

BIOGRAPHY
Linda Gale White

Texas First Lady Linda Gale White maintains an active schedule of official duties in addition to her work in community volunteer activities, the arts and various civic organizations.

A former teacher and businesswoman, Mrs. White taught at Johnston High School in Austin from 1966 to 1969 and at Westchester High School in Houston from 1969 to 1970. In the mid-Seventies, she began a career in real estate sales and currently holds a real estate license.

Governor and Mrs. White were married in 1966 and are the parents of three children; Wells, 13, born Sept. 11, 1970; Andy, 11, born June 14, 1972; and Elizabeth, 9, born Nov. 5, 1974.

Born Linda Gale Thompson on June 13, 1942, Mrs. White grew up in Irving, Texas. She is a 1964 graduate of Baylor University with a degree in Business Administration.

Mrs. White's community volunteer activities have included work in the newborn infant nursery at St. David's Hospital, the Austin Child Guidance Center, and the Austin Women's Center.

She serves on the Advisory Board for the School of Education at Baylor University, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Paramount Theatre in Austin and is a member of the Texas Parent Teacher Association Child Abuse Prevention Program.

The First Lady of Texas has also served as honorary state chair for the March of Dimes, the Texas Neurofibromatosis Foundation and served as honorary chair for the Easter Seals Safe Halloween Project in 1983.

In 1983, Mrs. White received the "Friend of Education" Award from District IV Texas State Teachers Association and the Texas Vocational Administrators and Supervisors Award.

The Whites are active members of Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin.

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