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Since June 2018

"The Universe is infinitive creativity", (J.L.Moreno, 1964)

Dear ASGPP Members,
Welcome to the January 2019 Tele'gram and Happy New Year!

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.

A message from Nancy Kirsner, the ASGPP President:



We want to acknowledge and express our appreciation to our Graphic Designer, Patty Phelps; and our Computer IT specialist, Peter Moulton for the decades of professional services and dedication, and especially for this year of transition when they helped at every step along the way. We are beginning our third month with our new administrative assistant, Paula De Franco. Paula's expertise in organization, communication, computer skills, and figuring out problems continues to unfold. Paula is working a full week now as we prepare for our Conference and ongoing re-organizations and best practices that we are integrating into the EC. You will meet Paula at our Conference in May. Also, we want to thank the Executive Council's Parliamentarian, Anne Taylor Kitts, for her dedication as an expert in parliamentary procedure. This new role and Anne's professionalism have brought a new level of order in the work and the decision making of the ASGPP council. A new ASGPP award was recently created. Established in 2018, The William L. Moreno Award may be given annually, if appropriate, in recognition of outstanding organizational, educational, promotional, financial, or other significant support to ASGPP and to the field of psychodrama, sociometry and group psychotherapy. The recipient may be a person, organization, informal group or others who have been or are providing significant support over time. The recipient need not be a member of ASGPP or a psychodramatist. The first award will be given at our conference in May in Manchester and will be accepted by Joseph Moreno for his deceased father, William L. Moreno.

News from the ASGPP Committees

From the Finance Committee and our Treasurer:

Look for the Silent Auction eblast and please OPEN IT! Among your donations to our New Hampshire Auction, PLEASE send us those gift cards you don't plan to use. To donate please send an email with items, jpg photos to: silentauction@asgpp.org . And THANK YOU!!! Rhona Case, rhona.case@asgpp.org

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>

From the Publicity and Social Media Committee:

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 www.asgpp.org/2019conf/Workshop%20Tracks.pdf, not only for sessions that may match your interests, but for those that may be of interest to others you know and may contact — Education / Trauma / Addiction / Creative Arts, etc.

From the 2019 ASGPP Conference Committee and the Chairs:



Excitement is brewing for our upcoming conference in Manchester, NH May 2-5, 2019. Together, through our theme, *Discovering New Worlds: Transformational Advances in Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy*, we'll be gathering for an amazing event.

Registration will be coming soon and the program is shaping up beautifully. Maria Mellano & Scott Giacomucci, your conference co-chairs, are grateful to our team of volunteers who are stepping into action to support us in true psychodramatic fashion with devotion, creativity and spontaneity to make this conference magnificent. We truly hope you'll join us for a wonderful collection of workshops, Diversity forum, Nisha Sajjani as our keynote on the Art of Surprise, Ed Schreiber on the application of Sociatry as a tool to heal the world and an amazing panel of distinguished experts in their field facilitated by Saphira Linden, with a ritual for closure using Playback Theater on Sunday. We are also excited to be showing a documentary film by Bob Siroka on Friday evening

and are planning a fun event on Saturday evening, Let's Have a Ball. And, both the Diversity forum and Closure will be led by our own Joshua Lee and Jennie Kristel potentially offering a transformational experience. 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 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. We look forward to being together in New Hampshire!

Donations:

GIFT CARDS: Sometimes we receive a gift card, that we never have a chance to use, leaving it in a drawer instead. If you have such unused, unexpired gift cards at home, or if you decide to purchase new cards, please consider donating them to the ASGPP fundraising event.

SILENT AUCTION: Jewelry, books, props, supervision, workshops, etc. Also, consider donating any unwanted new gifts.

LIVE AUCTION: We are looking for donations of big ticket items, such as: Airline Tickets * Frequent Flier Miles * Rental Property * Timeshares * Cabins * Estate Jewelry * Week-long Intensive Workshops * Concert/Sports Tickets, etc.

BASKETS: We will be raffling off creative and fun baskets filled with an assortment of goodies. Join with friends or your training group; or create your own basket, from you or your business, to donate!

To donate items to the auctions contact: silentauction@asgpp.org

Exhibitors:

All 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. You can find full information on our website, at <http://asgpp.org/2019conf/2019%20Exhibitor%20Flyer.pdf>

Advertise in the On-line Conference Guide:

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>

Scholarships:

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>

From the Membership Committee:

We are delighted to welcome two new International ASGPP members: Cristina Manole Schmidt from Austria, and Lyndon Medina from Australia! Also, we want to congratulate our first two members with a Diplomat Status: Scott Giacomucci and Kirsten Friedman. Congratulations!

Our membership application is now a two-step process. First, you will need to fill out the form and indicate the category of membership you want to apply for or renew. The second step will be to pay for your membership. If you have any questions, please send email to membership@asgpp.org

Categories of membership:

- Regular Domestic Membership:
 - \$130.00 paid for 1 year;
 - 5% off: \$247.00 paid for 2 years
 - 10% off: \$351.00 paid for 3 years

- Students, retirees; veterans and young professionals under 30 years of age: \$65.00 per year.

- Persons, living in the US with a disadvantaged socio-economic life situation: a reduced fee membership of \$65.00 or less upon an application.

- Individual International Membership fee is now determined depending on the economic level of the country you come from: Fees and country bands are available on the ASGPP website.

- Organizational Membership: The member-organization will be able to place on their web-site the ASGPP logo and the text, "Organizational Member of ASGPP". The member-organization will be listed on the ASGPP web-site under "Organizational Members"
 - Domestic Organizational Membership is \$480 per year;
 - International Organizational Membership' fee is now determined depending on the economic level of the country you come from: Fees and country bands are available on the ASGPP website.

- Diplomat Status and Membership (to both domestic and international members). The candidates must be both, a/ASGPP member in good standing; AND b/ ABE certified (CP, PAT or TEP). The Diplomat distinction is a prestigious status awarded to ASGPP members recognizing their dedication to ASGPP and Moreno's methods, as well as their experience, knowledge, and skill level.
 - One time \$500 application fee (includes the membership for the first year);
 - Annual renewal rate of \$180 per year for those approved for the Diplomat status.

From the Elders/History Keepers Committee:

The committee is working on creating awards and recognition for Elders of our Society. If you have been a member of ASGPP for 20 years or more, please send us your name, name of your main trainer, level of certification achieved, and what year.

Years of membership:

- 20 – 30 years
- 30 - 40 years
- 40 year or longer

Please contact Anath Garber at anathga@icloud.com

From the International Committee:



The International Committee is launching a project, called, ASGPP International Tele Café - meetings via Zoom Video Conferencing or face-to-face. The meetings will be 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, starting in January 2019. The January, 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. The January meeting will be held on Friday, January 18, 2019 at 12 pm - 1 pm Eastern Time. International committee member, Mark Wentworth, will be the first facilitator - he will be calling from Luxembourg. If you wish to attend, please RSVP at international@asgpp.org no later than January 17 and please write in the subject line, 'Tele Café'. You will receive instructions on how to join the meeting.

Important Note: Last day for ASGPP members to vote for the election ballot is January 10, 2019!

We look forward to hearing from you!

The TELE'GRAM Editors,
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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)