



HCA Newsletter

A Local Chapter of the Texas Counseling Association
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From the President . . .

It has been my greatest pleasure serving as your HCA president for the last two years. Much has happened because **Each One Brought One**. Many thanks and congratulations are in order. To express the thanks and gratitude is my last official duty as your president. The Houston Counseling Association is successful because its members are involved, participate, and do make a difference. Our Awards Banquet Meeting, Wednesday, May 3, 2001, was a great success due to **Irma Billete & Wanda Odom**, Hospitality Co-Chairs and **Marlene Rubin**, Awards Chairperson, along with her committee, **Anne Winkler** and **Jon Dansby**.

After a short business meeting, the Awards presentation was held. Marlene Rubin, Chairperson of the awards committee orchestrated the presentation with the help of the following members:

Debra Rimmer-Mayorga elaborated on the awesome accomplishments and characteristics of **Betty Porter, The HCA Counselor of the Year**. Betty Porter then reviewed the numerous years of varying services diligently performed by **Debbie Rodriguez**. She was awarded the **HCA LaVaerne C. Carmical Award**. Lisa Pearsons read her nomination letter as **Carole Nelson** was awarded the **HCA Humanitarian and Caring Award**. **Anne Winkler** then enthusiastically presented the many **Volunteer Awards**.

The Houston Counseling Association congratulates each one of you for your dedication and endeavors for the organization, and the counseling profession.

Betty Porter, nominated for the TCA Outstanding Counselor Award and Corole Nelson, nominated for the TCA Humanitarian & Caring Awards have been submitted for the Texas Counseling Association Awards which will be awarded in November, 2001. In addition, the Houston

Counseling Association was nominated for the Outstanding Texas Chapter. Thank you for all who nominated and wrote recommendation letters for our local & state associations.

Abril Torres is the **2001 HCA Scholarship** recipient. Congratulations to her. You need to read her scholarship essay. We thank all who donated and bought Silent Auction items to make this scholarship possible.

A thank you is in order to all the many counselors who volunteered copious hours to pull off the most successful TCA Conference in history. Bravo! Bravo!

Last, but not least, a great THANK YOU is in order for our seminar presenters: **Carolyn Greer**, for the *Ethics for the Professional Counselor*; **Marilyn Balke**, for *How Much Joy You Can Stand?*; and **Chris A Ziegler Dendy**, for *Teens Talking to Teens-The ADD Experience!*

Lastly, we must offer prayers and consolations to those who are victims, yet survived the 2001 floods of Allison. The experience of having our weekend retreat flooded once with three feet of water, then totally submerged by flood waters the next day was heart breaking. I can not imagine what the victims must feel like who lost everything in their homes. However, I am very grateful my family is safe and healthy. We can replace the rest in time. I am sure many of you have volunteered to help flood victims and you are rightfully proud to be Counselors of the "Caring and Sharing" profession.

I wish **Yolanda Lewis**, much success during her presidency and HCA's Golden Anniversary.