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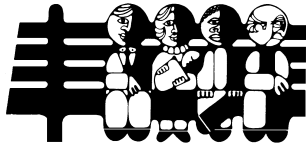
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A PARTIAL VIEW

Paul Abels, President

Spring Ahead, But Don't Fall Back

"Lighten up a little." Suggested the two people who read the "Partial View" column in the last issue. They were referring to the "Weight of the World" piece that they felt was not bad, but too heavy. I jokingly asked what they thought an article with that title would contain, "items from *Joe Miller's Joke Book*"? In kindness, I guess, they made no further response. I have taken their comments seriously. Perhaps they were right, so I will take the opportunity to use nature's genetic drive that spring glorifies, to deal with happier things. For a start, think of the song, "Happy spring, bright and gay winter now has past away".

Let's see, what might be of importance for our own spring resurgence? Well, last month NASW celebrated its 50th anniversary with a conference in Washington, D.C. I was invited because of my position at AASWG, an appearance was obligatory, and my presence was noted in a number of ways. One highlight of the "Congress" was an evening "gala" at the Reagan Business Center. It
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PLAN NOW FOR SYMPOSIUM 27 - A GREAT URBAN EXPERIENCE IN MINNEAPOLIS

"Bridges of Hope over Troubled Water", the 27th Annual Symposium on Social Work with Groups, September 29-October 2, 2005, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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IN MEMORIAM RUTH R. MIDDLEMAN ONE OF AASWG'S FOUNDERS March 25, 2005

ROSELLE KURLAND REMEMBERS
Ruth Middleman died this morning, March 25, 2005. Ruth was 81 and living in an assisted care facility near Philadelphia. She was one of the founders of AASWG along with Katy Papell and Beulah Rothman, and the first President of the organization. She was an advocate for the use of activity in group work practice and the author of *The Non-Verbal Method in Working with Groups*. She wrote many books, including *Skills for Direct Practice in Social Work* and *Social*
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was an extravaganza featuring a 50's motif and that fabulous, eternal singing group, "The Shirelles". Remember? There were an introduction of past NASW Presidents, a few short speeches, and a brief film announcing the start of NASW's efforts to educate the community about social work. A well-done piece, but not breathtaking. Of course, there was assorted food, including pizza, which in the 50's was a rare and exotic dish one had to travel miles to find. The evening's happy event was clouded a little by the fact that prior to getting on the bus from the hotel to the Reagan Center we had to show a photo I.D., and, again, at the Center as we advanced to the guarded x-ray machines at the entrance.

During the day there were work meetings in which we were to come up with four major imperatives we believed NASW ought to work toward for the next decade. The over three hundred people there were broken into work groups and assigned rooms related to pre-requested interests. There were about ten round tables seating about eight to ten people each. My preference was aging; the others were families and children, behavioral health, and health disparities. The groups were hardworking and self directed. There was a guide in the room to keep us on task, who listed our items to be voted on later on a larger board. She had the thankless task of trying to compact over fifty items into about six or seven imperatives that the group then voted on to come up with the special, obligatory, four. The listing part of the task was easier than her unwanted job of having to mediate contested votes, including one that resulted in outing the category dealing with diversity, racism, etc. No, there could not be five, there had to be four. (My apologies to NASW if I am misremembering the rules, but I will claim my age as a factor.) Of course, this led to some interesting group dynamics resulting in our guide's commitment to see what might be done about the situation when she presented it to the program-planning group. She did an excellent job considering the structured nature of the sessions. I am sure everything was worked out for the best.

The two-day process illustrated an interesting use of small groups, familiar

to many group workers. The program opened with a warm welcome, many introductions, and a fairly general speech. Then explanations and instructions on what was to follow: breaking into large preference groups and then small groups, changing contacts within the small groups, sharing ideas, coming up with four imperatives, and then melding all the group's four imperatives together to find the most important visions to work on for the future. That finalized on the following morning and afternoon at combined meetings. I believe the outside consultant team skillfully carried out the carefully structured program. It may have been a little over structured, as our own small work group's experience indicated. The planning group had a specific goal in mind and staff carried out their assignment well. It was not related to dealing with the Weight of the World. (Oops!). Hopefully, in a future issue of the NASW News we will see some of the final decisions and the major issues NASW will focus on in the future.

Would you believe that Disneyland is also celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and the L.A. times reports that their scientists and designers are working overtime to be "relevant to the way kids are growing up today"? Their principle creative executive notes, "We don't want to get left behind." (Verrier).

Everyone is trying to keep up with the future, and the efforts above reminded me of our Board's one-day retreat two years ago at the conclusion of the AASWG Symposium in Boston. It had somewhat the same format as the NASW session but a slightly different purpose that included visions of the future, but also how the Board could prioritize our needs and work more effectively together. While it did not meet all our expectations it did end with a feeling of closeness and a renewed rejuvenation, (is that redundant?) and it wasn't even spring.

What has happened to some of those significant visions and feelings? This part starts to get a little heavy, but here goes. They seem to have faded a bit. I don't know the specific reasons, but some certainly relate to the loss of some important persons in our organization. Some to my own way of working and the time it has
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taken me to see what our priorities ought to be. Some reasons relate to the increasing financial difficulties we face as we change to a salaried position for work that was carried out without pay by John Ramey. Another is the effort to maintain the current membership level and to increase it and to build the chapters. These and other issues may have kept us from formulating and suggesting supportive efforts to deal with some of our programmatic visions. The good news is that we are taking steps to deal with these concerns, and they will be before the Board in June. We, too, have reacted to spring's siren call.

Like NASW and, yes, Disneyland, too, we need to re-remember, re-consider and re-create our organization with the passion and creativity that helped us create it. There has been and obviously still is a strong belief in the value of the group, illustrated not only by our own efforts in promoting the use of social group work in education but evidenced by reports in the media. There is an increasing number of articles on the efforts of grass roots community groups, support groups, indigenous self-help groups and to ameliorate social and individual concerns.

The importance of the group for so-

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cialization and the maintenance of a civil society has become an imperative; as personal connections seem to be declining in our own country and perhaps on an international scale as well, see for example *Bowling Alone*, (Putnam). Group experiences in which democratic processes can be lived and shared are an important part of our value system, but unfortunately not universally experienced. A lack of such experiences in some countries is tied to the lack of democratic philosophical underpinnings, ideals and experience. The importance of these experiences is pointed out in Grace Coyle's *Group Work with American Youth*, in Harleigh Trecker's writings on democratic administration, and in Gisela Kohnopka's democratic philosophy.

Around the world, group workers have the passion and the creativity to tackle some social problems. A major question, then, is why don't NASW, CSWE, and other social work organizations promote, more strongly, social work practice with groups? Does the important concept of individualization mean that clinical practice with individuals should be the main thrust of social work? At a time when our society in general has recognized the importance of the group, why haven't our profession's organizations? Why is the struggle to get group work courses into social work educational programs a struggle? Why does some of the work we see in journals on work with groups lack an understanding of group communication, mutual aid, member decision-making and the groups own leadership development? How can our organization re-charge itself to deal with the need for a more civic, caring society? Our organization has to tackle these issues. We need to help each other in this inquiry.

In my opening sentence I noted that two people had commented on the Weight of the World article, I hope there will be more this time.

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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Once again AASWG is preparing to embark on a transition. It looks as if this will be my last column as your General Secretary. It has been a pleasure to serve you in this capacity. However, I have decided to accept a position as an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Connecticut, beginning the Fall 2005 academic year. I will be working with the Executive Committee for the remainder of the Spring and through the beginning of the Summer to ensure a smooth transition.

The period since my previous column to you has been busy. In February AASWG exhibited at the Council on Social Work Education's Annual Program Meeting in New York City. Paul and Sonia Abels and I staffed the booth with help from Andrew Cicchetti and Michelle Sarracco of the New York City Chapter. Carol Cohen put her esthetic skills to use and created an attractive display that drew in many APM participants. We distributed many copies of our *Standards* and the Call for Papers for the Minnesota Symposium. Thank you to everyone who stopped in and helped with the booth.

Paul and I were also fortunate to attend the 2005 Social Work Congress on behalf of AASWG. The Congress was a meeting of over four hundred social work leaders from the United States. Professional facilitators guided us through a brainstorming process to yield twelve imperatives for the social work profession to embrace over the next decade. It was an interesting process which, by the way, took place entirely in small groups. As group workers we should examine the imperatives for opportunities for our organization.

Finally, I would like to publicly thank Paul Abels for the tremendous support he has provided to me during his term as president. As many of you know, Paul is a wonderful, kind and intelligent man. I am grateful that he assumed the presidency when he did and wish him the best for the remainder of his term. You are a lucky group to have Paul Abels as your president.

Raymie H. Wayne,
General Secretary

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We know how it is. Some things get put into the pile and linger there for quite a while. We know, unfortunately, that includes some AASWG dues.

If your dues notice is still in the pile, it would be very helpful to AASWG if you could dig it out and send it in ASAP. We live on the edge, too. So we need the income from your dues to keep the organization going. At the moment we are running a deficit for 2005. 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 now. Run right to your desk. Find your membership renewal form. (There's even one in this issue!) Get your check book and pen in hand, and send the form with your payment. (Of course, you may still pay dues using your credit or debit card.)

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Many thanks to those who have paid for 2005.

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



**DALE SWAISGOOD
HONORED
AT DETROIT SYMPOSIUM**

(Editor's note. We apologize that the following section of the article about honorees at the Detroit Symposium was inadvertently omitted from the January *SWwGN*. This statement was prepared for the Final Program by Alice Lamont for the Detroit Symposium Planning Committee.)

Dale Swaisgood was born and raised on a farm in northern Ohio. When she was in junior high school she read a book about a settlement house and from then on never deviated from her goal to do social work. She graduated from Bowling Green State University and took her first job as a childcare worker at the Bureau of Juvenile Research (BJR) in Columbus, Ohio. Her assignment was to work with 6 - 12 year old boys, a "group" she served through much of her career.

Three years later Dale enrolled in McGill University, graduating with an MSW in 1959. The summers before, during and after school at McGill she worked as a Program Assistant in the Pioneer Unit at the famous Wel-Met Camps. She has remained in contact with many of the friends she made there. She then was hired onto the social group work staff at Hillside Hospital. She enjoyed the work but did not like New York. When Professor H. David Kirk, from McGill, invited her to join him in a research project in Whittier, California, she accepted.

A year later she returned to the Midwest, working briefly at the BJR. When she was offered the position of Director of the Windsor Group Therapy Project she was thinking of another direction. (While some group workers raised an eyebrow at the title "Group Therapy", at the time it was a government requirement in order for the agency to accept referrals from the mental health agency for children.) However, when Windsor made the third offer, she accepted and stayed for thirty-seven years!

When Dale arrived there were two staff members including herself. Under her direction the agency grew to a staff of twenty-six, offered school-based programs in the city and rural schools, provided summer camping experiences, and designed and constructed a building specifically as a residence for children. She

**IN MEMORIAM
WILL B. SCOTT
December 4, 2004**

Our long time friend, colleague, and former member of AASWG, Will B. Scott, died December 4 at the age of 79. In addition to AASWG, Will was active in NASW and CSWE and a founder of the National Association of Black Social Workers. Over the years he had served on the faculties of several universities and as an accreditation consultant to many social work programs.

was very effective in developing and staffing an agency board. She looks back fondly on her work as a field instructor with students from the University of Windsor, University of Michigan, and Wayne State University, and students from Scotland and Ireland who came to the agency in the summer.

Dale spent five summers at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji teaching paraprofessionals from eleven islands. She received the McGill Alumni Award in recognition of her work there.

Dale has attended all twenty-six AASWG Symposia and was a Board member in the early years. This year she is a member of the Planning and Abstracts Committees for the Detroit Symposium.

In 1998 Dale retired to Marshall, Michigan, to a former stagecoach house she had been renovating for some years (and still is). Always a rabid sports fan, she used to check at the local newspaper for the latest results. She was hired by the paper as the sports reporter for high school athletics, a position she held until the paper was merged with another. In Marshall she is a volunteer and sometimes staff member at the Historical Society Museums (Honolulu House). She is a member of the Marshall Sister Cities Committee, which sponsors an exchange of visitors between Marshall and Kokachō, Japan. She spent a week with a family there several years ago and continues to work with the committee to welcome the Sister City visitors to Marshall.

We are very pleased to be able to recognize at this Symposium the many contributions Dale Swaisgood has made to group work.

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The Massachusetts Chapter AASWG has made a major contribution to a special fund to remember Toby Berman-Rossi, our late AASWG President. Meg McPherson has forwarded the contribution on behalf of the Chapter. AASWG is very appreciative of this special gift.

BETTY LEWIS HONORED

Elizabeth (Betty) Lewis of the Northeast Ohio Chapter was honored at a celebration held on Saturday, April 30. Betty has spent her entire Social Work career either as a practitioner or as a professor of social work practice. In Cleveland she served as Director of League Park Neighborhood Center, Associate Director of the Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association (GCNCA), and Professor of Social Work at Cleveland State University.

To honor her for her contributions to the profession, a scholarship is being established for students at Cleveland State University with an emphasis on community and group work. The scholarship grew out of collaboration with several community based organizations (specifically settlement houses) and the School of Social Work at Cleveland State University.

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ANNUAL FUND

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

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In Memory of Margaret E. Hartford, from Sue Henry, Pinecliffe, Colorado

In Memory of Toby Berman-Rossi, from Timothy B. Kelly, Kilbirnie, UNITED KINGDOM

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

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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.

Michigan; and Anna L. Smith, New York City.

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 2005.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JOHN AND CAROL RAMEY ENDOWMENT FUND

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

In Memory of Toby Berman-Rossi, from Marcia B. Cohen, Portland, Maine

In Memory of Beulah Rothman and Ruth Middlemam, from Catherine P. Pappell, Flushing, New York

In Memory of Toby Berman-Rossi, from Jennifer L. Wittlin, Boston, Massachusetts

In Honor of John and Carol Ramey, from Sylvan Dan Brody, San Gabriel, California

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In Honor of Anna Fritz, from Thelma Silver, Beachwood, Ohio

Elaine E. Finnegan, Evanston, Illinois; John F. Genke, New York City; Michael D. Greenstein, West Newton, Massachusetts; Susan D. Lalone, Salem, Massachusetts; and Julianne Wayne, Avon, Connecticut.

AASWG is 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.

HELP AASWG GROW GET A NEW MEMBER

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.

It would give such a great great boost if each member could recruit one new member each year. 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, *Continued on page 17, Recruit Recruit, continued from page 7*



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block downtown area.

Once known as a Scandinavian preserve, Minneapolis has become a twenty-first century pluralistic community rich with members from countries and cultures across the world. With its robust economy and legacy of social service, the metropolitan area is home to thriving communities of Somalis, Hmong, and Latinos, among others, who have transformed the culture and "white bread" cuisine so charmingly spoofed by everyone's favorite storyteller, Garrison Keillor. The importance of the immigrant experience to our community has given special impetus to the shaping of the themes for this symposium.

There are four bridges that encompass the plenaries of the Symposium.

1. Intergenerational bridges: Foundational spirit and philosophy; theory and skill development.
2. Reconnecting the bridge between Social Group Work and Settlement House roots.
3. Building bridges for New Immigrants/Refugees into our communities internationally.
4. Creative bridges of connection using song, art, and activity.

On Thursday, September 29, we'll begin the bridge building with the enormously talented singer and storyteller, Mari Ann Graham, whose presentation is entitled "Groupwork and the Arts: Building Bridges between Where We Are and Where We Want to Be".

Registration materials for the Symposium are available on the AASWG website. Early bird registration discounts will be offered to those who register before September 1. The full registration fee for three days for members is only \$280.

To reserve accommodations at the Hyatt Regency please call 612-370-1234 or 800-233-1234 by Saturday, September 1, to qualify for the special Symposium reduced rate.

For more information about the Symposium, please contact Sandy Parnell, 615-669-6755, fax 651-690-8821, sjparnell@stkate.edu and look for details about outstanding plenary speakers, concert and theater opportunities, and social events in the next issue of *SWwG Newsletter*.

**IN MEMORIAM
ELIZABETH REICHERT
November 14, 1916 -
May 9, 2004**

Betty Reichert of San Diego died on Mothers Day 2004 "after living gracefully through a ten year bout with Alzheimer's Disease and after a massive stroke. She was a beautiful woman with an easy smile, a giving wife of 62 years to her husband, Kurt; a loving champion of their daughter, Julie, a creative social worker, health planner, and teacher; an anchoring personal friend at crucial times in many people's lives; and effervescent discoverer of sights and sounds in the arts; an adventurous camper and world traveler; a welcoming hostess at Betty and Kurt's always open house, their Casa Reichert in Normal Heights, San Diego."*

Betty was an active member of the original organizing committee and the Board of the Southern California Chapter from 1993 until her illness prevented further involvement.

Born Betty Bednasz in Monaca, a steel mill town in western Pennsylvania, she worked her way through Ohio University, then moved to Chicago where she met her husband. After living in New York where he served in the Naval Hospital Corps, they returned to the University of Chicago where they received their Master's degrees. They moved every few years - to Minneapolis, Albany, NY, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, New York City and, finally, to San Diego in 1970.

"Betty and Kurt pursued parallel careers based on their broad interpretation of social work values...

"Betty's special strengths were her imagination and enterprise and her ability to inspire others to join with her in reaching beyond traditional ways of doing things."

At Temple University, where Betty taught several courses in the Center for Health Sciences, she spearheaded improved relations between the Center and the surrounding underserved Black communities. "In San Diego she was the principal author of a health plan for San Diego, Riverside and Imperial Counties; headed a project providing comprehensive health services to rural populations; initiated graduate instruction for social

**METHODS COURSE BOOK RE-
PRINTED**

We are pleased to report that, after briefly being out of print, the classic *Teaching a Methods Course on Social Work with Groups* by Roselle Kurland and Robert Salmon, has been reprinted and is again available from the Council on Social Work Education. It was prepared by Kurland and Salmon as a project of AASWG's Commission on Group Work in Social Work Education and published jointly by CSWE and AASWG. CSWE distributes it in the USA and Canada. AASWG handles distribution elsewhere. Since it is in wide demand for courses and workshops as well as general reference for practitioners, its reprinting is welcome news. Books from CSWE should be ordered from PP&F, P.O. Box 10812, Birmingham, AL 35202, 800-633-4937 or 205-995-1567. Orders and information may still be accessed through the CSWE web site and e-mail, www.cswe.org and cswe@cbsco.com.

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*.

work in public schools while on the faculty of the School of Social Work at San Diego State University; and served as the first President of the San Diego Health Council of the National Association of Social Workers."

Betty and Kurt were both active in many organizations and received many awards and recognitions for their contributions to social work and to the broader communities in which they lived. Betty wrote many articles and presented many papers and workshops.

We are grateful for Betty's contribution to group work, particularly to the development of the Southern California Chapter and to the first Symposium in San Diego.

*Quotations are from "In Memory of Betty" by Kurt Reichert.



DISTANCE TRAINING IN GROUP WORK

Andrew Malekoff of North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center reports that he presented a webcast on strengths-based group work with children and adolescents on February 14.

He advertised this on the AASWG listserv and received responses from Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center in California, Western Illinois University, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, and Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto. There were also participants who signed on later from New York and Australia.

Malekoff made a formal presentation of his strengths-based framework, interweaving practice stories with principles for the first thirty or so minutes and then responded live on the webcast to questions that participants e-mailed to him.

The webcast will be made available if there is interest, by video and/or audio tape. It is also expected to be available on the agency website sometime in the future. (See web address below.)

According to Malekoff, "This was our first attempt at distance learning at North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center. I volunteered after receiving a positive response on the Listserv. A committee of staff and board members will be meeting to consider next steps after they have had a chance to read the evaluations of the participants. We have a studio nearby that has the technology and expertise to make this happen. Going forward will be a costly venture, so we need to determine whether there is a need and what price to ask for training as we proceed. It was nice to know that AASWG members were our pioneering partners."

When asked what it was like to do a webcast Malekoff said, "It was fun. Doing it live is a bit daunting but it was a worthwhile first step that I think we will learn from. And it was a great opportunity to get out the word on group work."

For further information you can contact Malekoff at amalekoff@northshorechildguidance.org and you can visit the agency website at www.northshorechildguidance.org or at North Shore Child & Family Guidance Center, 480 Old Westbury Road, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577, 516-626-1971 ext. 326.

SOCIAL WORK through SOCIAL GROUP WORK - A Mini Symposium

The third year of programs of the Milton and Anne Kopp Hyman Fund for Continuing Social Group Work Education, a Mini Symposium titled "Social Work through Social Group Work" will be offered May 21 in San Diego. As usual the Southern California Chapter and the School of Social Work of San Diego State University have collaborated with a Coalition of social agency workers to produce the only available social group work education in the area.

The Mini Symposium will take place in the Veterans Administration San Diego Healthcare System in La Jolla, California. This location makes possible attendance of both San Diego members from the South and Orange Counties members and guests from the North of Southern California.

The morning session consists of three classes taught by former group work faculty. They will offer beginning, review and advance social group work knowledge and skills. "Basic Group Work for Community Group Workers" will be taught by Joan Parry, Treasurer and former President of the Southern California Chapter.

"Group Work for BSWs and MSWs" will be a review or an introduction for those workers who had little or no previous social group work training. This class will be taught by Anne Kopp Hyman, Membership Chair of the Chapter.

The "Advanced Group Work" class for experienced group workers will be taught by Paul Abels, who is on the Board of the Chapter as well as being the International AASWG President.

"Social Group Work with Vulnerable Populations" will be one of the choices in the afternoon sessions. This Workshop will be led by Sonia Leib Abels, who is an honorary member of the Board of the Southern California Chapter since she accompanies Paul to all events and shares her experiences. The workshop examines the worker's tasks in fostering members' engagement in mutual aid and modes of inquiry.

"Dealing with the Difficult Group Member" will be offered by the Chapter Co-Chair, Albert Schafer. An evidence-based approach to using peer support in reducing unregulated emotions and ways

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to defuse power and control struggles to foster trust and empowerment will be taught.

"Group Work with Communities" will be taught by Mary Ann Pollock, former NASW Southern California Director and social activist. Pollock is a member of the Coalition for Continuing Social Group Work Education. This workshop will illustrate effective methods of community group work in organizing and obtaining housing in a crisis situation.

Joan Parry will offer a workshop on "Support Groups". The session will cover principles of group facilitation and leadership. Parry's experience in facilitating a support group for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients as well as participant experiences will be part of the session.

"Reducing Aggression, Violence, Assault, Seclusions and Restraint within Group Settings" will be offered by Albert Schafer. The workers' methods used have transformed the most violent facility in the County of San Diego into the safest.

Six Continuing Education credits will be offered. Psychologists, MFT's, Substance Abuse Counselors, Educators, Nurses, Counselors and Psychiatrists are being invited to participate in learning what social work offers to work with groups.

The closing session of the Mini Symposium will be an evaluation and a discussion of the "Next Steps in Providing Continuing Social Group Work Education in Southern California." The closing will introduce Kurt Buske, the Mini Symposium Coordinator, a member of the coalition of members of social agencies involved with the Fund for Continuing Social Group Work Education.

Submitted by Anne Kopp Hyman



TIDBITS FROM JEANNE GILL

First of all, I want to thank Anne Kopp Hyman for her commitment to promote social group work in the Southern California area through the Milton and Anne Kopp Hyman Fund for Continuing Social Group Work Education. As a result of her leadership we are offering courses through a Mini Symposium scheduled for Saturday, May 21, at the Veterans Administration San Diego Healthcare System in La Jolla. Details on this program will be found elsewhere in this issue of the *Newsletter*.

Secondly, I want to thank Joan Parry for representing the Chapter in Detroit in my absence and offering to have the 2006 Symposium in San Diego eleven years after the first one was held here. Also I had the privilege of introducing Joan as the Clinical Social Worker of the Year at the NASW, AASWG, and CSCSW Awards Celebration Dinner on March 23. Even though I have known Joan for over twelve years, I learned new information about her when I read her curriculum vitae.

Last but not least I would like to share with you the fact that on April 13 I introduced social group work to over twenty Head Start Family Service Association Home Visitors in a pre-social work class for Professor Amy Okamura, an AASWG member and a faculty member at San Diego State University School of Social Work. Besides introducing the group to group work, I gave them three participatory activities as follows: "The Group Statement" from Susan Ciardello's *Group Work Exercises for Adolescents*, "The Ghost Tree", a project I learned at the AASWG Symposium in Boston in 2003 (introduced by Alison Johnson and Sherry Fairchild), and the chart "How Are You Feeling?" Christina Borgmann, who had been my CIP guest (Council of International Programs) for three weeks this year, also attended this session.

One more tidbit - Hats off to Liz Quinnett and Catalina Hope, who were coordinators of the Hyman Fund for Continuing Education in 2004 and 2005, to Albert Schafer, who is doing a great job as Co-President of the Southern California Chapter, and to Jo Ann Regan, also

PTSD QUERY ON LISTSERV

26 Apr 2005

Hi, all,

I am a registered social worker in Edmonton, Alberta, just starting a group of parents with children who have been traumatized by the medical profession as a result of needing feeding tubes. These children range in age from eighteen months to twelve years. All their parents also report being "survivors" of the medical interventions and systems.

I have a long history of group work in the medical field with a variety of groups: women who are disabled, survivors of brain injury, family members of a spinal cord injured person. This issue is rather new to me. I was hired to provide support to this diverse group, and the second group session has resulted in a request from the group to explore their experiences in this area. HELP! I have access to a child psychiatrist with experience in PTSD.

I am looking to this group of experienced group workers for any information that might prove useful for me to read concerning similar experiences. I read lots of interesting and hopeful information post 9-11 from this listserv and am confident that your collective experience will assist me.

Thanks in advance.
Tracy Houtstra
thoutstr@cha.ab.ca

26 Apr 2005

Tracy,

I'm a LCSW in New York where I work as a trauma therapist with crime victims in both group and individual modalities. There is so much to say and learn regarding PTSD and the kind of group you describe. What I wanted to offer today is just one piece: focus on symptoms and not on the trauma. As with any responsible treatment trauma work begins with a thorough assessment and a thorough assessment should provide an understanding of the impact of trauma

Co-President, who is the mother of a new baby boy.

Submitted by
Jeanne A. Gill, San Diego, California

based upon pre and post traumatic functioning across multiple spheres. It is the impact of the trauma that treatment should focus on addressing and all participants in a group process should share that understanding. Decisions to process through the original trauma or to focus on mutual support or to emphasize psychoeducation, etc... should all be based upon management and/or reduction - elimination of the symptoms resulting from the traumatic event(s). In response to your group's request to directly discuss their traumatic events, I would suggest that you might want to first explore with the group what they hope to achieve by the proposed discussion. You might reach beyond the initial responses for their fantasies/hopes and wishes and listen carefully for magical thinking. I might also look to discuss the nature of trauma and healing from trauma because it is often the perception of the client that what they REALLY NEED is a good purging session. While that can be helpful, I would point out, it often is not central to the healing process. I often raise a group's consciousness about secondary trauma and how they might be negatively impacted by listening to other people's accounts (hopefully, those more vulnerable would have already been screened from the group). This can lead to the identification of self-care techniques and group support strategies. Once the group has a shared and reasonable aim in telling their stories, I would encourage them to do so, trusting their own instincts that this is the next step the group needs to take. However, a structure that ensures each individual's right and ability to opt out of participating in that piece of the group work is crucial. All trauma is about loss of control and therefore in all treatment of trauma the client's empowerment and self-determination remains of paramount importance.

I hope some of this is helpful either as new information or as reminder about stuff you might already know.

Keith Fadelici, LCSW
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April 26, 2005

Without commenting on the content of this statement, I want to say how pleased I am to be able to read about
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group work theory and practice FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE PRACTITIONER. I think it is wonderful and will allow readers, whether they be educators or practitioners, to begin to explore the nuances of moving back and forth between theory and practice. Bon voyage: I am enjoying the opportunity to see, feel, and "smell" practice. Thank you, Tracy and Keith.

Aaron Beckerman
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April 28, 2005

I only want to wish you the best of everything in working with this group. Much to learn from just the fact that such a group of people exists!

Paula Hill
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Service Delivery: A Structural Approach to Social Work Practice (both with Gale Goldberg Wood), and many articles.

Ruth was a teacher at the Raymond A. Kent School of Social Work at the University of Louisville and before that at Temple University School of Social Work and the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work. She herself grew up in Pittsburgh and was a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work where she studied with Gertrude Wilson. She received her doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania where she studied with Helen Phillips.

Ruth had two sons, both musicians, and (I believe) four grandchildren.

New York City
March 25, 2005

JUDY LEE REMEMBERS

in a memo to Katy Papell

Dear Katy,

Thank you for reaching me last night with the sad news about Ruth Middleman. She was one of the giants of our time, like yourself, and "oh, the difference to us". I know that she suffered in the past few years and I can hear Joan

Baez singing the Dylan song "I shall be released" as I write this. But she was a one-of-a-kind, so special person and leader in our field. A penultimate thinker and a deeply good person who changed the way we think about many things. She was also funny and could say more with a little jig or a look than most of us could say in a volume. I learned the value of non-verbal communication and of doing not only from her words but from her actions. She was both prolific and sound - and an original. Hard to beat. But most of all I loved her for the person she was and I will greatly miss her. So will this sad and stumbling profession that she loved for so long. I am with you in your sorrow.

Love, Judy
Ft. Myers, Florida
March 29, 2005

KATY PAPELL REMEMBERS

I am so incredibly sad. I knew how very ill Ruth was and that she really needed peace and relief from her suffering body and mind and heart. Yet I find it so painful to give up her being in the world. I did so much want to get there to see her once more but I was not yet quite ready to travel that far.

I loved Ruth very much. The last time that I spoke with her was when she dictated a message to me for the President's greetings that were presented to John at his retirement at the Boston Symposium. She was struggling for energy but her mind was spirited and she got quite excited with words as she began recalling the early days of the AASWG. "I found John Ramey!" she exclaimed. For many years Ruth and I ritualistically exchanged birthday cards since our birthdays were so close. It was fun. Often one of us would be late and had to account for the lateness in one amusing way or another.

Ruth used simple language to express very complex ideas, and she presented her ideas in a wonderfully organized, I would even like to say, delightfully organized form. I think that is why her writings about social work and group work skills are so very useful. Her language about practice was operational; she seemed to think in terms of action. She was able to perceive skill and transform it into language at a time when we social group workers were struggling to be able

to say not only what we wanted to have happen and what actually did happen as we worked to help people in their world and in their groups, but how it was that we did it. It was the action of the worker that Ruth thought about and wrote about.

As Ruth continued writing through the years, understandably she focussed on the mind of the worker and how information about the member and the group was perceived and constructed by the worker's mind and transformed into the helping action. Ruth was grounded in the very heart of our profession, in the essentials of human relationship as people go about the business of playing, working and living together in groups, and grow and change with our help in the process.

In all her contributions to our profession and especially to social group work Ruth was so creative, artistic, inventive and intellectually curious that it was contagious and challenging to all of us. I find it so hard to say farewell to Ruth. As with all beloved persons I hold her in my heart.

Flushing Meadows, New York
March 29, 2005

ELLEN SUE MESBUR AND URANIA GLASSMAN REMEMBER

We were saddened to hear about the death of Ruth Middleman. We remember her with fondness and feel fortunate that we were part of the early beginnings of AASWG under Ruth's leadership. She made many contributions to social group work practice and knowledge and her work still stands as an important underpinning for professional practice.

Part of the triumvirate, which included Katy and Beulah, Ruth was one of our founding mothers. Her vision, not to mention her sense of humour and hard-nosed purposefulness about group work and managing the association, is her legacy and gift to us.

With fondness -- we will miss her.

Toronto, Ontario, and New York City

CAROL KUECHLER REMEMBERS

Ruth is another star whose presence will be missed yet will live on as her work and stories are passed on to future generations of group workers. We'll remember her.

St. Paul, Minnesota
March 28, 2005



Chapters and Affiliates

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

For information please contact Albert Schafer, Chapter Chair, aschafer@telecarecorp.com.

See also articles in this issue by Jeanne A. Gill and Anne Kopp Hyman.

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Attention!! Attention!!! The Connecticut Chapter is on the threshold of a great reawakening. Letters have been sent to have members interested in recommitting their energies to the advancement of group work to stand and be counted. We are in the process of coordinating a time to get together and move forward with a bold new line of group work offerings for practitioners in Connecticut. So far we have received a number of interested members wanting to join in our great rebirth. I personally invite all Chapter members who desire to share their passion, or just their fondness, for our method to come forward.

For more information about the Chapter, please contact Michael Westfall at 860-533-8496 or mpwestfall@sbcglobe.net.

Submitted by
Michael Westfall, Chair

FLORIDA

The Chapter continues its work of providing high quality educational programs to the South Florida Group Work community. The three annual Saturday morning workshops were received with outstanding satisfaction by numerous participants.

Allison Bregman-Rodriguez began the series this past October 2 by using various group activities to demonstrate the effectiveness of active physical participation in a group work setting. On November 13 Sharron Singleton presented a workshop on group work strategies and skills with older persons. The annual Beulah Rothman Lecture was held on January 29, and Mark Smith presented group work strategies and skills with young adolescents. Laura Farley, our Chapter President, was taken by surprise when she was awarded the annual Beulah Rothman plaque in tribute to her for her

many years of ongoing service to the Chapter.

The Annual Chapter Conference is scheduled for November 11 and promises to be an outstanding event. Margot Breton will join us as the Keynote Speaker, and two sets of four workshops presented by local group workers will add to the day.

Members of the Chapter continue to deeply feel the loss of Toby Berman-Rossi. The past months have been a time of profound grieving for so many. A plaque will be dedicated in her memory and hung in the Barry University School of Social Work, a long time supporter of AASWG. At the recent Alumni Conference at the School of Social Work, Toby was remembered throughout the day. The Conference was dedicated to her, a room with a variety of materials depicting her life as scholar, educator, activist, family member, mentor, and friend was filled with displays, and the day ended with an elegant "Tea Party" memorial tribute to her. Toby's unfinished books and articles will be completed.

Toby's work lives on in her numerous writings, in the multitude of students she taught and advised, and in her commitment to group work and AASWG. She lives on in all of us, those whom she loved and those who continue to love and miss her: her family, friends, colleagues, students, and members of AASWG. For further information about the Chapter or the 20th Annual Conference, please contact Laura Farley at 305-758-0067 or lfarley@aol.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Millenbach

GERMANY

Attending the Detroit Symposium last year was a wonderful experience and a lot of enrichment for Sonia Spelters and myself. We could bring some great inspirations back to the German Chapter. For example the knowledge achieved in Tony Alvarez' and Christian M. Itin's presentation about "Debunking the Myths: Addressing commonly held misgivings about adventure-based group work practice" or the insights we got in Roselle Kurland's fascinating workshop on "the

five keys of social group work". Roselle gave us a superb summary of superb practice in social work with groups. I wanted to share these contents with our German colleagues and translated the materials into German. On April 9 we organized a workshop for the chapter in Herzogenrath/Aachen to transport at least a little bit of the Detroit atmosphere. The members felt very positive about the strategies and structures Roselle worked out and were grateful that they had the chance to participate although having not been there personally.

I think this is a good step forward to become an international organization. Possibilities like that show how easily we can solve distance problems and find ways to learn from each other.

On June 25 we have our annual "Methodenwerkstatt", a day full of practice and innovative concepts for social work with groups. The theme will be "Empowerment". We will have plenty of workshops presented by Chapter members for all participants who are interested in empowering people and who want to feel the energy of groups.

The next event we look forward to is the European Symposium in York, England, July 6-8. Sonia Spelters and I will definitely be there and contribute with a little introduction about "Groupwork - a key to open doors to another world.." Now even the English discovered humor and lively sessions...!!! :-)

I don't want to miss telling you that the German Chapter Annual Meeting will take place December 2-4 in Herzogenrath/Aachen. We would be more than happy to welcome you in Germany. And if you have any doubts, do not hesitate to contact Tim Kelly. He was with us last year and, hopefully, can recommend that you spend some days among groupworkers in Deutschland...

I look forward to seeing you all in Minneapolis. With best regards and love from overseas.

Suse Kunz, President

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KENTUCKY

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 more information about the Kentucky Chapter.

LONG ISLAND

The Chapter has completed its program year and feels very proud of the wonderful response to our Spring programs: February 16 - "Creative Group Work: Meeting The Needs of Seniors", a panel presentation with representatives from Our Lady of Consolation, Michelle Capurso, Assistant Director of Social Work, and Joyce Racanelli, Graduate Social Work Intern and Fordham University Rockville Centre Department of Senior Services, Cyd Beth Charrow, Director, and Wendy Weinstock, Special Services Coordinator.

April 18 - "Adolescents and Body Image: A Group Work Model", presented by Christine Plackis, Certified School Social Worker, Sewanhaka Central High School District.

Both of these programs were graciously hosted by Molloy College, Social Work Department, Rockville Centre.

Our steering committee welcomes our two newest members, Naomi Steinberg of United Cerebral Palsy, Nassau County, and Denise Winter of Family Service League, Suffolk County. We know that they bring enthusiasm and great ideas to our committee.

The Chapter is looking into the possibility of providing continuing education credentialing for our future programs and will also be awarding our first Student Group Work Scholarship for the coming academic year.

The Steering Committee will be meeting monthly at Molloy College to plan our future programs. Anyone interested in joining the Chapter or the Steering Committee is encouraged to contact us at liaaswg@yahoo.com or 718-380-8206 (Beverly Feigelman).

Beverly Feigelman, Chair

MASSACHUSETTS

The Chapter has been very active in 2005. After months of planning, we held our Annual Meeting and Conference on April 1 at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club in Chelsea. The conference, "The Many Faces and Places of Group Work: Challenges and Opportunities", attracted over eighty group workers who enjoyed a day of networking, learning, and celebrating group work. The title of our conference spoke to the diversity within our group work profession, the diversity of our clients, and the many settings in which we do group work. The range of workshops offered reflected this diversity, and there was something for everyone, regardless of level of group work experience, practice setting, or client population.

Julianne Wayne kicked off the day with a keynote address entitled, "Offensive Behavior in Groups: Challenges and Opportunities." Afterwards, program participants had eleven workshops to choose from during two workshop sessions.

A highlight of the day was the Annual Meeting. Our Chapter Secretary, Jennifer Wittlin, in true group work style, brought us together in laughter and learning through an interactive game of "AASWG Trivia", in which the many benefits of AASWG membership were emphasized.

Another special feature of the day was the Annual Awards Ceremony in which awards were given for Group Work Student of the Year, Group Worker of the Year, and Group Work Agency of the Year.

This year the Chapter recognized four outstanding group work students with the Herb Schneider Memorial Group Work Student of the Year Award - Micaela Cohen, Abigail Francis, Elisa Rivera, and Shana Witkin, MSW interns at the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston in the group mentoring department. This group of group workers was described in their nomination form as bright, authentic, patient, creative and dedicated. They represent "the future of social group work."

Trudy Duffy was the recipient of the Saul Bernstein Memorial Group Worker of the Year Award. Duffy is a Professor and Co-Chair of the Clinical Social Work Department at the Boston University School of Social Work. She is highly regarded by students and colleagues and

is considered "a gem among group work gems."

This year's Saul Bernstein Memorial Group Work Agency of the Year recipient was Family and Children's Services of Greater Lynn (F&CS). F&CS has been serving the residents of Lynn since 1885. Over its 120 year history, the agency has evolved and changed to meet the changing needs of the population it serves. Under the leadership of Executive Director JoAnne Noyes, the agency has developed a commitment to delivering high quality group work services to its clients in this racially diverse, low-income, urban community.

The Chapter sends its thanks to the many people who helped to make the conference the success that it was: Keynote Speaker, Julianne Wayne; Workshop Presenters, Makeeda Brooks, Frank Busconi, Bill Chiaradonna, Trudy Duffy, Minerva Figueroa, Silvia Franco, Paul Hodlin, Lois Levinsky, Linda Larson, Mary V. Lisbon, Carolla Mallol, Erica Navarro, Emily Newmann, Marcia Post, Hope Haslam Straughan; and our host, the Jordan Boys and Girls Club and its Executive Director, Josh Kraft.

The Chapter has begun planning for some networking and workshop events this summer. Chapter members will be hearing from us soon!

For more information about the Massachusetts Chapter contact Meg MacPherson, Chapter Chair at 617/ 678-1273 or contact the Board at maaswg@yahoo.com.

Submitted by

Meg MacPherson, Chapter Chair

MICHIGAN

The Planning Committee for the 26th Annual AASWG Symposium, held in Detroit last October has restructured itself in order to redevelop the programs of the Michigan Chapter. A letter has been sent to all members of the Chapter and those who attended the Symposium asking for their interest in and summarizing the plans the Chapter Executive Committee has been making and asking how and if they would be interested in being involved.

The plans we have discussed are:

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1. Where we should meet. We agreed



to meet at the Henry Ford Behavioral Services Clinic in Dearborn, which is easily available from Detroit, Ann Arbor, and Lansing. Committee member Kathy Ransome is our host.

2. How often to meet. We agreed to meet as needed depending on our work plan. Our most recent meeting was on Friday, May 13, from 2 to 4 pm.

3. Plans for 2005. We agreed that a number of the presentations made by local people at the Symposium were of great interest. They could be given in half day workshop formats. We thought that this might be particularly useful in relation to the new CEU requirements for Michigan Social Work Licensing. Specifically, we thought about offering the following presentations, one or more a year, depending on the interest of members:

1. "Cognitive Behavior Therapy with Depression and Anxiety Groups", Kathy Ransome of HFHS Behavioral Health.

2. "Transformative Learning: Applications to Social Work Practice with Groups", Pauline Everette of Wayne State University.

3. "Teaching Group Work Through Participation in a Group Quilting Activity", Lois Garriott of Wayne State University.

4. "Race Dialogue; Tools to Pack for the Journey" or "Racial Borders, Guiding Groups Across the Racism Divide", Lila Cabbil.

Newly elected Chapter officers are Bob Sisler, Chairperson, Loren Hoffman, Secretary, and Susan Titus, Treasurer.

The Chapter has mailed a survey to members and interested persons to help plan the rest of 2005. Responses were due by April 30 so a report could be given at the May meeting.

For information about the Chapter contact Susan Titus at satitus3244@aol.com, or Robert (Bob) Sisler, Chairperson, Michigan Chapter AASWG, P.O. Box 44355, Detroit, Michigan 48344-0355.

MINNESOTA

We are in the middle of a great program year; the speakers have been fantastic and the attendance continues to be strong. Our last program meeting of the year on May 6 featured a panel of members who have participated in groups that utilize

social group work principles to discuss their experiences. This proved to be a powerful experience to cap our program year's theme "Getting Grounded in Group Work" quite nicely.

Although the program year has been a success, our primary focus has been planning the International Symposium that will be held here September 29-October 2, 2005. The planning continues to go well. We have received approximately one hundred abstracts to add to the amazing plenaries, institutes, and workshops that are already planned. In addition to the great presentations we are looking forward to showing all of you our great city.

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 CITY RED APPLE

The Chapter hosted a well attended program entitled "Strategies for Enhancing Group Work Practice with Lesbians and Gay Men" on March 30 at the Hunter College School of Social Work. The program, presented by Shantih Clemans and Andrew Cicchetti, was designed to foster cultural competency regarding work with gay men and lesbians and provided participants with knowledge about gay and lesbian identity formation; the deleterious effect of heterosexism; the impact of internalized homophobia and heterosexism upon group dynamics; and salient group work skills. The format included lecture, group discussion based upon an examination of practice vignettes, and a mutual aid based question and answer period. The enthusiastic response and desire for continued discussion may yield a part two to this workshop. Stay tuned!

The Chapter is also underway planning its late spring program where we plan to celebrate recent graduates and welcome them into the group work fold. Finally, the Chapter is pleased to announce that Shanaz Mohammed is assuming the position of Secretary and has joined the Chapter Leadership Committee which also includes Marilynn Myles,

(Treasurer) and Shantih Clemans and Andrew Cicchetti (Co-Chairs) Welcome Shanaz!

For those readers who are not yet AASWG members and would like more information about the New York Chapter please contact Andrew Cicchetti, Chapter Co-Chair at 212-505-6212 or atcicchetti@worldnet.att.net for more information.

Submitted by
Andrew Cicchetti, Chapter Co-Chair

NORTHEAST OHIO

Much of the work of the Northeast Ohio Chapter continues through the efforts of the Education Committee and Membership Committee.

The Membership Committee worked on developing student memberships. Applications were distributed to local social work programs and a lunch meeting was held for those students who responded. Through these efforts, three student members were recruited. Their memberships were paid for one year through the Ruby Pernell Memorial Student Member Scholarship Fund.

Representatives of the Education Committee have functioned on several levels. They conducted focus groups at several group work agencies. The purpose was to gather information regarding the state of group work today and the training and educational needs of agencies. This information will be utilized in discussions with local universities in regard to group work curriculum development. Field coordinators from five local universities have assisted in developing a questionnaire about group work practice for distribution to their local agencies. To date we have received over one hundred responses and the data will be tabulated and results distributed.

The Education Committee has also developed an all day seminar on "Fundamentals of Working with Groups". The Workshop is utilizing local practitioners as presenters and is being co-sponsored by a local agency, The Gathering Place. The date is June 9.

An Ethics Workshop with emphasis on groups was held on April 22. Larry Foster from Cleveland State University
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presented.*



The Chapter has also said goodbye to another member. Chris Long, who provided leadership, energy and a wonderful perspective to the group is moving to Berkeley, California. He will be studying at the Unitarian Universalist Seminary, Star King. We wish him well and thank him for his very significant contributions to our local Chapter.

The Annual Meeting will be at noon on June 20 in a central location in Cleveland. It will feature an interesting program along with the installation of new officers.

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

Submitted by

Claudia Carson, Co-Chair

TORONTO

The Toronto Region Groupworkers Network (TRGN)

The sun is shining, the flowers are blooming and spring is here in Toronto.

Since our last report, we held an entertaining and informative event on February 25. The title was "Group Work with Children, Examples of Best Practice: Fun and Games". Our speakers included Nicola Bangham, a creative art therapist, group worker, and Assistant Director, Camp Towhee, Integra Foundation, as well as Gilda Grossman, Director, Toronto Art Therapy Institute, and group leader for individuals with chronic illness. Feedback from the event was very positive.

We are busily preparing for our pre-conference, half-day workshop on group work at the annual conference of the Ontario Association of Social Workers. The theme of the conference is "Social Workers: Challenging Systems, Leading Change". The conference will take place at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, June 9-12. Our workshop will take place on June 9 and is entitled, "Social Work with Groups: Facing Today's Challenges with Creativity and Innovation." We will begin our presentation with a discussion of current challenges to group

work practice, including research and evaluation, securing supervision, and the challenge of packaged group work programs (presented by this writer). This will be followed by a dynamic panel on innovative group work practice across sectors. Donna Reid will discuss her area of great expertise, group work with at risk adolescents. Paula David will talk about issues related to group work within the geriatric population, with a particular emphasis on her work with survivors of the Holocaust. Barbara Neilson will offer information about her on-line support groups for children and families impacted by health issues, operated through the Hospital for Sick Children. Break-out sessions will follow to assist participants to support group work in centres across Ontario. For more information, you can check the OASW web-site at: <http://www.oasw.org/ENG/conference.htm>.

Good news is that group work is indeed happening here in Toronto. Courses on social work with groups are being taught at many of the local schools of social work. Group work has become a required course in the MSW program at the University of Toronto. Groups run by social workers are happening in school settings, hospitals, mental health centres, community centres, and resettlement agencies. We are looking for ways to attract our local group workers to the TRGN and welcome any Toronto area group workers to join us on the Executive Committee.

I am happy to report that I have the privilege to once again work with AASWG's Ellen Sue Mesbur at Renison College, University of Waterloo. I will be teaching a course in social work with groups. Ellen Sue and I, together with Ellen Sue's colleague, Sandra Loucks Campbell, will also be designing a new Distance Education course in group work.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Minneapolis.

For information about TRGN send e-mail to bmuskat@integra.on.ca.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Muskat, Chair

Chapters

GHANA

For information about Chapter organizing activities in Ghana contact Simons Boamah, Chair, simonsgh@yahoo.co.uk.

Affiliates

INDIA

The India Affiliate is sponsoring an International Conference on "Social Group Work in Crossing Barriers" to be held in Nagpur December 2-4. Information about the conference is on the AASWG website, www.aaswg.org. More information will be available in the August issue of *SWwGN*.

Although the organization did not offer any programmes during the last four months, individual members were busy with their own work and did contribute successfully in the process of group work. The President organized a number of meetings with Gandhi Peace Centre New Delhi, and a Programme Committee meeting was chaired by him at Mumbai for Indian Council of Social Welfare to share the importance of groups in any programme.

Dr. Banmala, Dr. Bhasarkar, Dr. C. Rotale, and Ms. Bapitiwale, who are also officers of IAASWG, arranged several activities in their schools of social work and also for a voluntary organization known as Shradhananda Anathalaya for children there.

The President attended a counselors meeting in Gymkhana where the Police Commissioner Shri S. P. Yadav, Shri Sonawane, Add. Commissioner of Police, and Shri D. Deotale, Dy. Commissioner of Police were there.

The seminar was chaired by Shri Datta Patil, Chief Executive of Yuva, and Chief Guest was the President of IAASAWG, Shri Manohar Golpelwar. It was a one-day activity held on April 25.

For information contact Manohar Golpelwar, youthwel@sify.com.

Respectfully submitted by
Manohar Golpelwar, President
IAASWG, Nagpur

Organizing

What have you done to increase our diversity today?



FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

11th European Groupwork Symposium, "Interprofessional Groupwork". July 6-8, 2005, St. John College, York, England. Mark Doel, Chair, Groupwork Symposium Steering Group, c/o Surgamus Ltd., Holly House, Little Skipwith, YO8 5SL UK, surgamus@aol.com. Sponsored by Whiting and Birch, Ltd.

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

100th Annual Meeting, "Comparative Perspectives, Competing Explanations: Accounting for the Rising and Declining Significance of Sociology", American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, **August 13-16, 2005**. ASA 1307 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005-4701, 202-383-9005, fax 202-383-0882, www.asanet.org/convention/2005.

27th International Symposium on Social Work with Groups, Minneapolis, Minnesota, **September 29-October 2, 2005**. For more information contact Sandy Parnell, 615-669-6755, fax 651-690-8821, sjparnell@stkate.edu. Check the AASWG web site for continuously updated information, www.aaswg.org.

"Social Justice through Social Reform", **52nd Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education**, Chicago, **February 16-19, 2006**. 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 Practice Symposium" at the APM. The deadline for the Call for Papers now July 7, 2005, much later than previous years. This includes proposals for the Group Work Practice Symposium at the APM. The APM is held in conjunction with the 4th National Gerontological Social Work Conference (NGSWC) and the 9th University of South Carolina Technology Conference.

Members are encouraged to submit proposals for presentations on group work and to participate for discussion of group work themes in these and other

BOOKS, JOURNALS, AND AUDIO/VISUALS NOTED since January.

Andrews-Schenk, Janice. (2005) *Rebellious Spirit: Gisela Konopka*. Edina, Minnesota: Beaver Pond Press, 800-901-3840, www.bookhousefulfillment.com \$24.95.

Coberly, Lenore McComas, Jeri McCormick, and Karen Updike. (2005) *Writers Have No Age: Creative Writing for Older Adults*, Second Edition. Binghamton, NY: The Haworth Press. \$23.96 hardcover, \$15.96 softcover.

Cremmens, David, and Andrew West, Editors. *Having Their Say: Young People and Participation: European Experiences*. Lyme Regis, Dorset, England: St. George's House, www.rus-sellhouse.co.uk.

de Anda, Diane. (2002) *Stress Management for Adolescents: A Cognitive-Behavioral Program* (includes audio CD). Champaign, Illinois: Research Press. \$32.95 paper. The *Student Manual* (\$13.95 paper) and the *Audio CD* (\$14.95, by Edward A. Charlesworth) are also available separately to accompany the program described in the book.

Eissenberg, Pablo. *Challenges to Nonprofits and Philanthropy*. Tufts University Press. \$29.95.

Epstein, Richard A., Jr., and D. Patrick Zimmerman. (2002) *On Transitions from Group Care: Homeward Bound*. Binghamton: The Haworth Press, Inc. \$19.95 softbound, \$24.95 hardbound.

Hyman, Anne Kopp. (2005) *Architects of the Sunset Years: Creating Tomorrow's Sunrise*. San Luis Obispo, California: Central Coast Press.

Kemper, Margot. (2002) *Community Matters: An Exploration of Theory and Practice*. Chicago: Burnham, Inc., Publishers. \$23.95 cloth.

Malekoff, Andrew, and Merbi Fryzel, Editors. (2003) *A Guide for the Development of School-Based Mental Health Partnerships*. New York: Nassau BOCES Department of Communication and Agency Planning. For a copy e-mail amalekoff@northshorechildguidance.org.

relevant conferences. A number of the conferences listed for later dates still have open calls for papers.

McGinnis, Ellen M., and Arnold P. Goldstein. (2003) *Skillstreaming in Early Childhood: New Strategies and Perspectives for Teaching Prosocial Skills*. Champaign, Illinois: Research Press. \$19.95 paper. Also *Program Forms* (2003, \$16.95 spiralbound) and *325 Skill Cards* (2003) are available to accompany the program described in the book.

Stacy, Ralph D. (2003) *Complexity and Group Processes: A Radically Social Understanding of Individuals*. New York: Brunner Routledge. \$47.95 hardcover.

Steinberg, Dominique Moyse. (2004) *The Social Work Student's Research Handbook*. Binghamton, NY: The Haworth Social Work Practice Press. \$31.95 hardcover, \$14.36 softcover.

Stuecker, Ric, with Suze Rutherford. (2001) *Reviving the Wonder: 76 Activities that Touch the Inner Spirit of Youth*. Champaign, Illinois: Research Press. \$29.95 paper.

Suarez-Balcazar, Yolanda, and Gary W. Harper, Editors. (2003) *Empowerment and Participatory Evaluation of Community Interventions: Multiple Benefits*. Binghamton: The Haworth Press, Inc. \$19.95 paper, \$29.95 cloth.

Webb, Nancy Boyd. (2004) *Mass Trauma and Violence*. New York: Guilford Press. \$40.00.

JOURNALS

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly.. an international, interdisciplinary forum for research on nonprofit organizations, philanthropy, civil society, and voluntary action. Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks, California, and London. Edited by Wolfgang Bielefeld and Dwight Burlingame.

Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work - advances in practice, programming, research, and policy. Binghamton, New York: The Haworth Social Work Practice Press, edited by Marvin D. Feit, John S. Wodarski, and Catherine N. Dulmus.

If you own any version of the *Group Work Bibliography*, keep it up to date by adding the entries under "New Books" from each issue of *SWwG Newsletter* after you obtained your copy.



from investigation and from paying other organization 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.

So, run out the door to the water cooler now, or get on the horn (That's a telephone.), or buy dinner or a drink for a colleague today. (Well, tomorrow could be okay, too.) And sign up a new member.

Help keep the knowledge and skill development and dissemination going. 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.

The last time we heard, membership is up from 2004. That's a good sign. Let's keep it going that way. Remember that the central organization only exists to keep the organization moving on its own. Cash only buys what we can not do or provide ourselves. Our primary purposes are promoting group work practice, education, research, and publication.

We memorialize and celebrate Ruth Middleman's life in this issue. She was one of those founders. She and many others have helped create the legacy of group work. We invite you to get others to join in that effort.

There's a membership form in this issue. Copy it or use it as many times as you can.

If you want more, there's a nice, new Membership Brochure available. Contact the General Secretary or the Membership Office.

Go! Go! Go! Now... We're all running together in this race.

A RESOURCE FOR WORKING WITH PARENT GROUPS

Andy Malekoff recently addressed a coalition of parents in New York who have children with emotional difficulties (the Long Island Family Support Coalition) on the subject of their choice, "Reality TV Versus Real Life: Helping Your Children to Know the Difference." In his memo to the Group Work Listserv on the Web he attached the "polished" version "for anyone who works with parents and might want to pass this along to them (or whoever wants to know what I think of reality tv...and what shows I've watched....hint: my first reality tv show viewed as a child was 'Queen for a Day.' Remember that bizarre show? More about it in the article if you are too young to recall)."

Some of the group activities Malekoff used in the presentation/workshop might also be of some interest to group workers who present to large groups and want to engage the audience in the subject matter.

Malekoff also observes that, "obviously, if this does not apply to your work or does not interest you in the least, please ignore and excuse my intrusion into your e-mail. Or, if you do read it, maybe you can tell the listserv what you think of the mind numbing drum beat of reality tv and its sponsors and the impact on kids (and others)."

For a copy of the presentation of this resource for parents contact Malekoff at Anjru@aol.com.

Andy Malekoff, North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center, Roslyn Heights, New York, April 30, 2005.

SWwGN is interested in receiving brief practice vignettes of 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.

SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE

The 2005 Symposium is hosted by the Minnesota Chapter, and they are putting together an exciting and fun-filled event in the Twin Cities (see the story in this edition of *SWwGN*).

The 2006 Symposium will be held in San Diego. You can look forward to a hotel on the beach!

THE SOCIAL WORK STUDENT'S RESEARCH HANDBOOK

Dominique Moyses Steinberg has given us a down-to-earth handbook for students to use in preparing research. It keeps the information needed on essential classroom concepts and principles right at your fingertips. Practical and easy to use, this comprehensive handbook provides instant access to the nuts and bolts of social work research. It is a perfect resource to help students integrate research into project reports, theses, and dissertations, and to help practitioners refresh, review, and organize their professional processes. Each chapter ends with a summary of major points to remember and a self-test exercise.

AASWG members will recognize Steinberg as the Coordinator of the first New York Symposium and a former member of the AASWG Board, where she was Chair of the Endowment Committee. After teaching for several years at Smith College School of Social Work, she is now on the faculty at Hunter College SSW. She is on the Editorial Board of *Social Work with Groups Journal*.

Steinberg is the author of *The Mutual-Aid Approach to Working with Groups*, now in its second edition and also from Haworth.

For a complete list of contents visit the Haworth web site at www.haworthpress.com.

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

The 2007 and 2008 Symposia sites have not yet been selected, and we are looking for a local group willing to assist the Symposia Planning Committee to put on our yearly group work gathering. Please contact Tim Kelly, Chair, Symposia Planning Committee, at tim.kelly@gcal.ac.uk.



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. 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 summer and fall 2005 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.

NEW BOOK AND TRAINING MATERIAL ON THE WEB

Good Practices in Social Services Delivery in South Eastern Europe by Elaine Fultz and Martin B. Tracy, Budapest: International Labour Office, 2004, describes recent efforts to strengthen and expand social services provided at the community level in the countries of South Eastern Europe. It is a guide for training to give these efforts greater reach and impact and is a product of the ILO project, Strengthening Social Protection in South Eastern Europe. The project is being undertaken within the framework of the Social Cohesion Initiative of the European Union's Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe. The eight countries considered are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, and Serbia.

Scarcity of resources is a major restriction on attempts to address social problems including alcohol and drug addiction, domestic violence, and human trafficking. Public efforts are further impeded by a shortage of trained personnel, the immaturity of contemporary social work, ineffective coordination between national and local levels, and weak utilization of partnerships with nongovernmental organizations. The project and this volume aim at helping those looking to shape a new era of social services to surmount these obstacles.

The materials are presented as a series of seven training units along with suggested group activities and discussion questions for each. The Appendices include national reports on social services in each of the eight countries in the Stability Pact, a full set of Power Point presentations (a CD comes with the book), and a bibliography of readings and web sites.

Elaine Fultz is the Senior Specialist in Social Security at the International Labour Organization, Subregional Office for Central and Eastern Europe, Budapest, Hungary. <<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/region/eurpro/mdtbudapest/>> www.ilo.org/public/english/region/eurpro/mdtbudapest/. The web site of the training manual is: www.ilo.org/public/english/region/eurpro/budapest/download/socserv_delivery.pdf.

reality tv is not really real: reality tv is a fairy tale

reality tv is not viewed in real time:
is heavily edited
highly contrived
artificial
staged and stilted
two-dimensional
black and white
centralized
commercialized
homogenized.

reality tv promotes corporate culture:
creates spectators rather than doers
markets our young to advertisers
sells their eyeballs to the highest bidder.

reality tv is wrapped in warped values:
is obsessed with winning at all costs
capitalizes on cruelty
glorifies greed
humiliates
snoops
bullies
overpowers
thrives on putdowns
teaches our young not to trust.

reality tv exploits women and young girls:
exploits flaws
says looks matter most
celebrates surgical alteration
institutionalizes eating disorders.

reality tv
is a socially toxic:
spiritual pollutant.

reality tv
has no soul:
only sponsors.

reality tv
has no taste:
is less filling.

reality tv
is not really real:
reality tv
is a fairy tale.

by andy malekoff, April 20, 2005
North Shore Child and Family Guidance
Center
Roslyn Heights, New York



Architects of the Sunset Years: Creating Tomorrow's Sunrise

In *Architects of the Sunset Years: Creating Tomorrow's Sunrise* Anne Kopp Hyman explores her vision of "co-housing", a plan for cooperative living for active older adults. The goal is to make the sunset years optimally meaningful. It is written for "the baby boomer and senior population and professional gerontologists, educators, mental health and social service personnel and housing specialists looking for creative alternatives for these populations." Cohousing proposes "creation of retirement communities of twenty to thirty units planned, designed and cared for by you and your neighbors. Your living unit would be private. Shared recreational and cultural facilities would be located in a central common house."

The twelve chapters are entitled "Sunset or Sunrise", "There are Options", "Fears and Myths About Growing Older", "Three Visions", "Blazing New Trails", "Creating Cohousing in Florida", "My Life in Cohousing in Southern California", "How You Will Benefit", "What is the Dream - Now?", "A New Page on Housing", "Breaking Free", and "Taking the Next Step".

The "Prologue" is by Jack Canfield, author and creator of *The Success Principles* and creator of the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* Series. Hyman provides a section on Cohousing Resources and an extensive Bibliography.

Hyman is a long time member of AASWG. She is currently active in the Southern California Chapter and has previously been active in other chapters. She now lives in La Jolla, California, and is involved with Cohousing for San Diego. She is the author of *Continuing Education in Work with Groups* and the forthcoming *Dynamics of Work with Groups in Teaching, Training, and Treatment*. (See also the article by her elsewhere in this issue.)

Hyman, Anne Kopp. (2005) *Architects of the Sunset Years: Creating Tomorrow's Sunrise*. San Luis Obispo, California: Central Coast Press (P.O. Box 3654, San Luis Obispo, California).

Rebellious Spirit: Gisela Konopka

"Janice Andrews-Schenk has provided us with a magnificent broad look at the life and work of Gisela Peiper Konopka. With roots in the German resistance movement and the Holocaust and a wide ranging interest in people and ideas, Konopka contributed to the development of social work with groups, child welfare, and social activism. It's a must read, an inside look at a fascinating part of our history for students, practitioners, and scholars alike." (John H. Ramey, from the book jacket.)

Andrews-Schenk is Professor at the University of St. Thomas, Vice President of AASWG, and Chair of the Planning Committee for the forthcoming 27th International Symposium on Social Work with Groups this September/October in Minneapolis. She teaches in the College of St. Catherine/University of St. Thomas School of Social Work. In addition to knowing Gisa and her husband Paul, who lived in Minneapolis, Andrews-Schenk received information and assistance from a wide variety of direct sources in the United States and Europe. Also, the Group Work History Archives are located there at the University of Minnesota. She also was privileged to conduct a series of oral history interviews and have access to Konopka's files. The book is a rich treasure of information not available from other sources.

Konopka was a long time member of AASWG. She died on December 9, 2003, as work on this book was being completed. She was active in the development of the Minnesota Chapter. She will be remembered as a teacher and for her many books, articles, and presentations at conferences and workshops. She turned the difficulties and horrors of living in Germany and escaping from the Nazis to help us understand and accomplish the humanitarian goals of social work, particularly of group work. For that we are grateful as we read this wonderful, lovingly written book.

Andrews-Schenk, Janice. (2005) *Rebellious Spirit: Gisela Konopka*. Edina, Minnesota: Beaver Pond Press.

Writers Have No Age!

Coberly, McCormick, and Updike have updated their book, *Writers Have No Age: Creative Writing for Older Adults*, to focus on writers. (The first edition was focused on teachers of writers.) It will help older writers who value themselves and their potential as writers and increase the leisure and satisfaction found in writing.

As reported in a recent issue of *SWwGN*, Lucy Carner, Director of the Group Work Division of the Chicago Community Council, used to say regularly that group workers cannot write. We hope she would not have to say that today. Still, group workers need to think of themselves as writers and convey their observations and analysis of the social scene so others can understand the importance of our work. One of the things which helped get the social service arrangements of today started was that Jane Addams, Graham R. Taylor, Frederick Wood, Paul Kellogg (*The Survey*), Helen Hall, and many others wrote constantly and were widely published and read.

The book combines personal accounts of the authors' writing experiences as well as writing instruction and information. It contains numerous writing exercises and assignments to get started and techniques to keep one at it. It also includes sections that cover all types of writing, including poetry, fiction and non-fiction. Marketing resources or writers who wish to be published are included. There is even a chapter on "Writing Groups in Nursing Home Settings" and one which asks the question "Alone or in a Group: Do Writers Need One Another?"

Group work is full of life that can be meaningfully transformed into written form and shared. Do it! And along the way, share a little with *SWwGN* and your group work colleagues. Also, tell the world.

Coberly, Lenore McCormick, Jeri McCormick, and Karen Updike. (2005) *Writers Have No Age: Creative Writing for Older Adults*, Second Edition. Binghamton, NY: The Haworth Press.

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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. 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 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, N.C. 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 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.

IN YOUTH TODAY

Here's some of what you'll find in the May Issue of *Youth Today* to help you do your work.

YOUTH WORKER TRAINING - In building one of the nation's most extensive training networks for after-school workers, The After-School Corp. has demonstrated not only how to fund and

provide training for scores of agencies, but also how to persuade staff, from novices to veterans, to attend.

CHILD WELFARE - The new federal process for evaluating state child welfare systems, once cheered as innovative, is now jeered as a fundamentally flawed test. But while the government expects some changes to the Child and Family Services Reviews, it says they are sound. And they are prompting changes in state systems.

CWLA chief Shay Bilchik on a controversy over emergency foster care.

AFTER SCHOOL - Researcher Robert Halpern says funders, evaluators and some after-school programs have bought into "the big lie" that traditional after-school programs can (or should) boost academic performance.

Jane Quinn on youth programs' growing number of allies in the education field.

ADVOCACY - When Chet Edwards overcame steep odds to win a congressional race, the key factor might have been people who couldn't vote - youth.

MONEY - After more than sixty years of operation, the Brown Schools abruptly filed for bankruptcy. A look at how a giant in the emotional growth field crumbled.

Shepard Smith on his fellow conservatives and the evils of congressional earmarks.

FAITH-BASED YOUTH WORK - Two Indiana churches open new youth centers that show different philosophies on attracting and serving youth.

MORE RESEARCH - Lessons learned from expanding programs; the virtues of the camp experience.

NOSE KNOWS - The abysmal state of knowledge development and its dissemination in youth work is captured by two items: the "Catalyst," the vapid house organ of the D.C.-based National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), and the winter issue of "New Directions for Youth Development," an insightful quarterly journal published by Jossey-Bass.

TECHNOLOGY - A look at Heads on Fire, a San Diego agency that helps youth use technology for social change.

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A JOURNAL FOR NONPROFITS

Much, if not most, of group work practice in most places is found in the nonprofit or voluntary sector of the social service structure. The *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* (NVSQ) provides a wealth of useful information about policy and procedures for developing and maintaining support for various types of service provision. It describes itself as "an international, interdisciplinary forum for research on nonprofit organizations, philanthropy, civil society, and voluntary action." It calls upon the research and analysis of the full range of social sciences and professions and, similarly, covers a wide variety of topics from "advocacy" to "volunteerism" with "citi-zen participation", "social enterprise", "fundraising" and others in between. Improving knowledge and skill in these various areas can be very important to increasing the availability of group work services to various populations.

Now in its 34th volume, *NVSQ* is a publication of the Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Organizations (ARNOVA), it is distributed by Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks, California, and London, www.sage.pub.com.

HURRY TO SECURE VISAS FOR OCTOBER

Time is getting short for persons planning to travel from outside the United States to Symposium 27 in Minneapolis to arrange for visas if these are required. Due to increased security policies and processes in recent years, it takes much longer to process the necessary paper work to travel to the USA to attend meetings. We note particularly that the United States will be requiring visas for travel to and from Canada and Mexico in the very near future.

We remind attendees that other than providing the usual programs and web site information, AASWG cannot assist in this process. We have been informed that letters and telephone calls from us are not useful.

The Preliminary Program will be available sometime in July. Information will be made available on AASWG's web site, www.aaswg.org, as it is developed.

Other than invitations to authors chosen to make presentations, letters of invitation cannot be provided.

We provide this information not to discourage but rather to encourage members from outside the USA to attend by starting now to make travel arrangements.

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