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"Creativity has two linkages: the one to the creative act and the creator; and the other linkage is that to spontaneity..."
(J.L. Moreno, 1948a, Sociatry, p. 435)

Dear ASGPP Members,
Welcome to the February 2019 Tele'gram!

The Tele'gram is issued through e-blast at the beginning of each month. Its purpose is to connect with everyone in the ASGPP on a regular basis - the council, the committees, and all members. As always, this issue will give you a lot of information about the many activities in the organization and will invite everyone to participate in committees and projects, to make suggestions, and, in general, to keep in touch with each other as a community.

February Gratitude Box:

This month we are grateful to Ron Collier, Rhona Case, Janell Adair, Nancy Kirsner and Rich Case for dealing with the ASGPP Storage facility in Princeton, NJ. Ron, Rhona, and Janell did the initial site visit to 'access and toss'. On January 12, Nancy, Rich, and Rhona spent 9 hours sorting, reducing, and moving from the storage to a smaller space. The monthly rent ASGPP will be paying from now on is down to 40% of the previous cost (from \$238 to \$99 per month). The team found lots of history and some surprise vintage items (to appear for sale at 2019 Conference).

News from the ASGPP Committees

From the Membership Committee:

There is a new procedure in place regarding Membership renewing and joining the ASGPP during the months preceding the conference. Payment option is no longer included on your conference Registration form; but it is separate, due to the many new categories of membership ASGPP is offering now to individuals and organizations. Membership committee is alerting members about renewing ahead of their renewal month. One of the new membership renewing option now is paying for two or three years ahead – a slightly reduced fee, and a great help to the ASGPP financial needs at this time. Thank you to all of you who have already chosen this option! Also, we want to invite all ABE certified members to upgrade their membership to a Diplomate Membership, supporting the organization, and becoming an ambassador by adding this prestigious title to their credentials. Note: Certification with the American Board of Examiners in Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy must be renewed annually, and the Certified Psychodramatist must remain in good ethical standing.

The Membership Committee recently formed a Newcomers Task Force, chaired by Aida Hernandez, with the purpose to meet and greet people who are new to our organization. If you want to be a part of the Membership Committee, please contact membership@asgpp.org and the committee's chair, Marianne Shapiro.

From the Finance Committee:

The financial operations have been carefully managed, based on conservative budget, lowering spending and various projects for increasing the revenue. Various contractual obligations were reviewed and that led to significant reduction of the payments made. Some examples are the change in the main ASGPP Liability Insurance; the significantly reduced spending on council meetings and administrative and accounting expenses; travel, hotels, phone services, and storage space. The new membership categories (organizational, diplomate, 2/3 years payment, international based on country bands), the income from the Hollander's Box and the fundraising events have boosted new options for financial revenue for ASGPP.

From the Fundraising Committee:



Please donate to our Fundraising for General Operations:

<https://www.gofundme.com/psychodrama-society-general-funds?member=875846>

Any donation amount is deeply appreciated! As ASGPP is a tax exempt, non-profit, charitable organization that falls under section 501(c)(3), your donations will be considered deductible contributions for your taxes. If you wish your contribution to be for a specific activity, please send a check and write on the memo line of the check to what you would like the donation to be applied, for example, Evidence Based Research, Scholarship, Conference, Website, PNN, etc., made out to ASGPP; 301 N. Harrison Street, #508, Princeton, NJ 08540.

“The Warm Up Box” created by Carl Hollander and donated in 2017 by Erica Hollander to the ASGPP Psychodrama Press, has attracted many buyers from around the world, both members and non-members of the ASGPP. You can purchase it on our web-site by going to <http://www.asgpp.org/pub/pubindex.html>

To join the Fundraising Committee, please contact Maria Mellano at MariaMellanolicsw@gmail.com

From the Publicity and Social Media Committee:

We have been struggling with issues with the outdated webpage platform and have been in need to create alternative options for registration, making payments and choosing workshops. Thank you for your understanding and patience. Our Conference web page, www.asgpp.org/conference2019.php now has the complete brochure with workshops, plus additional items for you and others to review and register. We ask for the help of all our members and presenters to help us spread the word – share in person and on your social media with colleagues, students, organizations. Check the Workshop Tracks <http://www.asgpp.org/2019conf/Workshop%20Tracks.pdf> . To register online go to <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eg0au78d2d38770a&oseq=&c=&ch=> . To indicate the workshops you choose to attend, go to <https://goo.gl/forms/oTcpS1TzxNqZLxQy1> .

- To volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0545a9ac28a5fa7-volunteers1>
- For Hotel Information, Reservations and Room Sharing: <http://asgpp.org/2019conf/2019%20Hotel-Info.pdf>
- For information on Silent Auction / Live Auction/ Baskets: <http://asgpp.org/2019conf/Auctions%202019%20for%20web.pdf>
- For Exhibitors' opportunities: <http://www.asgpp.org/2019conf/2019%20Exhibitor%20Flyer.pdf>
- For information on how to advertise in the On-line Conference Guide: <http://www.asgpp.org/2019conf/2019%20ad%20solicitation%20for%20Guide.pdf>

The Publicity and Social Media Committee has accomplished a tremendous boost in reaching out to colleagues from around the world. Only between December 26 and January 22, the ASGPP Facebook page has 5.5K post reach, 1.7K post engagements and 400 new page likes! If you are on Facebook, please visit the ASGPP page,

<https://www.facebook.com/ASGPP.National/> and stay tuned to the news being posted there. Also, please share to your page and to the social networks that you belong to, in order to spread the word about the ASGPP and the upcoming conference. Also, if you are on Instagram, please follow the ASGPP!

From the 2019 ASGPP Conference Committee and the Chairs:

DISCOVERING NEW WORLDS



Join us at the exciting upcoming conference in Manchester, NH May 2-5, 2019, “Discovering New Worlds: Transformational Advances in Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy”. Maria Mellano & Scott Giacomucci, your conference co-chairs, are grateful to our team of volunteers. We would love and appreciate your help - there are different opportunities and we'd like you to choose the one that fits your schedule and style. Any and all help is very much appreciated. To sign up as a volunteer, please use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0545a9ac28a5fa7-volunteers1> and indicate the role you would prefer.

We also invite you to contribute to one of the most important fundraising events of the year, our annual Silent Auction. If you're interested in helping with this event, or anything with the conference as a volunteer, please visit <http://asgpp.org/2019conf/Auctions%202019%20for%20web.pdf> and email MariaMellanoLICSW@gmail.com. And, for the silent auction donations, please send them to 112 Water Street, Suite 203, Boston, MA 02109 c/o Maria Mellano.

All trainers, academic programs, business owners and mental health professionals in private practice are cordially invited to EXHIBIT at this year's annual conference. You can rent a full table (\$300), a ½ table (\$150) or benefit of one of the two full packages, that also includes conference registrations and more. Also, if you have published a book(s), you will have the opportunity to offer it for sale by yourself at the conference, and for that purpose you are invited to become an exhibitor. To book your spot, please contact us at asgpp@asgpp.org. You can find full information on our website, at <http://asgpp.org/2019conf/2019%20Exhibitor%20Flyer.pdf>

The on-line Conference Guide lists all workshops and events for the 4-day conference and their locations, plus other valuable information. It is posted on the conference website as well as our ASGPP app. The deadline for space reservation is March 25. The full information is here:

<http://asgpp.org/2019conf/2019%20ad%20solicitation%20for%20Guide.pdf>

We look forward to being together in New Hampshire!

From the Scholarship Committee:

Scholarships are available to the 2019 ASGPP Conference and the **deadline to submit is February 1st, 2019!**

- Our traditional partial scholarships;
- History Keepers Scholarship;
- Zerka T. Moreno Scholarship.

For additional information and to submit an application, please go to: <http://asgpp.org/2019conf/Scholarships.php>

To donate to the Scholarship Fund, please go to:

<http://www.asgpp.org/2019conf/Scholarship%20Donations%202019%20for%20web.pdf>

From the International Committee:



The International Committee has launched a project, called, ASGPP International Tele Café - meetings via Zoom Video Conferencing or face-to-face. The meetings are open to colleagues from around the world, who would like to connect and are interested in the ASGPP's activities. Meetings will be held every other month - the March, July, September and November meetings will be held via Zoom; and the May meeting will be face-to-face and held at the ASGPP conference in New Hampshire. Thank you to all of you who joined us on January 18 for the first ASGPP International Tele-Café! Colleagues from many countries joined us for conversation, networking, imagination and a fun time. International committee member, Mark Wentworth from England, was facilitator. You can read more about the virtual meeting in the upcoming PNN. The second meeting will be held via ZOOM on Friday, March 15, 2019 from 12 PM - 1 PM Eastern Time. ASGPP International Committee member, Caner

Bingol from Turkey, will be the host of the second ASGPP International Tele Cafe. To RSVP please email us at international@asgpp.org by March 14, 2019. You will receive the zoom invitation via email.

From the Research Committee:

The research committee met on January 16th to discuss various matters on recent research publications and research instruments. Discussion continued about how to effectively collect quantitative research data at the 2019 ASGPP conference. If you wish to join the ASGPP Research Listserve, and to participate in ongoing discussions, collaborations, sharing of resources and ideas on research, please visit the ASGPP 'About Us' page, <http://asgpp.org/about-asgpp.php>, and look at the bottom for the options on how to join. For research-related questions and to join us, please contact the committee's chair, Chi-Sing Li at DCL001@shsu.edu or Scott Giacomucci at Scott@sgiacomucci.com.

From the Publications Committee:

The committee met via Zoom Video Conferencing on January 9, 2019. The committee discussed the three ASGPP media: the Journal (issued once per year); the PNN (issued three times per year); and the Tele'gram (issued monthly). The committee discussed financial and operational matters of the publications; the relationship with the Journal publishing house, Allen Press, the Journal Task Force, etc.

From the Psychodrama Communities Around the Country:

- The Delaware Valley Psychodrama Collective is a group of psychodramatists and clinicians interested in action methods from the PA, DE, and NJ area. We meet the fourth Saturday of each month at the Center for Families; 1225 Montrose Ave. Rosemont PA. We have a business meeting from 2-2:45, followed by a 2 hour training session from 3-5pm, for both psychodrama training hours and CEUs. For more information and to be put on our email list for notifications, email us at dvpsychodrama@gmail.com.
- The Mid-Atlantic community is holding their Winter workshop on February 2. Kathy Amsden is our guest facilitator, presenting on "Music and Psychodrama: A Means to Heal the Divide". Kathy was recipient of the 2009 ASGPP Innovator's Award for her synthesis of music and psychodrama for healing. Our regional community is so pleased to have such a relevant topic. For additional information, contact Steve Kopp at steve4lifecoach@earthlink.net
- The Denver Psychodrama Collective meets monthly in downtown Denver to do dramas and share directing ideas. Interested parties can find out when and where by emailing ericahollander@comcast.net or call 303 978 9091.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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P.S. The name Tele'Gram (with apostrophe between Tele & Gram) was created to provide an original meaning and the J.L. Moreno term of 'tele' - "An inter-personal experience, growing out from person to person ... and gradually developing the sense for inter-personal relations". The term 'telegram' is an Americanism dating back to the mid 1800s and comes from the Greek tēle, "at a distance" and gram, "something written". (Moreno J.L. & Jennings H.H. (1938), Statistics of Social Configurations. Sociometry. 1. P. 363)