



# TexAMCD Newsletter

## From the President's Corner:

Greetings to everyone. I hope the 2004-2005 school year is going well and I hope our friends in the clinical arena are doing well also. I am sure all of us have had a good school year and a great beginning to the New Year 2005. I acquired a new motto several years ago and still stands today, which is as follows:

**Work** like you don't need the money  
**Love** like you've never been hurt  
and **Dance** like no one's looking

I would like to thank the past president Ruby Armstrong along with Bessie Neal and the rest of her program committee for all of her hard work during the 2004 Convention Luncheon in Fort Worth. The luncheon was a great success.

I would also like to thank everyone who volunteered their time for the conference booth. Also, did you notice our nice TexAMCD cover for our booth. Way to go TexAMCD!!!

### MEET THE OFFICERS FOR 2004-2005:

**President – Marilyn Adams, Ed.D.** – has two sons who reside in Seattle, Washington. The oldest son, Sam Adams, and the youngest Jeremy Adams. Marilyn has a daughter in law, Erika Adams and four grandchildren, Terin, Tea, and Sam II. Also, a new blessing was added to the grandchildren, Makhayla Adams, born on my mother's birthday. She is the daughter of Jeremy. Marilyn is a counselor at Thurgood Marshall in Fort Bend ISD. She has been in education for over 20 years. This will be her seventh year as a counselor, and 20 years in education altogether. Marilyn is presently at Thurgood Marshall high school working as a Career Counselor. She enjoys going to church, movies and company of family and good friends.

**President Elect – Ruby Armstrong** – Director Guidance and Counseling, Garland ISD

**Secretary – Salvador Acosta** – is in his sixth year as school counselor at La Vega High School near Waco and his 16 year with the school district. He plays racketball competitively and run for relaxation and stress relief. He enjoys watching his daughter play volleyball and basketball. However this is coming to an end, because this is his daughter's senior year. Sals cites that he and his family are pet lovers or as he puts it "pet family" and have had cats and dogs in the past, but currently have three dogs.

**Treasurer - Benny Malone** – Director of Guidance, Counseling and Special Services in Cypress Fairbanks ISD

**Senator – B. J. Barksdale, LPC, NCC, CCC,** - is currently in private practice in Houston, TX. She also acts as Executive Director of CHANGE, INC., which is a nonprofit Education and Assistance Center, founded by her. This Education Assistance Center offers educational classes, vocational counseling and other assistance in the way of referrals for other services. She is in her last year as TexAMCD's Senator. B.J. is also at present Co-chair of TCA's Membership Committee.

**Director - Diana Villarreal -**

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**2004 - 2005 COMMITTEE CHAIRS& CO-CHAIRS**

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The last meeting was November 3, 2004 at the TCA Conference in Ft. Worth, TX. It was announced at that meeting that the LPC law is under "Sunset Review". Also, that the issues brought included trying to standardize LPC certification across the nation, possibly involving a 2-tier system in Texas. Re-organizing the LPC Board is also under consideration. Furthermore TCA is having four lobby days this legislative session February 10, March 8, April 13, and May 10. There are various HB's and SBs up for vote. There is a Secondary School Counselors Conference on March 6-8. Hope to see you there. Keep viewing your emails and publications for more information.

ACA has a new division, the Association for Creativity in Counseling (ACC).

One of the Past-Presidents, Sadie Woodard, of TexAMCD is now President-Elect of TCA and will become president of TCA in July. She thanked everyone at the meeting in November for voting for her as President-Elect of TCA. She says she could not have done it without all of you. THANKS!

Another one of TexAMCD officers and long time member, Benny Malone was voted as Secretary of TCA, she also says THANKS!

TCA Educational Endowment Fund (EEF) wants to grant awards of up to \$500 to help TCA members complete a graduate degree in counseling, pursue original research, attend specialized conferences and pursue professional development. The deadline for this is April 1, June 1 and December 1.

**NOMINATION BALLOT ENCLOSED!**

### **SPRING 2005 WORKSHOP**

**SPRING WORKSHOP @ TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY - April 23, 2005 (Saturday).  
Registration 8:30 - 9:30**

### **TexAMCD Membership**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR TexAMCD MEMBERSHIP.**

### **TEXAS COUNSELING ASSOCIATION**

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