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NEWSLETTER DATE

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Convention Registration now open!
- Encourage your Administrators to attend convention this year!

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Letter from our President

Dear TDEA Members,

Greetings! I hope this newsletter finds you in the midst of a wonderful fall semester. I hope you have made great strides with your dance classes and performing groups so far this year.

As the Texas heat begins to give way to some pleasant days, my hope is you are making plans to attend Convention 2012 themed "TDEA 2012.....It's Our Finest Hour!" The theme was chosen to reflect upon the importance of our voices and that it is TIME to be heard. Dance out loud, make every moment count, and strive for the time you spend each day teaching to change lives. In our profession our voices need to be heard, and there is no better time than the present. The goal for this year is to provide you with direction, inspiration and guidance in your quest to becoming a better dance educator and to assist you in the success of your students. We are very excited about the curriculum that Jennifer Dawson has developed for you. The schedule of events for convention will be posted on the TDEA website in early December. Remember registration opens at 5pm on Wednesday and classes begin that evening! Plan to come in early and take advantage of some "after school hours" professional development opportunities available to you. In addition, we would like to remind you that our business meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday morning. We are looking forward to an exciting Convention for you!

Online registration is up and running, so please visit www.tdea.org to register for convention before December 15th, 2011. After that, a late fee will be added to your balance and only onsite registration will be available. In addition, if you missed the online registration window you MUST contact Cyndi Vaughn to ensure your All-State student a costume and room. She can be contacted at Cyndi.Vaughn@humble.k12.tx.us. Of course, even at that late date, no costume promises can be made; therefore, register early and on time. Hotel reservations can also be made through the link on our website. After you register for convention, you should receive a confirmation email with your total amount due included. If you do not receive this email check your SPAM box or quite possibly you did not register successfully. This year, all event tickets are included in your registration. As a result, you do not need to order additional tickets for Banquet, Recognition Dinner, or the Post-Banquet Social. If you need additional tickets - there is a place on the website to order extra and it states "additional tickets".

I want to apologize about any confusion on the scholarship application deadline. All applications must be submitted no later than November 15th, 2011.

I encourage you to reach out to the new educators in your area and to those who may not have attended in the past and invite them to convention. We offer a reduced convention rate for college students, so if you have any former students who are looking to become dance educators, please let them know. Remember those dance professionals who mentored you in your early years and return the favor! In addition, we do offer an insightful administrators program; so, ask your fine arts directors, supervisors, and campus principals to attend to learn more about what you do in the classroom. This year, we will specifically address with the administrators the elimination of the PE credit for dance and how schools can address this need on their campus. It will be a great session for your administrator and Fine Arts director to attend if you have struggled with this issue on your campus.

I would like to take a moment to thank our executive board for all of their hard work and dedication to the success of the upcoming convention. Beginning with Saturday afternoon of last year's convention, they have been giving much of their free time to TDEA. In addition to their time and responsibilities as dance educators and dance team directors, they have selfishly given of themselves to TDEA. I cannot begin to express how much I appreciate them and their work to continue moving TDEA forward in the right direction by offering new opportunities to our members. Part of our goal this year has been to include members from around the state in our organization - we are so proud of the areas of Texas represented on our board! We are currently accepting nominations for the 2012 board. If you would like to recommend someone to serve, please get their consent first, and then email your nominations to srenfrow@kleinisd.net.

Lastly, please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. We are here to help! Good luck with the rest of your fall, and have a safe and restful Thanksgiving break! Look for our next newsletter to go out in early December....

Sincerely,
Stephanie Lively Renfrow
TDEA President

Scholarship Essay— Dylan Guzy

Drill Team has enabled me to become more involved in my school. I am now a member of many major organizations on campus, primarily due to encouragement from fellow team members to expand my horizons. This has increased my exposure to faculty and fellow student leaders. Developing these connections has allowed me to recognize a recycling system at my school, run entirely by myself and my team.

Without drill team, I would still be stuck in the shy, nerdy shell I encased myself in as a freshman. But now, as head of the team, as well as an officer in several other organizations, I am outgoing, enthusiastic, and comfortable with myself. I have the confidence to lead a group, share my ideas, and facilitate others in meeting their goals. With my newly developed self confidence, I plan to pursue an undergraduate degree in a field I used to ignore because of its perceived difficulty: engineering. Being surrounded by girls who have the ambition and motivation to achieve amazing things has rubbed off on me and helped me dream big.

My experience on drill team has taught me how to work with a variety of people. I have begun to understand that everyone learns in different ways, everyone is motivated by different things, and the way to deal with a situation depends on who is involved. These lessons will follow me in the future when working with coworkers, clients, and employees. I will be more equipped to work through issues and communicate with those I do business with.

As a result of my position, I know that after I have worked for several years as an engineer, I plan to pursue an M.B.A and head into management. I believe that my true strengths lie in implementing plans, efficiency, and focus while maintaining morale. The skills I have learned as a member of a team will jumpstart the transition into the next chapter of my life.



Treasurer Report

TREASURER REPORT

5/16/2011 through 8/07/11

Prepared by: Alison Lowrey, TDEA Treasurer

INCOME

CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP

<i>Convention Registration (Wells Fargo)</i>	\$	790.00
<i>Convention Registration (Wells Fargo)</i>	\$	205.00
<i>Convention Registration (Pay Pal)</i>	\$	2,465.22
<i>Convention Registration (Wells Fargo)</i>	\$	25.00
<i>Convention Registration (Wells Fargo)</i>	\$	-
	\$	-

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 3,485.22**

EXPENSES

<i>US Postal Service (PO BOX)</i>	\$	56.00
<i>KP Designs</i>	\$	332.00
<i>Reimbursement(Lyle, Johnson)</i>	\$	73.83
<i>Houston Marriott</i>	\$	137.77
<i>DEAL(Searles, Valk, Dawson, Kepper, Cochran, Visel)</i>	\$	600.00
<i>DEAL Reimbursement(Cochran)</i>	\$	180.29
<i>Summer Wksp Presenters (Curry, Noble)</i>	\$	500.00
<i>CPA Tax Prep</i>	\$	1,130.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 3,009.89**

Balance brought forward on May 16, 2011 **\$ 75,832.09**

Balance on hand as of August 7, 2011 **\$ 76,307.42**



Member School Updates

- * Allison Fields is now the Director at Poteet HS
- * Krystal Love is now the Assistant Director at Cypress Ranch
- * Laurie Boren is now the Assistant Director at Deer Park HS
- * Miranda Richter is now the Director at Ridge Point HS
- * Michelle Barth is now Director for Clements HS
- * Rebecca Belter is now Director for Kempner HS

Member Weddings

Ashley Caterina, Assistant Director at Friendswood HS is now Ashley Marmaro

Member Babies

Krystal Love, Assistant Director at Cypress Ranch HS had a baby girl- Piper Love

Teresa Ramos, Director at Coronado HS had a Baby girl- Scarlett Harper Ramos



Resource CD

Do you have any great lessons, assignments, information used in your dance classes and for your team? The membership can benefit from anything that you are willing to share! Please send all documents that can be included in the TDEA Resource CD to Amanda Bond at abond@conroeisd.net as soon as you can!

Attention TDEA membership! It's RESERVATION TIME.

TDEA 2012 convention to be held at the
Houston Marriott Westchase Hotel
2900 Briarpark Dr. Houston, Texas 77042
Phone: 1-713-978-7400
Fax: 1-713-735-2726
Sales: 1-713-978-7400
Sales fax: 1-713-735-2727
Toll-free: 1-800-452-5110

Please remember to provide your school's hotel tax exemption form when reserving your room!

All State Update

By Cyndi Vaughn
October 2011

The All-State Committee is gearing up for the 2012 Convention, "Our Finest Hour"! As a committee, we are committed to making sure that you're All-State Dancer has a wonderful experience at convention.

The highlight of the All State Dance Team (ASDT) experience will be working with our 2012 All-State Choreographer, MS. Rochelle Mapes. Please check out her picture and biography on the All-State website page. In addition to learning an amazing piece of choreography to be performed before the annual banquet dinner, each dancer will also have the opportunity to participate in several master classes including jazz, contemporary, and hip-hop.

Please take a moment to read through the All-State Information on the TDEA website. Your dancer's **Medical Release Form** should be mailed to TDEA at PO Box 420637 Houston, Texas 77242-0637. It is helpful for us to have this form ahead of time to streamline the registration process. This form can be printed from the TDEA website.

***All-State Online Registration Due:** **Monday, December 15th**
(late fee applies after this date)

***All-State Medical Release Form Due:** **Monday, December 15th**

***TDEA All-State Scholarship Application Due:** **Tuesday, November 15th**
Application can be found on the TDEA website: www.tdea.org under All-State.

We are also now taking applications for All-State **College Assistants**. The application is also on the website. Please forward this application to anyone whom you think would enhance the All-State experience by assisting the choreographer.

***College Assistant Application Due:** **Friday, November 4th**

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me, Cyndi Vaughn (Third Vice-President/ All State), at Cyndi.Vaughn@humble.k12.tx.us . Please let us know if we can assist in making your All-State experience great. The All-State Committee and I are looking forward to a fantastic convention!

Cyndi Vaughn
TDEA Third Vice President (All-State)

Fall into
Happiness!

2012 All-State Choreographer



Rochelle Mapes graduated from Cal State Long Beach on scholarship receiving a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Dance. Her professional credits include dancing on the television show “Nip/Tuck” and performing with such artists as Gladys Knight and Wayne Brady. She has danced with several companies including BARE Dance Company under the direction of Mike Esperanza, Bodytalk Dance and Benita Bike’s DanceArt Company. Currently, she dances and choreographs for RhetOracle Dance Company with Nate Hodges. She choreographs extensively throughout the country for nationally ranked dance teams, college dance departments and studios and is a much sought after master class teacher. For the past 13 years Rochelle has been a head instructor and regional/national judge for the United Spirit Association and is a twice named “MVP” of the USA Staff. During the school year she teaches commercial and classical dance at the prestigious Orange County High School of the Arts. She is passionate about healthy living and has a weekly nutrition segment called “Food to Go with Steph and Ro” featured on the iTunes podcast “Infinite Dance Cast.”



Rochelle Mapes



D.E.A.L. 2011-2012

Special Thanks to all the schools that participated in the spring D.E.A.L. Assessment. The following individuals were instrumental in making this happen in their areas, Denise Cochran – Austin area and Elizabeth Sanchez Lopez – Northwest San Antonio area. This Assessment will take place again in both these areas in spring 2012 and we will be adding an additional district San Antonio I.S.D. that Diane Marks will be coordinating. We are currently scheduling assessments for winter and spring and if you would like your area to be evaluated please contact Betsy Heathcock. @ 281-785-5437 or email her @ elizabeth.heathcock@fortbend.k12.tx.us.

There will be assessments held in Clear Creek ISD and Fort Bend ISD at the end of November 2011. Katy ISD and Cy Fair ISD are in the process of scheduling their Assessments for the winter & spring. A video of an actual assessment will be compiled and shared with T.D.E.A. members & Administrators at the 2012 Convention. This should help everyone become more familiar with the process and hopefully more schools and districts will get involved in this very important evaluation.

If you are interested in being an adjudicator or choreographer for D.E.A.L. there will be a training session during the upcoming 2012 T.D.E.A. Convention. Just contact Betsy Heathcock and she will give you the information needed pertaining to this workshop.

Thanks to the membership for having such an open mind about this process and know that the more dance programs we can get involved the more support we will receive from T.E.A.

TDEA Administrators

We want your Administrators to attend convention! Please encourage your Administrators to register and attend convention so they may learn ways to support your Dance program.

The Awards committee is looking for new members. We need members from all over Texas to serve on this committee, North, South, East, and West! If you are interested in serving on the awards committee, please contact Mary Lou Johnson at mljohnso3@ccisd.net

Just a Little Drill Team Humor

You Might Be a Dance Team Girl if...

1. Your furniture in your room is arranged to create the largest open space as possible.
2. You get upset when all you can find at Disneyworld is a CHEERLEADER Minnie.
3. You pop out of your chair and start dancing to the theme songs of commercials.
4. You critique the technique of dancers you see on TV or in other performances.
5. Even if you are terrible at math, counting to eight is no problem for you.
6. You are planning on, or have already bought stock in bobby pins.
7. You have an entire drawer filled with old costumes and practice clothes.
8. If seated, you cannot listen to music without mentally choreographing a routine in your head.
9. You can apply full dark make-up in five minutes (Bonus points if you can do it while seated in the back seat of a moving bus).
10. Hallways are always a place to practice leaps.
11. You own more practice tops than formal gowns.
12. You can fix anything with safety pins.
13. You look at street clothes and see possibilities for dance costumes.
14. A broken toe is more than an inconvenience.
15. Dance merchandise and costume catalogues are captivating reading material.
16. Seeing someone do the splits does not send you into shock.
17. Stretching is not just something you do for a few seconds when you roll out of bed in the morning.
18. You do not think "Capezio" is an Italian pasta dish.
19. "Dancing" is the one of the first items you write down when asked to list your hobbies.
20. You have, at one point or another, found a pair of dance paws, jazz shoes, etc in your purse or wedged in the back seat of your car.
21. Your parents/family yell at you to "Come watch this!" when a dance show is on TV.
22. 9 out of 10 of your t-shirts are from dance/drill team events.
23. You know exactly who Gussie Nell Davis is.
24. You find yourself walking in step with people in school/work hallways.
25. For you, the year is divided not by weather seasons, but by football/contest/ spring show seasons.
26. Kneepads are your friends.
27. Poster paint and glitter are among items in your closet.
28. You have ever called your mom in tears begging her to bring body tights, bobby pins, or shoe polish.
29. You wish professional football games showed the halftime performances.
30. You say "5, 6, 7, 8" instead of "Ready, set, go!"
31. You can pose for a picture in an instant.
32. and . . .Your mom has called you up to tell you she took up the carpet in the family room and found a thick layer of glitter under the carpet and pad.

Exhibitors 2012



Exhibitor Report
By 2nd Vice President, Holly Lyons

I'd like to take *time* to thank the 2012 TDEA Exhibitors who have registered for the 2012 TDEA Convention

8 & a 1 Dance Workshop
Abbott IPOC/The Poinsettia People
Algy
All Tied Up
All World Travel
American Dance/Drill Team
Barefoot Athletics
Biogime
Bravo Designs
Bright Star Productions, Inc.
C&R Development
Candles & More
Carew Photography
Champion Tours & Events/Trendsetters Dance
Cicci Dance Supply
Connect Tours & Cruises
Costumes Unlimited
Crowd Pleasers Dance
D.Zine Graphics
Dance NT's
Dance Fantastic
Danceline Productions
Dance-N-Things
DANZGEAR
Dazzlin Design
Deanan Gourmet Popcorn
DOUGH MAKERS\$
Down Patt
Elite Dance Company
Encore Creative Productions/Coast to Coast
Gourmet Gifts
GTM Sportswear
Happy Feet
HTE Dance & Spirit Group
In Step Drill Team Props

Just For Kix
JR Engraving
Katrina Activewear
Leapin Leos
Liberts
MA Dance
Miss Drill Team Texas
Miss Drill Team USA
National Dance Alliance
National Dance Association (A3)
National Dance Ed. Organization (A1)
Newks Ranch
Poised for Success
Rain Ponchos Plus
Reynolds Uniforms
Reverence Dance
ShowMakers of America
Showtime Int
Spirit Mark
Steve Brack Videography
T Bar M camps
TAHPERD (A2)
Team Go Figure
Terri's Stuff
The Costume Closet
Top Ten Fundraisers of East Texas
Tote Unlimited
Tour-Rific of Texas
Trendy Expressions
TSA Trading
UNI-S/ Team Spirit
USA Fundraising
Varisty Brands
Visual Services of Texas
World's Finest Chocolate

Registration is now closed. If you would like to see a specific vendor at convention please feel free to have them contact me at Holly.Lyons@leanderisd.org to be placed on the waiting list.

Attention Directors!

Applications for ASDT Collegiate Assistants are now being accepted and Convention Registration for College Students is now open. Please contact former students who are pursuing Dance Education who may be interested in either option. Collegiate Assistant Applications can be obtained by contacting Debbie Nordstrom at rdnordstrom@sbcglobal.net or Cyndi Vaughn at Cyndi.Vaughn@humble.k12.tx.us. and Convention Registration is online at www.TDEA.org.

TDEA Banquet 2012 Time to SHINE!

Members! Our Banquet committee is looking for decor donations for the table centerpieces.

Crimson, Cranberry, or dark Red colored Hydrangea silk flowers will be added to the tables for a pop of color. Feel free to e-mail jillian.cates@cfisd.net for any questions or more information regarding this volunteer opportunity!

Thank you!

