



# Texas Association for Family Child Care P.A.T.T.E.R.N.

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Hello members,

It was so nice to see that the conference was a success. We had very good speakers, made new friends and were informed on how well the association is doing. The business meeting went well with the elections and the audit committee's report on various things we should look into implementing.

I am open to suggestions regarding locations for our seminars and trainings. Remember, this is your association.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. May God bless all of you and your families.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Brown, President, TAFCC

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## VP Notes

I would like to introduce myself to any of you that do not know me: I'm Janie Mills, the new vice president. I'm a wife of 47 years to Clois, mother of two wonderful children who have given us six grandchildren and blessed us with one great-grandson and a great-granddaughter due in June. I have had a child care in my home for 40 years.

I'm licensed and care for 12 children every day. We do a school program for all children 18 months and older, take children to school, and do a lunch-time pickup, two after-school pickups and go on field trips. As you can see, I stay very busy, but will do the job of vice president to the best of my abilities. I expect the same from all officers, area representatives, and committee members.

No one person can run this association; it takes all of us. I have taken the job of conference coordinator for the 2012 year and will be setting up dates for meetings for everyone who wants to help with the conference. The year has been off to a good start, with lots of new names on the list of workers, including nominating committee members Marcia Jones, Kenetra Williams, Dorothy McClure, and Barbara Luft. Other officers include: Door Prizes - Charline Dunlapp; Silent Auction - Rose Brown; Exhibits - Candy Amuda; Greeters - Charline Williams, Terry Bell, Dee Franklin, Rolanda Sterling, and Marcia Jones; Hospitality - Clarissa Pitts; Resources - Linda Morris and Peggy Romo. Rhonda Crabbs will serve as speaker facilitator again, while Heidi Pearson will serve as web master. Penney Warner will be taking over the newsletter. We are welcoming Teresa Smith as the newly-elected membership secretary.

As of this newsletter, we have two new ladies that are going to be area representatives: they are Bren Watson from Bridgeport and Charlene Dunlap from Fort Worth. Both these ladies will be calling on all of us for help. When one of these ladies asks for your advice and help, remember you were new once and someone took you under their wing and helped you, so pass it on.

I will be getting in touch with each of the ladies listed above to see if they need anything. If you would like to work on conference or be an area representative, please call me at [972-296-2093](tel:972-296-2093) or e-mail me at [janiemill@yahoo.com](mailto:janiemill@yahoo.com). I look forward to seeing all of you at the first seminar.

Janie Mills, Vice President

## For the 'Record' ...

Hello association members,

I wish each and every one of you had attended the annual conference. The event was a success from all the information I received from the members who attended. The speakers were very good and the classes were formatted to qualify for the new state requirements.

The conference was very interesting and fun. The members were given time to ask questions and state their concerns at the association business meeting. We were able to get real feedback from the members and the members seemed to appreciate the opportunity.

The association has a plan in place to allow members to pay for the conference in advance by making payments throughout the year. This approach keeps members from having to pay the full amount all at one time. This should work great for everyone. If interested in participating in this payment setup, please contact Pam Canataro.

This coming year should be a great year for the association. We have identified possible volunteers for the positions of area representatives. This could increase the number of workshops available this year if they follow through.

Should any of the members have questions or comments that would help the association improve in various areas, please e-mail me at [georgeromop@hotmail.com](mailto:georgeromop@hotmail.com), and I will forward the information to the board of directors for the next meeting in order to discuss those comments or questions.

I hope everyone has a great and safe Memorial Day weekend.

George Romo, Recording Secretary

## Hey, Members ...

I want to introduce myself - my name is Teresa Smith, and I have recently taken over the role of Membership Secretary. If you need to reach me, my email address is [teresa.tafcc2011@verizon.net](mailto:teresa.tafcc2011@verizon.net)

Please take some time to check out the association website at [www.tafcc.org](http://www.tafcc.org). You will notice that there is a member's page with a downloadable member directory. Please verify that your contact information is up to date. If you find that changes need to be made to the directory, please contact me and I will correct the information.

Teresa Smith, Membership Secretary



## Back from Conference ...

Conference has come and gone for another year, but I would like to take a few minutes to say thank you to all of you who took the time to participate. Without you, our conference would be nothing. You are what makes it a great success. We had a fun, relaxed, informative and educational weekend.

Everyone knows those who worked out front handing out gifts, papers, and taking money for the different committees, but it takes more than that to put this conference together. I would like to thank each of you who picked up trash, cleaned the hospitality room, directed people to where the meetings were located, took on the auditor's job at the last second, introduced someone new, helped pack up, as well as load and unload boxes. There are lots more who contributed, and you are all wonderful. We have read the evaluations, and you scored the conference 8, 9, and 10 's. Thanks - that means we did a good job.

The things you asked for included a conference in Fort Worth. It's a done deal. I signed the contract last week. We will be at the Radisson North - Fossil Creek, and rooms will be \$89 before tax. You asked for more space for the vendors and we have the upper terrace in the center of the hotel set aside for 12 vendors. The auction items will be set up in the Westbrook - the room in which we will have our meals. Also, there are no parking fees! Our hospitality room will be able to serve anything they want, so we will have our Friday night fun time once again. Since you all liked the classes ending at 6:30 p.m., WE WILL DO THAT AGAIN.

As you can see, the conference for 2012 is well into the works. We will try and start our meetings in June or July for any one that would like to join us in working on the conference. Please call me if you have any questions at [972-296-2093](tel:972-296-2093), or e-mail me at [janemill@yahoo.com](mailto:janiemill@yahoo.com). We will get the information about the conference on the web page as soon as Heidi is able to do so, and we will provide you with the dates and times of our conference meetings.

See you soon, and watch the web for upcoming seminars.

Janie Mills, Conference Coordinator

# Treasurer's Report

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If you missed conference, you missed an opportunity to be part of a warm, friendly gathering, and we missed seeing you there! Many of us were not certain what to expect when it came time to elect new officers, as well as what to expect upon hearing the audit report. Change is always good, and there were some changes recommended and implemented. With those changes was a sense of obligation and responsibility to do it right. As your treasurer, it is an honor to work with such dedicated professionals. I look forward to this next year and expect growth in all areas.

**Note:**

COMPASS for your card account: Any TAFCC member that opens an account with COMPASS using the pin code of 81270 funds an additional \$25 for your association general account. So IF you are looking to switch banks or open a personal account with COMPASS, call Nadine Hylton with BBVA at [972.221.9444](tel:972.221.9444) and she will secure that this funding takes place for TAFCC.

**NOTE:** Below reflects TAFCC Accounts as they stand to date.

<b>Checking Account for Business Account Recap</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance as of April 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$6,766.85</b>
<b>5 Deposits</b>	<b>2,245.00</b>
<b>8 Withdrawals</b>	<b>1,218.55</b>
<b>Ending Balance as of April 29, 2011</b>	<b>\$7,793.30</b>
<b>Beginning Balance as of May 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$7,793.30</b>
<b>2 Deposits</b>	<b>1,867.00</b>
<b>10 Withdrawals [Conference Related]</b>	<b>1,176.07</b>
<b>Ending Balance as of May 28, 2011</b>	<b>\$8,484.23</b>

# Representatives' Notes



Greetings members,

I hope that all of you are having a pleasant spring. Personally, I am enjoying the weather very much. I do know that the hot times will be here soon.

I want to let you know that the State Legislature is still in session, and we do not know yet what changes will affect us. Some requirements that may come to pass includes the requirement to carry liability insurance. If it does not pass this term, they will keep trying until it becomes law. I also know that they will be increasing the amount of training hours that we will be required to receive.

If you did not attend the all-day training on April 2, then you missed a great day. This was the first time DPRS hosted a training on their own. It was free - even lunch was complementary. The big issue is that there are 5,000 facilities in our region, and only 400 were allowed to attend on a first-come basis. Next year, be quick.

The new minimum standards are beginning to arrive. They will be expecting that we know and follow them by late summer or early fall.

If you do not have your emergency preparedness plan ready, just know that this will be one of the state's priorities. Also, they will check for the way you serve water to your kids. Check the standards.

Remember how lucky we are as members: we have access to each other and our experiences. If you should need to ask a question about anything that one of us can help with, you can find all of us by visiting the website [tafcc.org](http://tafcc.org). Also, if you have something to share, please send your information to Penney Warner through this newsletter. We like sharing.

Ms. Sandra Shults  
Area Representative  
Keller, TX

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Let's applaud our conference coordinator, Janie Mills, for her dedication to making our conference this year an event to remember. She put in a lot of hard work in addition to overseeing her own childcare business. It takes much time and effort to put together a conference, so we need to also thank her team of volunteers who came together and put on a smooth-running conference. What a great job they all did.

We had wonderful speakers and great door prizes. I hope that all who attended had a good time, made new friends, and came away with new ideals to use in their businesses. I enjoyed seeing everyone and hope to see you all at the 2012 conference. Remember as well to call me if you need any questions answered. God bless each of you, your families and businesses.

Judy Johnson,  
Fort Worth Area Representative



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**Don't let all these names fool you. We are still looking for volunteers to rotate shifts at conference. If you are interested in serving the association, please contact any of the board members.**