



TPF Today

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

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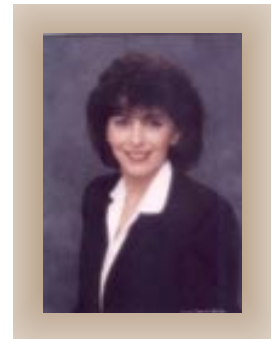
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President's Column

The Foundation Board with the help of David White, Sherry Reisman, Lindell Brown, Monica Campos, and others, has been very busy since the last newsletter. Having confirmed the Advisory Board Membership, we have finalized our letterhead, identified the Awards Committee members, chosen the Auction Collection Members with sites around Texas, and added a new grant. The TPF portion of the TPA website has been expanded to include our mission statement, list of board members, and to facilitate a greater ease for those wishing to make tax-deductible donations. Additionally, we have an idea in development focusing on educating the public about Violence against Women. See more detailed information about all of these items below.

As we get ready, for what promises to be an outstanding TPA convention in Dallas, I hope that all of you will consider getting more involved with TPF and its COMMUNITY OUTREACH approach to the charitable, educational or scientific psychology programs in Texas. Whether you have a student to nominate, want to

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simply help get the word to students about the awards; are willing to solicit donations for our auction – perhaps donate something of your own; or donate time to give presentations at your local schools on the Prevention of Violence against Women. Regardless of your interests and abilities, it's likely we have a place for you.

All too often, psychologists have to work in isolation. Volunteering with TPF gives you a chance to become part of a professional team. It's been very rewarding for me these past six months and I hope to hear from those of you interested in joining our team.



Don't Miss This!

- TPA Annual Convention November 16 -18, 2006.
- Make your donation to *The Jennifer Ann Crecente Memorial Grant*. (page 3)
- TPF Silent Auction Donation Sites (page 4)

Introducing the Advisory Board

Governor Dolph Briscoe, Uvalde, Texas – Dolph Briscoe, Jr., governor, statesman, philanthropist, and rancher is a true champion for children and adults with mental disorders in Texas. Governor Briscoe is credited with helping Texans prevent mental health problems and access mental health services in the community as well as protecting the rights of persons with mental illnesses. Additionally, along with his beloved partner, Janey, their constant

support of those most in need and their philanthropic generosity has impacted the lives of countless Texans.

During the 1970's when Dolph Briscoe, Jr. served as governor of Texas, he established the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development, which focused on the needs of children under the age of six.

Another important initiative launched by Governor Briscoe was the Governor's Task Force on Youth and Rehabilitation, which

worked to fill the state's gap in preventive services. This task force worked on parenting, early childhood screening, reduction of institutionalization, nutrition for pregnant mothers and children, treatment and care of young children and child abuse prevention.

Governor Briscoe expanded funding for mental health services in the community. Improvements in educational services for children with autism, the insanity defense, emergency detention, and patient's rights limiting indefinite commitment to inpatient facilities were also realized.

Denton Cooley, M.D., Houston, Texas – founder, president and surgeon-in-chief of the Texas Heart Institute, is a world-renowned surgeon, having pioneered many techniques used in cardiovascular surgery today.

In addition to the first successful human heart transplant in the United States and the first implantation of a total artificial heart in a human, Dr. Cooley and his associates have performed more than 97,000 open-heart surgeries—more than any other facility in the world.

Dr. Cooley is a 1998 recipient of the nation's highest honor for technological innovation, the National Medal of Technology, presented by President Clinton. Some of his additional honors and awards include the national Medal of Freedom, presented by President Reagan in 1984, and the Rene Leriche Prize, the highest honor of the International Surgical Society. He has been named Distinguished Alumnus at both the University of Texas and the Johns Hopkins University; Honorary Fellow in four Royal Colleges of Surgery; and has received decorations from 12 foreign countries. He is also the author or co-author of more than 1,200 scientific articles and several books.

Kathy Cronkite, Austin, Texas - author and mental health advocate, is a popular writer, journalist and public speaker. As one of the millions who suffer from clinical depression, she has become a tireless champion for mental health.

Her book, "On the Edge of Darkness: Conversations about Conquering Depression" (Doubleday, 1994), has received wide acclaim for its informative and eloquent treatment of mental illness. In writing the book, Cronkite interviewed celebrities who suffered from depression, including Mike Wallace, Joan Rivers, Dick Clark, Kitty Dukakis, Rod Steiger, Rona Barrett, Jules Feiffer, John Kenneth Galbraith, and William Styron. Combined with interviews with well-known researchers of mental illness, these celebrity conversations cast a dispelling light on the myths and stigma that surround mental illness.

Honored by the Texas Psychological Association for outstanding public contribution psychology in 1999, Cronkite has spoken all over the country and has appeared many times on television and radio. Her appearance on the TODAY show prompted over 12,000 calls in three hours to the 800 number of the National

Institute of Mental Health, on whose advisory board of grant reviews she serves. Cronkite also works on the Communications Workgroup and the Bridging Science and Services Workgroup. Cronkite was recently presented the William Styron Award by the National Mental Health Association. This award is presented to a prominent American who has managed a mental illness and helped others through their openness and outspoken advocacy. She was also the recipient of the Media Award from the Mental Health Association of Austin in 1987 and 1996.

Lynn Lasky Clark, LMSW, Austin, Texas – is the President and CEO of the Mental Health Association in Texas. She has been involved with non-profit mental health advocacy organizations in volunteer and staff positions for fifteen years. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin and a Masters of Social Work from the University of Houston. She has held positions as the Executive Director and the Public Policy Director for the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Texas (NAMI Texas) as well as the Director of Program and Public Policy for the Mental Health Association of Greater Houston. She also worked with the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County and the Mental Health Association of Fort Bend County. She has held leadership positions with the National Association of Social Workers—Texas Chapter (NASW Texas), NAMI West Houston, NAMI Tomball, and the Tomball Pines (HUD 811 Housing Complex). Her background includes experience in direct service to persons living with mental illness as well as mental health education and advocacy.

Myrna J. Deckert, El Paso, Texas – currently serves on the MD Anderson Cancer Center Board of Visitors, the Blue Cross Blue Shield Board of Texas, and the National Dance Institute of New Mexico Board of Directors and chairs the Global Campaign for the YWCA of the USA. Past Board service includes the Boards of Del Sol Medical Center, the Rotary Club, the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso and Chase Bank -- El Paso. Honors include: National YWCA Executive of the Year, Citizen of the year by the El Paso Times and the El Paso Inc.

Myrna served as Chief Executive, YWCA El Paso del Norte Region for 32 years; on the National Coordinating Board -- YWCA of the USA and chaired the Change Initiative - the first organizational change of the National YWCA in 95 years; and has trained numerous YWCA Executives throughout the USA. Currently, Myrna serves as President/Chief Operating Officer of The Paso del Norte Group, a group of business and civic leaders with the mission to promote the economic, social and cultural vitality of the Region. Myrna and her husband live in El Paso Texas.

Annie Holand, J.D. – McAllen, Texas – Until March of 2006, Anna Lisa "Annie" Holand, served as the Special Assistant in the Domestic Policy Council of the White

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House. Annie's responsibilities included speech writing, as well as finalizing policy memoranda for the president and coordinating policy development. Prior to that assignment Annie served as the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff in the First Lady Laura Bush's office. In that role, she was involved in

special projects and policy.

Annie received both and law degrees from the University of Texas. Annie served as President of both the University of Texas Student Body as well as the University of Texas Student Bar Association.

Annie currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of her family's business, Holand Investments, in McAllen, Texas.

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**these are the sites currently designated to collect donations for the annual auction to be held at the TPA convention in November in Dallas. Please contact these individuals with your donations.*

Awards Committee:

Sheila Jenkins
 Carlos Diaz-Lazaro
 Susanne Mouton-Odum

INTRODUCING TPF'S NEW GRANT

This grant will be named *The Jennifer Ann Crecente Memorial Grant* - in memory of the first homicide victim in Austin in 2006 - an 18 year old young woman whose plan was to study psychology in Texas.

This grant will provide \$5,000 support for a currently enrolled psychology graduate student in good standing who is conducting research addressing potential causes and/or prevention of violence against women. The research should be in fulfillment of the requirements for the master thesis or doctoral dissertation as approved by the student's research advisor and department chairperson.

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Please help us raise money for this critically important grant. Consider making a donation to *The Jennifer Ann Crecente Memorial Grant*. Go to the TPF section of the TPA website or contact the TPA office to arrange for your tax deductible donation designated for this new grant or another of our worthwhile student awards.

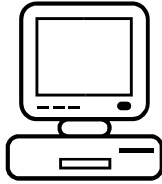
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Check out our expanded site on the TPA website by clicking on the Texas Psychological Foundation link in the left hand column at:

www.texaspsyc.org



Texas Psychological Foundation Silent Auction

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Texas Psychological Association Convention in Dallas this November, where we will hold our Texas Psychological Foundation Silent Auction.

For your convenience, there will be collection sites in Austin, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, and Lubbock for your donated auction items, which are tax deductible as a charitable donation. Contact the auction collection member in your area for details.

Remember, we are counting on your contributions to make this annual fund raising event a success!

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