

Welcome to the TYCA-SW Conference website. Our leadership roster has worked enthusiastically since last year's Laredo conference to line up the South Shore Harbour and Resort south of Houston for October 27-29, 2011. South Shore Harbour is a short ride from Houston's Hobby Airport and one exit away from NASA's Mission Control and Space Center Houston. The room rate is extraordinary. Golfing, swimming, and fine dining are there aplenty. A scan of the South Shore Harbour website might get you thinking about bringing the family. Picture them hanging out (of the roller coaster—we pray not!) at the Kemah Boardwalk down the road.

It's no news by now just how tough the times are. Such times call upon all of us to prove our mettle. To that end we have an engaging conference theme, *Exploring New Worlds*. Our sessions promise to help you excel, despite the exigencies we now face. We keep hearing the words "creativity" and "innovation." Those words are old school to the folks in this NASA neighborhood. So if you have ideas worth sharing click on the Call for Proposals link to let Michael Gos in on your idea.

With all due respect to the high standard set by the previous 45 conferences of the Southwest region of Two-Year College English Association, this year's conference aspires to be the best ever. After all, when our own excellence as classroom instructors has been made more difficult, your good ideas have never been more needed or more important. So there is but one thing left to ensure this year's conference will be the best ever: you!

Get your proposals in soon, check our web page every now and then for developments, and we'll see you at South Shore Harbour and Resort come October.



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