

NOVA Planning Session Held in Little Rock

NOVA Executive Director Jeannette Adkins along with Cheryl Guidry Tyiska, NOVA Deputy Director, met in February with pro bono media strategists Shannon Bailey, Noble and Associates, and Heather Bailey, Paschall Strategic Communications, to brainstorm on member-

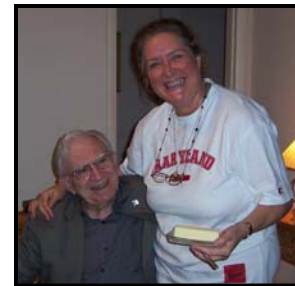
ship services and creating additional resources for NOVA.

Others assisting were consultants Sandra Morrison, Mississippi Crime Victim Compensation Program and Ginger Bankston Bailey, AR-CRT Executive Director.

Jeannette and Cheryl also met with AR-CRT Vice Chair and Methodist Family Health, Chief Executive Officer Andy Altom to discuss long range business strategies; Training Chair and Criminal Justice Institute Deputy Director Tom Canady on joint training possibilities, AR-CRT Chair Max Snowden, Ethics Review Chair Msgr. Jack Harris and Ethics Chair Shirley Jones to discuss liability and ethics in response. Coralie Maxwell, Episcopal Church CRT Team



Coralie Maxwell, Cheryl Guidry Tyiska, Ginger Bankston Bailey and Sandra K. Morrison



The Rev. Canon Lawson Anderson and Cheryl Guidry Tyiska

Leader and AR-CRT Chaplain the Rev. Canon Lawson Anderson were in charge of hospitality for the

group.

The weekend concluded with a Mardi Gras celebration and dinner at Saddle Creek Steakhouse with AR-CRT Secretary Larance Johnson and Pulaski County CRT Responder Linda Hicks joining the group.

Jeannette Adkins - NOVA Executive Director

The NOVA Board of Directors proudly announced that past NOVA President [2001-2003] Jeannette Adkins was selected at the new Executive Director. Ms. Adkins served since December 2004 as Interim Executive Director. Ms. Adkins replaced Dr. Marlene Young. Dr. Young retired after 30 years of service to the organization.

Jeannette Adkins has been the Director of the Victim/Witness Division of the Greene County Prosecutor's Office since its inception in January, 1982 and holds a BA in Sociology and a M.Ed. in Counseling and is a Licensed Pro-

fessional Counselor in the State of Ohio. She is a Credentialed Advocate with Advanced Standing with the National Advocate Credentialing Program, an organization she helped found in 2001.

Adkins served as a Special Deputy with the Greene County Sheriff's Department from 1983 until 1998. She is an active member and past President of the Ohio Victim Witness Association and a long time member of the NOVA. She serves as a volunteer national training consultant for NOVA, is a Certified Crisis Responder and member of the NOVA national Crisis Response Team.

AR-CRT looks forward to her leadership,

vision and continued friendship.



NOVA Executive Director Jeannette Adkins