step approach, the first being the creation of a healthy enrichment program, followed by programs designed to fulfill continuing education credits and finally incorporating vocational and college credit classes.

**For information:** Call Sylvia Renick at (806) 244-7818 or email [renicksyl@dalhart.k12.tx.us](mailto:renicksyl@dalhart.k12.tx.us)

### To Start Your Own Program

TAP grants were created by the Texas Community Education Association and Foundation to encourage the development and expansion of Community Education projects in Texas. Each year, up to three projects receive \$1000, with a \$500 follow-up the second year. For more, contact:

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## From the Desk of a Pretty Good Typist



by Helen Kimsey,  
TCEA Executive Secretary

Recently someone asked, “When did I become interested in community education?” I had to really think, the answer was so many years ago.

In 1965 my husband was returning to the University of Wyoming as a freshman, no matter that he was 27 years old and we had 3 children under the age of 5, we forged ahead. As a way to help fund this adventure I decided that I would need to seek employment. But what could I do? Not a lot.

The local high school was offering beginning typing as a community education course, so full of expectations I enrolled. The first night I noticed that the typewriter keys were blank, no letters at all. On the wall at the front of the class was a large diagram of a keyboard with letters that the students were to refer to. The instructor said, “Let’s begin, put a piece of paper in the typewriter”, but where? Never assume that people have seen a typewriter before (lesson number one). After what seemed like an eternity, the instructor gently took my piece of paper and it disappeared into the machine. I look at my grandchildren today and they have been typing since they were pre-school. But I bet they wouldn’t know how to put paper into a manual typewriter. But still I persevered and passed the course, signed up for additional classes and became a proficient typist. However, I still look at the wall in front of me when I type.

My very first community education course enabled me to find a job at the University, and located on the same floor was the community education office. One day the coordinator asked me what could I teach (sound familiar?).

I couldn’t think of a thing. Not giving up, he asked about my background, hob-



bies etc. I told him my father had been an exhibition ballroom dancer and he had taught me to dance, plus my grandmother taught me to knit. Thus, began my career in community education. I taught ballroom dance and knitting for the next 35 years. The little extra money was great, but that was not my reason for teaching. It was the people, so eager to learn, so wonderful to interact with and share their lives. To see their faces light up when they completed a row of knitting or mastered a new dance step was reward enough.

As I learned more about community education throughout the next few years I realized that I had found my calling. Teaching people to learn for a lifetime had to be the most important thing I could do. I had the opportunity to join the community education staff at Eastern Wyoming College where I learned how to coordinate classes, instructors, locations and students. The hardest thing for me to learn was writing a course description that would encourage students to enroll. For many years I found myself writing course description in my head as I stood in the grocery line, looking at ads in a magazine, salespeople in the mall. Finally I had it mastered.

Those involved in community education are the most generous, sharing people that you will ever meet. Everything that I have learned or accomplished in my career came with the help of my community education family. That is why as TCEA members we stand ready to help each other. If you need help or have a question contact me or your regional director. Maybe a TAP grant would help solve a problem. Remember TAP is not just money, but a team of professionals will be assigned to you, with the expertise in areas that you need help.

As the Executive Secretary of TCEA I am here to help and I would love to hear from you. Just remember that as I am typing this I am looking at the wall in front of me and “praise be”, there is no place you have to insert paper.

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## Leadership Institute

How do you become a leader? Most people are not born with this ability; it is a learned process. In this interactive workshop you will learn the skills to provide your team with the leadership, motivation and coaching skills needed for success.

### Attitude

- Your professional image.

### Supervisory Skills

- Who is in charge?

### Time Management

- Tips and strategies.

### Communication

- Who said what?

### Selling yourself

- The total package.

Date: Sunday, April 27, 2008

Time: 1:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Location:

Northeast ISD

Community Learning Center

8750 Tesoro Road

San Antonio, TX

Tuition: \$59



*Loretta Huddleston (left) and Helen Kimsey will lead and coordinate these sessions. Between them they boast decades of hands-on leadership and training experience in community education.*

## Sign up early for these special workshops!

Limited seating - limited opportunity!

Available only at the TCEA Conference in April.

*See registration form for sign up and contact information...*

## Workshop for After School Providers

In support of quality after school programs for children in Texas, Texas Community Education Association will present a one day workshop, April 26, 2008. Participants will have the opportunity to attend sessions and network with others in their field. Experts with practical experience will conduct the approximately 40 sessions. Leave with exciting ideas and handouts to take back to your program.

WHY RE-INVENT THE WHEEL WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY "HOT WHEELS" OUT THERE.

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2008

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Northeast ISD Community Learning Center

8750 Tesoro Road, San Antonio, Texas

Tuition: \$15 (includes lunch)

**Workshop is limited to the first 400 registered participants**



# Texas Community Education Association

## Conference 2008

San Antonio, Texas

April 26-30

Attending the TCEA Conference is your number one opportunity to connect with the newest and best information, resources, and support in Community Education today. TCEA addresses the many facets of Community Education, from adult education to afterschool and summer programs for youth. Easily connect with colleagues from across the state, and be informed to make the right decisions for your programs.

### Conference-At-A-Glance

#### Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00am-12:00pm	Pre-Conference (Afterschool Training)
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm-4:00pm	Pre-Conference (Afterschool Training)

#### Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

10:00am-12:00pm	Board Meeting
1:00pm-5:00pm	Pre-Conference (Leadership Training)
6:00pm-8:30pm	Welcome Reception at Crowne Plaza Hotel
Noon-7:00pm	Conference Registration

#### Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

8:00am-4:00pm	Conference Registration
8:30am-10:30am	Opening Session with Breakfast
10:45am-11:45am	Breakout Sessions
12:00pm-1:30pm	Lunch with motivational speaker
1:45pm-3:00pm	General Session, Round Tables
3:15pm-4:15pm	Breakout Sessions

#### Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

8:00am-4:00pm	Conference Registration
8:00am-9:30am	Networking Breakfast
9:45am-11:45pm	General Session
12:00pm-1:30pm	Lunch with motivational speaker
1:45pm-2:45pm	Breakout Sessions
3:00pm-4:00pm	Breakout Sessions
4:15pm-5:15pm	Breakout Sessions
6:00pm-9:00pm	<i>Master Mystery Dinner/Silent Auction</i>

#### Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00am-9:00am	Networking Breakfast
9:00am-10:15pm	Closing Session
10:15pm-11:15pm	Awards Ceremony
1:00pm	Board Meeting

*Community Education is the process by which the citizens in a school district, using the resources of the district, organize to support each other and to solve their mutual educational problems and mutual lifelong needs. Texas Education Code*

#### REGISTRATION

Register form available online at [www.TCEA.com](http://www.TCEA.com)

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel accommodations are provided by the **Crowne Plaza Airport**, located at 1111 NE Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas 78209. To make reservations call 1-800-496-7621 (210)828-9031 [www.crowneplaza.com/sanantonioapt](http://www.crowneplaza.com/sanantonioapt); refer to the Texas Community Education Association Conference (TCEA).

**Room Rates:** \$105 single occupancy, \$115 double occupancy, \$130 up to quad occupancy

*Please make reservations early, a limited number of rooms are set aside for TCEA use.*

#### SILENT AUCTION

The TCEA Foundation's Silent Auction is always a fun part of the conference. Bring something special from your hometown or your community education program. Auction items may be dropped off at the registration table.



# CONFERENCE 2008 April 26-30 REGISTRATION FORM

**TO REGISTER:**  
 Mail: TCEA Conference,  
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 Vidor, TX 77662  
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 E-mail: skirkpatrick@esc5.net

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Acct # _____
Expiration Date _____
Authorized Signature _____

<b>REGISTRATION FEES</b> (Check one)		
	<i>Early</i> <small>(by 03/07/08)</small>	<i>On-site/Late</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Member	\$225	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member	\$275	\$300
<input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Board	\$ 99	\$125

**PAYMENT POLICY**  
*Checks* are payable to TCEA Annual Conference.  
*PO's* will reserve your place, with payment being made before or at the conference.  
*Cancellations* will be honored, less \$50, if received before March 17, 2008.

<b>CONFERENCE OPTIONS</b> (Check all that apply)	
<b>One Day Only</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday only, April 28th	\$135
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday only, April 29th	\$135
<b>Additional Meal Tickets</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner _____ x \$20 each	
<input type="checkbox"/> Murder Mystery Dinner _____ x \$40 each	
<b>Pre-Conference Workshops</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Afterschool Staff Development	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Training	\$59

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<b>MEMBERSHIP FEES</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> New/Renewal	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Board	\$20

<b>PRESENTER DISCOUNT</b> Discount applies for approved Conference Presenter	-\$50
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<b>T-SHIRT SIZE</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL	
For full conference participants only.	

<b>TOTAL FEES</b>	\$ _____
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