

Bill Guy - Biography  
Advocate  
Parents Helping Parents

My wife Rita and I are residents of Norman, OK. We are the parents of three grown children, eight grandchildren and one grown son who is deceased.

I hold a B.A degree in public address and a M.A. degree in secondary education from East Central State University in Ada, OK. After teaching high school English and journalism for 15 years in Oklahoma public schools, I became editor of publications for the Oklahoma Education Association in 1991. After working there for six years, I then worked in communications, public relations and training for other state affiliates of the National Education Association in Massachusetts, Tennessee and California for a total of 18 years. In 2014, I returned to the Oklahoma Education Association where I am currently employed.

I grew up in Allen, OK, a small town in southeastern Oklahoma where our family owned and published a weekly newspaper, *The Allen Advocate*. I am likely among the last generation of Americans who learned to set type on a Linotype machine. My paternal grandfather owned and published *The Blair Enterprise*, and one of my dad's brothers owned and published *The Haskell News*. Some member of the Guy family has published a weekly newspaper journalism in Oklahoma for almost 100 years. As they say, we have "ink in our blood."

I sit on the boards of Norman's addiction prevention advocacy group, Parents Helping Parents, and of The Depot, a local non-profit organization that promotes programs of music, art and poetry in our community.

I am an avid amateur photographer, I enjoy gardening and travel, and my list of books to read grows longer and longer the more I finish reading. My motto? *Carpe diem*.