

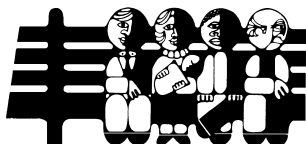
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A Partial View

Paul Abels, President
Does Group Work Work?
Take my Word For It.

Those involved in working with groups or teaching about group work have been increasingly faced with questions as to the evidence/research to support practice models and decisions. This has become an absorbing issue in all areas of social work, and research, the mandatory response.

There has been an interesting discussion this past month about how we can find out and utilize what works in practice. It started when Andy Malekoff posted on e-mail on the AASWG List-Serve referring to an e-mail sent to him asking his views on using curricula and standardized methods with children in play therapy. He raises questions about the use of EDP (Evidence Based Practice) with children, adding that there are also implications for work with other populations. He then put the question and his responses on the listserve believing the Association members might be interested in discussing the issue and how it relates to group work. It did strike home,
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JANICE ANDREWS-SCHENK
April 18, 1944 - May 26, 2005
Vice President, Chair of 2005 Symposium
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ROSELLE KURLAND
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Editor, Social Work with Groups Journal
Member of AASWG Board
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MINNEAPOLIS AWAITS YOUR ARRIVAL!

We are entering the final months of our two-year journey to sponsor "Building Bridges of Hope over Troubles Waters", the 27th Annual International Symposium of our beloved AASWG - September 29 - October 2, 2005. We find ourselves pausing to remember the purpose of our angst to get the finite details of program development and communication as correct as humanly possible. Our vision, built on the history of twenty-six other symposia, of hosting our group work colleagues from across the world in the pursuit of the education, research and support of very important work sustains us. We hope that vision motivates you to work on your papers and workshops,
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and a number of responses were e-mailed in.

Reading through some of the responses it is clear that most discussants agree we need to be able to find out what approaches work, and use them; but they agreed the finding and the doing are problematic. To what degree should the practice interactions be structured and how rigidly followed? One person sees a curriculum guided approach of value as long as it doesn't drive the process. How standardized should play therapy be, and should it be imposed on small children? Another suggests the use of a manual or guide and/or training that teaches the critical components for successful play therapy, which would be helpful and less structured. References are made to other research efforts with both children and adults, some of which make more room for creativity and spontaneity.

Other responses dealt with intuition and knowing what's "right in my heart". That may hold true at times for many of us, certainly for me. Is it intuition? There is a story that Helen Perlman was once complimented on how intuitive she was, and responded, "What is intuition when you have worked with a few hundred clients?"

I must admit my practice intuition has not always been correct, but writing process records often helps me see "what might have been". One value of the records is reading them after a meeting and thinking about how you might have handled the situation differently. Why was your action a good one, or why did it mess things up? This is very important in work with groups, as the member/worker actions are complex and instantaneous, not always leaving time for carefully thought out responses.

Some e-mail respondents challenged the idea of intuition. What if two workers, A and B, each felt differently about a situation, each feeling they were intuitively correct? One contributor noted, "We want more than intuition when our health is on the line." Another wanted to know of any material written on failure with groups. A reference was offered in a subsequent mailing.

Other comments took us to the questions of science vs. art and the need for both the technical competence and the ability to learn from experience. Some

pointed out there are other approaches to be considered which might not be as structured, such as "Best Practices" (which was initiated as part of the Practice Committee's mission in 2001); others were mentioned. Some of the responders were concerned that we might be once again emulating medicine and might embrace the medical model.

While there are statements related to philosophical aspects of working with groups, thoughts on how any of these more structured approaches might differ when working with groups rather than individuals were not highlighted. This would be an important area of study by our association.

While these are just my brief interpretations of some of the e-mail discussion, the more complete statements and others equally thought provoking can be viewed by logging on to groupwork-aaswg@listserv-barry.edu.

Whatever your view on these issues, an interesting review and a testament on behalf of EBD can be found in Eileen D. Gambrill's article "Evidence-Based Practice: Sea Change or the Emperor's New Clothes" (Gambrill). The Practice Committee of AASWG has been addressing Best Practices and Evidence-Based Practice and has written statements related to those issues into the current edition of the Standards (currently being prepared for printing). Perhaps the discussion can continue informally at the Symposium in Minneapolis starting September 29 this year or more formally at a session in San Diego next year by response to their call for papers in this issue.

Does group work work? It all depends on what you mean by work.

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Janet (Ramey) and Imre Szilagyi have made a major gift to the John H. and Carol E. Ramey Endowment Fund. Janet is their older daughter and the gift was made to honor them for the work "they have contributed to in such large measure over the years."

The Szilagysis live in Kingwood, West Virginia. They own and operate USA Raft and Appalachian Wildwaters, major rafting outfitters in the eastern USA.

Janet, Imre, and their older daughter, Erzsi, met many AASWG members who were in attendance at the Boston Symposium two years ago. They were in Boston that weekend to attend the Head of the Charles Regatta in which Erzsi was a member of the crew for Wellesley College. Their younger daughter, Kristina, will also attend Wellesley beginning this fall. Janet received her BSSW from The Ohio State University and her MSW from West Virginia University.

Janet and her sister, Susan, who does the desktop editing for the *SWwG Newsletter*, were born in Chicago when John was the Executive Director of Hyde Park Neighborhood Club, a neighborhood center or settlement house. During this time the parents of their friends and many other neighbors were involved in the Civil Rights movement, particularly the March on Washington. They experienced much of the group life of the Club while growing up there.

As with other endowment funds, this gift will be invested and the income will be used to support the central administrative functions of AASWG.

We are especially pleased at this expression of confidence in and support of the work of AASWG, and we thank them profusely.

EXPANDED ISSUE WITH SPECIAL SECTION

Readers will note that this is an expanded issue with a special section devoted to the memories of Roselle Kurland and Janice Andrews-Schenk, who parted from this life in the past few months. We can think of nothing less to do than to memorialize them in this way with the words of their friends and colleagues. We hope these words will serve as inspiration and guidance for future generations of group workers. Their work is not done. We who live on are obligated to carry on.



CORRECTION

In "Tidbits from Jeanne Gill" in the May issue the citation of the author for "Group Exercises for Adolescents" should have been to Susan Carrell. We regret the editorial error.

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If you have not already received your ballot, it should arrive sometime soon. It is the ballot for the 2005 election of the President, Vice President, and three At Large members to the AASWG Board of Directors. Please take a few minutes to read it, make your decisions on candidates, and return it. We encourage every member to vote. The future of the organization depends on the views, knowledge, skills, time, energy, and commitment of those who are elected to the Board.

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Wayne State University School of Social Work (WSU SSW) is pleased to announce the establishment of a new PhD program recently authorized by the University's Board of Governors.

Applications will be received this fall, and classes will begin in fall 2006.

The Dean also announced the appointment of Anna Santiago as Director of the PhD program of applied research at Wayne.

This program, one of sixty-four PhD programs in the US and one of seventy-three in the world, will focus on research on urban social work practice.

WSU SSW was primary co-sponsor of the 2004 Symposium in Detroit. The Dean, Phyllis Ivory Vroom, is a group worker, a member of AASWG, and attended the first Symposium in Cleveland in 1979.

Persons interested in the program may obtain additional information on the Internet at www.sswphd@wayne.edu or call 313-577-4419.

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IN MEMORIAM

Janice Andrews-Schenk April 18, 1944 - May 26, 2005

We mourn the passing of Janice Peterson Andrews-Schenk, our beloved colleague and friend, Vice President of AASWG, and Chair of the forthcoming 27th Symposium. She worked on the Symposium right up to the end and planned her work and the organization of it knowing she would not be able to be there.

Jan was Professor of Social Work at the University St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. She had formerly taught and was Director of the Social Work Program at Winona State University. She was the author of dozens of articles, a monograph and two books, *The Road Not Taken: A History of Radical Social Work in the United States* (2002, with Michael Reisch), and *Rebellious Spirit: Gisela Konopka* (2005).

Jan was Chair of the AASWG Archives Committee and served as Liaison with the National Social Welfare History Archives at the University of Minnesota where AASWG records are stored. She was in the midst of extending the series of oral histories of group work pioneers.

She "had a passion for teaching and believed in the potential of each student." She received many awards and recognitions including Distinguished Alumna of Augsburg College, where she received her B.A., and the 2005 Lifetime Achievement from the Minnesota Chapter of NASW, of which she was a past president. She had also been president of the Minnesota Conference of Social Work Education. She received her MSW from Washington University and her PhD from the University of Maryland.

Jan had a wide circle of friends and family. "She loved life and lived it to the fullest. She found comfort and peace with her family and hard, challenging, yet fulfilling work, and hope and faith in her religion."

The 27th Symposium in Minneapolis is dedicated to her memory and life.



for jan

my heart sits
soft, vulnerable, largely dented
holding both
deep grief and deep gratitude
open to that place where all things collide
but are connected.
you, my teacher, my mentor, my colleague, my friend
You brought you, fully
to your work, your life
authentically, with integrity, with complexity.
we met
in the ideas, in the questions, in the heart of paradox,
you let me grapple and gave support
you taught so much on so many levels
you opened doors and made connections
between good people that needed to know other good people.
Like a true radical social worker and social group worker
you got involved, you organized, you took risks
and built strong relationships
You believed in and called forth the best from your students
You brought us to the doorway of our learning
and then got out of the way, yet
you were always nearby to question with us.
Knowing you has transformed me,
made me a stronger person, a better person, a deeper person
your knowings and lovings are within us
and we carry them out to all we touch in endless cycle.
"What have we learned from the days of our living?
Oh, it's how we loved, what we give and what we leave behind."
You have loved fully, given immensely and left your wisdom and care with us.

IN MEMORIAM ROSELLE KURLAND JUNE 7, 2005

Our good friend, colleague, and devoted group work practitioner, teacher and author, died suddenly on June 7. She was along time teacher at the Hunter College School of Social Work (HCSSW).

"Dr. Kurland touched thousands of students, social workers and their clients through her teaching and writing, leaving an extraordinary professional legacy." (Jennifer J. Raab, President, Hunter College, Paul A. Kurzman, Acting Dean, HCSSW.)

"We mourn the loss of Roselle Kurland, our colleague at Hunter College School of Social Work for twenty-seven years. Roselle was a passionate advocate of social group work and an inspiration to those of us privileged to know her as a teacher and friend. Her dedication to her students was only surpassed by their devotion to her. Their work will be her lasting legacy." Robert Salmon, Harriet Goodman, Dominique Steinberg, Eleanor Bloomberg, S.J. Dodd, Roberta Graziano, Andrea Savage, Irene Schoefer, Florence Vigilant, and Harold Weissman.

Roselle was Editor of *Social Work with Groups Journal* (SWWGJ - Hawthorn), Co-author with Robert Salmon of *Teaching a Methods Course in Social Work with Groups* (CSWE and AASWG), and Co-author with Helen Northen of *Social Work with Groups, 3rd Edition*. She conducted many workshops, authored many important papers, and made many presentations at the Symposia over the years. She was a member of the Board of AASWG for many years as representative of SWWGJ.

The poet Nikki Giovanni said it best:

"...and if ever I touched a life I hope that life knows that I know that touching was

and still is and always will be the true revolution."

With a profound gratitude for the revolution you stirred

in mine and many others lives.

Stacey Huesbo
Minnesota AASWG Chapter

PAUL ABELS RESIGNS

At the Board meeting in New York Paul Abels submitted his resignation as President of AASWG effective at the end of the 27th Symposium in Minneapolis. He stated that this action was necessary for personal reasons. He is Professor Emeritus at the California State University Long Beach Department of Social Work, where he had earlier served as Director. In June he also retired from active teaching.

Abels was elected in 2003 and has served two of his three years in office. As a result of his resignation and the death of Janice Andrews, Vice President, the election for the next President and Vice President have been moved up one year to the current election.

AASWG is grateful for Abels' dedication to group work and to the Association over many years and looks forward to his continued participation and contributions. Many thanks and best wishes, Paul.

STACY HUSEBO REMEMBERS

The past several years have stripped us of many beloved women social group workers...Ruby, Gisela, Toby, Ruth, Roselle and Jan... the loss is immense! Jan Andrews-Schenk gave her life's energy and work to the social work profession. She was an active member of Social Work organizations both internationally and in Minnesota, as a professor, a scholar, a writer, colleague, mentor and friend to so many. She taught us the importance of our complex history, of the need to gather oral histories, the essential philosophies of social group workers, and academic integrity. For me, personally, she brought to life the history and legacy of the social work profession and inspired me to want to become a member of social work's difficult yet honorable work. She had a passion for asking questions, both difficult and challenging ones to get people to think and act critically. She called forth the best from her students and asked us to get involved. She will be missed deeply by so many for her talents, visions, and relationship she shared with us. The wisdom of these legacies is carried on within us-- we can only step up and keep bringing their love and passion for a more humane and just world into the work we must do.

Stacy Husebo, MN AASWG Chapter



IN MEMORY OF ROSELLE KURLAND

Helen Northen, Professor Emerita, University of Southern California

Roselle Kurland, one of group work's great leaders, died unexpectedly at the end of May. For me, that was the tragic end of a mutually enriching relationship that began in 1965. At that time, with a graduate degree in journalism, she had just completed a year as a reporter for a local newspaper. She had decided that, rather than writing about people and their problems, she would like to be able to do something about them. She accepted a position with the national office of the national Camp Fire Girls as a project specialist to help develop a program to serve young girls who lived in areas of poverty that were devoid of social services. I was chair of the national committee, composed of both volunteers and staff, that was responsible for such projects. Young as she was, Roselle contributed enthusiasm, skills in interviewing, knowledge of communities, and ability to work with both staff and volunteers.

At the end of the two year project, Roselle decided to work toward an MSW degree at the University of Southern California where I was a professor. I taught one of her integrated practice classes and was her adviser. She was an excellent student. Following that experience, she returned to her favorite city of New York where she was camp director for a YWCA camp for two years, and then moved to University Settlement, first as Camp Director and then as Associate Executive Director.

Deciding that she wanted a career in social work education, Roselle returned to USC to work toward a doctoral degree, supported by a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health. She majored in advanced practice and research, teaching a class in research with Robert Roberts as her consultant. Her research was on planning as a process in group development. The findings were based on an in-depth review of the literature and interviews with teachers of group work in graduate schools of social work. Her first published article was a report on this research. Further, it was to serve as a major part of her first book, *Group Development: A Guide to the Development of Successful Groups*, published in 1982. She made a major contribution to the

theory and practice of social group work.

Following two years in the doctoral program, Roselle accepted a position at the Hunter College School of Social Work where she stayed for the rest of her life. She loved teaching and was eager to share her knowledge of the value of competent work with groups. In addition to teaching group work in both the MSW and DSW programs, she taught research, consulted with agency executive directors and field instructors, supervised dissertations, and served as chair or member of various committees. In all of these roles, she was influential in raising standards of practice. This occurred also through her membership on the Board of Directors of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups (AASWG). In this organization she served on numerous committees, chaired an annual symposium, prepared a book of conference presentations, and presented many papers.

Beginning with her first article on planning in 1968, Roselle made significant contributions to practice through her articles in the periodical literature. Her first articles were co-authored with George Getzel and then with Robert Salmon. She published at least twenty-five articles, most of them in the journal, *Social Work with Groups*. In 1990, she was appointed as editor of that journal, with Andrew Malekoff as co-editor. That partnership resulted in many contributions that remind us often how helpful they have been in encouraging new writers and in gradually upgrading the nature and quality of articles in the journal.

Roselle made a major contribution to social work through her published books. Her first book was *Group Formation: A Guide to the Development of Successful Groups*, based mainly on her dissertation and published by the School of Social Work, New York State University, Albany, New York, and United Neighborhood Centers of America in 1982. With Robert Salmon as co-editor, and AASWG as co-publisher, the Council on Social Work Education produced *Teaching a Methods Course on Social Work with Groups* in 1998. Most recently, she was my co-author on the third edition of

ROSELLE'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

For those who knew her, Roselle Kurland's memorial service was held yesterday, June 16, 2005, at the Riverside Memorial Chapel in Manhattan. Speakers were her brother, David, a close friend for forty years, Helene Ravinovitz, Bob Salmon, myself (Andy Malekoff), someone she worked closely with at the University Settlement years ago (whose name I do not recall), Dominique Moyses-Steinberg, and the acting Dean of Hunter College SSW, Paul Kurzman. So, as you can see, AASWG was well represented.

My guess is that there were two hundred people in attendance, many of them students past and present. There were many comments about Roselle's love for and contribution to group work and her influence as a teacher and mentor to hundreds and hundreds of students over the years. Roselle would have been pleased with the group that was assembled and the important connections among people that she helped to forge over many years as a practitioner and educator.

On a more personal note I am attaching a poem that I wrote [page 7] and that I included in the context of my remarks about Roselle at the memorial service. More than anything about our relationship, Roselle and I, this is a poem that I dedicate to her relationship with her students.

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From the AASWG Listserv

Social Work with Groups published by Columbia University Press in 2002. In preparing that book, Roselle and I collaborated fully in selecting tested knowledge about ethical principles, purposes of groups, planning for and establishing groups, using professional skills, and evaluation of process and outcomes. The content was illustrated with contemporary examples of practice, most of them provided by Roselle. Working with her was fun, hard work, exhilarating, and rewarding.

Roselle was admired and loved by many of us as a teacher, co-worker, adviser, consultant, editor, and writer. She was my very dear friend for forty years. I miss her!



Farewell Roselle, Farewell Friend

Farewell my partner
Farewell my friend

We met on a blind date
Fifteen years ago
We glanced at one another
I scratched my head
You rolled your eyes

I was a little rough around the edges
You could be a bit of a bull in china shop
Both stubborn, both driven
Not a diplomatic bone between us
But what a team we made

Our shirts hung out of our pants
We read manuscripts together
We wrote commentary together
I became our diplomat by default
I rode the train, you bought lunch

I had turkey on whole wheat with light mayo
You had tuna on a scooped bagel with extra mayo
I had a bottle of water
You had a can of soda
Sometimes we shared a big cookie

We bemoaned our ailing group work
We saw eye-to-eye
We fought shoulder-to-shoulder
Practitioner and educator, advocates both
Two strangers became one voice

We loved being together
We worked, we laughed, we battled
Heated arguments, never personal
Fighting with you Roselle
Was always fun for me

I grew up a Dodgers fan
You grew up in the shadow of Ebbets Field
We talked sports and movies and books and black jack
You once told me that you loved Re-runs of the Golden Girls

We talked about everything
We talked about our troubles
We talked about our joys
You talked about your Hunter
I talked about my boys

Farewell Roselle
Farewell my friend
But before my final
Farewell Roselle

Let me not forget
The loves of your life

Let me not forget your precious students
because they are here, there, and every-
where

Let me not forget because they deserve to
know from me what I know from you

Let me not forget to tell them how you
held them up to me like a proud mother

Let me not forget to tell them how
"exquisite" is the word you used to
describe them

Let me not forget to tell them how you
worried when they struggled and
strained

Let me not forget to tell them how you
bragged and bragged about them to me

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because they are here, there, and every-
where

Let me not forget because you deserve to
know from me what I know from them

Let me not forget to tell you how their
eyes lit up whenever they saw your
face

Let me not forget to tell you that these
beautiful children are your legacy

Let me not forget to tell you that they
carry your generous spirit

Let me not forget to tell you that they are
bold

"Be bold" you told them.
Remember Roselle?
Roselle Remember?
You told them "Be bold."

And when you next behold
Your beautiful children Roselle
Their eyes will light up
When they feel your spirit
As they once lit up
When they saw your face.

Farewell Roselle, Farewell my friend.

by Andy Malekoff
Riverside Memorial Chapel
June 16, 2005

SUE HENRY REMEMBERS ROSELLE KURLAND

Word of Roselle Kurland's death is shocking and painful to hear. In early May, Roselle and I had a conversation about our many predecessors in social group work and, especially, the value of our respective mentors in our lives. It was a rich and memorable exchange, made all the more poignant by Roselle's death.

Sometimes, those of us active today in social group work speak of the debt we owe to those who came before by referring either to generations or to standing on the shoulders of giants. Whether we, today, are the second or third generation of social group workers, we surely stand on the shoulders of giants - too many of whom we have lost in the recent past: Celia, Ruby, Betty Hartford, Toby, Ruth Middleman. Now, a new generation will say they stand on the shoulders of another giant: Roselle Kurland. Gone much too soon.

Her gift and legacy to our wing of social work is her teaching, her writing, and her scholarship. More than those, however, is the shining leadership she lent to the journal, *Social Work with Groups*. Here, her previous life in journalism joined brilliantly with her life in social work with groups. With Andy Malekoff, they carried on the work of Beulah Rothman and Catherine Papell in the notable professional journal we have today. Talk about standing on the shoulders of giants! We are greatly indebted to Roselle and the luster she gave to the Journal.

Roselle was a generous mentor to Symposia leaders for years and many of us greatly benefited from her wise counsel. Clearly, social group work is better off for Roselle's having moved among us. Yet, even while we are better off for her having been here, we are infinitely poorer for her going.

Sue Henry, Pinecliffe, Colorado

REMEMBER AASWG IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS

Planned gifts help ensure the long-term operation of AASWG. Please consult with your financial advisor or attorney about making a planned gift to AASWG, and let us know that you have remembered AASWG in your will or estate plans.



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submit your conference and hotel registration (available on-line at www.aaswg.org), and to make other necessary travel plans. Some key points to keep in mind:

* Register now at www.aaswg.org. The early bird deadline is September 1, 2005.* Guaranteed hotel reservations at the conference rate: deadline September 1, 2005.

* The opening reception and Beulah Rothman Memorial Lecture will be held on Thursday evening and are open to everyone attending the Symposium!

* The Banquet is on Saturday and available at the reduced rate of \$50. This evening will feature recognition of local honorees and entertainment by singer, songwriter and recording artist, Ann Reed.

* All day Saturday, we will feature a Silent Auction! (Of course, we expect group workers to be anything but silent in having fun with this event.) So, bring your sense of humor, fun, and dedication to AASWG's future, and let us know if you have something to donate!

* Sunday's program focus is on the future, with a special plenary format and special programming for practitioners, including Social Work with Groups 101.

Hotel Information: Remember conference rate deadline is September 1!

The 27th Annual International Symposium will be held at the elegant Hyatt Regency Minneapolis, ideally located on Nicollet Mall in the heart of downtown. Attendees should make their room reservations by calling 1-800-233-1234 and identifying themselves as part of the AASWG International Symposium. More information about the Hyatt Regency is available at: www.hyatt.com. The local number for the hotel is 612-370-1234.

Room Rates: Single occupancy: \$159.00; Double occupancy: \$169.00 + tax.

**The hotel will honor group rates until September 1, 2005. Reservation requests after this date will be based on availability at the Hotel's prevailing rates.

Parking: Overnight parking ramp accommodations for hotel guests are \$12.00 per night. On-street and other ramps also available. For further details see www.aaswg.org.

Transportation: The award-winning

Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport is a major hub for several airlines and is easily accessible from most major cities. The Hyatt Regency is approximately 20 miles from the airport. Transportation from the airport to downtown Minneapolis is easy and affordable.

Taxi: A taxicab ride from the airport to the hotel is 20-25 minutes and is usually \$25-\$30.

A Town Car is also available for \$30.00 one-way.

Supershuttle: The supershuttle is a van that takes guests from the airport to their hotels in the downtown area. The shuttle takes guest to multiple hotels with the Hyatt being one of the first stops. The shuttle is \$14.00 or \$26.00 round trip.

Light rail: To get to the hotel take the light rail from the airport to the 5th and Nicollet Avenue stop. From there guests can transfer onto any city bus going south for eight blocks.

All transportation to the Hyatt begins at the ground transportation level of the airport. More information is available at www.mspairport.com or www.metrotransit.org.

The Program: Register Now at www.aaswg.org. The early bird deadline is September 1.

Symposium Pre-conference Institutes

We have two exciting Thursday morning institutes planned on "Advanced Skills of Working with Groups: The Middle Phase of Practice" with Alex Gitterman; "Seven Keys to Dealing with Conflict in a Group" with Dominique Moyses Steinberg.

Thursday afternoon institutes feature "Group Work and Field Education", free for any Symposium registrant, with Carol Cohen; "Seeing the Forest for the Trees: The Encouragement of Objectivity as a Bridge to the Assimilation of Goals in Group Work" with Tom Caplan; and "Supervision of Agency Based Group Work Practice" with Urania Glassman.

Plenaries

Thursday evening we open the conference with Mari Ann Graham, who will present: "Group Work and the Arts: Building Bridges between Where We Are and Where We Want to Be". Her opening will set the stage for and engage us in building bridges of hope in Minneapolis and around the world. Graham is Associate Professor at the College of St. Cath-

erine/University of St. Thomas School of Social Work in St. Paul.

At Friday lunch Carol Irizarry, Associate Professor at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia, will share "Connections Restored and Created: Work with Migrants and Refugees in Australia". She will describe two group programs developed to serve refugee women and migrant children, which use creative activities to help them more easily integrate the impact of the past on their present life.

The Saturday breakfast will feature Luke Geoghegan, CEO of Toynbee Hall, Visiting Professor in Applied Social Science at London Metropolitan University, and Barnett Fellow at the University of Oxford. He will help us bridge to our group work roots with a challenge to consider "Settlement Houses and Neighbourhood Houses: Group Work and Community Work - Have They a Future in the 21st Century?"

Sunday breakfast will launch a day focused on the future. A structured practitioner panel will address: "Intergenerational Bridges: Building Theory and Practice Principles on the Shoulders of Those Who Created the Foundation." Former students and active practitioners will challenge us to build on the work and legacy of Gisela Konopka, Ruth Middleman, Roselle Kurland, Toby Berman-Rossi, and Jan Andrews-Schenk. We will all be asked to articulate our own commitment to action as social group workers.

Special Sunday Program: Groups 101

In the spirit of group work in the future, we are offering an opportunity to get grounded in group work! Often times as group workers we get so busy, we don't take time to get grounded in social group work philosophy. This workshop is for group workers who want to learn about the foundation of social group work and for those who may want a refresher. Participants will learn how to intentionally encourage social group work principles that include: mutual aid, democracy, and empowerment. This workshop will offer an opportunity to examine the co-leader "use of self", the stages of group development and how facilitators can use these concepts to help the group grow. Registration is required, *Continued on page 9, Minneapolis*



RAYMIE WAYNE RESIGNS

After two years as General Secretary Raymie Wayne has resigned to accept an appointment to the faculty of St. Joseph College Department of Social Work in West Hartford, Connecticut. We thank Raymie for her dedicated service and look forward to her continued membership and involvement with AASWG. We wish her the best in her new career.

BARRENTINE NOW PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Beginning July 1 Stacy Barrentine has a new title, Program Administrator. She has handled the Membership Service for the past three years and is thoroughly familiar with the operations of AASWG. She also works with the Baccalaureate Program Directors (BPD) and other organizations. Welcome Stacy to this expanded responsibility for the work of AASWG and direct your questions and information to her.

NEW ADDRESSES FOR AASWG

Following the appointment of Stacy Barrentine as Program Administrator the general address, telephone, and fax numbers for AASWG have been consolidated into those previously used only for the Membership Service: PO Box 151643, Alexandria, VA 22315-9998, 703-971-6715, fax 703-922-9570. For e-mail either membership@aswg.org or generalsecretary@aswg.org will work. The toll-free dial-in telephone service has been discon-

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though the workshop is free to anyone registered for the full conference or Sunday's program. Seasoned group work facilitators and educators will facilitate this workshop. For this and other registration information please visit www.aaswg.org.

In Summary:

Program presenters will be notified by e-mail about their schedules by mid-August and the full program has been posted at the AASWG web site.

Additional information and more details about the Symposium, accommodations, and transportation about the

JOHNSON DANCE DRAMA AT KARAMU

The headline is "Karamu production honors living legend of dance" for the preview story of "Daughter of a Buffalo Soldier" in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* on Sunday, May 1.

The "daughter" Marjorie Witt Johnson, long time AASWG member and honoree at the San Diego Symposium, was present to enjoy opening night on May 5 with the enthusiastic full house. In the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* Wilma Salisbury exquisitely tells the story of the production and Johnson's life from growing up in Cheyenne, Wyoming, to becoming a social worker in Cleveland. Johnson organized the Karamu Dancers when it was still Playhouse Settlement and took them to the New York World's Fair in 1940. The production uses a combination of dance, drama, live and recorded music, and narrative. "The reconstructed pieces were choreographed between 1935 and 1945 when Marjorie Witt Johnson left Karamu. Having earned her graduate degree in social work from Western Reserve University, she pursued her career as a social-service group worker and arts educator at Atlanta and Charlotte, North Carolina. In 1978, she returned to Cleveland and continued to share her love of dance with black youth."

"To Johnson, the production is a rich reward that embodies the advice the Buffalo soldier gave her decades ago. 'Daddy said 'Go ahead and do your best. Be somebody. A dancer who helps the lives of other people is sort of a shining light.'"

The premiere was also reviewed in the *Akron Beacon Journal* and other regional newspapers and magazines. Salisbury's preview was two-thirds of a page continued to another half-page, wonderful recognition for a group worker! Johnson, 95, was also present for the reception after the benefit performance on May 15 organized by AASWG member Molly Brudnick for the Home Library Program sponsored by TASK, the Tremont Advocates for School Kids.

Symposium can be obtained by visiting www.aaswg.org or contacting Sandy Parnell, Symposium Coordinator, F-15 College of St. Catherine, 2004 Randolph Ave. St. Paul, MN 55105-1794.

IN MEMORIAM CHAUNCEY ALEXANDER September 30, 2005

Chauncey Alexander, 89, of Huntington Beach, California, a member of AASWG and former Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers for many years, died on Tuesday, September 20. He held many leadership positions in social work and was active in working for social change until his death. He will be missed.

RENEW FOR 2006

Before the January issue of *SWwGN* arrives it will be time to renew for 2006. The notices will go out early in December. We encourage you to send in your dues as soon as possible.

If you are involved in any way working with groups as a social worker or administrator, we believe you need the support of AASWG within the profession as much as AASWG needs your support. It's called "mutual aid", right? We urge you to do it. Your membership in AASWG is part of your involvement in this mutual aid relationship.

The December mailing will also allow many to include the expense as a professional expense on their 2005 income tax returns.

If your dues notice is still in the pile yet after next January 1, it would be very helpful to AASWG if you could dig it out and send it in ASAP. AASWG lives "on the edge", too. The income from your dues keeps the organization going. It pays for the day to day operations.

Of course, if you are inspired to renew even now, we will graciously accept it. It will save AASWG money in sending out the renewal notices. Just use the membership form on our website or in previous issues. Instructions for making payments are on the form.

Remember also to renew your subscription to *Social Work with Groups Journal*. Or if you have not been a subscriber, that will be a good time to start your subscription. AASWG discount rate subscriptions must be paid through the AASWG Membership Service.

We look forward to your continuing participation as part of the group work family throughout the world.



SEND GROUP WORK PAPERS TO ARCHIVES

Please consider donating your materials to the Social Group Work Collection. AASWG is committed to seeing that group work collections are gathered in a systematic way and housed in one location. The Social Group Work Collection, housed at the Social Welfare History Archives at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, contains some of the papers of social group workers such as Gertrude Wilson, William Schwartz, Beulah Rothman, Ruby Pernell, Max Casper, and many more.

AASWG wants to ensure that papers of future group workers will be sent to the collection. Your donation can be as little as a single item which may be very significant or as large as a collection of papers over a lifetime. If you are donating personal papers, it is advised to consult with the archives directly before sending the material. The material does not need to be in any order; professional staff will organize it once it arrives at the archives.

If you have personal material that relates to social group work, contact David Klaassen at the Social Welfare History Archives, 612-624-4377. He will discuss with you the material you have and how to get it to him safely.

Or contact Stacy Barrentine, AASWG Program Administrator, PO Box 151643, Alexandria, VA 22310, 703-971-6715.

Examples of personal papers: correspondence, diaries, professional papers, talks, lectures, photographs, audio and video recordings, business records, legal documents, news clippings, academic course material, family background information, out-of-print books on group work, practice materials, organizational involvement, memoirs, reminiscences, and other relevant personal documents.

Preserve our Past - Enrich our Future

"There was a time in this country when civic responsibility and general welfare were important concepts." Cathy Kemper, Editor, *Dear Mrs. Roosevelt*, the letters of Eleanor Roosevelt, in response to a question about her concern about the needs of the many people who wrote to her and her involvement in civil rights. "This is my theme of this presentation". February 1, 2005, at the Democratic Women's National Committee, Washington, DC, televised on CSpan II on August 14, 2005.

HELP AASWG GROW NOW IS THE TIME TO GET A NEW MEMBER

The fall season is the time to recruit new members. As an incentive, any first time member will be enrolled for the current (2005) and (2006) years. This includes students, retirees, and unemployed who enroll at the special discount rate.

It will give such a great boost if each member will recruit one new member each year. It's one way to make your membership even more valuable.

The best way to recruit is person-to-person. As social workers, particularly group workers, we know that. Ask your colleagues. Maybe you can buy lunch or a cup of coffee or a drink. It doesn't hurt to do a little selling on behalf of such an important cause! Telephone calls are second best, but from there on down is fast. Personal letters, e-mail, post cards, mass mailings quickly decrease in response rate.

AASWG is organized on a do-it-ourselves-model! Mutual aid seems logical and appropriate for an organization of group workers. The membership was originally recruited by the Board and Chapters, those who attended the Symposia, and other members who believed that group work must organize a strong separate organization in order to survive, grow, and contribute its knowledge and skill to society.

So many group workers have benefited from the support AASWG has given to the practice mode over these last twenty-five years. We hope you can convince them that they should join you in supporting our cause and practice organization. We know, from investigation and from paying other organizational dues, that in relation to them, our dues are among the least expensive. And we get more out of AASWG by organizing to do it ourselves.

Where there are concentrations of group workers, the involvement can be even further enhanced by joining or forming chapters. The Symposia are really significant boosters for organization and for practice knowledge and skill. And our support for development and distribution of professional literature is critical. Help keep the knowledge and skill development and dissemination go-

COMMISSION ON GROUP WORK IN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

Ellen Sue Mesbur, Co-Chair of the Commission on Social Work Education, presented a workshop at the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work Annual Conference in London, Ontario, in May 2005. The workshop, titled "Incorporating Content on Social Work Practice with Groups into the Generalist Practice Curriculum: The Trees in the Forest", followed a similar format to workshops which have been presented by Carolyn Knight, Larry Shulman, and Toby Berman-Rossi at Council on Social Work Education and Baccalaureate Program Directors meetings.

We would like to remind you to check the Commission page on the AASWG web site. You will find some new materials that have been added recently. Watch for more materials in the near future!

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Sue Mesbur and

Carolyn Knight, Co-Chairs

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ing. If we don't all join together in this effort, we could quickly revert to where we were twenty-six years ago when AASWG was formed. The founders discovered that there was no group work content anymore at either of the major conferences in our profession each year, nothing for practice, and nothing for education. It was a real drought.

Remember that the central organization only exists to keep the organization moving on its own. Cash only buys what we can not do or provided ourselves. Our primary purposes are promoting group work practice, education, research, and publication.

Note that the new member incentive can only be used once. It is not available to persons who have skipped years in their memberships.

A membership form is available from our website, previous issues or the Membership Office. Copy it or contact the office for a copy of our nice, new membership brochure.

So, sign up a new member already!



AASWG GROWS: WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Join in welcoming the many new members who have joined for the first time. Their participation in these coming crucial years will help build knowledge and competence in social work with groups throughout the world and strengthen AASWG in fulfilling this mission.

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STARVED - A COMEDY?

Did anyone see "Starved" on Thursday, August 04? I read a preview which appeared in Akron Beacon Journal that morning. "Starved" is a new series about a tough-love support group of persons suffering from overeating. They also suffer from various other psychological, behavioral, and social disorders which they inflict on each other. It's on the FX channel with a TV-MA rating. It's supposed to be a comedy.

It is reported that the National Eating Disorders Association objects to the content of the show. They say the "portrayals of individuals with eating disorders are cartoonish and inappropriate."

We didn't get to see it. We alerted the Discussion Group but do not have any responses yet. Does anyone have a report, analysis, critique, or other thoughts to share?

It sounds like a show which is directly aimed at two dimensions of the things which many group workers handle regularly, support groups and eating disorders. We've had lots of presentations at Symposia about these.

The preview article would be accessible at the Akron Beacon Journal web site www.ohio.com. The reviewer is R. D. Heldenfels, rheldenfels@thebeaconjournal.com.

Interestingly, that same evening "Nightline" did a show on work with gangs. That's another area some of us have worked in extensively over the years.

We will look forward to your responses. Did anyone who saw it have any reaction fit to print?

John H. Ramey, Editor

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Debra Siegel, Miami Florida
Peter Stoddard, Clarksville, Tennessee
Gale Vance, Downers Grove, Illinois
Suzanne Velazquez, Centereach, New York
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Denise Winter, West Islip, New York

CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chapter chairs and representatives often leave the June Board Meeting with many new ideas and enthusiasm to reinvigorate their chapter groups. This year is no different. Our meeting in June helped the chairs and representatives to review some changes in our chapter support structure, to share ideas for expanding the outreach done to identify potential members, and to continue developing excellent programs and local workshops. In the surrounding articles you will have an opportunity to see just a little of the work that they are doing.

Chapter support is an important part of the tasks for the Chapter Development Committee and the Board in response to our membership in active chapter areas. Each year, based on chapter membership, local groups have been able to receive chapter support rebates on member dues to assure resources to continue outreach, run programs and to support the work of the local chapter. Over the past year, one of the important tasks being discussed by the Board has been a review of chapter support and a decision, voted on last October and revisited by the Board in June. The decisions reached by the Board and now being implemented asked chapters to determine their need for the chapter support rebate and to work in conjunction with the Chapter Development Chair to arrange for each chapter's share of the resources allocated for chapter support. This year's chapter support budget has been capped to control spending and this means that chapters who request support payments will receive support rebates pro rated to reflect membership and allocated out of the overall support budget. Chapter Chairs and Treasurers who need further information should contact the Chapter Development Chair at the addresses below.

As noted in the January newsletter, the Chapter Development Committee motioned the Board to accept the closure of our Georgia Chapter. The board accepted this motion and voted to approve the closure effective June 2005. Local members in Georgia continue to belong to AASWG and active members will be contacted by Chapter Development to review
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the discussion of the Board and to be advised of their right to organize again, when they may choose. When a chapter closes and a new organizing group convenes, the chapter is formed as a new entity rather than a reactivated chapter. Local members will know how this would be done if they choose to make those efforts in the future.

It was exciting to meet with new chapter chairs and representatives. The Chapter Development Committee is continuing in our efforts to collect ideas, procedures, and practices for chapter leaders to assist in their working with the Board and their local groups. The Manual for Chapters continues to be a draft, but many ideas are being added to the draft to make transitioning into leadership less intimidating for new chapter chairs.

The passing of the end of June marks a turning point in the process of membership development in your chapters. At the end of June, members who have not renewed are not included among active members for that year. For local AASWG groups this may mean that their group's size has suddenly changed. Membership efforts in the late summer and fall can seem difficult; however, this time of year brings two important factors that you can include in your work with potential members, namely discounts for members planning to attend the Minneapolis Symposium including rights to the proceedings, but also, after June, for those not attending the Symposium, the right to join and have membership carry over through the next year. This is an excellent way to encourage first time memberships as this offer is not available to any but first time members. Chapter Leaders should consider recruiting with students who may wish to have the added benefit of an extended first year at student rates after the completion of their educational programs.

The Chapter Development Committee would like to hear from any AASWG member who would like information regarding creating an organizing area, exploring chapter or affiliate status, requesting the AASWG Internal Grant or who has questions regarding AASWG and its Chapters. All inquiries can come to the Chapter Development Chair, Michael Wagner at MichaelWAASWG@net.scape.net or michaelw@childrensaidso.ciety.org. See you in Minneapolis.

Chapters and Affiliates

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Chapter is experiencing interesting times. While there are those who would consider this a curse, the Group Workers, Chapter Members rallied to support each other. Anxiety is the alarming possibility of being able. And able we are. We plan on taking on the challenge of putting "Social Work with Groups" into the hands of agencies and back in the schools. Along the way we plan on putting on the best dang gum Symposium that this group has yet to see. This is a tall order and I would now like to take the opportunity to explain what the blazes has been going on here in the Wild West.

For starters, we got off to a rocky start with our workshops, later to be known as our Mini-Symposium. We had some folks drop out for a variety of reasons. This left some vacancies in some important offices. A major setback occurred when our Co-President Jo Ann Regan gave birth four months prematurely. At the time, she was poised to boost our membership drive, jazz up our workshops and take point on organizing Symposium 2006. She and baby are doing well at this time, but she had to drop all her other activities like teaching and running an AASWG Chapter. Lord have mercy, were we in a fine pickle!

We endeavored to do our best, and to our delight...the Mini-Symposium was a success. But wait there's more. I asked the participants if they would be willing to help our chapter by being generous and stepping up to fill vacancies on our staff. With Helen Antoniak consenting to be Co-President, Emil Jeck agreeing to be Vice President, and Velma Franz-Carrio joyfully agreeing to be Secretary, all our positions were filled. We discussed the Symposium in 2006 and agreed to meet after the Board Meeting in New York.

With folks on vacations, busy with work, issues with personal life, the learning curve of new positions, we were a bit behind for Symposium 2006. The Board expressed some concerns that we needed to address. This past month both the Mini-Symposium and the Symposium 2006 met and our Chapter decide to proceed forward.

Come to San Diego in 2006 and save \$200.00. Symposium 2006 is to take place at the fabulous "Shelter Point Hotel and Marina" with a private beach as well as docks. There will be free shuttle service to the Airport and drop offs to downtown and Seaport Village. Normally they charge \$195 per night for single rooms. We were able to get them to give AASWG a special rate of \$145 per night for double and single rooms.

Many folks remember the great time they had at the 1995 Symposium in San Diego. While I wasn't a member or even a social worker at that time, I have heard that it was a successful event. Since 1995 San Diego has become even more Cosmopolitan with a Trolley System that can take you to Old Town, East County, and Mexico. In addition, we now have Casinos for those who would like to contribute some voluntary taxation. In the heart of San Diego is a new ballpark. Heading north is Balboa Park and the San Diego Zoo. The rollercoaster is working again at Belmont Park and Sea World has new attractions in addition to our old friend "Shamu!"

Like to fish? Recently on a half-day boat my cousin caught a 22 pound yellow tail tuna. Most important is that the greatest minds in working with groups will be here.

Albert Schafer, Co-President
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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held at the VA San Diego Healthcare System on Saturday, August 13. Present were Paul and Sonia Abels, Helen Antoniak, Ruben Garcia, Jr., Anne Hyman, Jane Hynes, Jeanne Giil, Emil Jech, Larry Lima, Ady Rosenblatt, Albert Schafer, and Joan Parry.

Plans were made to gather material to take to the Minneapolis Symposium to promote the 2006 Symposium in San Diego. Committees were formed and chairs appointed. A letter will be mailed out to the ninety agencies providing group services within the next few weeks asking that they send staff persons to serve on the major symposium committee.

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lunch, prepared by the UCSD Catering Committee, was enjoyed by the meeting participants as well as Lana Schafer, Mary Ann and Dave Pollock, Ruth Howell, Gary McKay, and Jeff Schieberl.

Highlights of the 12th Anniversary Luncheon, besides the good food, were installation of officers and Board members, signing a petition written by Ruth Howell to the California Chapter of NASW protesting their lack of a stance on the issue of the war in Iraq, and the groups' remembrances of Jan Andrews-Schenk, Roselle Kurland, Toby Berman-Rossi, Ruth Middleman, and Gisela Kopnoka. Each attendee received a copy of Jan's obituary.

The next meeting of the Symposium Planning Committee is scheduled for Saturday, September 1.

Anne Hyman and Joan Parry each spoke about their recently published books. As my mother, Emma Levinson, would say, "A good time was had by all."

Jeanne Gill

CONNECTICUT

The Connecticut Chapter has heard from a few members and is entering the planning phase for some interesting offerings. It's not too late to add your input to the lively discussion. Contact your Chapter Chair to get involved at mpwestfall@sbcglobal.net or 860-241-0317. We look forward to hearing from you.

Professors of Group Work, don't forget to let your students know about AASWG!!! The future rests with you!!!

Respectfully submitted,

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FLORIDA

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GERMANY

We'd like to welcome all the Groupworkers back from the summer break and hope that you enjoyed your holiday and had a relaxing and eventful time.

Shortly before the holidays, on June 25, our methodology workshop took place. The topic was "Empowerment".

We started with a short exercise on our own "humour biography", in order to tune into joy and laughter. Following

that, two workshops were offered, entitled "Resource work in groups - Going to your own Oscars" and "Establishing and using rituals". After a relaxing lunch break, there were several "energy fuelling stations". In separate rooms, groupworkers presented a method to empower themselves and their groups. There were methods from the areas "Power and Art", "Power and the Body", "Power and Relaxation", "Power and Kinesiology" and "Power and Improvisation".

The day closed with a "catwalk" - a walk down the red carpet with ones newly found resources. We brought a little bit of Hollywood to Cologne.

To find out more about the German Chapter and to get an impression of our work, we'd like to invite all Groupworkers to visit our home page which was developed and is maintained by Group Worker Winfriede Kock. As our personal, in-house graphic designer, who also designed our club magazine "Mobile", he has created a clear and informative web site for us. Visit us at www.aaswg.de.

We'd like to renew our invitation to this year's German Symposium which takes place from December 2 - 4 in Herzogenrath (near Aachen).

This year's motto is "Come in and find out - New begins with you". We'd like to examine and actively experience the various perspectives on perception. As well as a lecture by Tom Levold on Effects and Feelings, a range of workshops will be offered: "Appearing Before Groups", "Voice - Mirror on the Soul", "Dream Games in Group Work", "The Way to Vitality" and "Come In and Sing Out".

The request for proposals will be available on our web site from the end of September.

We would be pleased if you would like to participate.

We wish you all a smooth and enjoyable start back after the summer break and hope to see you soon, either in a few weeks in Minneapolis or in December in Herzogenrath.

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ILLINOIS

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KENTUCKY

The Chapter will again offer diverse and useful workshops this year. We have varied the times and locations of the presentations and sent a Fall 2005 and Winter 2006 schedule via e-mail to all members requesting pre-registration.

September 9 kicks off the first workshop with Alison Johnson presenting "Social Skills Group for Children / Teens Diagnosed with Asperger's Disorder". Then on December 2 the Chapter will host an Open House for prospective members and have a workshop entitled "Using the Group to Teach Couples How to Live Life in a Relational Paradigm". Sherri O'Bryan will be the presenter.

After the Winter Break on January 19 Joseph Ferry, from Hospice of Louisville will facilitate a workshop entitled "Children and Grief: Using Expressive Methods in Group Work".

On February 16 Debbie Slagle-Pike and Kim Wadlington will present "Working with Women in Groups: Fostering Healthy Coping Skills".

Spring 2006 is starting to take shape. In March we are planning a workshop that will be offered in conjunction with the Kentucky NASW Annual Conference entitled "Co-Facilitating Groups: A Presentation by Co-Therapists". Then in April there will be an all day workshop "Ethics and the Use of Self as a Change Agent". It will address the ethical use of self as an instrument of change in therapy and therapeutic work with people. This training will fulfill the ethics requirement for licensure in Kentucky. Details will be announced!

Other Chapter news is that Tracy Carson is the new Treasurer. Ursula Melhuish is the president. Alison Johnson is the Membership Chair.

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

LONG ISLAND

The Chapter looks forward to a productive year of stimulating group work
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educational programs for the Long Island Community.

So far we have two Fall 2005 programs in place.

The first will be held on Wednesday, October 12, from 9:00 to 11:00 am on "The Use of Psycho-Education Groups with Ethnically and Racially Diverse Communities", presented by Zulema E. Suarez, Associate Professor of the Adelphi University School of Social Work. This program is in collaboration with Adelphi University SSW.

The second will be on Wednesday, November 9, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on "Integrating Group Theory into Practice: The Role of Supervisor and Supervisee", presented by Jean Bacon, Assistant Professor, SUNY Stony Brook School of Social Welfare, and Lois A. Carey, Associate Professor, Molloy College School of Social Work. This program is in collaboration with the SUNY Stony Brook School of Social Welfare.

Our Steering Committee continues to meet monthly at Molloy College and welcomes new and old friends to join with us as we plan future programs and catch up on "Group Work Happenings on the Island".

For additional information contact Beverly Feigelman, Chapter Chair, 718-380-8206 or e-mail: liaaswg@yahoo.com.

Submitted by

Beverly Feigelman, Chapter Chair

MASSACHUSETTS

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MICHIGAN

The Chapter is planning an educational Forum on Friday, November 4, to be held at Marygrove College. We will offer a morning of three different sessions, with participants being able to choose any two. They are based on presentations that have been made at most recent AASWG International Symposia. The price of the Forum has not been set yet.

The Forum will run from 8 am to about 12:50 pm. Notification will be sent to all Michigan Schools of Social Work, agencies in southeastern Michigan, southern Ontario, and Northwestern Ohio.

For information about the Chapter please contact Bob Sisler, Catholic Social Services of Wayne County, 748 Ashland Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48215, 313-824-0952, or Susan A. Titus, Wayne State University School of Social Work, 211 Thompson Home, 4756 Cass Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202, 313-993-4066, fax 313-577-8770, satitus3244@aol.com.

Submitted by

Susan A. Titus, Chapter Treasurer

MINNESOTA

The summer in Minnesota is proving to be one of the hottest in history. To stay cool we are beginning to meet (indoors) to plan another great program year. That is, of course, the program year after the International Symposium that will be held here September 29 - October 2. Everything is falling into place and we are confident that it is going to be an amazing experience. We can not wait to see all of you.

We are also mourning the loss of Jan Andrews-Schenk. Jan was an amazing leader and had an inspirational presence. All can feel her absence and she will be missed more than words can express.

For additional information about the Minnesota Chapter contact Jenny Schwartz, Secretary at 612-823-3237 or e-mail at jenniferschwartz@hotmail.com or contact Shelly Rottenberg, Chair, 651-690-8786.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Schwartz, Secretary

NEW YORK RED APPLE

The Chapter met on June 9 at the Wurzweiler School of Social Work in honor of recent social work graduates. The program included an animated discussion of the history of AASWG lead by Ronnie Glassman, a former Chapter chair. Kurt Sonnenfeld, a vital participant in the Chapter shared personal recollections about the group work community prior to the formation of AASWG, richly contributing to a deepened appreciation for our collective group work history. We will recess over the summer and commence with programming in October.

Once again, congratulations to our new colleagues and thank you to Ronnie Glassman.

Submitted by Andrew Cicchetti
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NORTHEAST OHIO

Workshops, negotiations, membership development, monthly Executive Committee meetings, elections, etc., have kept us hopping this late spring and summer.

New officers and members of the Executive Committee installed at the Annual Meeting on June 20 at Hoggy's in Cleveland are Momadou Seck and Jay Toth, Co-Chairs; Marsha Blanks, Treasurer; John Ramey, Secretary; Linda McArdle, At Large and Membership Chair; Anna Fritz, At Large and Education Co-Chair; Claudia Carson, Elizabeth Lewis, LaToya Logan (Student Member), and Lynne Rose, At Large; and Al Klubert, Nominating Committee Chair. Lonnie Helton continues on the Nominating Committee, and Tracey Hagan continues on the Executive Committee. John Ramey remains Chapter Representative to the AASWG Board. Outgoing officers and Executive Committee members were recognized and thanked for their dedication and service, particularly Claudia Carson and Lynne Rose as Co-Chairs and Judy Fant as Treasurer.

Education Committee: Thelma Silver is the new Co-Chair with Anna Fritz. Other new members are Jo Anna Cox (a former school social worker) and Elizabeth Bach van Valkenberg (Rape Crisis Center - RCC). Leslie Campbell is Recording Secretary. Shari Racut represented RCC at the recent meeting.

The Field Instructors Seminar on June 9 at The Gathering Place was well attended and very positively received. The Chapter will recognize the substantial contribution of The Gathering Place to this seminar by providing two books.

The top priority for future goals and directions of the Committee is collaboration with Field Work Coordinators at the five universities. At the next meeting on October 21 at 10:30 AM at The Gathering Place Lonnie Helton and Tracey Hagan will report on the outcomes of their recent survey of students in the field with group work assignments.

The second priority is continuing work on impacting the social work curricula at schools of social work. At one local school the Committee has had tangible impact. There will be a new course
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on group work beginning this fall!

Shari Racut reported that the RCC regularly offers group facilitator training which is open to the community and that AASWG can help recruit participants. This way the Committee can act as a resource base for training already offered.

The Chapter is considering reestablishing the Program Committee as separate from the Education Committee. There is interest in developing monthly membership meetings with a tentative title of "Let's Talk Group Work", perhaps starting in the Akron area. It was noted that three members of the Chapter are presenting at the Minneapolis Symposium this October. One possibility is to use the program plan used by other chapters to have the Symposium presenters also present their papers to the Chapter. Symposium presenters this year are Genine Apidone of the International Institute, Akron, Timothy McCarragher of the University of Akron, and Ollie M. Collier Jones, Akron.

We are looking forward to the first endowed Group Work Lecture at the Mandel School of Applied Social Science (MSASS). This once a year event, open to the community with MSASS alumni and AASWG members invited, will be 2:30 to 4:30 on November 21. Paul Abels will speak on "The Past, Present, and Future of Social Work with Groups."

The ethics workshop presented at East Akron Community House by Larry Foster in late April was well attended and very successful. This was a repeat of the workshop presented early last fall in Cleveland.

Linda McArdle, Chair of the Membership Committee, is working hard on plans to develop the membership. The first approach will be to contact past members. The second will be to develop student membership and activities at the various schools. The third will be to contact new prospects. The student scholarship program for AASWG membership as developed in the past year will be continued. In relation to these scholarships the Chapter will ask students to acknowledge obligation to attend meetings and work in Chapter activities. Recipients of the Ruby Pernel Memorial Student Member Scholarships this year were Jenny Leiter of the University of Akron,

Hotense Boyce of Cleveland State University, and LaToya Logan of MSASS.

Fall is the time to work on student and other new memberships. The renewal process will start December 1. Linda will be working to establish a broader working Membership Committee.

The Executive Committee meets the second Monday of each month at noon at the Wrap Around Center of the Berea Children and Family Services in downtown Cleveland.

For information contact Mamadou Seck, secmam2@hotmail.com, or Jay Toth, jtoth@bchfs.org.

Submitted by

John H. Ramey, Chapter Secretary

TORONTO

The Toronto Region

Groupworkers Network (TRGN)

Summer has arrived in Toronto with a vengeance. It's been "hot, hot, hot", and chapter activities have slowed down in response to the heat. However, the Executive Committee will be holding its annual planning/social event very soon. Watch for details coming from our meeting, which will be placed in the Toronto Chapter section of the AASWG web site.

Our event year ended with a bang. Four veteran group workers delivered a dynamic presentation at the annual conference of the Ontario Association of Social Workers. The topic was innovative group work practice across developmental stages. Barbara Muskat discussed challenges and approaches to group work with children. Donna Reid described her group work practice with at-risk adolescents. Barbara Neilson reviewed information about her on-line support groups for children and families impacted by health issues, operated through the Hospital for Sick Children. She particularly enlightened the audience with slides about children with a variety of bladder conditions. Finally, Paula David described issues related to group work within the geriatric population, with a particular emphasis on her work with survivors of the Holocaust. Paula showed a clip from a long-term group with fabulous seniors discussing their feelings about dating. We had a large audience with participants from throughout Ontario. We heard that there is clearly social work with groups happening and there is interest in and a need

for education, consultation, and collaboration.

A particular highlight for the panel was the opportunity to travel to and from Ottawa and spend four and one-half uninterrupted hours each way catching up on our work and our lives outside of work. We also were energized to work with the TRGN Executive Committee to develop similar innovative workshop ideas that could travel across the province. These will be discussed at our Chapter's annual planning meeting.

Quite a number of members of our Executive Committee are currently involved in teaching groupwork courses at colleges and universities in our area. Others are supervising and educating group workers at agencies. We would like to strengthen our approach to our teaching and training, using the resources of the network and AASWG.

Look for more Chapter news in the fall.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Minneapolis.

Barbara Muskat, Chair, TRGN

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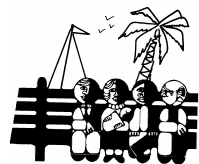
ORGANIZING AREAS

GHANA

LAST QUARTER REPORT: Ghana AASWG is taking final steps and beginning the registration process at the Register General Department in ACCRA. Ghana has set up a working group for consultative meetings to formalise AASWG in Ghana. The modalities include terms of reference, operational systems, and start up activities for AASWG. There is informal consultation with personnel from the Government Ministries, university student social workers, researchers, and members of Parliament as well as the Media.

Ghana is in the process of preparing start up activities and will be pleased to share with members during the upcoming conference in October.

In a related development Ghana will be able to share with participants on the research findings and video coverage on its research project "Street Ism in Ghana". Members may recall the August 1992 issue article on page 6 named "Challenges Facing Ghana: Deep in the
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Call for Papers

28th International Symposium on Social Work with Groups

San Diego, California

October 12 - October 15, 2006



Tuning in and Orchestrating the Power of Groups : Beginnings, Middles, and Endings: Overture, Movements, and Finale

Just as a great orchestra has the ability to make beautiful music when its members work together, all groups have the potential to help, heal, or bring about change when members work together for a common purpose. In a symphony the conductor uses her/himself to help the members bring out the best in themselves and their colleagues. In group work it is the worker's responsibility to help create the conditions that allow the powers of groups to blossom. Come to San Diego and let your spirits soar as you and your colleagues share in bringing knowledge and creativity into greater harmonic awareness. Your musical instruments either physical or psychological are welcome, too.

San Diego has been labeled "America's Finest City" not only because of its ideal October weather, but also its institutions, the Salk Institute, universities, and the world renowned San Diego Zoo, a must see. It hosts theatrical groups such as the Old Globe Theater and the La Jolla Playhouse and the San Diego Symphony Orchestra. The city is noted for its diversity, restaurants, nightlife and its location as a border town adjoining Tijuana, Mexico.

Papers directly related to the theme are encouraged but not required. Some areas sought include:

Facilitating and orchestrating groups for vulnerable populations

Advocacy and action for harmony in education, best practices, and evidence-based research

Themes in group work and social justice

Tuning in to diversity and group work

Local and global connections and modulations with professionals from other disciplines

Narrative/librettos of group work, agency, classroom, and especially in field placements

Transitions from middles to the finales

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The Use of music, dance, drama and art to orchestrate group work goals

TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS

Papers are 45-minute didactic and discussion-orientation presentations.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS: March 15, 2006. **NOTIFICATION:** May 15, 2006.

FINAL PAPERS FOR PUBLICATION IN PROCEEDINGS: Submit four (4) copies of the final paper and a computer diskette for consideration for inclusion in the Symposium proceedings. Deadline: October 15, 2006

ALL PRESENTERS MUST BE MEMBERS OF AASWG FOR THE YEAR 2006 BY JUNE 1, 2006, AND REGISTER FOR THE SYMPOSIUM

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact the San Diego Symposium Co-Chair: Albert Schafer, aaswgsandiego@yahoo.com or (619) 652-8716.

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You are invited to submit your abstract online at the same page. The deadline is October 15, 2005.

The conference will be held in four languages: English, German, French, and Spanish. For your presentation you may choose any of them. Please be aware that most conference participants will understand English best. Simultaneous translation will be provided in all major sessions.

Please note that your paper must be able to be included under one of the six thematic areas and should contribute to the overall theme "A World Out of Balance: Working for a New Social Equilib-

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Hustling Zone". In that special report, Ghana was cited as being among the highly indebted countries in the world. Currently, Ghana has qualified for a debt cancellation by the G8 countries.

Daily Graphic, July 22: "Asylum Seekers on Rampage": War victims from Da Fur in Sudan seeking asylum in Ghana yesterday vandalised the ussher fort in Accra, attacked a police officer on guard duty, and injured an official of the National Disaster Management Organisation. The angry asylum seekers, whose status is still being determined by the authorities, also gave an ultimatum to the government to decide their fate by the end of August. Sources close to the fort noted that one of them was prevented from going to town.

Respectfully submitted,
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AFFILIATE NEWS

INDIA

For information please contact Dr. Manohar Golpelwar, President, IAASWG, Director, Indian Institute of Youth Welfare, 134, Shivagi Nagar, Nag-

pur".

The thematic areas are:

1. The Balance of Generations: Youth and Ageing

2. Physical, Emotional, and Mental Health

3. Between Inclusion and Alienation: Migrants, Refugees and Displaced Persons

4. Human Rights and Civil Rights: Between Globalization and Marginalization

5. Social Systems between Demands: Basic Needs and Minimum Standards of Social Security

6. Social Work as Profession: 50 years of Progress and Vision for the Future.

Interactive types of presentations are encouraged, ranging from twenty minute Powerpoint presentations to ninety minute workshops, round table discussions and podium discussions with auditorium. On the submission forms you are invited to indicate interest in being approached to participate in other innovative types of discussion (i.e., "world café", facilitated open space, etc.)

Presenters must have registered for the full conference by March 15, 2006. The conference is approved by the NASW (National Association of Social Workers, USA) for continuing education credits.

With any further questions, or if you have problems with the online abstract submission system, please contact us at Social Work 2006 Congress Office, Landwehrstr. 26, 80336 Munich, Germany, 49-89-231149-66, fax: 49-89-231149-28, <mailto:info@socialwork2006.de>.

We look forward to welcoming you in Munich in the summer of 2006.

Your organizing team: Gabriele Stark-Angermeier, Joachim Wieler, Chair of Programme Committee, Eleonora Weistroffer, and Christel Liese.

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KELLY REPORTS ON THE EUROPEAN GROUPWORK SYMPOSIUM 2005

The 11th European Groupwork Symposium was held in York from July 6 to 8, 2005. AASWG was well represented at the Symposium this year. German members Suze Kunz and Sonia Spelters gave the keynote presentation and got the Symposium off to an interactive and entertaining beginning. They demonstrated many excellent program activities. Kay Goler Levin from the Illinois Chapter presented on group work with involuntary clients. David Abbot, from the Michigan Chapter, spoke on a model of role play in group work. Mark Doel and Tim Kelly, both members from the UK, also presented. Mark's session concerned writing for publication and encouraged practitioners to write about their group work practice. Tim's presentation was on the use of groups for involving older people in policy. The Symposium was a small and intimate gathering, and Suze and Sonia's opening plenary quickly set the tone for a supportive, interactive, and stimulating group experience. The sessions were more like workshops than formal paper presentations as everyone had an hour and a half for their presentations. This left a lot of time for discussion and dialogue. Like last year, the end of the day featured a glass of wine and then a meal in the beautiful town of York. This year even featured a ghost walk. Plan on coming to the European Groupwork Symposium in July of 2006, once again to be held in York. The intimacy, support, and energy are not to be missed.

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GROUPWORK WITHOUT BORDERS

St John's College, York, July 2006
Call for Papers

(Note: The exact dates are not yet nailed down for the 12th European Groupwork Symposium for next year, but it will be in July! We offer this preview and Call for Papers now so you can plan ahead.)

Groupwork is about gathering together and developing a safe space to work collectively on common goals or difficulties in living. The gathering together within protective boundaries gives groups power. It strengthens members and allows them to expand their boundaries or work together to remove or cross borders that limit or constrain.

This symposium will celebrate the power of groupwork without borders - highlighting the potential of groups across professional, international and practice borders. Abstracts for papers and workshops demonstrating the power of groupwork across borders are welcomed. Special emphasis will be given to papers describing:

- * Groupwork with vulnerable and marginalized populations on society's borders
- * Practice examples of working on the borders or across boundaries
- * Examples of groupwork across international borders
- * Groupwork crossing into new practice areas
- * Unique or different applications of groupwork skill

Practitioners and first time conference presenters are especially encouraged to develop descriptions of their groupwork practice. Contact Mark Doel (m.doel@shu.ac.uk) for assistance with abstract development.

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SETTING UP MEMBER-TO-MEMBER CONNECTIONS

AASWG is launching a new initiative to help members locate other members, in the U. S. and abroad, who want to exchange ideas/experiences/enthusiasm about a particular area of group work practice or teaching.

If you are interested in making connections with other members in an area of your interest, send your name and e-mail or snail mail address along with a description of your area of interest to Ann Bergart at abergart@speakeasy.net.

In your own words, describe the area of group work practice or teaching about which you want to initiate an exchange. E.g., "I would like to connect with other members who are leading groups aimed at overcoming racism among adolescents."

Members who would like to work with Ann on this project should also contact her.

NEW IFSW WEB PAGE

In September the International Federation of Social Workers will launch a new Web Page. Imelda Dodds, President, and Tom Johannesen, Secretary General, said, "We believe that the new site will provide far greater flexibility and opportunity for member organisations and friends to engage at international and regional levels."

The system replaces one which was very old and cumbersome to operate. The information became out of date. The recent death of the Communications Officer, Lisbeth Mattsson, made this change urgent. Despite the best attempts, IFSW has not been able to access the page since then to make necessary changes and load important documents such as the new Ethics statement or statements to G8, London Bombings, etc. In the meantime these have been sent to members separately.

Dodds and Johannesen said "Lisbeth did a fantastic job with our site and also managed this antiquated operating system."

The process of developing the new web site has been made easier by the tremendous support and cooperation provided by the IFSW's Swiss Member organisation.

The web site is <http://www.ifsw.org>.



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