



# HCA Newsletter

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## From the President . . .

Wow!! Much has happened since our last newsletter. Our Fall Ethics workshop was a great success. Our presenter, Dr. Carolyn Greer, Past President of the Texas Counseling Association (TCA) and current President of the Texas Association for Humanistic Education and Development, reviewed ethic guidelines. Her enthusiasm, expertise and vast knowledge kept us entwined. She made dry, boring topics exceptionally interesting, especially when she reviewed the 1999 San Antonio case which reversed the Tarasoff case and the "Duty to Warn" for Texas LPC's. In fact she had us so involved that our three hour ethics workshop ran over because our participants had so many great questions. See workshop photos inside!

**Congratulations** are in order for Betty Porter and Debbie Rodriguez, the Liftoff 2000 TCA Professional Growth Conference Coordinators and all of the volunteers for a Superb Conference. Rosa Ramirez Guerrero, our opening keynoter, had us laughing, crying and dancing as she delivered her spellbinding message about how our cultures are like a tapestry. One gentleman commented that he had gone dancing until the wee hours of the morning and had planned to snooze during the opening session. However, he stated Rosa was so entertaining and uplifting that he could not ignore her. Our closing keynoter was just being herself, Tooty Byrd. She kept us laughing at ourselves, as always, for she truly understands the role of the Texas Counselor, especially school counselors. I enjoyed renewing and making new friendships and acquaintances from around our fair state of Texas. Networking opportunities were at a max with almost nineteen hundred participants. There were over seventy exhibitors and merchants displaying there merchandise, publications and services. As busy as I stayed I managed to purchase some silver Christmas jewelry that is stunning and unique. View some sights from Liftoff 2000 inside.

Our membership chair, Marilyn Balke reports that our numbers increased to 185, of which, 53 are new or returning members after a year or more lapse of HCA membership. We welcome all of you with open arms! Twelve members are retired and four are students. We have 57 members who have not renewed, among them are the college counseling educators — maybe that's why our student membership is so low. Marilyn Balke and Betty Porter are joining forces to investigate this concern. Please remember this year's theme of *Each One Bring One* to the events of HCA.



Cris Garza has graciously agreed to chair the Legislative committee and has begun planning arrangements for Lobby Day, February 13<sup>th</sup>, see Cris's note and the TCA Flyer. The time is now to contact your senators and representatives. Cindy Ashby, TCA Government Relations Coordinator, will be educating and training us about the protocol for Lobby Day. Mark January 26<sup>th</sup> and February 13<sup>th</sup> on your calendar now!

Last but not least our **HCA EACH ONE BRING ONE CHRISTMAS BUFFET AND SILENT AUCTION** is fast approaching this Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Irma Billette and Wanda Odom, our Hospitality chairs, are diligently planning the evening's events that you won't want to miss. I plan to bid on some gifts from the Silent Auction and support our Counselor Scholarship Fund. If you have not mailed your reservation, call Wanda Odom and mail the one inside.

See you at Birropretti's