

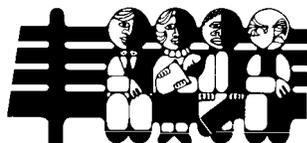
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THE PRESIDENT'S PEN A PARTIAL VIEW

The Greeks Had a Word for It

By the time you read this, the Olympics in Greece will be over, but the Group Work Symposium still lies ahead.

The word "symposium", that we have adopted to identify our annual meeting, is rooted in the Greek language and, originally, according to the *Shorter Oxford Dictionary*, meant, "a drinking party;... a convivial meeting, one held by the ancient Greeks for drinking, conversation, philosophical discussion, etc." A current definition has dropped the reference to drinking and defines it as "A meeting or conference for the discussion of a particular subject, a collection delivered or a series of articles at such a meeting or conference."

The Symposium has become the one time during the year when members of AASWG, our organization, can get together to carry out some of the functions those historic Greeks were prescient and democratic enough to recognize as an important way of sharing important ideas and building relationships. It is an important event for the Association, because it
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DETROIT SYMPOSIUM BECKONS

The weeks are passing quickly, and in no time at all people will be boarding planes, getting into cars, and converging on Detroit for the 26th Annual International Symposium on Social Work with Groups, "Group Work Reaching Across Boundaries!" Planning Committee members are very excited, hard at work and looking forward to seeing old and new friends and colleagues in Detroit.

In mid-August we met at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel to look over the facilities and familiarize ourselves with the layout. The set-up looks good, and the overall impression is of airy brightness, with meeting rooms that effectively combine warmth with professional resources. The block of hotel rooms will be held until September 29 at the reduced rates of \$129 for a single, \$149 for a double, \$169 for a triple and \$189 for a quad. Remember, too, that if you don't have anyone to room with you can e-mail the Symposium Coordinator at ap3849@wayne.edu, and we will help connect you with someone else who is in the
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KELLY REPORTS ON EUROPEAN SYMPOSIUM

My father used to tell me that the only thing constant in life is change, and over the years and many changes in my life I began to see the truth in that statement. This past year I have experienced quite a few changes as I moved to Scotland to begin a new life in the Glasgow area with my partner. Some of the challenging changes and transitions I anticipated - like leaving behind family and friends. Some changes I experienced were not fully anticipated or appreciated. Feeling isolated from the kindred spirits of a community of group workers was one of those unanticipated challenges. Barry University, where I previously
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President's Pen, continued from page 1 provides an opportunity to bring new ideas before colleagues and to reinforce some of the basic strengths that working with groups within the social work profession value base provides. But it has greater ramifications, it is an occasion to get to know each other and cement our organization's commitment to one another, to our mission and to society. It also is a tool that keeps our organization alive. It serves to recruit and maintain membership, provide opportunity for feedback to our organization, and recognize the contributions of our members.

The Olympics recently held in Greece was another contribution that has verisimilitude to what Group Work is all about: bringing together those with differing ideas and ways of life in a place where differences are set aside and the athletic actions in the situations are what counts, not the opinions and judgments of the past. Hopefully, in our modern television and computer age, the values of the participants and the millions of observers are positively influenced by the interactions of which we become a part. What if there were a Human Service Olympics in which all organizations serving persons would attend and present their ideas, not to compete, but to illustrate the advantages and principles of unity, and what such synergistic efforts might provide. The closest we ever came to that was the yearly meeting of "The National Conference on Social Welfare" that existed under various names for nearly a century and faded from the scene about twenty years ago.

There is another contribution in early Greek history that I am particularly taken with. It is called the Athenian Oath and was pledged by the youth of Athens. It goes something like this:

The Athenian Oath

We will never bring disgrace on this our City by an act of dishonesty or cowardice.

We will fight for the ideals and Sacred Things of the City both alone and with many.

We will revere and obey the City's laws, and will do our best to incite a like reverence and respect in those above us who are prone to annul them or set them at naught.

We will strive increasingly to

CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR 2005 ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee is seeking names of potential nominees for the 2005 Elections. Three At Large Board Member positions will need to be filled. The Committee will start its work at the Symposium in October.

For information about requirements for being an At Large Board Member and to send names, brief biographical and supportive statements, contact Martin L. Birnbaum or Ellen Sue Mesbur, Co-chairs.

Other members of the Committee for 2004-05 are Rodney Dewberry, Maeda Galinsky, Charles Garvin, Alison Johnson, and John Ramey.

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WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR GROUP WORK TODAY?

quicken the public's sense of civic duty.

Thus in all these ways we will transmit this City, not only not less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

What if we group workers were to take a similar oath to work for our community, including AASWG, and make every effort to make it a better organization than it was when we first joined it. What might we have to do... recruit members, offer to join some committees, pay our dues, attend the symposium? Certainly all of those might be necessary, but more might be demanded; we might have to reflect on what we believe this organization could be and what meaning it has for us. We would have to give it meaning. We would have to make a commitment. We would have to come together. We would have to use our imagination.

I asked the Delphic Oracle, "What would be the results if we did those things?"

After a long silence there was a response, "It is up to the group."

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ARCHIVES, ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP

Janice Andrews-Schenk, AASWG liaison to the Social Welfare History Archives at the University of Minnesota, urges members to send archival material to the Archives. Members do not need to worry about sorting their material; staff at SWHA will catalog all incoming material. The Social Group Work Collection is used by scholars and students of group work. It is important that we keep our legacy alive. Information about contacting and sending materials to the Archives is in the box on page 2.

For the third year Sonia Abels and Janice Andrews-Schenk will give an oral history training workshop at the Symposium. In the past, students, practitioners and academics have attended the workshop to learn more about conducting oral histories and how to get them published.

AASWG needs resources to continue conducting oral histories. Members who have suggestions regarding funding sources should contact AASWG President Paul Abels.

It is titled "Life Is Sharing the Same Park Bench." The original may be seen as a wall mural on the building on the northeast corner of East Ninth Street and Rockwell Avenue in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. Our use of it as a logo recognizes and celebrates our diversity, our commitment to diversity, and our bringing our diverse peoples together.

Personal and institutional materials for the Group Work Archives should be sent to David J. Klaassen, Director, Social Welfare History Archives, 321 Andersen Library, 222 21st Avenue South, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455, 612-624-4377, e-mail dklaa@tc.umn.edu, <http://archon.lib.edu/swha.htm>. Shipping will be reimbursed.

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The deadline editorial and advertising copy for the next issue, January 2005, is December 15, 2004. The following issue will be May 2005 with a copy deadline of April 15.

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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY

By Raymie Wayne

As you are most likely aware from other articles in this newsletter, the Board of Directors of AASWG met in New York City this past June. It is always a unique experience to be face-to-face with people with whom you share such a close connection, yet, may have never met in person. The meeting itself was lively, and the connections among members invaluable. We all returned home with renewed energy to keep AASWG strong. Below you will find some of the topics that were covered in my report to the Board.

1. Membership numbers. We have roughly the same number of members as we did this time last year. Our goal is to end on December 31 with over 1100 members, as we did last year. If you have not yet renewed for 2004, please do so now.

2. The Membership Committee is strong and active. We are putting the finishing touches on a new brochure and developing other tools to help with member recruitment. Please let us know if you have ideas for us to consider.

3. Haworth Press. Beginning with Volume 26 Number 4, Haworth Press will once again include an AASWG membership form and information page in the Social Work with Groups Journal. We can change the AASWG pages as often as we wish. I welcome your ideas for creative ways to market AASWG through the journal.

4. Annual Appeal. Since the mailing of the appeal letter in November we have raised \$13,120. To those who have contributed, thank you; to those who have not yet made a contribution, it is not too late.

5. An Issue for Discussion. One idea that I have considered for some time is for AASWG to do more with fields of practice. I write to you now to ask for your feedback on this idea. My vision at this time is undefined: perhaps some special tracks at the Symposium, a regular column in the newsletter, a dedicated list serve... you name it. Please let me know if you have thoughts about this potential direction for AASWG.

As always, I welcome your input. The best way to reach me is by e-mail at generalsecretary@aaaswg.org.

AASWG ADDRESS TO CHANGE OCTOBER 15

After October 15 mail addressed to Raymie Wayne, General Secretary, AASWG, should be sent to the following new address: 30 North Canton Road, West Simsbury, CT 06092-2000. The telephone and fax numbers and the e-mail address remain the same.

Please share information with *SWwGN* about what is going on in your communities, agencies or schools, etc., that is relevant to group work. Help keep us and your colleagues informed. Send your comments or articles to *SWwGN*.

A TIME TO VOTE

It is important to vote in AASWG elections as well as the national and local elections. AASWG ballots must be returned by October 1.

Activated by voting, informed decisions by group members and citizens to select elected officials are at the heart of democracy. And group workers are specialist in the democratic processes at the level of face to face participation.

This year's candidates for the three At Large positions are Ann M. Bergart, Niles, Illinois; Mike Chovanec, Bloomington, Minnesota; Alex Gitterman, White Plains, New York; Cheryl D. Lee, Long Beach, California; and Sylvana Trabout, Ossining, New York. The ballot mailing included statements from each candidate.

Ballots for the 2004 election of At Large members for the AASWG Board of Directors were mailed in mid-August. Ballots must be returned in the envelopes provided. Those in Canada are to be returned to Ellen Sue Mesbur in Toronto. All others are to be returned to Martin Birnbaum in New York City.

The 2004 Nominating Committee included Mesbur and Birnbaum as Co-Chairs; Janice Andrews-Schenk, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Maeda Galinsky, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Charles D. Garvin, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Alison Johnson, Louisville, Kentucky; and John H. Ramey, Akron, Ohio.

Election results will be announced at the Annual Membership Meeting in Detroit on Saturday, October 23.



MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT THE SYMPOSIUM

The Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, at the Symposium in Detroit. Honorees will be recognized, election results announced, Board and Committee reports presented, and other required and appropriate business transacted. Check the Symposium Program for the exact time and location, and join with your colleagues in this interesting and important core operational meeting.

BOARD MEETS OCTOBER 21 IN DETROIT

As usual the AASWG Board will meet on Thursday afternoon, October 21, before the Symposium in Detroit. Committees meet Thursday morning and during the Symposium. The meeting schedule will be in the final program.

The Executive Committee meets Wednesday late afternoon and evening.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANNUAL FUND

We very much appreciate the following contribution to the Annual Fund which has been received since May. The Annual Fund is a very important source of support for the mission of AASWG.

In Memory of Myron J. Greenfield, from Phyllis G. Ross, Katonah, New York.

DAUGHTER OF A BUFFALO SOLDIER MARJORIE WITT JOHNSON TO BE HONORED AT KARAMU

A new dance-driven drama will portray the life of Marjorie Witt Johnson, a long time AASWG member, an Honoree at the San Diego Symposium, and a founding member of the Northeast Ohio Chapter.

This new work to be produced for the first time at the close of the 2004-05 season at Karamu House in Cleveland is billed as "one of the most anticipated projects in Northeast Ohio." It is a collaboration between Karamu House and Cleveland Contemporary Dance Theatre. We know Marjorie Witt Johnson as a group worker from her years teaching and coordinating field instruction at the Atlanta University School of Social Work and from her work in the Cleveland Public Schools. In this production she is also remembered as a dance pioneer.

Born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, 95 years ago, the daughter of a Buffalo Soldier, Johnson came to Karamu House in the early thirties where she created the Karamu Dancers who performed at the New York World's Fair in 1940. Her teachings have been praised by dance greats Ruth St. Denis, Martha Graham, and peers all over the world.

After interviews with Johnson,

CAN GROUP WORKERS WRITE?

Lucy Carner used to say, "Group workers can't read and they can't write."

We like to think that does not hold true today.

But, if you look around, it is not the group workers writing mostly about social work practice and about social needs in this world.

It makes a difference.

Broadway and regional theatre director/choreographer legend Dianne McIntyre and CCDI Artistic Director Michael Medcalf bring her compelling story to life with the use of multi-media, narration and, of course, dance from May 5 to 22, 2005, in Karamu House's Jelliffe Theatre, located at 2355 East 89th Street in Cleveland, Ohio 44106-1403. It is directed and choreographed by Dianne McIntyre.

Karamu House is well known as a settlement house in the cultural arts tradition. It provided one of the first racially integrated theater opportunities in the USA and pioneered in offering training and experience for African-American actors and other artists. Russell and Rowena Jelliffe were the Directors for many years.

Marjorie Witt Johnson's life and work have also been documented in a film produced by the Western Reserve Historical Society. A few years ago she was also the Honoree-of-the-Year by Dance Ohio.

Congratulations once again to Marjorie Witt Johnson for her many-faceted contributions over her many years to life in the United States, to group work, and to dance.

Society's attention and political decisions go to those who are recognized. Writing is a major way to be recognized.

Lucy Carner was the Director of the Group Work Division of the Chicago Community Council a half century ago. Yes, there was a "Group Work Division" with all the group serving agencies working together.

Have things changed yet? Not much. Is this a challenge? Yes!

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Since May generous contributions have been received from the following persons for the Operating Fund:

In Honor of Janice Andrews and In Memory of Gisela Konopka, from Anthony A. Bibus, Richfield, Minnesota.

In Memory of Gisela Konopka, whose group work children are with the stars in the sky, from Judith A. B. Lee, Fort Myers, Florida.

In Memory of Elizabeth Schafer-Michael, from Albert E. Schafer, San Diego, California.

In Memory of Janet Baskin Schwimmer, from Mary L. Strong, Redondo Beach, California.

In Honor of James A. Garland, from Frank S. Bartolomeo, Concord, Massachusetts.

In Honor of Toby Berman-Rossi, from Lucia Berman-Rossi, Brookline, Massachusetts.

In Honor of the Diversity Committee, from Andrew T. Cicchetti, Brooklyn, New York.

In Honor of Hannah Powsner, from Jill Gerson, New York, New York.

In Honor of Elizabeth Lewis, from Gail Long, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

In Honor of the beautiful connections made through our efforts, from Sarita P. Roy, Pleasantville, New York.

In Honor of Al Alissi, from Barbara J. Savage-Anderson, Ledyard, Connecticut.

In Recognition of Barry University, from Eloisa Roses Ramos, Cooper City, Florida.

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We are very appreciative of these gifts. We share in the joys and sorrows of those dedicated to departed relatives, friends, and colleagues. We will use these to enhance the ongoing work of AASWG in 2004.

Groups R Us

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JOHN AND CAROL RAMEY ENDOWMENT FUND

Since May the Endowment Fund has received the following generous gifts:

Velma J. Carrio, San Diego, California; and Lisa E. McGuire, Indianapolis, Indiana.

We are very appreciative of these gifts. Only income is used, as needed, for support of the position of General Secretary. The John and Carol Ramey Endowment Fund is very important in building AASWG for the future.

Several lines on the Membership Application provide various options to contribute to the Operating Fund, to the Annual Fund, or to the John and Carol Ramey Endowment Fund. Gifts may be designated for memorials, honors, celebrations, beautiful thoughts, etc.

FOR JOY, MEANING, RITUAL, DRAMA, LOVE, POETRY, MYSTERY, UNION WITH ALL MANKIND

As the last paragraph of *Social Welfare: Charity to Justice*, John Romanyshyn sums up our goal as group workers and gives us a framework for understanding the importance of Marjorie Johnson's contributions as a dancer and group worker.

"All around us there are signs that human beings are coming alive to new and exciting potentialities in the nature of man and the possibilities for social life. The Protestant ethic has outlived its usefulness. Man was made for joy, for creation of meaning, for ritual and drama, for love, for poetry and mystery, for self-transcendence and for union with all mankind. There is more, much more, to man than the narrow image of him that we have incorporated into our economic and political life. Here lies the hope for human welfare."

John M. Romanyshyn, *Social Welfare: Charity to Justice*, New York: Random House and Council on Social Work Education, 1971, p. 408.

WHO ARE THE SOCIAL WORK PIONEERS IN GROUP WORK?

By John E. Hansan

In the May 2004 issue of *Social Work With Groups Newsletter* there were tributes in memory of two renowned social workers: Sophia Deutchberger and H. Daniel Carpenter. Surprisingly, I learned that neither of these distinguished group workers had been nominated as Social Work Pioneers. A cursory review of the list of Social Work Pioneers on the National Association of Social Work Web Site (www.naswfoundation.org) reveals what I believe to be an under-representation of group workers who have made significant contributions to the profession of social work.

The Social Work Pioneer Program was created to honor members of the social work profession who have contributed to the evolution and enrichment of the profession. The Pioneer Program identifies and recognizes individuals whose unique dedication, commitment and determination have improved social and human conditions. Each Social Work Pioneer is recognized with a bronze tablet bearing his or her name in the Pioneer Room at NASW Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Also, a complete alphabetized list of those so honored can be found on the NASW Foundation Web Site.

Members of AASWG are encouraged to visit the NASW Web site (www.naswfoundation.org) and review the list of Social Work Pioneers. If it does not include an individual they believe should be honored, the Web site includes the criteria and format required to submit a nomination. Hopefully, this will result in more group workers being recognized for the contributions they have made to the field of social work.

SWwGN is interested in receiving brief practice vignettes for publication in future issues. We would like to have one or more for each issue. Please write your favorite group work practice narrative today and send it in. No more than 1200 words.



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taught, and the South Florida area have a strong group work presence. Beulah Rothman, one of the co-founders the journal *Social Work with Groups* and a founding member of AASWG, worked to establish a community of group workers at Barry and in South Florida. After her death many of the AASWG faithful continued to develop the group work community. I was nurtured and grew in that community. With e-mail, international phone calls, and yearly AASWG symposia I figured my "group work soul" would continue to be nurtured and fed. However, I did not fully appreciate the importance of the daily support of other group workers I left behind. Working as a researcher of gerontological practice in a school of nursing, I am the only group worker and found myself feeling somewhat professionally isolated. That all changed on July 21, 2004, in the beautiful and medieval city of York. For three days twenty-five group workers from Australia, Europe, and North America joined together for the 10th European Groupwork Symposium, and I connected with kindred spirits in my new country.

The symposium was sponsored by Whiting & Birch, publisher of *Groupwork* and long time supporter of AASWG. Mark Doel and Pam Trevithick, both AASWG members, were co-chairs of the event.

Everything about the symposium was wonderful. The size of the symposium provided the opportunity for intimacy to develop among attendees. For example, at the end of each day everyone gathered for a "glass on the grass," which was a glass of wine on the Victorian quadrangle in the heart of the campus of St. John's College-York. Everyone then walked together into the old city of York for dinner together. Many connections were made during the festive elements of the symposium.

The size also allowed people to really have a chance to discuss the papers and ideas presented. Attendees came from various backgrounds and included social workers, community workers, youth workers, and probation workers. The various disciplines helped produce dialogue that was truly rich and stimulating. Each presentation I attended was thought provoking, stimulating, and often

very inspirational. Below are some highlights of the workshops and papers I was able to attend.

The symposium theme was "What counts as 'evidence' in groupwork?" Pamela Trevithick gave the opening plenary entitled "Groupwork with people from marginalised, excluded and disadvantaged sectors of the population: How do we evidence effectiveness?" She discussed her group work practice with prostitutes and how group workers could demonstrate the effectiveness of their practice using a holistic and member centered approach.

Christine Johnston from Northern Ireland Reminiscence Network in Belfast presented a workshop entitled, "The impact of memories: The use of reminiscence in group work with people who have dementia." This inspiring workshop demonstrated how group work skills can be used to bring together people with dementia, their family careers, and care home staff using reminiscence. The group helped all three groups make connections, improve care, and increase staff skill.

Michael Preston-Shoot gave the second plenary entitled "Evidence - the final frontier? Star Trek, groupwork and the mission for change." In this highly creative plenary address, Preston-Shoot used Star Trek as a metaphor to demonstrate how group work could "boldly go where few have gone before." He outlined how groupworkers could document their practice wisdom, use research to inform their practice, document user and career knowledge, work across systems and disciplines to generate research knowledge, and work for social change. Though he did not fully describe how to bridge the research/practice divide, he did outline a road map for beginning this journey.

The next workshop I attended was entitled "The role of consultancy in professional development and groupwork effectiveness: For narratives." Three group work practitioners from South Gloucestershire Social Services described their practice development journey which was facilitated by a groupwork consultant, who also provided the narrative of their work together. This inspiring workshop illustrated the transforming power of group work and professional develop-

ment. Through their work together these four all grew as professionals and people, and transformed a social work department that provided only individual services into an agency providing a wealth of groupwork services.

The next workshop I attended was perhaps the most moving one of the symposium. Fiona McDermott from the University of Melbourne in Australia presented her paper, "How do you know your group is working?" After reviewing the research evidence on the outcome of group work in the fields of mental health and health, she presented her work on a replication study of breast cancer support groups, including some video footage of one of the groups in the study. This powerful presentation led to an energetic discussion of group work research, the politics of research, group work skill, and ethical issues.

Janet Adams, from the University of Luton, presented a workshop of "Participant focused questionnaires." This highly interactive workshop demonstrated how groupworkers can engage group members in a reflective process to evaluate their own group experience. This process has members identify evaluation questions which are then turned into a questionnaire that they then use to evaluate their own group. This simple technique can be an important tool in demonstrating the effectiveness of group work practice.

The final presentation was the plenary given by Joe Yates from De Montfort University "Evidencing groupwork in the 'new youth justice.'" This presentation clearly demonstrated the connection between private troubles and public issues as Joe described how the current political agenda is criminalizing youth in the UK. He illustrated group work's role in normalizing the problems youth face today, providing services to at-risk youth, and the role of groupwork research in confronting regressive social policy.

There were eight other presentations at the symposia that I was unable to attend as they occurred during the above presentations. Several of these were made by current or past AASWG members including Canadians Alice Home, Jocelyn Lindsay, and Tom Reynolds. Listening to the discussions among symposium attendees, these other presenta-



NEILSON ON RADIO

Barbara Neilson was interviewed on the CBC mid-morning radio show, "The Current", on Wednesday, July 28. The show, about inter-sexuality, began with a one-half hour interview with an individual who has CAH and xx chromosomes, was raised as a female, but who is now living as a male and is not happy about the treatment that occurred as a child.

The second half hour featured interviews with Barbara Neilson and Dr. Alice Dreger, an activist for inter-sexuals. Neilson talked about surgery on genitals, parents' feelings, and coping.

In anticipating the interview which was taped on Tuesday, Neilson reflected, "Who knows how the questions will be asked!!"

The show was primarily heard in Canada over the CBC, but, of course, could also be heard along the northern US border and via the internet.

We thank Neilson for alerting us about the show via our Group Work ListServe.

Barbara Neilson is at the Department of Social Work, Hospital for Sick Children, in Toronto.

tions were also stimulating and thought-provoking.

The group work spirit, dedication to the disenfranchised, sense of connection, and ability to have fun were on full display during the three days of the symposium. Affectional ties were formed and strengthened as attendees worked hard and played hard together. The differing ideas and experiences coalesced into a deeply meaningful experience for most participants, including me. No longer did I feel isolated from a local group work community. I was now part of group work in the UK. As I reflected on the experience, I thought back to my father's words about change being constant. Sorry dad, some things do not seem to change. Though language, terms, and environmental contexts maybe somewhat different, group workers from around the world know how to come together and build community.

Next year the Symposium will again be held in July in York. I encourage all AASWG members to consider attending.

Tim Kelly, Glasgow, Scotland

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the joke's on me

I was recently appointed commissioner of civil service for the city of long beach on long island in new york.

ha.

The city manager asked me if I wanted to march in the city's annual memorial day parade with some of the other city officials.

haha.

I thought for a moment and remembered what I thought of other city officials who marched in the parade during my many years as a faithful spectator.

hahaha.

I told him that I would prefer to just continue to watch the parade from the sideline as always and then I realized that it was too late as I had already stepped over the sideline and into the parade.

hahahaha.

Andy Malekoff

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LEADERSHIP QUALITIES NEEDED FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Nominations Committee has identified the following essential leadership qualities for prospective Board Members.

1. Commitment to Board service.
2. People who understand the diverse areas of group work practice and have different perspectives about group work.
3. Ability to bring new ideas and a vision of group work.
4. Participation in Board discussion.
5. Acceptance of responsibility.
6. Follow through on responsibility taken.
7. Track record of responsibility taken in chapter, community and professional organizations.

In addition to the leadership qualities the Nominations Committee considers diversity qualifications such as ethnicity, gender, age, geographical representation, and a balance between practitioners and academics.

Approved by the Board in June 2004.

Martin L. Birnbaum and
Ellen Sue Mesbur, Co-Chairs



IN MEMORIAM IRVING KRIEGSFELD 1920 - 2004

Irving M. Kriegsfeld, 84, a former leading official of D.C. housing commissions who founded and ran a real estate development and management company, died July 9 at an assisted living facility in Olmstead Falls, Ohio, of Alzheimer's disease.

We remember Kriegsfeld as a group worker and settlement director in the 1940's and 50's. He was a widely recognized authority on affordable housing in the mid-1970's, when he served on the D. C. rent commission, was chairman of the National Housing Conference and the D.C. Legislative Committee on Housing. The latter organization was formed in 1976 by then-Mayor Walter E. Washington to craft a comprehensive citywide policy on private and public affordable housing development.

Kriegsfeld was born in Poland and came to the United States with his family when he was two years old. They settled in New York, where he attended the Juilliard School of Music and City College of New York, from which he graduated with a degree in education. He received a master's degree in social work from Columbia University after serving in the Army during World War II.

He went on to become the director of a settlement house in San Francisco and Baden Street Settlement in Rochester, NY. In Rochester he also served as a "straw-man buyer" for black families wanting to purchase homes in all-white communities. In 1968 he joined the administration of then-Cleveland Mayor Carl Stokes as Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Metropolitan Housing Authority. Under his direction, the agency built more than 5,000 low- and moderate-income housing units in less than three years.

Throughout his career, Kriegsfeld served as consultant to governmental bodies, including the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County, the offices of the mayors of Boston and Newark, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and the housing division for the State of Ohio.

Some information from the *Washington Post* and John E. Hansan, McLean, VA.

IN MEMORIAM REBECCA E. ADLER 1929 - 2004

Rebecca Ely Adler, Chair of the Northeast Ohio Chapter until the middle of last year, died May 23. She had resigned when her health deteriorated to the point that she could not continue. She remained a member of the Executive Committee and attended the Chapter's Annual meeting in March where she was recognized for her commitment and service. She had planned to attend the Boston Symposium when she became ill and had to cancel her plans. The memorial service was June 16 at Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland.

Becky was born in Washington, DC. She received her BA from the University of New Hampshire. After graduating in 1952 she was elected national chair of the student YWCA. Her student work focused on racial and economic justice and international peace. She studied two years at Union Theological Seminary before becoming Executive Secretary of the Pembroke Christian Association at Brown University. In 1958 she moved to Cleveland where she served as Executive Secretary and organizer of volunteers for the Student Christian Union.

Although she left work to raise her children, she remained active as a volunteer, focusing her energies on issues of racial equality and community harmony.

At heart a grass-roots activist, Becky believed strongly that the path to world peace and social equality begins at the family and community levels. In 1982 she received her Master of Social Work degree from the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University. She was a school social worker in Cleveland Heights, then the Coordinator of volunteers at the Shaker Heights Youth Center. She helped found "Parenting for Peaceful Families", a training program for young parents and social workers in non-coercive methods of raising children. She helped organize InterAct Cleveland's mentoring program for young parents, particularly single young women trying to handle work and children after cutbacks in AFDC during the 1980's. She enjoyed traveling and combined her trips with contacts which helped create several international and

SYMPOSIUM PRELIMINARY PROGRAM, REGISTRATION ON LINE, DEADLINES EXTENDED

The preliminary program for this year's Symposium is online. Due to unforeseen circumstances we were a little late in getting the program printed and in the mail. Please go to <http://www.aaswg.org/symposia/symposia.html> to view the program.

The hotel cut-off date and early bird registration deadlines have been extended to September 29. We encourage everyone who plans on attending to use the online information to register and book hotel rooms.

Please also distribute the materials to all who may be interested in attending the symposium.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone in Detroit.

SWwGN ONLINE

Social Work with Groups Newsletter is now online at the AASWG web site, www.aaswg.org. We had mentioned this in the May issue but encountered a delay in setting it up. As a result of our securing an upgrade in our desktop publishing program, starting with the January 2004 issue the copy appears in the same format as the hard paper copy. Prior to that some issues were available in copy reconstructed from the original text files.

Remember: *SWwGN* is a cumulative reference as well as current news. Accessing it through the web site will make it easier to use when you cannot locate your earlier copies.

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intercultural activities. In addition to political activism, Becky was interested in music, reading, and gardening, and she was an accomplished potter.

Becky was a loyal and devoted friend, mother, and colleague who knew how to nurture and celebrate life and bring out the best in others. We will miss her and remember her for her dedication and service.



IN MEMORIAM

ARTHUR J. NAPARSTEK

April 2004

Services for Arthur J. Naparstek, former Dean of the School of applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University, were held Sunday, April 25, in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

For several years while he was studying and after receiving his MSSA for the University Of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Naparstek worked as a group worker in a Chicago neighborhood center. He was a plenary speaker at the Ann Arbor Symposium. At the time of his death Naparstek held the Grace Coyle Chair at CSWR. He had also worked as Director of the National League of Cities before joining the CWRU faculty.

MUTUAL AID IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

Andrew Cicchetti is requesting assistance in relation to his proposed doctoral dissertation. He says, "I am currently formulating my dissertation proposal, the topic of which is the application of mutual aid based social work groups to abstinence based substance abuse treatment. This qualitative research will seek to explore practice wisdom in service of developing an exemplar model of practice.

"At this point I am interested in identifying our AASWG members who have expertise in this field of practice and might potentially be interested in participating as key informants in my study. The details of the research design are not yet finalized, but I would find it helpful to get a sense of who might be interested in this project.

"I am a doctoral student at The Graduate Center/CUNY housed at Hunter College School of Social Work in New York. Please feel free to contact me at 212-505-6212 or atcicchetti@att.net."

POLITICS

In a message dated 6/9/2004 Tim.Kelly@cgal.ac.uk wrote, "If you don't do politics, you don't do anything..."

Marcia Cohen responded: This sentiment I do support as well as our current "multilogue". The e-mail from Michael Westfall tells us that this active discourse

CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT

While looking forward to the October Symposium, the Chapter Development Committee begins thinking about the health and status of the local groups. We are using all of the now available information from our membership section on the web to review the status of chapters' active membership and to highlight areas that may be in need of additional support. As we approach the Symposium, it is important that local groups make potential members aware of the benefits of membership for savings on registration in Detroit. These savings make a membership drive even in the summer a useful tool as long as members who are recruited might wish to attend in Detroit. Local chapters should also be on the alert to help the Symposium Planning Committee in assuring that their local members who are selected to present have renewed or taken their new memberships immediately if it has not already been done.

An ongoing review of our membership does point to a decrease in our numbers. Local chapter groups are reminded that they represent the Association's face to their communities. Effective and useful offerings in workshops and services are the keys to recruitment and retention of members. Chapters that have fallen below twenty-five active members are being reviewed by the Chapter Development Committee for additional assistance and to track those chapters that are struggling with membership numbers for more than two annual report cycles. Chapters that have fallen to this level are in a difficult place in that they do not have a large enough working group to maintain their status as active chapters. Chapter chairs can contact the Chapter Development Chair to discuss strategies to increase participation or recruitment strategies.

The Chapter Development Committee may make recommendations to the

has engaged others which is a good thing. My earlier objection was about using this space to "advertise" for one party or one candidate or assume that as group workers we would all support the same one. What has evolved is a healthy discourse about the meaning of politics in social work and the meaning of social work in politics. This seems a very good use for our list.

Board that chapters with fewer than twenty-five members for two years be placed on probationary status and additional support and technical assistance made available to them.

Developing areas of the Association, those geographic areas with memberships of ten or more that would like to consider chapter status are reminded that all of the necessary materials for their efforts are included on the web site. We are working with a number of organizing groups in both formal and informal means. Several groups outside of the US are advancing in their membership bases and are working to formalize their organizing status. We are discussing both chapter and affiliate status with these groups to better meet their needs. We hope to see growth into the fall for these efforts.

There are continuing interesting efforts coming from local groups for chapter growth and development. Workshop series with a common theme or a field of practice matched to local needs; group work supervision and peer supervision groups organized by local chapters; workshops directed specifically at graduating social work students and affiliations with schools of social work or with social service agencies are all currently being used by various local chapters. Educational support and resources being developed and provided by local groups seems to have particular promise in some chapters. The Chapter Development Committee will continue to monitor how successful these ideas are so that others may also benefit from their successes and discoveries.

Active chapters are reminded that Chapter Development has available a chapter grant which can be applied for by the local group to achieve a development goal or begin a self sustaining membership building program or project. Grant proposals are accepted at any time but are reviewed by the Chapter Development Committee and the Executive Committee before they are granted. That makes this time just before the Symposium a useful time to expedite an application.

Questions for the Chapter Development Committee or requests for assistance can be directed to Michael Wagner, Chapter Development Chair at wagner001@aol.com.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new

And God fulfills himself in many ways

Lest one good custom should corrupt the world."

On July 14, 2004, at Anne Kopp Hyman's new residence in LaJolla, I spoke those words as the outgoing officers planned to welcome the new officers. The outgoing officers present, besides myself, were Cheri Cary and Anne Kopp Hyman. New officers attending were JoAnn Regan and Albert Schafer, Co-Presidents, Nancy Deutsch, Vice President, and Anne Kopp Hyman, Membership Chair. Board Members present were Helen Antoniak, Velma Carrio, Cheryl Lee, Ruben Garcia, and Flavio Marsiglia. Guests were Christa Joy Antoniak and Lana Schafer.

We were sorry that Paul and Sonia Ables were unable to attend because we wanted to celebrate with them their 52nd wedding anniversary. Also absent were Joan Parry, re-elected Treasurer, and Lysa Vick, Secretary. We have been without a secretary for a long time. Though we enjoyed the ice cream cake, we missed the two celebrants.

Everyone present had the opportunity to read one of the eleven goals stated in Article I, Section 2 of the By-Laws. I called attention to the openness of the organization stated as follows: "membership is open to Southern California residents who meet, maintain and actively support the philosophy and standards developed by this organization and who are committed to promoting the purpose and goals of the organization as specified in Section 2." I concluded my farewell remarks with five other quotations regarding change by Samuel Johnson, Alphonse Karr, Isaac Asimov, Alfred Lord Tennyson, and William Cowper.

Nancy talked about our continuing education programs and Anne about membership and recruitment.

Anne's hors d'oeuvres and choice of drinks were excellent. She is an outstanding hostess.

By the time you read this Newsletter the Southern California Chapter will have celebrated its 11th anniversary and inau-

gurated the new officers. The celebration was held on July 31 at The Fish Market in Solana Beach, the site of the past ten celebrations. The food was delicious and "a good time was had by all" to quote my mother, Emma Levinson.

I want to publicly thank Joan Parry for representing the Southern California Chapter at the June Board meeting in New York. She came back very excited with the news that the Board welcomed her suggestion to have the 28th Annual Symposium in San Diego. It will be held on October 12-15, 2006. Members of the Symposium Committee will be meeting shortly to choose a site for this event. If you have any suggestions or requests regarding the program, please contact me at 858-565-7167 or other Board members.

Jeanne A. Gill

FLORIDA

The Chapter has been active throughout the summer, and during one of our meetings it was reported that the international Board developed a task force for raising funds. Our members discussed the inclusion of the local AASWG, in some of the collaborative grants funded by the Children's Trust, as well as searching for further funding sources. Some of the income could then be used to support the International Association. Further discussion of this was put on the agenda for the next Florida Chapter meeting.

Earlier this summer, voter registration activities on the campus were discussed and implemented. A campus-wide voter registration is being prepared for the fall, prior to the registration deadline. Pam Millenbach will pursue this with the Supervisor of Elections Office and the Barry University Student Activities Office.

The Chapter Board has a very interesting and exciting Fall/Winter Educational Group Work Series scheduled for the 2004-05 year. Over the years, the Chapter of AASWG has consistently offered high quality educational programs. They have served to further the development of knowledge and skills of working with a wide range of groups representing our practice community. This year's Fall/Winter Series and Spring Conference follow in our tradition of excellence. We will kick off our series on

October 2 with Alison Bregman-Rodriquez, followed by Toby Berman-Rossi on November 13 and Judy Lee on January 25 for our Beulah Rothman Memorial Lecture. These programs will be held at Barry University's School of Social Work from 9:00 AM to 12:15 PM and are free to members. Additionally, we are pleased to announce that Margot Breton will be the keynote speaker for our Spring Conference slated for February 25. This conference will also take place at Barry University. Barry is located at 11300 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami Shores, FL, 305-899-3900. We have applied for CEU's for clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counselors.

For further information about the Florida Chapter, please contact Laura Farley at 305-758-0067 or lfarley@aol.com.

Submitted by Laura E. Farley, Chair

GERMANY

One of the results of our Annual Symposium in 2001 was the actualization and completion of a Method Seminar for group workers and people interested in this subject matter.

On Saturday, October 9, there will be the second Method Seminar of the German Chapter in Cologne.

As group leaders we have a variety of competencies, skill sets, and resources that need to be refreshed and inspired by new impulses on a regular basis. The Method Seminar will offer the opportunity to test and experience a variety of different methodical strategies for our own group work. The participants can gather new experiences from areas like team training, consulting, role play, and solution oriented communication.

A delegation of the German Chapter will be present at this year's Symposium in Detroit. They will offer a "Team Training" workshop in which you are invited to participate.

The Annual Symposium in Herzogenrath, scheduled for December 3-12 this fall, was already mentioned in the last issue of the Newsletter. This year's motto is "Jetzt geht's rund - Group work unter verschaerften Bedingungen" (Let's get started - group work under increasingly difficult conditions.)

One of the main goals of the Sympo-



sium is to finalize a group work profile, using different workshops like

- * Best practices- sharing your experience
- * Group work and project work
- * Profiling your marketing strategies
- * First steps into self-employment

Another goal is to seek opportunities and challenges to establish group work in our society.

We are especially looking forward to welcoming Tim Kelly as special guest to our Symposium in order to actively deepen and further our European and International expertise.

We wish you a good start into the new season and enough power and enthusiasm to master the challenges ahead.

Susan Kunz, Chair, Vorgebirgsstr 35, Koln, Germany, as.kunz@gmx.net.

KENTUCKY

On March 18 Tim Schladand and seven members of the group presented "Men Working with Men", a live men's group narrated to illustrate principles and structure.

Our April all day workshop entitled "Applying Ethics in the Supervisory Relationship" focused on supervision for supervisors. It was presented by Carol Keuchler. It included LCSW Supervisor Training content presented by Alison Johnson. It nourished supervisors working in agencies as well as supervisors off-site. Participants received six CEUs.

The Chapter took the summer off from presentations to prepare for the fall programs, and we have several scheduled.

Before I list them, let me mention that in August one of our members, Judith Matheny, was a guest speaker on "State of Affairs," a daily broadcast on WFPL, our NPR affiliate here in Louisville, discussing "Sexual Addiction and Group Work."

On September 23 Marie Ruff will present on "The Skipped Generation: Multi-Generational Parenting: A Group Work Approach."

On October 8 Tracy Carson and Robert Middleton, MD, will present "Group for the Recovering Soul." They will discuss their process of co-leading, which includes Tracey's teaching Robert group skills.

Several members are planning to

attend the Symposium in October.

On November 20 Sherry Fairchild will do a four-hour workshop "Play Therapy Applications to Social work with Groups".

Please contact Ursula Melhuish at n.melhuish@insightbb.com or Alison Johnson at kjajcj@prodigy.net to receive a copy of upcoming presentations and workshops or for other information on KYAASWG membership.

Submitted by Ursula Melhuish, Chair

LONG ISLAND

The Chapter completed its program year with an extremely successful collaboration, celebrating Social Work Month with the Social Work Department at North Shore University Hospital- Manhasset. The subject "Group Work and Loss" was presented by Susan Thomas from The Center for Hope at Schneider Children's Hospital and Sandy Kafenbaum of the Adelphi University Breast Cancer Support Program.

The Steering Committee continues to meet monthly at Molloy College in Rockville Centre to plan upcoming program events. At the time of this newsletter, definite plans have been made for the program on November 3 to be held at Adelphi University, "You want me to do a group?? That's easier said than done!!" with Carol Cohen of Adelphi University School of Social Work and several of her former group work students.

Other programs still in planning stages: December, "The Sayville Project", program to be partnered with SUNY-Stony Brook; February, "Group Work with Geriatric Population", partnered with Molloy College; and March, a celebration program to recognize Social Work Month, partnered with North Shore University Hospital.

Our own noted octogenarian, Catherine Papell, participated in the Adelphi University School of Social Work Alumni Association Spring event held June 12. She spoke on "Aging is Inevitable, Wisdom is Optional: professional and personal reflections on the aging process".

Some important changes have occurred within the Chapter Steering Committee: Loretta Hartley-Bangs and Catherine Papell have officially stepped down

from their Co-Chair positions after many years of true commitment and service. Beverly Feigelman has been elected to serve as the new Chair. Other leadership positions occupied within the Chapter include Lois Carey, Secretary, and Ed Simon, Treasurer. We are still in need of a Membership Chair. (Is anyone interested?)

The leadership of the Chapter welcomes input, recommendations, suggestions and participation in the development and planning of workshops. If anyone is interested in joining the Steering Committee or sharing any special ideas, please contact Beverly Feigelman, Chair, 718-380-8206, feigelma@aol.com or liaaswg.yahoo.com.

Submitted by Beverly Feigelman

MASSACHUSETTS

The Chapter held its Annual Meeting on June 25th at the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston. An intimate crowd gathered to hear Jon Higgins, Clinical Director at The Home for Little Wanderers Knight Children's Center, present on "The Use of Group Work with Sexually Reactive Children." Jon's presentation was very engaging and captured the interest of the audience. A highly interactive question and answer period followed her talk. Another highlight of the meeting was the recognition and celebration of this year's Chapter awards recipients. Zaza Sakhat, a recent graduate of the Boston University School of Social Work, was awarded the Herb Schneider Memorial Group Work Student of the Year Award. Lois Levinsky, a well-respected and seasoned group work practitioner and educator, was awarded the Saul Bernstein Memorial Group Worker of the Year Award. Somerville Mental Health (SMH), a local community mental health agency, was awarded the Saul Bernstein Memorial Group Work Agency of the Year. Trudy Duffy, a long time AASWG member and Chair of the Group Work Department at the Boston University School of Social Work, presented Zaza with her award. Jim Garland, a Past President of AASWG and an adored group worker, presented the Group Work Agency of the Year Award to Eddie Pascillis, an SMH social worker, who accepted the award on behalf of SMH. Lois Levinsky was unable to be at the meeting



to accept her award, though Jim Garland took the opportunity to sing her praises in her absence, noting many of her accomplishments and contributions to the field.

The Chapter Board is happily growing in leaps and bounds. Frank Bartolomeo, Hope Haslam Straughan, Jennifer Wittlin, Susan Lalone, William Chiaradonna, and Zaza Sakhat have recently joined the Board. Returning Board Members Cathy Horkan, Holly Fischer-Engel, Mary Lisbon, Meg MacPherson, and Paul Hodlin are thrilled to have such a talented and collegial group of fellow group workers joining the board. Holly Fischer-Engel, Past President, has passed the torch to new board President, Meg MacPherson. The Board has been in good hands over the past two years with Holly as its leader. Thankfully, Holly will continue to serve on the Board as the Editor of *The Circle*, the Chapter's quarterly newsletter. The board is lucky to have Jennifer Wittlin as the new Chapter Secretary replacing Meg MacPherson. The newly constituted Board had its first meeting on August 11 and is planning a board retreat for early September.

The Board is looking forward to the academic year ahead and to planning educational and networking opportunities for our membership. Many of us will be in Detroit in October for the 2004 Symposium. We'll see you there!

For more information about the Massachusetts Chapter, contact Meg MacPherson, Chapter President at 617/236-8078 or the Chapter at maaswg@yahoo.org.

NEW YORK RED APPLE

The Chapter's well attended meeting on June 9 was organized around the theme of honoring recent group work graduates and welcoming them as colleagues into the group work community. The Hexter Lounge at Hunter College was transformed into a festive gathering place filled with flowers, food, and red apples. The meeting began with a light repast and opportunity for conversation and networking. The Immediate Past Chair of the Red Apple Chapter, Michael Wagner, introduced the newly elected Chair, Roberta Rohdin. She thanked Wagner for his tireless efforts as chapter chair and presented him with a lovely bouquet of peonies. Roberta introduced

members of the executive committee. They are Andrew Cicchetti, Vice Chair, Shantih Clemans, Secretary, and Marilyn Myles, Treasurer.

The featured presentation by Urania "Ronnie" Glassman was entitled "Who Said It Could Not Be Done? Maximizing Opportunities for Group Work in New York City". Ronnie is the founding Chair of the Red Apple Chapter. She delivered an exciting review of the history of the AASWG. She peppered with personal anecdotes about her involvement such as sharing a hotel room with Katy Papell and Beulah Rothman at the first Symposium in 1979 in Cleveland, Ohio. Ronnie also discussed the formation of the Red Apple Chapter and concluded with a discussion of the application of social work with groups in varied contemporary fields of practice such as child welfare, health care, substance abuse treatment, and the prison system. Members' feedback was warm and enthusiastic. Many, even long time members of the Chapter, noted they appreciated hearing about the history of our organization. The meeting concluded with continued opportunity for connection and discussion.

The Executive Committee will meet next at the end of the summer to continue planning programming for the remaining chapter meetings. Continued foci of the committee's work will include evaluating and meeting the needs of the Chapter's members and expanding Chapter membership. Related to this and as a reminder, Chapter members interested in group work supervision should contact Michael Wagner at Wagner001@aol.com. He will continue leading the OOPS! supervision group.

For information contact Roberta Rohdin, Chair, at rfrny@aol.com.

NORTHEAST OHIO

The Chapter continues to move ahead with plans and developing relationships with new partners as it also copes with transitions. Becky Adler, who had made major contributions to the life of this Chapter over the past eight years and provided leadership as Chair of the Executive Committee during the past two years, died in May. Her passing leaves a tremendous hole in the Chapter, but more importantly in all of our hearts. We miss her calm, thoughtful, creative, and com-

passionate leadership as we continue to move ahead.

And Bobi Gallagher has moved to North Carolina. During the past several years, she has provided leadership for the Program Committee. She developed important relationships with several new partners and created dynamic group work programming on a regular basis. Bobi will be enjoying grandchildren and new adventures. We thank her and wish her well.

Two workshops that will be taking place in the near future. One is a Gambling Treatment Workshop, and the other is an ethics workshop with emphasis on group work ethics. A "Group Work Education for Practitioners" workshop is being planned for the spring of 2005.

Through the work of the Education Committee we continue to take on the challenge of impacting the curriculum as it relates to group work education at local universities. Specific exchanges and dialogue is well underway with the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University regarding group work curriculum. We will also bring together faculty representatives from local universities to discuss assessment and research on group work.

And, finally, we will be actively recruiting student members in the early fall. The Chapter will be able to provide student member scholarships through the Ruby Pernell Education Fund. We anticipate some of these students joining our sizable contingent from the Chapter headed to the Symposium in Detroit this October.

For more information concerning the Northeast Ohio Chapter contact Claudia Carson, Co-Chair, 216-687-4516, c.carson@csuohio.edu, or Lynne Rose, Co-Chair, lrose@myexcel.com.

Submitted by Claudia J. Carson, Co-Chair

NORTH TEXAS

The Chapter had an exciting spring with the CEU workshop featuring Cathy Simmons presenting on "Using Groups to Respond to Traumatic Events". Many people attended and several new members were recruited.

For the fall we also have exciting news with the induction of a new Chapter Chair. Ashley Owens will be taking over



as the new chapter chair with the mentorship of the current Chapter Chair Stephanie Hicks-Pulliam. We will be holding our monthly speaker meetings and look forward to lots of new ideas for the fall and spring.

Stephanie Hicks-Pulliam, Chair
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TORONTO

The Toronto Region Groupworkers Network (TRGN) is taking a little summer break after a very busy year of activities. Our very hardworking and talented Executive Committee planned and carried out four highly successful events for members and potential members. The final event featured Flavio Marsiglia, who spoke about his extremely successful and well-regarded program, "Keepin' It Real." Many members of our Executive Committee were fortunate to have the opportunity to show Flavio around Toronto. It was a terrific opportunity to reconnect with our esteemed colleague from the southwest.

The Executive Committee had an end-of-the-year social gathering at Barbara Muskat's home. We began planning network events for the coming academic year. While final plans are not yet available, the Network will be focusing on themes of diversity, culturally grounded group work, and group work with a range of populations. Details will be available on the Toronto Chapter section of the AASWG web site.

Barbara Muskat has been teaching a group work course at Renison College, University of Waterloo. This happy arrangement was made possible by Ellen Sue Mesbur, Director of the BSW program at Renison. Students in the course were very fortunate to have a guest speaker from Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia. Carol Irizarry, Senior Lecturer at The School of Social Administration and Social Work, spoke to the class about a group she facilitates with women who were sent to Australia from orphanages in the UK. These women have been dealing with years of unexpressed grief. In an atmosphere of mutual aid and empowerment, Irizarry's group has allowed them a place to name all the losses they experienced.

Irizarry also brought a guest speaker for the entire Renison community.

Sharon Gollan, an instructor from Flinders University, spoke about discrimination and systemic oppression of the Australian aboriginal population. Staff and students were very moved by her presentation.

TRGN welcomes anyone interested in group work to contact us and join our Executive Committee and/or attend our workshops. For more information, contact Barbara Muskat, muskat@rogers.com.

Submitted by Barbara Muskat, Chair

AFFILIATE

INDIA

AASWG India organised a three day workshop on "Social Group Work Practice and Group Counseling for Counselors" 4-6 April 2004.

The practice of group work by professionals over the globe has lately brought out many positive results related to release of stress and developing and strengthening resilience of battered and exploited young and old women. In India since the last two decades many efforts are being made for legal and social provisions.

The objective of the workshop was to promote and introduce the methods of group counseling to counselors.

Group has a powerful impact in shaping and managing lives of individuals in different situation. The group provides, the psycho-social support in which individuals feel, "I am not alone. Others are like me, both with me and for me."

The first day started with a workshop by The Honorable Justice of Family Court Nagpur, Mrs. Bhavana Thakkar, who said that through group counseling a positive and practical approach could be developed for group of clients. She commented that counselors should not always go by book formula. She gave information about the Family Court Act and how NGOs helped to unite families and about the welfare of the women and their families.

Dr. Beena Chauglay, Secretary AASWG India, explained objectives of the three days for the workshop. Shri. Manohar Gopelwar, President of India AASWG, presided over the program. Shri. Christi, guest of honor, in his speech focused on mother-centered coun-

seling to improve conditions and to unite families.

Prof. Kunda Baptiwale, Tirpude College of Social Work Nagpur, conducted session on "Concepts of counseling process: techniques, principles and areas."

She explained the concept of counseling and areas viz. person in rises, psycho psychological disorder. She elaborated types of crises and process of counseling. She emphasized careful listening, communication skill and different technique of counseling.

Dr. Banmala summed up the first day workshop.

The second day workshop started with feedback by the trainees that the first day was useful to observe and to evaluate their work as counselors. They felt that they were on the right track.

Miss Bindu Babbar conducted a session on "Problems which counselors face while counseling and types of groups which they can constitute for client empowerment." She covered the following points.

- Issues concern with client viz. personal, social, legal and practical.

- Things that can happen in groups viz., leadership ignorance, suggestions.

- In group each member wants viz.; acceptance, recognition, support encouragement, participation, responsibility and self expression, status appreciation.

- Types of group- Interest Groups, Support Groups, Task Groups, Discussion Groups. After her session there were excellent discussion and experience sharing by the participants.

Dr. Beena Chauguley conducted the session on "The need and importance of group counseling." She covered the following points-

- Benefits of group counseling

- Limitation of group counseling.

- Methods of group counseling for better result.

- Need and importance of group counseling.

In the third session, organized by Mrs. Christi, the topic was "Group Dynamics". The following points were covered:

- Main factor in group work is human beings.

- Human being is influenced by many factors, like relationship with others influences behavior, attitude of the human



beings.

Mrs. Christi explained development of individual through group, group through individual and group through group by giving examples of her own done work with groups.

In the fourth session Dr. Banmala conducted exercises on "Group Sensitivity". She gave forms to all participants to fill out information about self-actualization and quality of the person. Then she presented a situation asking what your senior or director thinks about you in your absence from the office.

The second day summary was done by Miss Vijaya Shah.

On the third day, after feedback from the previous days' workshops, the game, "I belong to you", was conducted by Miss Vijaya Shah.

In the first session on group counseling process Miss Megha Peshkar covered the following points:

- communication in the groups among themselves for sharing the individual problems within the groups.

- consideration of the serious problems for discussion-sharing for identifying alternatives to solve the problems.

- selection of problem solving solution by the individual.

Prof. (Ms.) Hemlal Devid, Tirpude College of Social Work, Nagpur, focused on counseling of husband, mother-in-law, father-in-law of the women, and the mother and father of a woman. The situation and problems of the children of a disputed family should be kept in mind by counselors.

After Prof. Devid's session, Dr. Banmala conducted a demonstration of group counseling ten beneficiaries of a women's group who had been invited for group counseling. The actual process of the group counseling was demonstrated to give a chance to speak to each and every person in the group.

Through interaction and free conversation an environment was created for group counseling and to make everybody more comfortable. Dr. Banmala asked everybody to brief the problem. Thereafter Dr. Banmala asked for suggestion from the group to solve the problem of the women.

In the final session, presided over by Shri. Golpelwar. Prof. Devid, Executive Member, and Dr. Banmala, Incharge of

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

The UNCA 2004 National Summit, September 9-11, 2004, Washington Court Hotel, Washington, DC. United Neighborhood Centers of America, 3631 Perkins Avenue, Suite 4G, Cleveland, OH 44114, www.unca.org.

Global Social Work 2004: "Reclaiming Civil Society", 2-5 October 2004, Adelaide, Australia. International Federation of Social Workers-International Association of Schools of Social Work World Conference. Secretariat: Australian Association of Social Workers, PO Box 4956, Kingston, ACT 2604, Australia, (61) 2 6273 0199, fax (61) 2 6273 5020, aaswnat@aasw.asn.au, www.icms.com.au/ifsw.

"Group Work Reaching across Boundaries: Disciplines, Practice Settings, Seasons of Life, Cultures, and Nations", 26th International Symposium on Social Work with Groups, Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan, **October 21-24, 2004**. For more information contact Susan A. Titus, Coordinator, satitus3244@aol.com.

The Eleventh National Conference on

Development, were on the dais. Mrs. Vijay Shah gave a brief summary about the workshop. Two participants, Miss Vaishali Bagade and Miss Vibhavari Pandre, expressed the opinions on the behalf of whole group that such workshops should be held twice a year and sessions on legal issues should be included. They liked the workshop and said that their confidence and counseling skills increased. They promised that they would initiate group counseling with their clients to empower them.

Two group members thanked the organisers.

Prof. Hemlata, chief guest of the program, said counselors should be confident and optimistic, and she expressed her best wishes to the participants as they conduct group counseling.

Shri. Golpelwar said in closing that women have many problems. Women are going ahead in every field but unfortunately they are very few.

Certificates were distributed to all participants.

Alternatives to Expulsion, Suspension, and Dropping Out of School. February 10-12, 2005, Rosen Center Hotel, Orlando, Florida. The International Center for the Study of Social Issues and Education at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in collaboration with the UWGB Division of Outreach and Education. Contact Fritz Erickson, Dean of Professional and Graduate Studies, or Barbara McClure-Lukens, Director of Outreach Continuing Professional Education, 920-465-2222, 800-892-2118, fax 920-465-2552, mccclureb@uwgb.edu, www.uwgb.edu. AASWG has been a co-sponsor of this conference in past years.

51st Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, New York City, **February 27-March 1, 2005**. **"One World, Many Cultures, New Challenges"**. CSWE, 1725 Duke Street, #500, Alexandria, VA 22314-3457, 703-683-8080, fax 703-683-8099, apm@cswe.org, www.cswe.org. AASWG promotes the "Group Work Symposium" and has an exhibit at the APM.

"Professional Social Work and Its Contribution to Africa's Development", 6th Pan-African Social Work Conference, **10-14 April 2005**, Nairobi, Kenya. mbuguacharles@yahoo.com.

"Supporting Promising Practices and Positive Outcomes: A Shared Responsibility", 15th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, **April 18-23, 2005**, Boston, Massachusetts. The Children's Bureau Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families. Contact Kim Amos, Pal-Tech, Inc., 1901 North Moore Street, Suite 204, Arlington, VA 22209, 703-528-0435, kamos@paltech.com. Proposal abstracts due June 15, 2004.

"Social Work Theories and Practice with Cultural Variations", 18th Asia-Pacific Social Work Conference. **10-15 July 2005**, Seoul, Korea.

IFSW European Seminar **"Social Work**



Challenges for Social Cohesion”, 23-25 May, 2005, Lefkosia/Nicosia, Cyprus. www.socialwork2005.org.

27th International Symposium on Social Work with Groups, Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 29-October 2, 2005. For more information contact Janice Andrews, Chair, 651-962-5803, fax 651-962-5819, jl-andrews@stthomas.edu. The “Call for Papers” is on page 15 and will be published in the January 2005 issue of *SWwGN*. Check the AASWG web site for continuously updated information, www.aaswg.org.

Members are encouraged to submit proposals for presentations on group work and to participate for discussion of group work themes in these and other relevant conferences. A number of the conferences listed for later dates still have open calls for papers.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CELEBRATES 11TH

On Saturday, July 31, the Southern California Chapter celebrated its eleventh anniversary with a luncheon at the Fish Market in Solano Beach.

Jeanne Gill started the festivities with a recitation of an excerpt from Alfred Lord Tennyson’s poem from “Idylls of the King” about King Arthur* and a brief review of the past present, and future.

The program included a review of the progress of the Milton and Anne Kopp Hyman Fund for continuing social Group Work Education with the San Diego State University School of Social Work and AASWG.

Joan Parry led the discussion on the forthcoming 28th Symposium to be held in San Diego in 2006.

Jo Ann Regan and Albert Schafer presented “Visions for the Future”.

The program ended with a musical interlude and the cutting of the cake.

**“The Passing of Arthur” from the “Idylls of the King” by Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)*

*And slowly answered Arthur from the barge
The old order changeth, yielding place to
the new*

*And God fulfills himself in many ways
Lest on good custom should corrupt the
world*

*I have lived my life that which I have done
May he within himself make pure.*

ABOUT OUR SWwGN FORMAT

In order to assist writers for *SWwGN*, we have prepared a short statement about our formatting and procedures and posted it on our web site, www.aaswg.org.

We cover spelling, names, content, etc., in the ways we present these which may differ from standard procedures. Because we forward all copy to our desk-top editing service in “text”, we do not need much in the way of standard formatting. That makes it easier for you to write and for us to forward articles as part of the main e-mail memo. Thanks. John H. Ramey, Editor

Symposium, continued from page 1 same position.

This information and many more details about the Symposium can be found online at www.aaswg.org. From this web site you can access the list of speakers and topics, the list of Pre-Symposium Institutes and Oustitutes, information about accommodations and travel, and the registration form. The descriptions of Plenary speakers online even features their photographs—something you won’t see in the newsletter or even the program! The Preliminary Program should be in your hands soon, but we encourage registration from the online materials or from mailings that presenters have already received. Registration is underway, and early-bird rates are available until September 29.

As you will see when you review the list of speakers and topics, the papers and workshops sound wonderful. Seven Pre-Symposium Institutes, four Outstitutes, and more than ninety-five papers and workshops are planned. In keeping with the international composition of AASWG, these will feature speakers from Canada, Germany, Jamaica, Japan and the USA.

The program is being planned so that the Plenary presentations set the tone for and are thematically related to the presentations that follow them. Thus, Paule McNicoll’s Friday morning presentation on “Group Work and Globalization: A Post Colonial Reflection” will be followed by workshops, papers and panels that deal with issues of diversity and cultural competence. Joan Pennell’s Plenary,

INVITATION TO CONFERENCE IN NAGPUR DECEMBER 2-4

We are hosting an International Seminar on December 2-4 at Nagpur. We particularly want to invite international guests to participate. We are hoping that many good friends in AASWG can be present and present papers on the appropriate subjects and themes. Manohar Golpelwar, President, IAASWG, c/o Indian Institute of Youth Welfare, 134, Shivaji Nagar, Nagpur-440010, Maharashtra, youthwel,youthwel@sify.com.

titled “Cultural Safety, Family Violence, and Group Work,” will be followed by presentations on topics related to group work with vulnerable populations. The Sunday morning Plenary - “Dialogues for Diversity and Social Justice,” by Michael Spencer - will be followed by presentations about research and social work education. Sprinkled throughout the Symposium will be presentations on practice innovations and success stories.

The entertainment plans are looking like fun, and we are planning something special for Thursday evening to welcome both newcomers and returning friends at a reception with appetizers and drinks. The reception will be followed by greetings and entertainment - all framed in the context of group work!

A change this year is that the BANQUET will be held SATURDAY night, and the cost of the banquet is included in all full registrations. Attendees who sign up for only one-day registrations will have to pay for the banquet separately. The Saturday night panelists will discuss “Use of Social Work Group Skills in Non-Traditional Settings.” This will be followed by a Motown Revue. Bring your dancing shoes.

Please note that, if any agency, institution, school or individual is interested in putting an advertisement in the final program, the form is online at the AASWG web site, or you can send e-mail directly to the Symposium Coordinator.

Come connect with group work colleagues and friends in Detroit! We look forward to seeing you in October.



PRACTICE AND TEACHING MATERIALS FROM AASWG

Standards for Social Work Practice with Groups. Single copies are free. Multiple copies \$.50 each plus s&h. May also be copied from AASWG's web page www.aaswg.org. Multiple copies may be made for professional and educational uses under specific conditions. Contact AASWG for details. Now is the time to obtain needed copies for 2004-05 courses and workshops.

Bibliography on Group Work, third edition. Including a listing of books by major subjects. Supplements are up-to-date through the date purchased. Keep your copy current by adding the "New Books" reported in each issue of *SWwGN*. US\$7 plus \$2 s&h in USA, \$3 s&h outside USA.

Reflections on Group Work. A video curriculum to teach social work with groups. Produced by Mel L. Goldstein. Two VCR cassettes and Instructor's Manual. Eight half-hour sessions. Suitable for both BSW and MSW group work courses. Immediate shipment. US\$100 including s&h. Next day delivery \$5 extra.

Syllabus for a Training Program for Leadership of Youth Groups, Second Edition, edited by Ruby B. Pernell. US\$20 plus s&h \$2 USA, \$3 Canada, \$4 elsewhere. Order from Northeast Ohio Chapter AASWG, c/o John H. Ramey, 463 Moreley Avenue, Akron, OH 44320-2022.

Social Work with Groups: Journal of Community and Clinical Practice. Available at fifty percent discount to members with new or renewal memberships or by calling the Membership Office. Individual subscriptions \$37.50 per year in USA, US\$50.63 (plus GST) in Canada, US\$54.38 elsewhere. (Regularly \$75 in USA.) Institutional subscriptions also at AASWG member discount rates of \$87.50 USA, US\$118.13 (plus GST) Canada, US\$126.88 elsewhere. New subscriptions now will start with Volume 26. Haworth should be contacted directly for changes of address and for purchase of group work books at the AASWG 50% discount rate.

Many thanks to readers who have provided us the information used in this issue.

NORTHEAST OHIO SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS AVAILABLE THIS FALL

Growth and Development through Group Work, the Proceedings from the twenty-third Symposium, is scheduled to be published this fall.

The book is dedicated to the memory of the late Ruby B. Pernell, who served on the Symposium Planning Committee and worked on details of the Symposium until the day before her death in February of that year. Earlier she served six years as AASWG Vice-Chair, and she was a founding member of the Northeast Ohio Chapter.

Chapters include the plenary presentations and a carefully juried selection of presentations representing the wide array of excellent offerings participants enjoyed at the Symposium. We'll share more about the content in the next issue after the book is actually published.

You'll recognize the authors and want to read their contributions. Janice Andrews, Helen Northen, Jürgen Kalcher, Diane Haslett, Nancy Sullivan, Paule McNicoll, Toby Berman-Rossi, Tim Kelly, Stacy Husebo, Mary Beth Gustafson, Doug Beumer, Sarah Ann Schuh, Lonnie Helton, Edith Anderson, Kathleen Holtz Deal, Patricia Merle, Catherine Coulthard, Joanne Sulman, and Brenda O'Connor,

Symposium Twenty-three was held in Northeast Ohio in October 2001, starting exactly one month following the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington. Several chapters include references to that tragic day and to group work's role in working in the aftermath to recover and move on with life.

Editors for this volume include Claudia J. Carson, Anna S. Fritz, Elizabeth Lewis, John H. Ramey and David T. Sugiuchi. The editors are pleased to emphasize that, since this is a group work project, their names are listed in alphabetical order rather than the usual academic seniority!

All full-fee, three-day registrants at the Symposium will receive copies. Others may order directly from Haworth Press. (Full-fee includes early bird discounts on the fee.) AASWG members, of course, receive 50% discount on this and other group work books from The Haworth Press, 10 Alice Street, Binghamton, NY 13904-1580, 1-800-429-6784, or-

MOHAN KAUL WRITES ABOUT SHEILA

"Dear John:

"Greetings!

"I sincerely appreciate your decision to announce the publication of *Sheila* in the May 2004 issue of *Social Work with Groups Newsletter*.

"Hopefully, those who order the book will enjoy group work techniques used by Sheila.

"Thanks again and take care.

Sincerely,

Mohan (Kaul)"

\$21.50 plus S&h from Vantage Press, 410 Park Ave, New York, NY 10016, 1-800-882-3273.

NEW RESEARCH HANDBOOK BY STEINBERG

Newly published, *The Social Work Student's Research Handbook* by AASWG member Dominique M. Steinberg, is a 160 page reference book intended to complement textbooks and serve as a refresher for practitioners.

This is in addition to the second edition of *The Mutual Aid Approach to Working with Groups: Helping People Help One Another*, which we featured in the May issue. A new section titled "Variations on a Theme" has four new chapters on the particular issues involved in catalyzing mutual aid single session, open ended, short term, and very large groups. As a group work book, it is available at the 50% AASWG member discount from The Haworth Press, Inc.

ders@haworthpress.com, www.haworthpress.com. The softcover edition is regularly \$17.95 but \$9.00 for members. In hard cover the cost is \$29.99, but \$15 for members. Advance orders from non-members will be offered a 20% discount price of \$14.36 and \$23.96 respectively.

We are planning that the volume will be available at the Detroit Symposium. The cost will be the same as if ordered from Haworth, including the availability of the member discount but without shipping charges.

Plan now to make certain you have this important new volume to enhance your practice and teaching for group work in these coming years.



A DREAM AND A PLAN

Lorrie Greenhouse Gardella and Karen S. Haynes have produced a valuable new book. Ruth Mayden describes it as "... not simply a book. It is an experience all of us can share. It's about dreams and disappointments, role models and demons, being turned away and then creating and taking advantage of opportunities..."

A Dream and a Plan; A Woman's Path to Leadership in Human Services is "a dynamic, powerful book that offers women practical guidance on pursuing career advancement, overcoming barriers, and cultivating mentorship."

It is written from an inclusive, multicultural perspective. Mayden says, "It is about race, class, culture, sexual orientation, gender. It's about the joy of being part of the community of women and the challenges of surviving and thriving within the larger community."

Gardella is well known to AASWG members. She has served on the Commission on Group Work in Social Work Education. She is Chair of the Department of Social Work at St. Joseph College in West Hartford, Connecticut, and has been president of the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors and numerous other organizations. She has published in the areas of child welfare, social work history, and social work with communities and groups.

Haynes is president of California State University-San Marcos. Previously she was president of the University of Houston-Victoria and dean of the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work. She is the author of numerous articles on political social work and three books on leadership and social work.

A Dream and a Plan is available from the NASW Press, PO Box 431, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701, 800-227-3590, fax 301-206-7989, www.naswpress.org. \$34.99 plus 12% s&h. Item #3592. Refer to Code YPDP04.

ANY FILMS ON FIRST NATIONS?

I teach a fourth year social work with groups course in a Canadian First Nations College. I've been following this discussion with great interest and gaining lots of good references along the way. Does anyone have similar material from a Native American or Aboriginal (Canadian First Nations/Metis/Innu or Australian?) perspective?

Thanks, Ava Dean, avadean@nvit.bc.ca.

NEW JOURNALS NOTED

Since May we note the following new journals which may be of interest to readers:

Journal of Evidence Based Social Work: Advances in Practice, Programming, and Policy. Edited by Marvin D. Feit, John S. Wodarski, and Catherine N. Dulmus. The Haworth Press, Inc.

Groups in Addiction and Recovery. Edited by Jeffrey D. Roth. The Haworth Press, Inc.

Feit and Wodarski were among the co-editors of the *Proceedings* of the first Akron Symposium.

Group workers are encouraged to consider submitting articles to a wide variety of journals as a means of spreading knowledge and skill about group work in the larger social work community.

BOOKS NOTED since May

Bauer, Mark, and Linda McBride. (2003) *Structured Group Psychotherapy for Bipolar Disorder: The Life Goals Program, Second Edition*. New York: Springer Publishing Company.

Bent-Goodley, Tricia B., Ed. (2004) *African-American Social Workers and Social Policy*. Binghamton, NY: The Haworth Press, Inc.

Gardella, Lorrie Greenhouse, and Karen S. Haynes. (2004) *A Dream and a Plan: A Women's Path to Leadership in Human Services*. Annapolis Junction, MD: NASW Press.

Hess, Peg McCartt, Brenda G. McGowan, and Michael Botsko. (2003) *Nurturing the One, Supporting the Many: The Center for Family Life in Sunset Park, Brooklyn*. New York: Columbia University Press.

Steinberg, Dominique M. (2004) *The Social Work Student's Research Handbook*. Binghamton, NY: The Haworth Press, Inc.

If you own any version of the *Group Work Bibliography*, keep it up to date by adding the entries under "New Books" from successive issues of *SWwGN*.

NEEDED: MORE SOCIAL GROUP WORK

"What the world needs now is... more group work. Really!"

Altogether now, let's sing it. You know the music and I know that you hum it, sing it, and play it every day in your practice and teaching.

We know there are differences of observation of situations, differences of opinion and differences of ideology. But in open societies, in democracies we know we have to resolve these differences in order to live and work together. We have to keep talking to come to mutually acceptable understanding.

We know that life seems to come crashing in on people, they believe they don't have any way to go ahead. We know they have to keep talking with others, to reconnect with their friends, colleagues, family, and professional helpers.

We know that groups come into conflict in our communities and in our nation. They have to keep talking with one another. It's in the group discussion that the differences have to be resolved.

We learned that groups need to spread out the responsibility for discerning the empirical truth in situations, then explore alternatives to proceeding peacefully.

We know conflict and conflict resolution. We should practice it for individual, families, small groups and our society. We know that society is an abstract and that this resolution is face-to-face where we work best.

Unbelievable! A political commentator recently said we should forget about talking with one another and get tough.

We know that the most important aspect of social life is that we continue to talk together and to work out our differences peacefully. We know that tough confrontation yields more violence. Adlai Stevenson and others who worked with him half a century ago to create the United Nations knew this. We know it. We have to keep talking. And we talk face-to-face in groups whether the issues are personal, local, national, or international. As group workers we know how to facilitate this toward positive outcomes.

"What the world needs now is more group work. Really." Altogether now, in the key of...

John H. Ramey, Editor



BOOK CLUB SELECTS GROUP WORK BOOK

Andrew Malekoff's *Group Work with Adolescents: Principles and Practice, Second Edition*, is being offered by the Behavioral Science Book Service as a main selection. Congratulations on this significant recognition of a major work on social work with groups.

**HELP BUILD AASWG:
INVITE A COLLEAGUE TO JOIN**

COMFORT THE AFFLICTED From the Group Work ListServe

Carlean Gilbert was seeking a source for the famous quotation, "to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable" so she sent out a query on the Group Work ListServ.

Patricia O'Brien responded,

The quote that Carlean references in a previous post is from the following: "The job of the newspaper is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable."

The famous quote is about a hundred years old and can be traced to the work of Finley Peter Dunne, one of the great journalists of the day, who wrote about politics and culture in the voice and persona of an Irishman named "Mr. Dooley." Think of him, if you will, as a precursor to Dr. Ink.

"Th newspaper does ivrything f'r us. It runs th' polis foorce an' th' banks, commands th' milishy, controls th' legislachure, baptizes th' young, marries th' foolish, comforts th' afflicted, afflicts th' comfortable, buries th' dead an' roasts thim aftherward."

I think this could also be our mantra as comfort breeds complacency and the continuation of the status quo.

"We can have democracy in this country or we can have great wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we can't have both." (Louis Brandeis)

Carlean Gilbert responded, "Thanks, Patricia. Who knew that the answer to my search was in my Chicago backyard. And, as a former journalist and person of Irish descent, I am even more enamored."

Yes, both Gilbert and O'Brien are in Chicago, but Dunne and Dooley are not.

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A joint conference of: The Infant Mental Health Promotion Project (IMP) and the Ontario Association for Infant Development (OAID).

Submissions are invited for Ninety minute presentations and papers, interactive workshops, and symposia, and posters on:

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Family-centered practice, cross-cultural competence and father involvement,

Case presentations on individual or group work with young children and families,
Interagency and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Presentations and workshops should include varied formats, handout materials of no more than ten pages, and time for audience participation.

Submissions may only be made online or on an official form. For a copy of the form contact rhona.wolpert@sickkids.ca

To make an on-line submission contact:

<http://www.sickkids.ca/imp/section.asp?s=APRIL+2005+CONFERENCE&sID=8931>

The deadline for Submissions is September 30, 2004.

Barbara Neilson, MSW, Res. Dip. S.W., RSW, Department of Social Work, Hospital for Sick Children, 555 University Avenue, Toronto, ON M5G 1X8.



USEFUL FILMS

From postings on the Group Work Discussion Group in June about how and what to discuss in relation to the current political campaign in the USA emerged brief descriptions of several useful films.

At 11:21 AM 6/10/04 -0500, Carlean Gilbert wrote:

I agree, Marcia (professors@aol.com 06/10/04 8:01 AM.) Also related to the multiple interests of the group, I was wondering if Bart could tell us what films he is using that have been so successful.

Bart Grossman ((bg47@socrates.berkeley.edu) wrote on 06/10/04 at 3:24 PM; There were three films I used this week:

"The Women of Hull House" is a brief (about 30 minute) history of Hull House with emphasis on the activist women who got their start there and eventually carried a variety of key issues like workplace reform, child care, social security etc. in federal policy - women like Julia Lathrop, the Abbott sisters, Florence Kelly, etc. What's really interesting is how many of the programs of Hull House dealt with issues that seem so contemporary like drug abuse, day care, women's sports, cultural preservation, and, of course, a clear but unstated issue of same sex unions. This is available from the Hull House Foundation.

Another is "Legacies of Social Change" from NASW. I used the piece on Mary Richmond and the piece on E. Franklin Frasier which has a very nice lead on the development of African American Social Work.

The Last is a section of Ken Burns' great series on New York City. I think it is section 9 and called something like "Power to the People". About 30 minutes of it is a very powerful exposition of the formation of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and a harrowing piece on the Triangle Shirt Waist Fire and its catalyzing effect on the progressive movement in New York. Among the people it focuses on is Francis Perkins who, as I'm sure you know, was a social worker who became the first woman cabinet member as Secretary of Labor in the Roosevelt Administration.

Another really useful film in this class has been "The Orphan Trains" which is a PBS documentary on the program created by Charles Loring Brace in

the 1840's to take street orphans from New York and distribute them to farm families in the South and Midwest. That program went on for 75 years so the makers were able to interview elderly folks who were among the last of the orphans. It raises so many important issues about the contradictory and unanticipated impacts of well intended social policies on people's lives.

Alex Gitterman [gitterma@uconnvm.uconn.edu] wrote on Friday 6/11/2004 3:41 PM

Finally...some group conflict! :-)

One caution on "The Women of Hull House" - it is an all white video - if one uses it, the social context of segregation must be addressed.

Tim Kelly (tim.kelly@cgal.ac.uk) wrote on Saturday, June 12, 2004, 6:45 AM

Alex,

I used to assign Martin and Martin's "The Helping Tradition and the Black Family and Community" (I don't have the title just right...but it is something like that)..to help bring in the social context and to show how the African-American community organized to support themselves in the face of segregation and being left out of social services. It has some problems too...but it was very useful as a teaching tool.

Carlean Gilbert wrote

Thank you, Bart, for this list and your impressions. They sound very useful for a number of courses that I teach such as HBSE, and I know that my colleagues at Loyola will appreciate my forwarding your information. Thanks.

Systemic Parenting

After much talk and several years, *Systemic Parenting: An Exploration of the Parenting Big Picture* is finished. This book was written for social workers, psychologists, family therapists, counselors, and parenting educators as well as parents with children of all ages. There are few books on the market that explore systems and parenting. There are even fewer that present the subject in a manner that is applicable to both professionals and parents. I would welcome any feedback, criticism, or personal reviews. I am hopeful *Systemic Parenting* will be a helpful tool for those of us who work with parents as well as parents themselves.

Systemic Parenting's eight chapters examine factors - "systemic laws" - that are crucial to raising children well. These factors are relevant to all families regardless of their size, race, religion, or the unique parenting challenges each faces. These systemic laws are brought to life through relevant clinical examples and vignettes.

Again, I look forward to any and all feedback.

Sincerely,

Mark Gaskill, mark-gaskill@systemicpartners.com

Systemic Parenting: An Exploration of the Parenting Big Picture, Mark Gaskill, (ISBN: 1-59330-085-9), paperback, 424 pages, Aventine Press. Available on amazon.com, borders.com, book-samillion.com, bn.com, and bookstores everywhere.



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Hunger, exportation of locally grown food, landless individuals and food, rural workers, children

Social needs of the elderly and policy responses

Comparative social policy

Social exclusion: paths to inclusion

Labor rights, work conditions, right to organize, living wage

Democracy and globalization, participatory democracy

The influence of international economic blocks (i.e. NAFTA, European Union, ALCA) on social development

Social movements in defense of land, work, democracy

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