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Educators of **T**exas



The Journey Continues .

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Letter from State Board of Education Member



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Recording the Journey . . .

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATING SERVICE TO STUDENTS
THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

1973-98

Wednesday, April 8, 1998

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Presiding, **Dr. Diane Browning**
Silver Anniversary Committee

- Prelude**.....**Jacqui Cross and Potier Sutphen**
- Musical Presentation**.....**Herbert Norris, 12th President, 1988-89**
Mary Evelyn Norris, Retired
- Greetings****Rudy Alvarez, ACET President**
- Occasion**.....**Dr. Wesley L. Boykin, 19th President, 1995-96,**
Co-Chairperson, Silver Anniversary Committee
- Reflections****ACET Past Presidents:**
Mike Lehr, 1st President, 1974-76
Dr. Roscoe Smith, 3rd President, 1978-80
Linda Buss, 5th President, 1981-82
Jesse Vela, 6th President, 1982-83
Dr. Amy Perkins, 8th President, 1984-85
Ambrosio Melendrez, 10th President, 1986-87
- Special Tribute in Song**.....**Jacqui Cross and Potier Sutphen**
- Special Recognition****Rudy Alvarez, ACET President**
Bessie Moody, Co-Chairperson, and Shirley
Kirven, Silver Anniversary Committee
- RECEPTION****6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**





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THE FOUNDERS and Charter Members

Name	1973	1998
William Chapman	Kenedy ISD	Kenedy ISD
Dr. Daniel Clark	Beaumont	(Retired)
Barbara Cunningham-Brunshaw	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Wilhelmina Delco	State Representative	(Unknown)
Col. Frank Fanning	Ft. Worth ISD	Same
Cookie Garza	Corpus Christi	(Retired)
Roseana Gayle	Harlandale ISD	(Retired)
Alfredo Gonzalez	El Paso ISD	(Retired)
Tommy Harris	TEA	Same
Doris Henderson	West Oso ISD	(Retired)
Raymond Hinojosa	Rio Grand City ISD	(Unknown)
Clarence Jackson	Beaumont ISD	(Retired)
Dr. Faith Johnson	Temple ISD	(Retired)
Dr. Bill Kirby	TEA	Lightspan Partnership
Shirley Kirven	Dallas Public Schools	Same
Sidney F. Lane	Texarkana ISD	(Retired)
Lee Laws	Austin ISD	(Retired)
Mike Lehr	Austin ISD	Texas Retired Teachers Association
Ed McCreary	Hereford ISD	(Retired)
Otto Mills	Region VII ESC	(Retired)
Dorothy Pace	Houston ISD	Same
Dr. Amy Perkins	Harlandale ISD	Same
Kay Richmond	Dallas Public Schools	Same
R.Q. Sims	Mexia ISD	(Deceased)
Beatrice Smith	Houston ISD	(Deceased)
Dr. Roscoe Smith	Dallas Public Schools	Benton Harbor Public Schools, MI
Octavia Smith	TEA	(Retired)
Roenia Stone	Round Rock ISD	(Unknown)
Jack Tarvin	Fort Worth ISD	(Retired)
Charles Thornal	Waco ISD	(Retired)
Dr. W.T. White	Fort Worth ISD	(Retired)
Jim Wilson	TEA	(Retired)

Association for Compensatory Educators of Texas



Council of Presidents

Mike Lehr	1974-76
Beatrice Smith *	1976-78
Dr. Roscoe Smith	1978-80
Dr. Antonio Perez	1980-81
Linda Buss	1981-82
Jesse Vela, Jr.	1982-83
Lee Laws	1983-84
Dr. Amy Perkins	1984-85
Mal Manchee	1985-86
Ambrosio Melendrez	1986-87
Charles Skeen	1987-88
Herbert Norris	1988-89
Alfredo Gonzalez	1989-90
Barbara Shaver	1990-91
P.M. Troutman	1991-92
Dorothy Pace	1992-93
Elfida Gutierrez	1993-94
Shirley Coleman	1994-95
Dr. Wesley L. Boykin	1995-96
Linda Thomas	1996-97
Rudolfo Alvarez	1997-98

* Deceased.

Association for Compensatory Educators of Texas

Michael Lehr

ACET's First President
1974-1976



Michael "Mike" Lehr
Retired from Austin ISD

From the President's Desk:

"The idea for a state organization for compensatory education was born in Washington, DC in the fall of 1972 by individuals attending a federal programs workshop. As best I can remember, the individuals were **Charles Thornal**, Waco; **Bea Smith**, Houston; **Dr. Roscoe Smith**, Dallas; and **Mike Lehr**, Austin. I was unofficially selected to initiate a meeting regarding this effort.

In late fall of 1972, I met with my superintendent, Dr. Jack L. Davidson, and discussed with him the need to establish a state-wide organization to improve:

- **The work of compensatory educators**
- **To improve communication with TEA.**

At that time he gave me his approval for me to organize such an organization and my participation. The following steps were taken to organize ACET:

Beatrice M. Smith
ACET's Second President

1. I mailed out 25 invitations to program officers at local school districts to attend a meeting at the Region XIII Education Service Center to discuss the possibility of organizing a state wide association. The idea was presented and the decision was made to proceed with the organization. Immediately a purpose was formulated.
2. I then mailed invitations to 75 program administrators to attend a meeting in Austin. Again it was unanimous that a state wide organization be formed.
3. In the spring of 1974, the first conference of the **Texas Association of Compensatory Educators** was held in Austin. This original name was changed to the **Association for Compensatory Educators of Texas** (ACET). The meeting was held at Howard Johnson's Motor Hotel. At that time (if my memory serves me correctly), officers were elected and the decision to have a state wide organization was made.
4. During 1973-74, I served as interim chairman during the organizational period. In the fall of 1974, I was elected as ACET's first president; **Bea Smith** (Houston) was elected vice-president; and **Dr. Roscoe C. Smith** (Dallas) was elected secretary-treasurer."

Mr. Lehr is currently the Executive Director and Legislative Coordinator of Texas Retired Teachers Association. He retired from Austin ISD in 1986. Mike worked with Representative Wilhelmina Delco to write the State of Texas Compensatory Legislative Bill in 1978.

1976-1978



Beatrice "Bea" Smith

Retired from Houston ISD (Deceased)



Dr. Antonio Perez

Dr. Perez retired in 1992 and now resides in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Beatrice M. Smith, former budget officer for the City of Houston and much honored teacher, principal, administrator, and educational consultant passed away July 4, 1997. Ms. Smith was born July 10, 1915, in Fort Worth, Texas and moved to Houston in the 1940's. She obtained a masters from the University of Houston and spent 25 years with the Houston Independent School District as a teacher, principal, and central office administrator. Upon her retirement in 1978, the mayor declared August 11, 1978, Beatrice M. Smith Day in the City of Houston, citing "her deep sense of compassion, community service, and love for American and Texas which enabled her to exert an inspirational influence over all she encountered." He further wrote, "her many friends and associates will sorely miss the gentle, talented and dedicated woman who gave so much to this community."

Dr. Antonio Perez

***ACET's Fourth President
1980-81***



From the 1970's (L -R): Dr. Roscoe Smith, Dr. Antonio Perez, Kathlyn Gilliam (Dallas), Mike Lehr, and Wilhelmina Delco (State Representative).

Dr. Roscoe C. Smith

ACET's Third President
1978-1980



Dr. Roscoe Smith
Retired from Dallas Public School

From the President's Desk:

As president during 1978-80, my major foci were on the continued organizational development of ACET as well as creating a climate for developing the most futuristic organizational structure on planet earth. At the onset of my presidency, the hierarchy at ACET was eliminated for all functions except the most traditional informational flow. There were many people who assisted me in this effort, including a number of educators from the Dallas area: Dr. Velma Prince Smith, Shirley Kirven, and Kay Richmond, E. Jewel Hooper (legal assistance), Loretta (Henry) Simmon, and Maxine Buchannan Wilson.

Also, assisting in the organizational development of ACET were president-elect Antonio Perez, secretary Judith Hook, and treasurer Linda Buss. The regional directors were the most creative personalities that could be identified. They were Clarence Jackson (auditing), Louise Emmett (awards), Amy Perkins (conference planning), Enrique Perez (constitution), Bill Stanford (courtesy), Frank Fanning (creative writing), Dennis Townsend (evaluation), Sidney Lane (exhibits), James Durham (finance), Sam Gonzalez (historical chronicle), Mike Lehr (legislative and past president), Kay Richmond (membership), Shirley Leonard (nominations), Jack Tarvin (operations concern), Dan Schaffner (organizational liaison), W.T. White (parliamentary), Charles Thornal (publicity), Bill Banks (resolutions), Peter Cameron (sergeant-at-arms), and R.E. Windham (teller). The development was done after creating and orchestrating an emotionally safe operational environment that encouraged self-actualization on the part of officers and members. This development was based on the

works of Abraham Maslow, Carl Rogers, and William Webster.

As Director of Special Programs at Dallas Public Schools, I organized the Dallas Central Parent Advisory Council (CPAC). During this time the CPAC was proclaimed a model for Texas and the nation by TEA, U.S. Department of Education, the National Coalition of ESEA Title I Parents, and the National Advisory Council on the Education of Disadvantaged Children. Parent education became a major and important part of ACET's agenda.

During the early years of ACET, Mike Lehr, Bea Smith, and I led a group of Texans to Washington, DC to help organize the National Association of Federal Program Administrators. This helped to neutralize the efforts of educators from New York, Michigan, and California who were trying to divert more of the federal education dollars to their states. This effort alone has caused Texas to receive billions of additional federal dollars over the years.

While president of ACET, I contacted the most brilliant minds at TEA to organize the Texas Parent Coordination Council (TPCC), which has become the most influential state parent advisory council in the USA. These personalities were Tommy Harris, Frank Contreras, Ernie Perez, and Jim Wilson. Tommy Harris left TEA and took a high level position with the U.S. Department of Education whose responsibility, among others, was to ensure that this parent organization had the coordination and cooperation from the highest level of government. Mrs. Kathryn Gilliam, President of the Dallas Board of Education, helped to guarantee this success.

Dr. Smith retired from Dallas Public School in 1993. Since that time, he has been employed in the Benton Harbor Area Schools in Michigan. His assignments have included Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, and Consultant. Dr. Smith and his wife, Dr. Velma Prince Smith (administrator of Benton Harbor's Student Intervention Program) will retire once again and return to North Texas in August 1998. Dr. Smith is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Linda Buss

**ACET's Fifth President
1981-82**



Linda Buss

Formerly employed by Bay City ISD

Linda is the founder and Director of Sunshine and Rainbows Academy, First United Methodist Church in Bay City, Texas. Her responsibilities include providing early childhood education for “children of my former compensatory education students who learned the value of education because of compensatory programs”.

Jesse Vela, Jr.

**ACET's Sixth President
1982-83**



Jesse Vela, Jr.

Mission CISD

Jesse serves as Director of Guidance and Counseling at Mission CISD. He was recognized by the U.S. Office of Education for contribution to Migrant Education in 1974. In 1987, Jesse also serves as a moderator and presenter for the National Forum for Youth at Risk in Washington, DC.



Linda Buss passes the gavel to Jesse Vela in 1982. Both Jesse and Linda are candidates for the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in the Baylor University Scholars of Practice program.

Lee Laws

*ACET's Seventh President
1983-84*



Lee Laws
Retired from Austin ISD

Dr. Amy Perkins

*ACET's Eight President
1984-85*



Dr. Amy Ann Perkins
Harlandale ISD



Dr. Perkins is an educator, who has been actively involved in compensatory education in the Harlandale ISD since 1967. She currently serves as the Director of Accelerated Instruction/Federal Programs for the district. She is responsible for directing numerous federal and state compensatory education programs. Dr. Perkins is one of the original founders of ACET.

In addition to her busy schedule as Director of Federal Programs, she has served as a reader for the U.S. Department of Education at the national level and TEA for Even Start Grants.



Past Presidents (L-R): Dr. Amy Perkins, Lee Laws, Jesse Vela, and Linda Buss.



Mal Manchee

ACET's Ninth President
1985-86



Mal Manchee

Retired from Hereford ISD

Mal Manchee is currently teaching physical education at a small Christian school in Hereford, Texas. He retired from Hereford ISD as Director of Migrant Pre-K programs and principal of the alternative secondary programs in August 1995.

His accomplishments as ACET president included the following:

- Added teacher sessions during the conferences,
- Place limitations on administrative travel expenses,
- Started a retirement committee to keep up with former members who left the profession and the organization, and
- Established a site rotation plan for future fall conferences.



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Charles Skeen

Ambrosio Melendrez

ACET's Tenth President
1986-87



Ambrosio Melendrez

Retired from Austin ISD

Ambrosio is currently employed at WestEd Regional Educational Laboratory in Los Alamitos, California, as a Program Director. He retired from Austin ISD after a long career in education. He served as a teacher, principal, and federal programs director in Crystal City ISD from 1965 to 1975. Ambrosio also worked as a program specialist at TEA prior to working in the Austin ISD. He is the first and only ACET member to serve as president of the National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators (1990-92).



ACET's Eleventh President
1987-88

1988-89



Charles Skeen

Retired from Morton ISD

Charles became involved with ACET in 1979 as Superintendent of Follett ISD. He was elected regional director at the Dallas conference in 1982-83. After serving several terms, he was elected as vice president where he made the motion for ACET to bring an executive secretary aboard. The motion passed, thus, providing ACET with the means to maintain a membership list and a central number to call.

During his term of office, ACET adopted an official ACET pin. The 1987-88 officers were Dorothy Clements (secretary), Ginger Cheville-Metz (treasurer), Charles Bowen (parliamentarian), and P.M. Troutman (vice president). Charles retired in January of 1997. He is currently employed as Transportation Director of Fort Bend ISD in Sugar Land.

**Herbert O'Raye
Norris**

ACET's Twelfth President



Herbert "Herb" Norris

Retired from Chapel Hill ISD

Herb retired in May 1995. He commented that he will always treasure being a president of ACET. He especially cherishes the fact that the ACET scholarship program was initiated during his president term. Although all of the experiences with ACET are very important to him, Herb feels that "however, the most important event was finding Jesus. Being saved."

Herb resides in Tyler and volunteers at a Head Start program at a local community center.



ACET Scholarships Program Begins . .

Alfredo Gonzalez

***ACET's Thirteenth
President
1989-90***



Alfredo Gonzalez
Retired from El Paso ISD

Alfredo is one of the founders of ACET. He began his educational career in the El Paso ISD in 1964 and left in 1994 as administrator of federal and state compensatory education programs. He retired in 1995 as the director of special programs in Canutillo ISD. He now teaches fourth grade at Desert Trail Intermediate School in Gadsden Public Schools in New Mexico.

As president, Alfredo authored and submitted application to TEA to allow ACET to issue certificates of administrative training to ACET members attending the conferences. He also petitioned TEA to allow retired ACET members to serve as member of TEA monitoring teams. He was listed in *Who's Who in American Education* in 1994. Alfredo is a charter member of the El Paso Phi Delta Kappa chapter and has held numerous offices

in PDK in addition to his active involvement in ACET.

Barbara Shaver

***ACET's Fourteenth
President
1990-91***



Barbara Shaver
*Formerly with Woodard Public
Schools*

Barbara Shaver was last employed as the Superintendent of Woodard Public Schools in Woodard, Oklahoma. All attempts to contact her were unsuccessful.



ACET Past Presidents (L -R): Dr. Antonio Perez,

Phillip Michael Troutman

ACET's Fifteenth President
1991-92



Phillip Michael "P.M." Troutman
Retired from Odem-Edroy ISD

P.M. received national recognition for organizing and implementing a Title I reading program described as "an exemplary project for meeting the needs of educationally deprived children" by the US Department of Education. He feels that some of his greatest accomplishments were initiating the Middle School concept in his district and designing and implementing an "at-risk" program which focused on prevention methods that provided a path for success. He and his wife currently lives in Galveston.



(L - R): Pam Tackett (TEA) and P.M. Troutman.

Barbara Shaver, Jesse Vela, and Linda Buss.

Dorothy Pace

ACET's Sixteenth President
1992-93



Dorothy Pace
Houston ISD

Dorothy Pace has been a member of ACET since its initial organization. Under her leadership, ACET incorporated TEA's former At-Risk Conference into the Fall Conference. She currently serves as the Executive Director for Eternal Funding in the Houston Independent School District. She is certified as a teacher, counselor, and superintendent in the State of Texas. Dorothy is the Network Coordinator for the National Association of School Boards. She has served as the Chairperson of the Committee of Practitioners for a number of years. Dorothy is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.



Elfida Gutierrez

ACET's Seventeenth President
1993-94



Elfida Gutierrez
Socorro ISD

Elfida is the Director of Elementary Education in the Socorro Independent School District in El Paso. She has been an active member of ACET since 1981. She has served on the Committee of Practitioners and currently serves as the Secretary to the El Paso Community College Board. She also serves as President of the National Association of Latino Community Colleges.

Shirley Coleman

ACET's Eighteenth President
1994-95



Shirley Coleman
San Vicente ISD

Shirley is currently employed as Superintendent of San Vicente ISD in Big Bend National Park. She has been a member of ACET since 1989. At that time, ACET was still a relatively small organization with a focus on the requirements of programs only. She ran for secretary at the Fall 1990 conference in El Paso and was elected president at the fall conference in South Padre Island.

She feels "ACET is near and dear to my heart and I extend my thanks to those individuals who had the vision to see the need for this organization and then had the fortitude to stay with the organization over the years." She added "...the children of Texas are better served because of the work the members of ACET have done over the years."



Dr. Wesley Boykin

ACET's Nineteenth President
1995-96



Dr. Wesley L. Boykin
Dallas Public Schools

Dr. Wesley L. Boykin is the Director of the Office of Program Evaluation in the Division of Research, Evaluation and Information Systems in the Dallas Public Schools. He is responsible for the evaluation of federal and state compensatory programs as well as local and court mandated initiatives in the district. He has worked as an Assistant Professor at Claflin College in South Carolina and North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro prior to Dallas. He began his career as a high school English teacher in the Milwaukee Public Schools in Wisconsin.

Dr. Boykin has been a member of ACET since 1990. He was inspired to join ACET at the suggestion of Dr. Roscoe Smith and Shirley Kirven, both ACET founders. Alfredo Gonzalez, Herb Norris, and Kay Hunter influenced his decision to run for the office of president-elect in 1994. He feels that his term as president was one of the most

challenging and rewarding professional experiences of his career to date.

Wesley is an active member of the American Educational Research Association and Phi Delta Kappa and others. In addition, he is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.



Linda Thomas

ACET's Twentieth President
1996-97



Linda Thomas
Region II ESC

Linda Thomas is an educational consultant at the Region II Education Service Center in Corpus Christi. Her major responsibility is to coordinate the Texas State Initiative of Coordinated funding. Linda's previous work experience include 20 years in West Oso ISD as a reading teacher, four years in Flour Bluff ISD as the Director of Special Programs.



Rudy Alvarez
Ysleta ISD

Rudy Alvarez

***ACET's Twenty-First President
1997-98***

Rudy Alvarez is the current president of ACET. He is the compliance supervisor in the Ysleta Independent School District's Department of Compensatory Education in El Paso. He is currently enrolled in the Graduate School at New Mexico State University at Las Cruces. Rudy is an avid runner in numerous marathons. His most challenging physical achievement was completing the Boston Marathon in 1994. Rudy will run in the Rock-N-Roll San Diego Marathon on June 21, 1998. He will dedicate his efforts to the memory of Carly Martinez, the daughter of Carlos Martinez, an ACET Executive Council member and friend.



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In the Beginning . . .

ACET *formed a partnership with the Texas Education Agency*



Dr. Bill Kirby, Former Commissioner of Education.



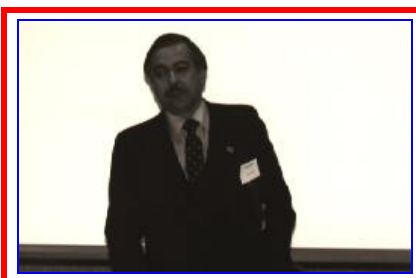
ACET members consult with TEA specialist, Robert Martinez.



Dr. Tom Anderson.



Raymond Bynum speaks at a Spring Workshop in Austin.



Oscar Cardenas.



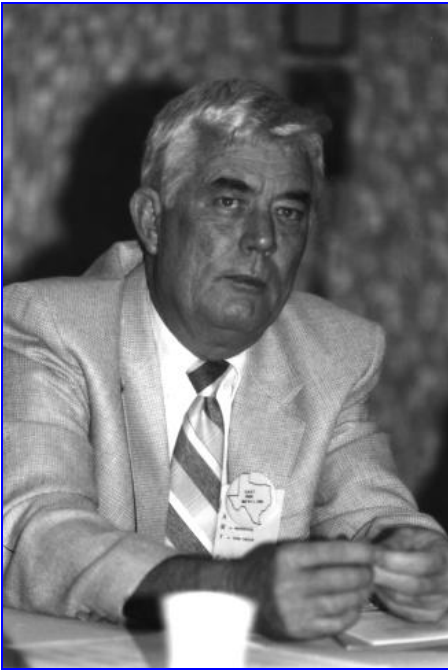
Dr. Rick Hardebeck.



Andrew Patterson.

In the Beginning . . .

*There was the Legislative Committee:
federal legislation, policy analysis, rules and
regulations*



William "Bill" Chapman
*Founder and Past Chair of the
Legislative Committee*

The Legislative Committee has been a critical part of the association since its initial organization. The Committee was led through many trying times by William "Bill" Chapman, Lee Laws, and Ambrosio Melendrez. Joan Burnham also worded as a member of the Austin Independent School District delegation. The membership of the Legislative Committee has worked to provide information and track issues that impact the programs serving children of compensatory education programs. Bill, Lee, and Ambrosio devoted many hours helping the rest of us understand the

issues at hand and the impact on compensatory programs and our children.



(L to R) Lee Laws, Past President, retired from Austin ISD and Dr. Diane Browning, Baylor University.



(L to R): Lee Laws and Joan Burnham.



(L to R): Joan Burnham, Ambrosio Melendrez, Past President, and Bill Chapman at a Legislative meeting.



Members find time for a laugh and a cup of coffee at a Legislative Meeting in the 1970's. (L to R): George Salono from the Catholic Diocese and Earlene Clay, Abilene ISD.



Lee Laws and Ambrosio Melendrez both were from Austin ISD and both became ACET presidents.



Kathlyn Gilliam, Dallas Public Schools Board of Trustees, speaks at an early ACET Conference.



Steve Bartlett, former state legislator, congressman, and mayor of Dallas, speaks to ACET members in the early 1980's.



State representative, Wilhelmina Delco (second from right), had an active role in ACET's legislative agenda since its creation. Here she shares a conversation with (L to R) Amy Perkins, Linda Buss, Lee Laws and Jesse Vela.



ANOTHER LOOK AT THE PAST



Dr. Roscoe Smith addresses the membership at a conference in the early 1980's while Richard Farley from the U.S. Department of Education and an unidentified member looks on.



(L-R): Bobbye Thompson, Dr. Geraldine Dews, Laverne Marr, and Geraline Andrews (Dallas Public Schools).



(L - R): R.F. Windham, Bill Banks, Dr. Roscoe Smith, E.D. Villanueva, Bill Chapman, (unidentified), France DeMeut, James W. Durham, Dr. Lucille Santos, Dr. Bill Kirby, Joann S. Conoley, Louise Emmitt, Doris Henderson, Frank Fanning, Shirley Leonard, (unidentified), Earlene Clay, and (unidentified).



(L - R): Jay Durham, Arnold Dyson, Alice Rains, Mandura Ellis, Marian Lyman, Minnie Stringfellow, Peter Cameron, and Fern Lively.



ACET founders: Frank Fanning (Ft. Worth) and Kay Richmond (Dallas).



Doris Smallwood and Tommy Harris, both from TEA.



(L - R): Earlene Clay (Abilene), W.C. Duncan, (unidentified), B.J. Stigler (Birdville), E.D. Villanueava (Mercedes), Doris Henderson (West Oso), and Lois Rogge (Midland).



Sandra Nichols and Andrew Patterson (TEA)



(L - R): Seated - Charles Thornal (founder), Jesse Vela. Standing - (unidentified), Linda Buss, (unidentified), (unidentified), Dr. Antonio Perez, and (unidentified).



Founders and past presidents (center): Mike Lehr and Dorothy Pace.



(L-R): Warren White, unidentified member, and Frank Fanning.



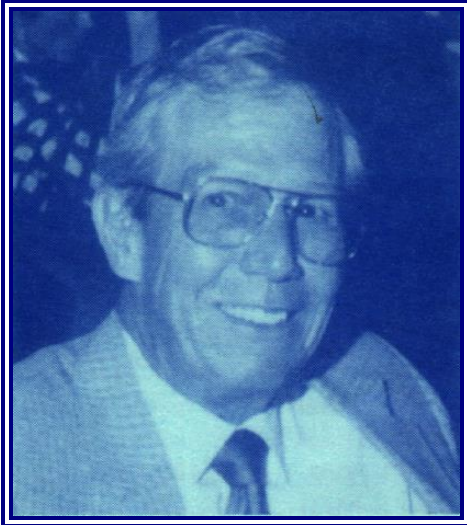
(Center L - R): Founders Tommy Harris and Jim Wilson, both from TEA.



Laverne Marr (Dallas) and Dr. Bill Kirby.

ACET's ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- The James F. Jeffrey Memorial Scholarship
- The Betty Bell Love Scholarship



Dr. James F. Jeffrey was appointed as executive secretary of ACET in 1985 under the leadership of Dr. Amy Perkins and served in that capacity until 1994. Dr. Jeffrey died in January 1996. At the 1996 Winter Meeting, the Executive Council unanimously approved a memorial scholarship in his honor. Each year, the highest ranking scholarship applicant will be awarded **The James F. Jeffrey Memorial Scholarship**.



Members of the 1996-97 Scholarship Committee work diligently to select the most deserving students. (L to R): Cindy Brown, Northwest ISD, Connie Cantu, Southside ISD, Betty Love, Grand Prairie ISD (Chairperson), Bessie Moody, Dallas Public Schools, and Cordelia Alexander, Dallas Public Schools. Not pictured: Dr. Wesley L. Boykin, Kathy McGuffin and Johnnie Yero.



Betty Bell Love

Betty Love, a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, graduated from Southern University. She taught in Sikeston (Missouri) and Lafayette public schools prior to moving to North Texas in 1960. Betty joined the Scholarship Committee at its inception under the leadership of President Herbert Norris. She served as chairperson throughout the 1990's until her retirement from Grand Prairie ISD in May 1997. At the 1997 Fall Conference in El Paso, the Executive Council named the second scholarship awarded annually as **The Betty Bell Love Scholarship**.



Current Members Taking the Journey into the 21st Century . . .



Lois Blanks, Dallas
Public Schools



Dr. Ginger Metz, Region XI ESC,
Elfida Gutierrez, and Ambrosio
Melendrez.



Debra Baros, Cuero ISD



Pat Roland, Region XVI ESC



Members of the 1997 Fall Planning
Committee in El Paso (L to R): Kay
Riggan (Raymondville) Linda Thomas
(Region II ESC), Dahinda Diaz (TEA),
Bessie Moody (Dallas), and Connie
Cantu (Southside ISD)



Johnnie Yero, Houston ISD



Dr. Winifred McDaniel
Freelow, Port Arthur ISD



Kay Hunter, Dallas Public Schools



Karla Brewer, Lancaster ISD and
Shirley Coleman, San Vicente ISD





Current Members Taking the Journey into the 21st Century . . .



Fall 1997 Planning Committee (L-R): Seated - Johnnie Yero, Rudy Alvarez, Elfida Gutierrez, Susan Alfred, Kay Jacoby, Bessie; Standing - Dahlinda Diaz, Connie Cantu, Wade Burroughs, Katy McGuffin, Carlos Martinez.



Members honored at the 1997 NAFEPA Conference in Washington, DC (L to R): Seated - Elfida Gutierrez, Dr. Amy Perkins; Standing - Betty Love, Shirley Coleman, Dr. Wesley Boykin, Bessie Moody, and Linda Thomas.



Dr. Amy Perkins, Dr. Wesley Boykin, and Bessie Moody take a break from the 1997 NAFEPA Conference to tour the national monuments in Washington, DC.



Elfida Gutierrez (left) poses with members from the El Paso and Laredo area districts.



Kay Jacoby, Rudy Alvarez, and Wade Burroughs at a 1997 program planning meeting in Austin.



Elfida Gutierrez and Alfredo Gonzalez.



Elfida Gutierrez and Alfredo Gonzalez.



Alfredo Gonzalez and Ambrosio Melendrez.



Cordelia Alexander, Dallas



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Linda Thomas, Region II