



## Looking Forward

Debby Theis,  
TCEA President



Greetings to all of you!

I hope you have had an invigorating summer. Don't you just love it when someone comes up to you in May and says, "Aren't you looking forward to having the summer off?" And, of course you just smile and think, "What a refreshing thought!" To all of you for whom summer is not a season of rest, I would like to say "Thank you for putting on such a wonderful summer program." I know your community truly appreciates all the learning opportunities you offer! Hopefully you did get a chance to take some well-deserved time off.

The back-to-school excitement is in the air! We see and hear about the fall sport two-a-days starting, custodians preparing the buildings for the first day back, teachers anxiously awaiting their new students, and administration making their last minute hires. For Community Education, it is time for finishing up the summer session and planning for the fall session with new classes and enthusiastic instructors. We are introduced to the new laws that

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# The STAR

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Back To School 2009

## TCEA Board retreats to set goals, budget for 2010 June 22-24, 2009 in Corpus Christi

*Every year, the TCEA Board meets to set budgets, short-term and long-term goals for the association.*

*This year's workshop was held in Corpus Christi, where the new board spent three days in planning and brainstorming. The following is a report from those meetings.*

President Debby Theis called the meeting to order at 1:24 p.m. on 6/22/09. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. We had five board members present and the executive secretary. Before she called the meeting to order, we did a fun ice breaker with everyone to help us learn a little bit about each other.

**Minutes** – Sally Andrews was not present but will bring April 2009's Minutes to the next meeting. Vicki Helms took the minutes for this meeting. January's Minutes stood approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Sally did email members a report on expenses incurred for the 2009 Conference in Corpus Christi. She will bring a complete Treasurer's Report and final Conference report to the next meeting.

### Committee Reports

2009 TCEA Conference – Debby Theis said we had excellent feedback on the evaluations for the conference. Attendance numbers were lower than last year's mostly because of budget cuts. It was agreed that we would need to be more realistic regarding budget amounts and the number of attendees for the 2009-2010 school year and conference. Even though the attendance numbers were down from the previous year, this year's conference was very

successful and positive. We will build on this success.

It was determined that the money in our CD is operating money that had been placed in a CD to use, if and when needed. We did have to use some of that money for conference expenses. It was also determined that the location for the conference must be weighed carefully each year. We did agree that next year's conference would be held in San Antonio and it will not be during TAKS or Fiesta. We discussed giving a list of four or five hotels to everyone so they can choose where they would like to stay. Becky Stoughton offered her build-

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## TCEA to offer after school training

In October in San Antonio

August 1, 2009 - In an effort to provide children with quality after school care, the Texas Community Education Association will present a one-day conference October 10, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the North East ISD Community Education Building, 8750 Tesoro Drive, San Antonio TX.

This training is designed for ANY providers of after school childcare. Breakouts will cover topics such as Dealing with Parents, Hands on Activities, Staff Relations, Peer Mediation, Bullying, and much more.

For information or to sign up, contact: Helen Kimsey, [hjkimsey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hjkimsey@sbcglobal.net), 210-355-2548.

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The official newsletter of the Texas Community Education Association  
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# Member News

## Sally Andrews steps down from board



Sally Andrews, Director of Community Relations for Vidor ISD submitted her resignation to the TCEA board this summer. Her district recently was named a recipient of a 21st Century Community Learning Center grant, and Andrews is in charge of starting up the program this fall. This is in addition to her other duties with the school district.

Andrews also cited her other community involvement and personal obligations, including the Heartbeats of Hope fundraiser she founded in memory of her daughter.

“Thank you for the opportunity to serve,” Andrews said. “I will do anything I can to help TCEA and perhaps I can serve on the board again at some point.”

## Kimsey recovering

Helen Kimsey is recovering from back surgery she underwent July 31 in San Antonio. She would love to hear from her TCEA friends at [hjkimsey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hjkimsey@sbcglobal.net).



Members of RACÉ currently include Loretta Huddleston (left), Helen Kimsey (right), Marge Beitzel, Mary Mora, Arline Patterson, Beverly Oliver, Christy Blackburn, Sarah Fox Davis, and “anybody who shows up.” The group meets monthly at different restaurants in San Antonio.

## “Racy” group supports CE

What would you call a group that has no agenda, no membership, and no dress code?

They call themselves R.A.C.É., they pronounce it “racy,” and if you want to join, “you just show up.”

RACÉ stands for Retired Adult and Community Educators. It was the brain-child of Helen Kimsey, who retired from the Northside ISD Community Education program a few years ago but was in no mood to retire from community education. So she gathered together several other community education retirees in the San Antonio area and began monthly meetings.

“We didn’t want to lose track of all the brilliant minds and wonderful people we met through community education,” Kimsey said.

Their agenda is as loose as their membership requirements. According to Kimsey, they discuss social trends, legislation, find out what mutual friends are

doing, and “gossip.” Do they accomplish anything?

“No!” she declared. “We don’t want to accomplish anything. We just like to keep in touch with each other.”

That is not quite true. In their short alliance, members of RACÉ have served as registrars for after school workshops, worked at the state conference, and volunteered for many community projects. After all, the group represents more than 150 years of experience in community education. But Kimsey maintains the primary purpose of the group is to stay in touch socially.

“But if you ask us to do something, maybe we will be ready to work,” she said, with the emphasis on “maybe.”

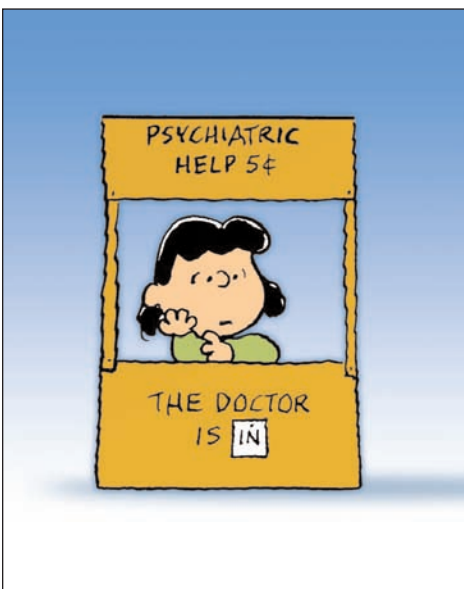
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will affect us this year and face tight budgets across the state. It can be a true challenge to find ways to serve our communities with limited resources. I encourage you to take some time to assess the needs of your community, evaluate your program and adjust to maximize resources. This practice may help sustain your program through these tough economic times.

We work to make a difference in the communities in which we live, one day at a time. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Keep up the good work and remember to:

- Laugh often;
- Live to inspire;
- Create positive energy;
- Have a great year!

If you need any support, please feel free to contact me or one of the board members.



ing again, if we choose dates that the building would be available. One hotel, The Drury Inn, may be able to provide a shuttle back and forth to Becky's building (Northeast ISD Community Education Building) each day. Helen said she will be available to help oversee and assist with the conference.

Awards – Diana Hanz did a great job on Awards this year. She did not have all the information she needed, but got help and advice from Helen and other board members. She was able to get her advisory council to secure a diverse group to read all the award nominations and choose the winners.

Elections – Vicki Helms reported that very few members voted this year – 34, total. It was noted that it is very difficult to get people to commit to the president-elect and other positions due to budget cuts and so much responsibility. It was also decided that we should have some kind of Board training and updated documentation about each of the Board duties, especially for new Board members. Helen will help with this task.

Publications – Helen Kimsey discussed with the members the need for some kind of brochure that explains the purpose of TCEA and CE in general. Helen will visit with Phil Houseal after the retreat to discuss creating this before the next meeting.

Membership – Helen brought up the program that we use, Member Clicks, and the fact that it is not the easiest program to use. She is also going to visit with Phil Houseal about continuing with this company or exploring using another company. We can only list a total of 300 members on the program and we are at 297 now. We will have Phil research this.

TAP – Becky Stoughton reported that Eanes ISD received a TAP grant this year. Becky asked the question how is the decision made as to who receives a TAP grant? The criteria was discussed.

Foundation – Phil Houseal was the committee chairman and he is no longer on the Board. No report was given.

Legislation - Phil Houseal was also the chairman for this committee and is no longer on the Board. No report was given.

Conference 2010 – This discussion was tabled until tomorrow when Donna Davenport will be here.

### **Old Business**

Executive Secretary Report – Helen Kimsey checked the TCEA Bylaws to see if we were supposed to have a second Director-at-Large in place on the Board. That position was eliminated several years ago, but we may, at our next meeting, discuss reinstating that position. Helen did ask Loretta Huddleston if she would be interested in joining the Board as the V-P Advisory Councils. Loretta declined citing mostly due to the cost to attend most meetings.

We discussed the Texas After-School Association (TASA). Shannon Bishop of TASA could join us for the TCEA conference each year. Has that association dissolved? Maybe they could help sponsor some joint training sessions?

Discussion on the subject of adding "Learning for a Lifetime" to our letterhead, under our stationery logo. Everyone liked the idea.

The meeting ended at 4:46 p.m. Tomorrow's meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

## **TCEA Board Meeting Day 2 6/23/09**

Meeting called to order by Debby Theis at 9:00 a.m. Two more members joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and one more arrived before lunchtime, for a total of 8 members and the executive secretary.

### **Conference 2010**

Donna Davenport reported that we will plan on having a pre-conference after-school training workshop and/or possibly another after-school training in August or September in San Antonio. Becky has

offered her building (NEISD CE), or we will try to secure the Henry B. Gonzales Center. If we secure the latter, we can plan on approximately 500 trainees. Donna, Helen, Ester and Becky will meet with the City contact person (Maria) to discuss the collaboration. They will work out the details. We would probably charge \$15 per person and let everyone break for lunch on their own. The committee will offer for 250 City employees and 250 "other" workers to attend. It was suggested that we would see what kind of budget the City has and maybe charge them a flat fee of \$6000 or \$5000 to plan the training. If this option does not work out, Plan B would be to use Becky's building (NEISD CE) on October 10, 2009, to do the training.

We discussed dates and places for the 2010 conference. Becky checked on availability of her district's CE building and we chose Wednesday, April 7 through Friday, April 9, 2010. Suggestions were given for a theme. One of the favorites was something like "You are an Essential Piece;" or "Where Do You Fit in the Puzzle?" Donna will let us know what she decides by email.

### **Conference Committees:**

Conference Chair - Donna  
Brochure – Donna  
Door Prizes/Gifts for Speakers – Vicki,  
Presenters/Speakers – Donna, Ester, Diana,  
Becky  
Decorations – Carol  
Donations for Bags – Marge Beitzel &  
R.A.C.É.  
Vendors – Diana  
AV – Becky's group  
Caterer – Carol, Donna, Diana  
Onsite Registration – Loretta, Christy,  
Arline, Mary Mora  
Entertainment – Waverly Jones, Beverly

### **New Business**

Board Training – Ester Buendia and Lee Ann Bandy will need some training (as new Board members). Helen will do notebooks for each of them.

Communication Package – We discussed creating a standard, quick reference type package with a cover letter for all Board members to have. Something like a "Fact Sheet" will be included. We will ask Phil to create a brochure. Once regional directors have this information, they can call and

email districts in their regions and get this information to key contacts. These contacts will then be able to receive TCEA reports and updates, etc. It was suggested that we (regional directors/director-at-large) go to the TEA website to try to find out where CE programs are located in our regions.

TASB Conference – was held in San Antonio in early June 2009. Sally, Helen, and Phil attended. Helen said the attendance was great. She was told to expect about 25 people to attend her session and there were 135 or more! There were many principals and superintendents in attendance. We discussed going to other organizations’ meeting and presenting sessions explaining what CE is.

**Committee Assignments** – Listed below are this year’s committee assignments:

- TAP & Foundation – Becky Stoughton
- Membership – Sally Andrews
- Awards – Ester Buendia, Diana Hanz
- Elections – Vicki Helms
- Audit – Debby Theis, Lee Ann Bandy, Carol Reeh
- Advisory Councils – Diana Hanz
- Public Information – Phil Houseal
- Annual Conference – Donna Davenport
- Legislative – Phil Houseal
- National Liaison/Delegate – Debby Theis
- Director-at-Large/After-school Training – Lee Ann Bandy

**Regional Training** – Each region may want to have an after-school training or summer camp counselor training.

**Conference 2010 Budget** (approximate) –  
 Food \$2000  
 (approximately \$30 per person)

Speakers	2000
Entertainment	1000
Brochure	1000
Bags	100
Gifts (Keynotes)	200
Postcards	50
Decorations	200
Activities Supplies	200
Ribbons	50
Lanyards	donated
Tablecloths	200
Refreshments	200
TOTAL	\$ 7200

Meeting ended at 5:20 p.m.

## TCEA Board Meeting

## Day 3 6/24/09

Debby Theis called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Helen will make copies of Board Duties for Lee Ann and Ester.

TCEA Board Meeting Dates – We discussed possible meeting dates for 2009-2010. The first meeting date will coincide with when we will have the after-school training in San Antonio. We won’t know that until after the committee meets with the San Antonio City people. Possibilities are: 9/11, 9/18, if we have the pre-conference training at the Henry B. Gonzales Center; the training would be the following day. If we do the pre-conference training at Becky’s (NEISD CE) building, we would meet on 10/9 and have the pre-conference the next day. We will wait to hear from Helen on this.

(The training pre-conference would be 6 hours – 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on a Saturday and cost \$15 per person.)

The second meeting would be either 1/22 & 1/23/10 or possibly 2/5 & 2/6/10 – maybe in Dallas? This is to be further discussed by email.

April’s meeting date will be at the Conference which will be April 7-9, 2010.

NCEA – The next NCEA conference will be in Phoenix, AZ, 11/19-11/21/09. It was noted that our membership dues are now due. Debby will represent TCEA at the NCEA Conference.

### Regional Reports

Region 1 – Vicki Helms reported that she held a combined local Mesquite ISD Community Education Advisory Council meeting on February 25 and included guests from CE programs in the region. Helen Kimsey was there and spoke about some of her experiences in both in her CE job and about advisory councils. The guests from Lewisville were able to stay for an extra hour to discuss both subjects. Helen and Vicki were able to help them with many of the issues and subjects discussed.

Region 2 – Diana Hanz reported on the joint regional meeting she and Donna Davenport hosted on March 4, 2009 for Region 2 and Region 3 at Northside ISD in the Learning Center. Their agenda included such topics as “Exciting New Ideas for Service Learning Projects,” “Creative After-school Activities,” “Team Building,” “Building Strong Relationships.” It was a great meeting that ended with a long segment about the TCEA annual conference being held in Corpus Christi.

Diana also gave an update of the contacts she had made regarding the conference. She also reported on the Awards Committee and then feedback she received from presenters at the conference in Corpus.

Region 4 – Carol Reeh had no update from Region 4.

### Other Business

We again discussed the need for the updated information for new letterhead. Debby and Helen will work on this and email to us as soon as possible.

We then discussed general CE issues and topics. It was noted that Debby would get us a Liability Statement. We also discussed classes that were doing well at our districts. Some favorites seem to be Hoop Dancing (with Hula Hoops), Harmonica classes, Zumba Dance, Boot camps, and Mosaics.

Debby Theis adjourned the meeting at 11:00.

## Change happen?

*Change name?*

*Change address?*

*Change phone?*

*Change email?*

**Send all changes to**

**info@tcea.com**

# Goals

## Board sets 2010 goals

*Each summer the TCEA Board meets to set budgets, short-term and long-term goals for the association. Here are the goals for the 2009-2010 school year.*

### Long-Term Goals --- 3 years

1. Increase the numbers of TCEA members by 25 per year. (Strategy: Establish/Purge list of members to be accurate #.)
2. Present the benefits of Community Education to at least 12 new school districts (3 for each regional director)
3. Increase annual conference participation by 10% yearly.
4. Recruit and rejuvenate existing Community Education projects and 21st Century grantees to become TCEA members. (Needs Assessment to CE Programs – get into minds of customers.)

### Short-Term Goals --- 1 year

1. Present at Mid-Winter, TASB, and other state-level conferences.
2. Maintain a 21st Century representative on the board.
3. Every Regional Director will host at least one cluster meeting at a CE site prior to annual conference.

### Committee Objectives

1. Executive Committee
  - a. To involve TEA & TX LEARNS in a TCEA event once a year.
2. Awards Committee
  - a. Obtain at least one nominee for each awards category.
  - b. The Berridge and Caldwell/Culbertson awardees will be nominated at the national level. (Nominator must be an NCEA member.)
  - c. Review awards categories and process.
3. Elections Committee
  - a. Fill each available position. Nominee must be a TCEA member for 1 year and be supported by their superintendent.
  - b. Seek minimum of 60% response from voting-eligible TCEA members relative to elective positions. An incentive will be provided – basket, etc., at conference (early voting).
4. Conference Committee
  - a. Paid attendance of 100 registrations for 2010 conference. (Encourage new attendees.)
  - b. Include presenters from other professional organizations.
5. Legislative Committee
  - a. The legislative committee should keep membership aware of how to promote Community Education to their legislators.
6. Membership Committee
  - a. Retain 75% membership. (Strategy: Purposely engage membership.)
7. Public Relations
  - a. Redesign the website and enrich content and participant involvement.
8. Technical Assistance Partnerships
  - a. Promote TAP grants on website, at training, through mailouts and at conferences.
  - b. Award up to three monetary and three technical grants.
9. Advisory Councils
  - a. Provide training for at least 2 advisory councils in the state.
  - b. Fill the VP for Adv. Council position on the TCEA board.
10. Leadership Development
  - a. Lee Ann Bandy will chair.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@tcea.com)



*Community Education is part of all our daily lives! Is it part of yours?*

## My Community Ed Day!

by Phil Houseal, Kerrville ISD

In 1986 there was a movie called Ferris Bueller's Day Off. In it, Matthew Broderick took the day off from school. The movie details his adventures eluding authorities and avoiding responsibilities.

Not long ago, I took a day *on* to school.

This day started at 5 a.m., when I rolled out of bed and headed to the Fredericksburg High School gymnasium. For an hour, I joined a group of marginally-in-shape yet enthusiastic men in our morning basketball game. That activity is community education - part of Fredericksburg ISD's program.

I showered and drove on to the Kerrville ISD Club Ed office. During lunchtime, I sat in on a new Conversational Spanish course. Monica Happ led our band of merry men and women through an hour of brushing up on our Spanish speaking skills. *Esta es* community education.

That afternoon, 30 dedicated dulcimer players descended on the Auld Center for their weekly jam session. For two hours, they practiced in preparation for a perform-

ance at one of our Kerrville ISD elementary schools. Of course, I had to tune up my mandolin and strum along on a few numbers. That is community education.

After work, I had just enough time to get across town and grab a chair in our adult beginner Take-A-Bow orchestra rehearsal. It is one of the many lifelong learning opportunities the United Methodist Church offers. Yes, that is community education.

At 6:30, it was time to zoom over to the dance studio, where I waltzed in and changed shoes for my adult tap and ballet classes. You guessed it - that is community education.

Whew!

I was describing my day to Emily Cale, who many of you meet as she takes your registrations and plans your courses for Club Ed. As I finished, she said, "Write that down. That is community education!"

For 20 years I have tried to come up with a 25-word description of community education. The concept is so all-encompassing and ever-changing that I have never succeeded (the other day I answered the phone and someone asked, "Is this the department of other things?"). But after my "Club Ed day," I realized Emily was right. What I did that day *is* community education.

Look around at how you spend your time when you are doing something you don't have to do. I'll bet you will be sur-

prised at how many activities involve learning something new or stretching yourself beyond that stuffy comfort zone.

What's that? You're not doing those things? Well I happen to know a place where you can get started.

Unlike Ferris Bueller, we'll see you in class.

*Club Ed is the Community Education program of the Kerrville Independent School District, one of many lifelong learning programs in Texas and the United States. Phil comments about community education online at clubedcomments.blogspot.com.*

*Hints from Helen will return next issue!*

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