



# TPF Today

*For those who support the Texas Psychological Association and the Texas psychological community.*

## Past President's Column: Elizabeth Richeson, Ph.D.



What a fantastic convention! With nearly 600 attendees the 2006 TPA convention held in Dallas was a phenomenal success. There were many superb presentations to choose from along with networking and socializing opportunities. Then with the TPA book store and of course the TPF auction there were shopping opportunities as well. There even were lapel pins, key chains and bracelets

being sold to benefit **Jennifer Ann's Group** – the non profit organization whose purpose is to educate to prevent teen dating violence (go to [www.JenniferAnn.org](http://www.JenniferAnn.org) for more information).

I have been attending TPA conventions since 1983 after relocating to Texas from Korea. It seems that every year TPA conventions get bigger and better and they have become more pertinent to new and experienced psychologists alike. How great to get such quality continuing education credits all in one place.

We had 10 TPA Distinguished Professional Contribution Awards bestowed on our 11 colleagues. We were introduced to the new TPA board, and we had five student awards. We had student award winners in attendance not only to receive their award but to present a brief overview of their projects or their proposed research.

Deborah Horn, Student Division Chair and Student Representative on the TPA Board of Trustees, is an incredible woman. With her task orientation and keen organizational skills she facilitated the collaboration with all the student award recipients for their presentations. She also conducted a Student Division meeting.

I can't thank the TPF board enough for all of their hard work this year. They were certainly asked for a great deal and they rose to the challenge. Those of you leaving the board this year – it was a pleasure working with you and I wish you well with your future endeavors. For those of you joining us – you have big shoes to fill but I know you can do it. The names of the new members will be announced after their confirmation by the TPA Board of Trustees at their next meeting.

Since my term as President ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, this will be my last TPF newsletter. I have enjoyed working with this board and

on our numerous projects enormously. It gave me great satisfaction to be able to accomplish as much as we did this year. I am equally excited to go forward on the board as Past President to work on new projects, such as the **Stand Against Violence** and **Texas State of Mind**. I am hopeful that **The Jennifer Ann Crecente Memorial Grant**, new this year, will be as significant an addition to our student awards that we expect it to be.

On a personal note, I want to send my sincerest thanks to all of you for your kindness, prayers, and support upon the murder of my granddaughter Jennifer Ann Crecente. While nothing will diminish the pain of that loss for me and my family, it has heartened us all, knowing that with the help of TPA and TPF her memory will be honored in such a profound way. Thank you.

**THE AUCTION and RAFFLE:** The auction fund raiser yielded a gross profit to TPF of : \$4200

We had the welcome addition of guitar music by Tom Van Hoose and Rick McGraw who contributed their money dropped into their plate to TPF. Thank you to Tom and Rick for their donation of time and their musical talents. It certainly added a wonderful ambience to the final hours of the silent auction.

We added a raffle to our fund raising efforts this year. The item being raffled off was a 1total karat weight diamond and gold heart pendant on a gold chain. Board members and others sold approximately 140 tickets and made a gross profit of \$764. The winning ticket drawn by the TPA President, Melba Vasquez, was purchased by Michael Hand of El Paso. Congratulations to Dr. Hand.

My sincere thank you to all of you who worked to make the Auction and Raffle a success: some of you donated items, some collected them, some sold raffle tickets, and many helped set up the auction sight. There was so many of you to help – so many to thank. I want to extend an additional thank you to the Auction Committee: Patrick Ellis, Co-Chair, Elizabeth Richeson, Co-Chair, Richard Holt, Dean Paret, Suzanne Mouton-Odum, and Catherine Matthews. Without the efforts of all of you, we would not have been able to be as successful as we were.

Dr. Ollie Seay's students were in attendance as volunteers helping with the auction set up and other tasks. Thank you Dr. Seay and students Nancy and Natalie – your help was appreciated.

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**BOARD MEETING:** Our annual board meeting was held during the convention. Drs. Seay and Davidson were kind enough to attend our board meeting. Dr. Seay announced the new program that will be under the auspices of TPF entitled **TEXAS STATE OF MIND**. Look for information coming to your community on this exciting new educational endeavor that will also be a fund raiser at its conclusion. Dr. Davidson, TPA's Public Education Committee Chair, was there to discuss the **STAND AGAINST VIOLENCE** campaign and the development of the brochures and posters planned for 2007. New members were nominated . . .

**SPRING APPEAL:** Our Spring appeal for donations was a success. We received more than \$6000 in monetary donations to TPF over the course of the year. Combined with the donations of items for our auction, we received a total of over \$10,000.

**AWARDS:** The student awards winners for 2006 were:

**Graduate Student Research Proposal Award:**

Ψ Jessica Gurley, MA : "A Time-Limited Intervention Program for Families of Divorce"

Ψ Jonathan D. Horowitz, MA: "Does Overregulation of Emotions Contribute to Anxiety Disorders? An Experimental Investigation of Acceptance and Anxiety"

**Manuel Ramirez Dissertation:**

Ψ Gregory S. Chasson, MA: "Treatment Attrition with Child Victims of Violence: The Role of Trauma Symptoms and Ethnicity"

**Bo and Sally Family Psychology Research Award:**

Ψ Annette S. Kluck, MA: "Family Factors in the Development of Disordered Eating: Understanding the Dynamic and Behavioral Influences of the Family"

**Alexander Psychobiology/Psychophysiology Award:**

Ψ William Fisher: "Youth with Impulsive Aggression: Anticonvulsant Medication Compliance and Outcome for 2005 - 2006"

We were pleased since that three of our five winners were able to attend the convention. This is the first year that TPF paid for the student award recipient's transportation, one night's lodging and convention registration. This will be an ongoing addition to the monetary award and it is our hope that that will facilitate award winner attendance at future TPA conventions.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to the Awards Committee: Sheila Jenkins ,Ph.D, chair; Carolos Diaz-Lazaro, Ph.D., and Suzanne Mouton-Odum, Ph.D. whose job it was to sift through the many applicants and choose the winning papers.

**INCOMING TPF PRESIDENT:** Sheila Jenkins, Ph.D., of Houston took over the helm of TPF as President on January 1, 2007. We wish her much success and know that TPF will be in great hands.

**The list of those donating items to the auction follows:**

**Items collected by Melba Vasquez**

- Purple satin evening bag by Vanessa Handbags (Nicole of Elle Boutique – Austin)
- "How to Survive and Thrive as a Therapist: Information, Ideas, and Resources for Psychologists in Practice", by Kenneth S. Pope and Melba J. T. Vasquez (2005), published by the American Psychological Association.
- Handmade beaded necklace with olive serpentine, Bali silver, and yellow turquoise scarab pendant - \$80 (Barbara Burnham)

**Items collected by Roberta Nutt**

- Blue pearl necklace, pearls are elongated not round
- Reconstituted turquoise, Bali silver, and onyx necklace and earring set
- Bag of earrings, 15 to 20 pairs

**Items collected by Ollie Seay**

- Business Card Case, Lipstick Case, Large Pendant , Small Pendant, Post Earrings, Dangle Earrings, Dangle Earrings (Ann Jones)
- Beatles Pottery piece with song words, Beatles Pottery piece with song words (Richard & Marlys Kunkel of Wildflower Pottery)

**Items collected by Dee Yates**

- Two Weekend Nights for two - Bed and Breakfast at her lake house in Horseshoe Bay – one hour southwest of Austin

**Items collected by Cheryl Hall**

- Large heart with wings 10 x 16 metal wall hanging by artist Charise Knudson of the Ediblemetal Studio in Lubbock. (Charise Knudson)
- Handmade Native American doll, adorned with handmade clothes and beautiful necklace
- Silverplate bracelet, made from antique piece of silverware. Artist is Perry and Kelly Smith of Post, TX, The Silversmiths.

**Items collected by Betty Richeson**

- Barnes and Noble gift card \$60 (Janna Magee)

**Items collected by Michael Pelfrey**

- 2 original pastels - landscapes by Sandra Pelfrey
- Football with certificate of authenticity and picture autographed by the by the man who holds the record for the longest field goal in college history (Ove Johannson)

**Items collected by Beth Abbott**

- Cactus on canvas – framed original oil

**Items collected by Angela Ladogana**

- Auction décor, boxes and wraps
- Red, white, & blue star shaped chip and dip

### Items collected by Betty Richeson

- Books: *Final Analysis - the making & unmaking of a psychoanalyst*, *Needful Things* by Stephen King, *Portrait of a Killer - Jack the Ripper Case Closed* by Patricia Cornwall, *They Shoot Canoes Don't They*, 3- Alexander McCall Smith Books (*Portuguese Irregular Verbs*, *The Finer Points of Sausage Dogs* & *At the Village of Reduced Circumstances*), *The Weekend Novelist*, *If you Give a Pig a Pancake* and *If you take a Mouse to School*, *Crepes*, *How to Read a French Fry*, *My Life as a Fake* (book on tape), *My Heart your Heart It's never to late to have a happy childhood*, *My Depression Picture Book*, *Great American Love Stories*, *Walk in Beauty*, *Rating your Psychotherapist*, *Tales & Inventions of Felix Muriel*, *The Birds of Baden-Baden*, *I can see you naked*, *138 Quick Ideas to Get more Clients*, *The top 500 poems*, *The book of Days*, 8 copies of *The 7 habits of Highly Effective People* (on tape)
- Black sequined toss pillow, Silver poinsettia candle snuffer, 2 CD set- Ultimate Power of a Diva Christmas, CD - Rock Dreams, Red snowflake mug with mug warmer

–2 children's Christmas stockings, "Anyway" T-shirt - with quote, King Kooker barbeque apron & oven mitt, Moccasin styled dog booties, Wizard Workout Word Games Book with CD, Word Set - 4" word in black wood 'RELAX', 6" Pillar candle and candle holder, Reversible table runner 14" X 90", Deluxe Tabletop Wine Opener, 18kt gold over sterling 1.00 ct tw diamond heart shaped pendant (RAFFLE ITEM)

–Two weekend nights for two - Weekend Bed & Breakfast in our mountain log home 1 ½ hours west of Colorado Springs, Colorado

### Items collected by Patrick Ellis

- Three stack of wooden elephants, 12" giraffe, Metal frog tea light holder

### Items collected by Brian and Patricia Crencente

- "The Write Brain Workbook"

### Items collected by Suzanne Mouton-Odum

- Antique Humidor with gold motif: (Nancy Van Morkhoven)
- Blue Topaz and crystal necklace and matching earrings (JoBeth Hawkins)
- Silver heart charm bracelet
- Silver bead bracelet
- Brass chain necklace
- Pink and blue silk scarf
- Watercolor painting by Debbie Hutchinson of Santa Fe, NM
- 6 Placemats and napkins with festive Mexican flair
- Silver 5X7 frame
- Chris Notti animal print slippers and eye shade
- Red glass mosaic hanging candle holder



Thank you to EVERYONE who donated, collected and purchased items for the auction. We could not have pulled it off without your generosity, time and effort!