



February 2020  
Monthly TELE'GRAM  
Since June, 2018

"A good time for meditation is the moment when an important decision is made" (Moreno, J.L. (1968). *The Birth of a New Era for Sociometry*, NY, Beacon Press, p.77)

Dear ASGPP Members,  
Welcome to the February 2020 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.*

**As always, we have much news to share:**

**2020 ASGPP Conference Registration:**

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION UNTIL FEBRUARY 15, 2020!**

Both, ONLINE and MAIL-IN forms are available for you to register for the upcoming April 1-4, 2020 conference.

- To see the complete brochure and workshop descriptions, [click here](#)
- For MAIL-IN registration form, [click here](#)
- To register ONLINE, [click here](#)

**2020 Conference Information:**

- Venue: Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, Chicago (1800 E Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60173)
- Dates of the conference: April 1-4, 2020, with a pre-conference on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 and the main conference on April 2-4, 2020 (Thursday - Saturday).
- Hotel Reservations: (Until the block of rooms with a discount is sold out) [Click here](#)
- Silent Auction / Live Auction / Baskets: [Click here](#)
- Exhibitors Information: (Reservation Deadline: February 27). [Click here](#)
- Advertise in the Conference Guide (Space Reservation: February 27, 2020) [Click here](#)
- Tele Café / Road Trip: [Click here](#)

**Mentoring Program:** This is a new feature this year, where participants can be paired with a member of the ASGPP to have guidance on navigating the conference. If you are interested, check the box on your registration form, or ask our Administrative Assistant about this program!

The Conference this year is organized by a well-structured *Steering Committee* with sub-committees for specific tasks, consisting of colleagues from the Chicago Psychodrama community and colleagues who have been engaged in conference organizing in previous years. A 3-members *Council Liaison Committee* has also been formed to represent the Steering Sub-committees. Everyone is working with enthusiasm and creativity, and we are expecting an exciting 2020 conference! We hope to see you there!

*Conference Liaison Committee: Janell Adair, [janelladair@gmail.com](mailto:janelladair@gmail.com); John Skandalis, [jksandalis@yahoo.com](mailto:jksandalis@yahoo.com) and Carol Feldman Bass, [carol@socialdynamix.net](mailto:carol@socialdynamix.net)*

**ATTENTION ASGPP MEMBERS:**

The 78th Conference Annual Membership Face-to-face Meeting will be held on Friday, April 3, 2020, 12:15 pm - 1:45 pm. **Please Note:** Membership is notified that requests for consideration of business to be placed on the agenda at the Annual Business Meeting must be made in writing to the President at least 30 days prior to established meeting. Deadline for submission is **March 1, 2020**. Please send to the ASGPP office [asgpp@asgpp.org](mailto:asgpp@asgpp.org)

**ATTENTION CONFERENCE PRESENTERS:**

Please help promote the conference AND your workshop via your workshops, events you attend, posting on your social media and posts to your mailing lists.

**ATTENTION EVERYONE:**

Offering excellent speakers, 96 workshops and many exciting social events, this conference will be truly

memorable! Reduced rates for ASGPP members, undergraduate and graduate students, retirees, veterans, trainees, international participants from country bands B, C, D. For information and to register, please go to: <https://asgpp.org/conference2020.php>

### **SPECIAL INSTITUTE FULL & HALF-DAY WORKSHOPS:**

Wednesday, April 1st, 2020: <https://asgpp.org/2020conf/Wed%20Workshops.pdf>

- Psychodrama & DIALECTICAL BEHAVIOR THERAPY
- Psychodrama & FAMILY THERAPY
- Psychodrama & CLINICAL SUPERVISION
- Psychodrama & ORGANIZATIONS
- Psychodrama & MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING
- Psychodrama & ASPERGER'S DISORDER
- Psychodrama & SOMATIC EXPERIENCING
- Psychodrama & FAMILY CONSTELLATIONS
- Psychodrama & SOCIAL WORK

### **EXHIBITORS:**

Hyatt Regency Schaumburg Chicago - the hotel that will host the ASGPP 78th Conference, to be held on April 1-4, 2020, is newly renovated and offers a lot of beautiful space for all conference activities. All exhibitors' tables will be set up in the main corridor, which has large windows and a lot of light, and most importantly - every conference participant needs to pass this corridor in order to reach the registration area, the plenary hall or the workshops. All trainers, academic programs, business owners and mental health professionals in private practice are cordially invited to EXHIBIT at the April 1-4, 2020 ASGPP annual conference in Chicago, IL. 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. To book your spot, please contact us at [asgpp@asgpp.org](mailto:asgpp@asgpp.org)

You can find full information on our website, at

<https://asgpp.org/2020conf/2020%20Exhibitor%20Flyer.pdf>

### **BASKETS:**

Please consider donating baskets to be auctioned at the 78th Conference in Schaumburg, IL (April 1-4, 2020) to benefit the ASGPP SCHOLARSHIP FUND! Your donations allow people who wouldn't be able to afford it, to attend our next conference! Join with friends or your training group, or create your own basket to donate! (or donate from your business!) All donors are recognized on our social media, website and during the conference! A prize will be given to the creators of the most sought after of the BASKETS! Please contact us at [silentauction@asgpp.org](mailto:silentauction@asgpp.org).

For additional information, please go to:

<https://asgpp.org/2020conf/Auctions%202020%20for%20web.pdf>

### **LIVE AUCTION:**

Please consider supporting the live auction for the 78th ASGPP Conference! We are looking for donations of larger ticket items, such as: Airline Tickets \* Frequent Flier Miles \* Rental Property \* Timeshares \* Cabins \* Estate Jewelry \* Week-long Intensive Workshops \* Concert/Sports Tickets, etc.

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### **SILENT AUCTION:**

We are looking for donations of items such as: Jewelry\* Artwork \* Books \* Gift Cards \* Workshops \* Supervision with TEPs, and other interesting offerings. We feature, Artists in Residence, where we display works of art that are handcrafted by our community.

Both efforts - donating items and bidding or purchasing tickets at the conference, are a great contribution to the well-being of the ASGPP and the Scholarship program of the organization!

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For additional information, please go to:

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### **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 gift cards at home, or if you decide to purchase new cards, please consider donating them to the ASGPP fundraising event, to be held at the 78th conference, to be held on April 1-4, 2020 in Schaumburg, IL Please contact us at [silentauction@asgpp.org](mailto:silentauction@asgpp.org).

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### **ASGPP STUDENT MEMBERSHIP Fundraising Event:**

PLEASE HELP US RAISE \$6,500+ and ADD at least 100 STUDENT-MEMBERS to ASGPP in 2020! We have already raised \$1,637.00 or over 25% of our goal! That means that, with your help, we have already assured that twenty-five graduate students with interest in group psychotherapy and psychodrama will be joining our organization for the first time! Being welcoming and engaging them, giving them the opportunity to experience our community and our professional field, will hopefully keep them as ASGPP members for many years to come!

Any donation amount is deeply appreciated! Even \$10 would be a great contribution!

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Please consider making a donation through our GoFundMe for charities page. [Click here](#)
2. Share the fundraiser with your friends;
3. You can also send a check (write on the memo line of the check "Student Membership Donation"), made out to [ASGPP, PO Box 1654, Merchantville, NJ 08109-9998](#).

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.

## FROM THE ASGPP COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES:

### \* From the FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The ASGPP Operations bank account is strong at over \$65,000. ASGPP opened a separate account to build our Dedicated Lifetime Member fund back up from 0. It now has \$10,000 with a goal of \$35,000 over the next few years.

Treasurer: Rhona Case, [psychobabble3@yahoo.com](mailto:psychobabble3@yahoo.com)

### \* From the HISTORY KEEPERS INITIATIVE TASK FORCE:

The History Keepers Initiative would like to recognize members in three separate categories:

1. History Keeper Certificate Award: For Members in ASGPP of 20 years or more.
2. History Keeper/Elder Certificate Award: For Members in ASGPP of 35 years or more.
3. History Keeper/Elder/Pioneer Certificate Award: For Members in ASGPP of 45 years and/or certified by JL Moreno.

These awards of recognition are issued in appreciation for continuous support, contribution and service to ASGPP. If you meet the eligibility requirements for any of the categories and would like to reserve your certificate of recognition, please send an email to Anath Garber [anathga@icloud.com](mailto:anathga@icloud.com) or Linda Ciotola [linda.healingbridges@gmail.com](mailto:linda.healingbridges@gmail.com) with the following information: Full name, credentials, and years of membership.

**Deadline for submission is February 19, 2020.**

Looking forward to hearing from you,  
History Keepers Initiative Chair, Anath Garber, [anathga@icloud.com](mailto:anathga@icloud.com)

### \* From the EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

ASGPP Members' Special Interest Groups:

ASGPP Members have already submitted requests to connect with others and create the following groups:

- Psychodrama & Education
- Sociodrama
- Personal/ emotional growth
- Psychodrama trainees
- Psychodrama trainers (PAT, TEP)
- Psychodrama & Healthy Aging
- Marriage and Family Therapy / Divorce Counseling
- Trauma
- Multicultural Issues

To join one of the groups above OR to request participation / start a group on another topic, please click on this link: <https://forms.gle/RwBftD8XxbpnsN8A>

We have offered many options, and you can also list your interest under "other". The Education Committee will connect people when they express a similar interest. Note: The groups are for ASGPP members, both domestic and international.

Education Committee Founding Members: Daniela Simmons, Cathy Nugent and Carol Feldman Bass

### \* From the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Training institutes and organizations can now join the ASGPP as ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBER. The application for organizational membership is here: <https://forms.gle/d2XAW3t38TYwzvD6>

Membership Committee co-chairs: Marianne Shapiro, [marianneshapiro1@gmail.com](mailto:marianneshapiro1@gmail.com) and Serap Kantarci, [serapkantarci@gmail.com](mailto:serapkantarci@gmail.com)

### \* From the PUBLICITY AND SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE:

The Committee needs your help to spread the word about our 2020 Conference. Please tell your students about it, post information on your social media, talk it up at any conferences you attend this Fall/Winter or groups you belong to. Conference flyers and "Save the Date for 2020" postcards are available upon request. The ASGPP Facebook page is now followed by over 4,500 people from the United States and internationally. If you are on Instagram, please follow us there as well! Please share our posts to your own personal and professional pages on social media - that will greatly extend our visibility!

Publicity and Social Media Committee chair, Patty Phelps, [pplphelps@pacbell.net](mailto:pplphelps@pacbell.net)

### \* From the SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

The Scholarship Committee has awarded three (3) Full Zerka Moreno International Scholarships; 3 Full History Keepers Scholarships; and eight (8) General Partial Scholarships.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO ONE OF THE TWO SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES, PLEASE GO TO:

<https://asgpp.org/donate.php>

Scholarship Committee chair, Mary Anna Palmer, [psychodramacenter@gmail.com](mailto:psychodramacenter@gmail.com)

**\* From the INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE:**

ASGPP Tele Café via Zoom Video Conferencing:

Nineteen (19) colleagues from various locations - Austria, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Germany, South Korea, UK and USA, attended the January 31, 2020 ASGPP Tele Café via Zoom Video Conference. Host of the meeting this time was Marcia Karp.

Thursday, April 2nd, 2020 - Face-to-face ASGPP Tele Café:

Join us in Chicago as we take the Tele Café on the road for sightseeing and a live encounter at a local café. This will be the premiere of an annual 'Tele Café Road Trip'! Save the date in your conference social calendar and be part of history for this first-time experience. To assure your participation, please reserve your spot during the conference registration process. The \$25 fee will cover sightseeing transportation and hot drinks and sweets at the café.

International Committee chair, Mark Wentworth, [mark@colourforlife.com](mailto:mark@colourforlife.com)

**\* From the RESEARCH COMMITTEE:**

The Research Committee is organizing a research panel focused on the evidence-based of psychodrama as a psychotherapy for the upcoming 2020 conference. The event will be held Saturday morning, April 4, 2020 and is titled: "*International Research Panel: Celebrating David Kipper's Legacy and Warming-up to New Research in Sociometry, Psychodrama, and Group Psychotherapy*".

Research Committee chair: Scott Giacomucci at [Scott@sgiacomucci.com](mailto:Scott@sgiacomucci.com)

**\* From the PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:**

Psychodrama Press is the ASGPP Publishing House. There are two items offered, at this time, for purchase on our website: <https://asgpp.org/asgpp-resources.php>

\* *The Warm Up Box* by Carl Hollander

\* *Jacob Levy Moreno 1889-1974* By René Marineau

Visit the ASGPP Library on our website: <https://asgpp.org/asgpp-resources.php>

The library contains a collection of books, articles and videos that lay out the central ideas of psychodrama. Stay tuned as the library is expanding as new articles, books and videos are being added to the collection. Recently Adam Blatner and his family kindly allowed us to post on our website some of his books in digital format, free of charge!

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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*)*