

Greetings TexAMCD Members!

Welcome to the fall semester! I am Dr. Debra Bettis Britton, TexAMCD's new President for 2008/2009. Your new officers for the 2008/2009 year are:

President : Dr. Debra Bettis Britton
President Elect: Ilynn Marinero
Secretary : Sigrid Woods
Treasurer : Sadie Woodard
Board Liaison : B. J. Barksdale
Senator : Dr. Marilyn Adams

As your new president, I am ecstatic about all the possibilities for our Division: new officers, spring conference workshop, and multicultural awareness. I am looking forward to working with each of you. This year, the 52nd Texas Counseling Association (TCA) Professional Growth Conference will be November 5 – 8, 2008 in Houston TX at the Westin Galleria Hotel. Benny Malone (one of our very own TexAMCD member's) is conference coordinator along with Susan Burroughs. **Kudos** to the both of them for doing a super job in coordinating the Houston conference! The theme for this year's conference is:

Creating Balance in a World of Change

There are all kinds of **OPPORTUNITIES to VOLUNTEER** at the conference. I am proud to announce that TexAMCD has stepped up to the plate when it comes to volunteering. **All of TexAMCD's leadership/ and some members are volunteering! You are needed! For the conference we still need volunteers in the following areas: TexAMCD Booth, Signs person(s) (put up signs), Audio Visual (check audio visual equipment).** Attached to this e-letter is a **volunteer sign up sheet for our TexAMCD Booth.** The booth has to be set up **Wednesday, November 5. New and old members get involved!**

Before the opening ceremony on **Wednesday, November 5, we (TexAMCD membership) will have our annual membership meeting from 5:30 – 6:30 in the Westin Galleria, Regal Suite Room.** Then, at 7 pm we will have our **kick off ceremony for the conference.**

On **Thursday, November 6 at 12 noon, I hope to see all of you at the TexAMCD Luncheon.** TexAMCD is hosting the Luncheon in conjunction with TxCSJ (Counselors for Social Justice is a new division for TCA) and TAHEAD. You can still buy a ticket from **Sadie Woodard for \$30.00: 281.550.3429.** Dr. Cherry Ross Gooden will be our keynote speaker. The luncheon will be held at the **Westin Oaks Hotel – The Roof Room from 12 noon – 1:30 pm. Last year Dr. Selma Yzanga was our keynote speaker.** Her speech, "**Building Bridges not Walls**" can be found on **TexAMCD's** website www.texamcd.org under **What's New.**

Lastly, over the past year, we have grown tremendously. I am happy to report that TexAMCD has over **100 NEW MEMBERS! Each one, Reach one!** If you and a friend would like to volunteer, please email me at debra.b.britton@lonestar.edu or call at 713.305.6097.

We belong to the BEST DIVISION in TCA, TexAMCD!
See you all on November 5!