

**President's Corner**

Hello, my name is Flora Reeves and I am your TAPSS president for 2007. First of all, a big welcome to our new members. We are pleased you have joined the Association and hope that you will participate in our monthly programs and other events. We especially hope you will join a committee (or two!) and share your knowledge and expertise. And a big howdy to all our returning members! We appreciate your continued support and involvement.

The TAPSS Executive Committee, which includes all the elected officers (shown on this page), as well as the committee chairs, meets monthly. As the year progresses, I will keep you informed of actions taken at the meetings. Feel free to contact me or any of the executive committee members with your questions.

Let's work together to stay informed, involved and inspired!

All the best,  
*Flora*

# The TAPSS Connection

**Happy Anniversary to Us!**



This year marks the 20th anniversary of TAPSS. Throughout the year, the newsletter will include items about the history of TAPSS and its growth and development (see page 2 for this issue's information).

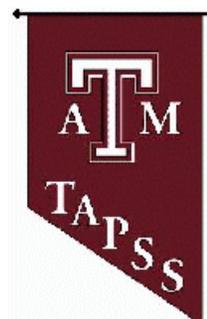
In order to find out the types of development and programming that you want, TAPSS members were sent an e-mail last month asking the following questions:

1. What would you like to see in the way of new growth?
2. What programs would you like to see?
3. Any questions, comments, concerns or ideas?

If you have not yet responded to these questions but would like to do so, please send your responses to Flora Reeves at [freeves@tamu.edu](mailto:freeves@tamu.edu). Responses will be shared in a future newsletter.

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# GROW

**With  
Us!**

Encourage your co-workers to become members of TAPSS and enjoy the networking and camaraderie of working together as a team to support the mission of TAPSS.

For Information about membership contact either Kerry Phillip (862-4945) or Samantha Payton (862-1769) for information.

## TAPSS HISTORY

- President Frank Vandiver approved the creation of TAPSS on October 30, 1987. By August 1988, membership had grown to 45 individuals.
- Melody Lyne from Agricultural Economics served as the first president of TAPSS.
- The first Annual TAPSS Professional Development Conference was held August 2, 1991 at the MSC and included a style show with TAMU faculty and staff as models.

## Choosing the Correct Word

It's easy to confuse words that are similar in sound, spelling, or meaning. But with a bit of review, it's also easy to clear up such confusions.

### Accept, except, expect

*Accept* is a verb that means "to take in." The preposition *except* means "other than." The verb *expect* means to "depend on" or "await."

Example: Everyone *except* the elves *accepted* the wage offer. We *expect* them to return to work soon.

### Advice, advise

The noun *advice* means "guidance." The verb *advise* means to "recommend" or "counsel."

Example: Erin's father *advised* her not to see Sam. She should have followed his *advice*.

### Affect, effect

*Affect* is usually a verb meaning "to influence." *Effect* is usually a noun meaning "result." When used as a verb, *effect* means "to cause."

Example: Peace is a natural *effect* of trade. War *affects* trade in various ways.

### Amount, number

Use *amount* to refer to quantity. Use *number* to refer to people or things that can be counted.

Example: An enormous *amount* of energy was exerted by a small *number* of people.

### Complement, compliment

*Complement* means "something that completes or brings to perfection." *Compliment* is an expression of praise.

Example: He said that men and women have strengths that *complement* each other. She did not take his remark as a *compliment*.

### A lot (much, many)

Spell *a lot* as two words, not one. In formal writing (such as essays and exams), avoid *a lot* in favor of *much* or *many*.

Example: *A lot* of students finished the exam early. (informal)

*Many* students finished the exam early. (formal)

## Calendar Items

### **March 6, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., 203 MSC**

TAPSS Monthly Program, "Basics of Investing" presented by Bryan Cobb of Edward Jones  
RSVP to c-gillar@tam.u.edu by March 2

### **March 14-16 (Wednesday through Friday)**

Spring Break for TAMU faculty and Staff

### **April (date to be determined)**

TAPSS Staff Appreciation Luncheon

### **April 12, 3:00 p.m., 201 MSC**

Academic Affairs Tradition of Excellence Awards Ceremony

### **April 19, 9:30 a.m., Rudder Theatre**

Division of Finance Keys to Excellence Awards Ceremony

### **May 1, 1:30 p.m., Rudder Theatre**

Distinguished Achievement Award Ceremony

### **May 8, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., location to be announced**

TAPSS Monthly Program, Rubber Stamping Projects with Jeannie Laird of Stampin' Up!

### **May 28, Memorial Day**

Holiday for TAMU staff and faculty

## SPOTLIGHT ON YOU!



*In order to learn more about each other, future editions of the newsletter will include a profile of a TAPSS member. If a newsletter committee member contacts you about being featured, please say yes! It will be a great opportunity for TAPSS to get to know you better.*

## Clutter, Clutter Everywhere!

Disorganized? Overwhelmed with "stuff"? Is your e-mail inbox out of control? Check out these websites for helpful tips:

<http://ineedmoretime.com/>

<http://www.organized-living.com/articles/>

<http://www.flylady.net/>

<http://www.microsoft.com/atwork/manageinfo/email.msp>



**WE NEED YOU!**  
to submit information for our newsletter. Please send information about awards, travels, special celebrations, or other events you would like to share with your fellow TAPSS members.

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**Birthdays**

**March**

- 3 Cheri Graalum
- 19 Joy McKenzie
- 23 Pam Vance

**April**

- 4 Joyce McMurry
- 8 Mary Johnson
- 12 Jane Miller
- 19 Lynda Ables
- 21 Samantha Payton
- 21 Susan Sassano
- 22 Clarice Fulton
- 29 Shelia Amos

**May**

- 2 Barbara Dawson
- 16 Brenda Barton
- 20 Mary Kathryn Moss
- 22 Francia Cagle
- 28 Kimberly Smith
- 31 Becky McNair



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**Joke Corner**

Dentist: It will cost \$100 to extract your tooth.

Patient: \$100 for just a few minute's work?

Dentist: Well, I can extract it very slowly if you prefer.



**Don't Forget!**

**Daylight Savings Time begins about three weeks early this year on Sunday, March 11. Set your clocks ahead one hour.**

**Double check your e-mail calendar as this change may affect your appointment times.**

