



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

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March 2011

It's that time of year when we look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. With conference just around the corner, I am looking forward to meeting and greeting all of you. Spring is in the air so we all are ready for a fun weekend of getting our training hours for the year.

I am very proud of our website. Let us know about your local associations, we would like to visit with you. I would like to remind all providers how special you are and how much your parents depend on you. Please remember to take care of YOU first, your body, your mind, and your health. See you all soon.

Sincerely,
Phyllis Brown
President

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Representative Sandra Shults,

To associate child care professionals,

Spring is here, or soon will be. What a winter weather we have had. I am glad to see the warmth. I hope that all of you will remember my past articles. They were telling you to pay it forward. If someone has helped you with anything to advance your thinking, and, or actions, please pass on your talents to others. That, my dear friends is how we will be successful. Also, if you make a mistake, remember, we learn best from them. Sharing our goofs, help others too. I have sent out a challenge in the past that you could always write an article in this newsletter. I haven't seen many takers yet, but, I know that some are thinking about this. If so, put it in a response to Sandra's call for a response.

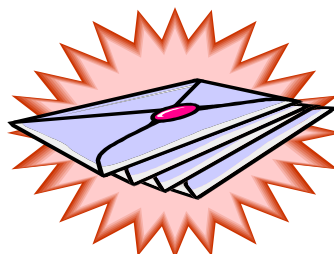
My suggestion, and this is big to me. I teach the children about Jesus, how he wants us to "Love our Neighbor, " and to "Feed his sheep". I personally feel that Jesus will keep sending me clients that will fit with the teachings. I must say it has been working for me so far. If that is not on your line of curriculum, the Golden Rule is pretty good. Treat others as you would have them treat you. A few years ago, we did a major training on Ethics. We found out that major corporations use the Golden Rule as their ethics policy. This is a good motto to live by. Speaking of Motto's. A lot of you do not know one of my favorite personal motto's, so please let me share it with you. First, a little background about me. I have been a child care professional, (at first maybe not so professional, but I learned from some of you) since July 1974. Before that I was a bank officer. Now you will understand my favorite motto. " I WOULD RATHER CLEAN LITTLE HINIES, THAN KISS BIG ONES". I even have a 26 by 20 quilted wall hanging of this. It is something that I use as an ice breaker, when I interview new parents. It always gets a laugh. Please do not use my motto, rather create a unique personalized one for yourself.

I hope to see all of you at Conference. Speaking of Conference, if you have never worked on a Conference, or served on the board of directors, you are missing out on something precious. Yes, it is time consuming at times, and you have a few anxieties, but it is soooooo worth it. Check with your board members. Janie Mills, could use some help at all times during conference. We need people to volunteer to serve on the board. FYI, any member can serve. FYI, anyone can be a member. Spouse, parent, corporation, exhibitor, we are all involved with the children. "It take a village to raise a child". We need the whole village.

Dear Members,

I want to thank all of our wonderful members for sending in their 2011 membership renewals and a great big welcome to all of our new members. For those of you that haven't sent in your membership don't worry you can send it in at anytime, you will find an enrollment form attached to your newsletter. If you have any questions about membership feel free to contact me at anytime. If you haven't had a chance to check out our website please do so at www.tafcc.org there is always useful information to benefit your day care. Some information you can find is free training, one day seminars, directory of members, annual conference information, and more.

Heidi Pearson
Membership Secretary



Ladies,

I hope everyone survived the bad weather we have been experiencing and were able to have a memorable Valentine's day. I know some husbands forget like someone I won't mention, but again I hope you had a great valentines day.

I was wanting to let you know that the Board of Directors has been working hard on the annual conference and trying to keep the workshops moving along. Alice Lang held a workshop in the Colony and had a very informative and entertaining workshop. This was Alice Lang's first try at putting on a workshop and she did a great job. I would like to attend another one of her workshops, good job. Judy Johnson held her annual workshop and we had three new members join at the workshop. We had a good attendance and Judy and Sandra did a fantastic job on the workshop. Should you have any questions, concerns, or requests please contact me or any director. We are here to serve you any way we can. Remember, you can go to our website and pre-register for the Conference and the association has set up a way for the members to pre-pay for Conference in installments so the cost won't have to be paid all at one time. Contact Pam Cannataro – Treasurer for details. Hope to see you at the Annual Conference in Dallas and would like to get your input on the next one.

Your Acting Vice-President
Peggy Romo



Hello All,

I am writing to remind you all this is the last newsletter where I will be the Editor. I have had a great run and I want to pass it to someone who will take it and run with it. It is a hard job, coordinating all the articles to get turned in on time, putting it together, editing it and of course sprucing it up! As long as you have a little time and you would like to help our association run smoothly, it will be WELL worth it!! I am venturing into the health and fitness field and I have recently started a Team Beachbody business, so I now have too much on my plate. When I looked at all the stuff I have going on I just can not swing it anymore. I am a wife and mother of two young children 1 and 3 and one 8 year old, a daycare professional, of course, an Independent Coach with Team Beachbody, an inspiring fitness instructor– Hip Hop Hustle, Zumba, Kickboxing and Cardio Dance Party, active member of my church and coach of my sons soccer team. I barely have a day of rest so now is the time I have to pass being the Editor to someone else. I have fulfilled my original agreement that I would serve one full year then evaluate if I wanted to continue. Thank you for all your support and for those of you who have helped me along the way!! It's been fun!! Take care ladies and be blessed!! :)

Nidrah Green

Treasurer's Report

Dear Members,

As the Treasurer, I believe in transparency and believe that this responsibility is to be taken seriously. Please address all applications to me and I will process them with urgency. You deserve to know how your association operates and you are entitled to hold each board member to a high standard while we serve you.

As we grow, and **we are growing**, we should each understand that there is something for each of us to do. Should you want to be considered for an active role in your Association, please contact a Board Member.

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

Pam Cannataro/Treasurer

104 Wild Rose Ct.
Weatherford, Tx 76087
817-596-7654



Checking Account for Business

Account Recap

Beginning Balance as of Feb. 1, 2011	\$ 6,302.07
Ending Balance as of Feb. 28, 2011	\$ 7,199.38

Books are being Audited by the Audit Committee this month to present the Books to the Membership at Conference. Be there and see first hand how your money is being utilized to maximize you and your associations commitment to excellence as professionals.

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 972.221.9444 @ BBVA and she will secure this funding for TAFCC.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

April 16th, Friday 6:30pm
Hat Fashion Show and Pizza Party

Bring a Hat to Conference decorated before the Hat Parade or come and bring your ideas to share. Some Materials will be available but will limit your design so get original and creative and bring your hat to conference!!!! No Shows [those without a hat] Will Judge the Parade.

Great prizes will be awarded for:

Most Creative
Newest Design -
Best of Show -
Craziest Design -
Most Fun to Make -
Hottie Tottie Hat -
Slum Dog Hat -
Cowboy Hat -
Straw Hat to Die For -
Most Fashionable
Best Kid Hat Designed by an Adult
Caps are Welcomed



" I believe we have some of the Most Creative Members and that we will be surprised at WHO comes prepared to WIN!!!!"

If you have any questions contact or for more details.
Pam Cannataro 817.596.7654

Dear Colleagues:

It is that time again for our 2011 conference. We need items for our silent auction. If you would like to donate an item to make this one of the biggest auction we've ever had, please bring the item(s) with you to conference and if you are not coming to conference you can still donate. Please do not hesitate to call me for suggests, pick up etc..... The proceeds will be donated to a non-profit organization. We want our member to be involve in as much as possible, if you know of a charity that we can donate to please submit that information to me before April 16th for consideration.

Remember all donations are tax deductible. See you at conference!!!!!!!!!!

Representative Clarissa Pitts
214-538-8808 or tuacdaycare@sbcglobal.net

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Did I really see Spring Break on the colander? Yes it's that time again so it must be time to get ready for Conference! We have 5 weeks to get everything ready. Have you paid your Conference fee? Remember that everyone that gets registered early gets their packets personal made up, they get their name put into a drawing for a special gift and they will be the first to receive door prizes. This \$95.00 is the best money you will spend all year. Just think what you get, Friday night Pizza Party, Saturday morning full breakfast, Saturday lunch will be a light lunch then there's closing lunch on Sunday that is a set down lunch. Along with this you may use the hospitality room if you need something extra during the day, and you can receive up to 20 clock hours if you attend everything. If you do not want to attend the late class then you can enjoy some of the many things to do in the Dallas area.

Did all of you book your hotel rooms? The Sheraton has offered you a rate of \$89.00 per night plus tax for up to 4 people in a room. This offer is only good until March 28, 2011. After that you will be charged the regular rates.

All of the Conference chairs are getting the last touches in place hoping you have a wonderful time and can go home with lots of new ideas and new training. Rhonda Crabbs has tried to get all new speakers and has taken her time to make this year's training the best ever. When you see her at Conference make it a point to let her know how you liked the training.

Erica Revia and Linda Morris and several others have some new gifts for you as door prizes and we hope you enjoy each one. Clarissa Pitts is busy with the auction and could use anything you could donate. Judy Johnson and her crew is putting the finishing touches on hospitality. The officers and board members are trying to get the news out there about Conference but they could use your help, tell everyone you know that does child care even if there not a member, they can join us at Conference.

Since this is the last news letter before Conference I am working on getting everything ready to print. If you have anything that needs to be in our folders please get it to me as soon as possible. Looking forward to seeing all of our regular members that come every year and hoping to see lots of the new members. As this will be there first Conference.

Janie Mills Conference Chair

I want to start out by saying "Thank You" to those who stepped up and gave me door prizes for my seminar. It was a seminar full of good information and training. I really don't have much to report but wanted to keep in touch with all the members. Our 2011 conference is coming up the last week of April and Sandra, Teresa, and I need (you guessed it) donations for the hospitality room. If you or someone you know can donate things like bottled water, chips, cookies, finger foods, crackers or even cans of soda pop it would really be appreciated.

If you can help your association with conference items or can help in the hospitality room setting up and maintaining the room please contact me. It takes members working together to hold a conference. Thank you for considering helping out this year. Remember if you have questions or need help please call me and I will try to get the answers for you. Hope to see you at conference and God Bless each of you.

Representative Judy Johnson
j.johnjj@verizon.net 814-431-2783

Official Membership Open Meeting

Association members, this notice will serve as the official notice of the Annual Open Membership Meeting . This notice meets the requirements of the Association By-Laws on meeting notices. The meeting is open to all current members of the Association at no charge. **Should you want to attend the meeting only, you are Not** obligated to pay the Conference fee to attend. The meeting will be held at:

Sheraton Suites Hotel
2101 N. Stemmons Freeway
Dallas Texas 75207

The Open Meeting shall start at 1:00P.M. and go until 2:00P.M. With an additional thirty (30) minutes available if needed. The Association encourages all members to attend.

Recording Secretary,
George Romo

Open Positions

We currently have several open positions on different Committees and we need volunteers to fill these positions. Information on these positions can be found on the Association website in the procedure manual section. Should you have interest in running for the positions you can familiarize yourself with the job descriptions. The board of Directors is currently trying to fill vacancies on our committees, if you are interested contact Phyllis Brown 214-492-9406 **no later than March 20, 2011.**

Nominating Committee

1 position available
Judy Johnson
Marcia Jones

Audit Committee

Clarissa Pitts
Wally Wallace
Loretta Brown

Legislative Committee

Sandra Shults
Heidi Pearson
Amanda Pullen

Vice-President

Nominated and Elected at conference

Membership Secretary

Nominated and Elected at conference





Texas Association for Family Child Care

Nominations 2011

To take office in 2012

Nominations are now being accepted for the following Officer positions:

- Vice President
- Membership Secretary

Voluntary Positions available:

- Conference Coordinator 2012
 - Speaker Facilitator
 - Door prizes/Donations
 - Silent Auction
 - Hospitality Room
 - Resources
 - Exhibits
 - Greeters
- Newsletter Editor
- Web Master
- Audit Committee (3)
- Legislative Committee (3)
- Nominating Committee (3)

For an explanation of each position please visit www.tafcc.org and look under the members tab and find the Procedural Manuals.

I, _____, do hereby nominate _____		
For the position of: _____		
Signature of Nominator	Date:	Phone Number

Elections will be held at the annual meeting

When: April 30th, Saturday
Where: Sheraton Suites Market Center
 2101 Stemmons Freeway
 Dallas, TX 75205
 214-747-3000
Time: 1 pm-2 pm

Mail to:
 Nominating Committee Chair
 Judy Johnson
 516 Cherokee Trl.
 Keller, TX 76248
 817-431-2783
j.johnsonjj@verison.net

On The Horizon

Lots and lots of changes to our Minimum standards coming...

- Must have an emergency plan
 - New food standards:
 - Whole grain
 - No added sugar in drinks
 - Water throughout the day
 - Limit of 2 hours total screen time
 - TV
 - Computer
 - Transportation/Vehicles
- Increasing temperature to 101.0– exclude from daycare
 - And many more

* The state will teach and assist until June 1st, then they will issue citations

Free Childcare Courses
offered thru Argi-life Extension

<http://childcare.tamu.edu>



We are here for YOU!!!



Texas Association for Family Child Care Annual Conference Registration Form

3 T's of Child Care ... Tips, Tricks, & Techniques

When: April 29th– May 1st
Where: Sheraton Suites Market Center
2101 Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, TX 75205
214-747-3000

Rooms: \$89 + tax (up to 4 people)
Check in: 3pm Check out: 12pm

For more information contact
Conference Coordinator
Janie Mills
972-296-2093
janiemill@yahoo.com

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Fees:

- \$95.00 Conference registration fee
- \$40.00 New Members **TAFCC Membership Dues** (you must be a member to attend)

\$ _____ **Total Enclosed** ****Registration must be postmarked by April 1, 2011****

Payment Plan:

I would like to submit \$ _____ toward my conference fees.
The TAFCC Association payment plan option is available to any and all members that wish to pay through out the year verses paying the full amount all at once. Submit this form with every payment.

Make check or money order payable to TAFCC

Mail this completed application and payment to:

TAFCC
Pam Cannataro
104 Wild Rose Court
Weatherford, TX 76087

OFFICE ONLY:

Date Received: ____/____/____ Check #: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Treasurer Initial: _____



Texas Association for Family Child Care Membership Application

Please check one: **New Member** **Renewing Member**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Local Association: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Permission is given **Yes** **No** to have the newsletter or other publications sent to my email address.

Permission is given **Yes** **No** for my information to be on the TAFCC website.

TAFCC Membership Dues - \$40.00 per year

Due by: **March 1st** to be a member in good standing and eligible for an open Board position.
All members are entitled to one vote in organization business.

Make check or money order payable to TAFCC

Mail this completed application and payment to:

TAFCC
Pam Cannataro
104 Wild Rose Court
Weatherford, TX 76087

Return check fee of \$25.00 applicable

Membership Secretary
Heidi Pearson
817-741-2762
almostmontx@lsc.com.net

OFFICE ONLY:

Date Received: ____/____/____ Check #: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Treasurer Initial: _____