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ASGPP Tele'Gram

June 2020
TELE'GRAM

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Dear ASGPP Members,

Welcome to the June 2020 Tele'gram!
Our Tele'gram was born two years ago!

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 within the organization and we invite everyone to become active in the community by volunteering for one of our many committees and/or ongoing projects.

As always, we have much news to share:

MONDAY EVENING SUPPORT GROUPS:

The first online Emotional Support Group was offered immediately after the conference cancellation in the middle of March. In April and May the idea organically grew into a larger project, offering five (5) support groups each month with two co-facilitators per group and a special theme. Some of the groups that started meeting via the ASGPP platform on Monday, later continued meeting on their own time. In June four (4) groups will meet for five (5) weeks - one of them offering support to TEPs, and another to psychodrama trainees pursuing certification.

We want to thank everyone who stepped up to help as facilitators! If someone would like to offer their help for future months, please contact our national office at asgpp@asgpp.org

FACEBOOK ASGPP SUPPORT GROUP:

The ASGPP Support Group has been created on Facebook, for all members of the organization who would like to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/615289599313042/>

The group is:

- * Private: Only members can see who's in the group and what they post
- * Hidden: Only members can find this group

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL HOUR:

On April 17th, Paula De Franco, our ASGPP Office Administrator, began hosting a social hour, Friday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 eastern. Periodically guest co-facilitators are invited along; such as Carole Oliver, Darlene Vanchura and Rhona Case...ASGPP zoom social is our virtual "Cheers". Pour yourself a beverage, stop in for some laughs, and to connect to your ASGPP community.

Register here. You will receive the link by email.

INTERNATIONAL TELE CAFÉ:

The very popular ASGPP International Tele Café (Started in January 2019), will open its doors to colleagues from around the world again on Friday, June 19, from 12 PM - 1PM Eastern Time. The host will be International member, Cristina Schmidt, from Vienna, Austria. To RSVP, please submit the following form by June 17, 2020: <https://forms.gle/kw5aUo1miJWppZjt6> You will receive the zoom invitation via email.

NOTE: There is no fee for attending. The meeting is one hour and is always entertaining with opportunities to connect with colleagues from around the world.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

Thanks to Rachel Longer and Phoenix Center for Experiential Trauma Therapy for offering a donation-based guided meditation class on April 26th 2020. All donations from the event benefited the ASGPP.

ONLINE EDUCATION PROJECT: ASGPP VIRTUAL ACADEMY:

The Executive Council is announcing a series of fundraising educational events.

1. An exciting marketing opportunity that encourages trainers to offer online events through their companies/institutes, with the proceeds going to ASGPP. The first workshop, offered by Daniela Simmons, PhD, TEP, will be held on Monday, June 8th, 2020, and has already sold out!
2. Sit back, and let ASGPP handle all the organizational details for you! Simply, show up on the day of your pro-bono workshop organized by ASGPP. The first workshop is generously being offered by Nina Garcia on Wednesday, June 10, 2020. Once again, the event is sold out.

Additional workshops will be organized throughout the coming months and we invite trainers who would like to offer their training services to ASGPP by offering pro-bono workshops.

Please contact Paula at our National Office asgpp@asgpp.org.

ASGPP 2-DAY ONLINE CONFERENCE:

To be offered on Friday & Saturday, October 9-10, 2020; and to include plenary /panel; didactic and experiential sessions. Detailed information coming soon.

ASGPP UPCOMING NEW WEBSITE:

The new ASGPP website has been built on a new, very professional platform. The website will go live in a couple of weeks. Thanks to our office administrator, Paula De Franco for spearheading this project and our designer, Patty Phelps and the service of the Website Committee members, Regina Sewell, Krum Krumov, Rachel Longer and Daniela Damian, for their ongoing work over the last few months on beta testing the new site. The new ASGPP website will take our organization to a much higher level in our ability to inform, communicate and connect.

ASGPP YOUTUBE CHANNEL:

Visit our new YouTube channel to see the testimonials of our beloved colleagues <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmrZ8Bxu196GbpG9yZKbzHw>. Thank you to Krum Krumov, Website Committee member, for creating the channel.

FROM THE ASGPP COMMITTEES:

* From the EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

ASGPP Members' Special Interest Groups: Everyone who is interested is invited to go to <https://forms.gle/RwBftD8XxbpnsN8A> where you may indicate your interest in joining a group. 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 only for ASGPP members, both domestic and international.

* From the PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:

The editors of the **Psychodrama Network News (PNN)** are busy wrapping up the Spring/Summer issue. Filled with articles to inform, educate and delight, it should reach you in a few short weeks.

Psychodrama Press is the ASGPP Publishing House There are three 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
- Psychodrama Volume 1 by Jacob Levy Moreno

Executive Council members, (alphabetically): Aida Hernandez, Carol Feldman Bass, Deborah Shaddy, Janell Adair, John Skandalis, Mark Wentworth, Rhona Case, Ron Collier, Scott Giacomucci, Uneeda O. Brewer

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www.asgpp.org/pdf/Ex%20Council%202019-20%20R.pdf
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*P.S. The term 'telegram' is an Americanism dating back to the mid-1800s and comes from the Greek *têle*, "at a distance" and *gram*, "something written". 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". (Moreno J.L. & Jennings H.H. (1938), *Statistics of Social Configurations. Sociometry* 1. P. 363)*