



From the ASGPP President

Dave Moran, LCSW, CCGP, TEP

Old Anzine (Auld Lang Syne)

Scotland.org notes that while the song references the love and kindness that was experienced in the past, it also gives listeners a sense of union and belonging to bring with them into the future. Quite fitting, eh? Oh by the way, we have some good news and some change coming our way.

The summer PNN that you are reading is bringing respect to the change to our Conserve. There are articles in this PNN to pay tribute to the wonderful experience of the 2014 Conference in Oakland, our host city, co-chairs Nancy Kirsner and Jackie Fowler and area psychodramatists who gave us an incredible ambiance. Thanks to Johnny Olesen, Mario Cossa and the Bay Area Psychodrama Institute for its welcoming and support, and an appreciation to all the people who made the conference a success and fun.

A special thanks to our Plenary Mariam Zachariah, Keynotes Jennifer Sasser and Dan Tomasulo.

A very special Happy Birthday to Zerka T. Moreno. Thanks for all the celebrations you have given us. J.L. taught us to dream — you helped us to put those dreams in action.

The subject of this letter to the PNN is to welcome our new Executive Director (ED) Debra Ayers and pay

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ASGPP ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2014

Oakland Marriott City Center
Oakland, CA



The 2014 ASGPP Annual Meeting in April was a great success, based on the feedback received through conference evaluations and direct communication with members of the Executive Committee, Council, and committees. *Psychodrama: Many Faces, Many Places* offered 89 training institutes and workshops, plus over a dozen related community events over five days, attracting 286 participants to Oakland, CA from around the world.

The Program Committee worked tirelessly to plan a comprehensive and diverse educational program, and according to feedback, their diligence was fruitful! The newly revised workshop evaluation instrument provided valuable information for presenters' continued development, as well as clear indication of what attendees' value and desire for future conference programs.

Particular highlights of the conference were our Plenary speaker Miriam Zachariah, and Keynote speakers Dan Tomasulo and Jennifer Sasser; President's Reception; community sociometric selection of workshops for the first morning of the conference; Awards Ceremony and Dessert Reception; and the *Glitter & Be Gay* dance party, complete with birthday celebration for three generations of Moreno's! There were also a number of networking events for new members, first time attendees, chapters/collectives, and authors.

We received very helpful suggestions for future conferences, most related to workshop topics and program scheduling. Rest assured, the 2015 Conference Co-Chairs will receive the 2014 Annual Conference Evaluation Report prepared by Marlo Archer — we thank you for your input this year and look forward to even more feedback next year in Philadelphia!

Finally, dozens of dedicated volunteers give hours of their time every year to assure a successful conference; many of these generous souls have served on the conference committees year after year — all deserve our sincere and enthusiastic thanks!

ASGPP 2104 Conference Co-Chairs: Nancy Kirsner and Jackie Fowler



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Sociometry of Doubles (no pun intended)



Want to see real sociometry in action? Join a tennis club!

We all know that sociometry is the study of interpersonal relationships in any group system. It is the study of choices, and it makes the unconscious of the group become conscious. It is the study of attractions, neutralities, rejections, and isolates. According to Moreno, Sociometry is based on the fact that people make choices in interpersonal relationships. Whenever people gather, they make choices — where to sit or stand; choices about who is perceived as friendly and who not; who is central to the group; who is rejected; and who is isolated. As Moreno says, "Choices are fundamental facts in all on-going human relations, choices of people and choices of things.

This January, my husband, Brad and I, joined a tennis club in Boca Raton, Florida. It has been a sociometric adventure. Since Brad and I were both new, we had to find friends and get into games. In the beginning, my sociometric insecurities rose up immediately. I was overly concerned with who was choosing me to play which, in the beginning, was no one at all. Then slowly, my sociometric position grew. I got chosen to play in some womens and mens games. Then more sociometry began to appear. The female players, me included, were concerned with who was playing with whom and how come they got asked to play instead of us? That included a lot of gossip. There were some sociometric stars that were very popular and always were chosen for games. Personally, I didn't think that some of the sociometric stars were really all that good, yet they were in games every day. I figured they must have had some star power. I was suffering from sociometric star envy. I went to bed at night wondering who was going to ask me to play for them this week. I felt like I was back in high school, with all those sociometric insecurities and concerns. As I finally began to get into games I experienced the rest of the sociometry. So-and-so didn't choose so-and-so because she had reputation of being a difficult personality on the court. Sociometrically, that person sometimes was a person you would like to take to lunch but not choose to play tennis with her. True sociometry. Sometimes players were chosen then unchosen. That hurt people's feelings a bit. They were chosen to play and when some of the women on the team felt they weren't good enough of a player, they unchose her telling her she wasn't strong enough for their game. Whew, glad that didn't happen to me! Some players had their favorites and that's all they would choose. And if you were known to be a drop shot type of player, you had low sociometric stardom. Lobbers were not that popular either. I sometimes pictured the members doing the sociometry in action, laying hands on their choices for their doubles partners on the courts. Or choosing for other criteria questions, like "who would you like to have coffee with today?" etc. Sometimes we would get on the courts and immediately become annoyed at the partner you had. That's when you knew that your selfish sister showed up on the courts as your partner. Or sometimes, you found your double and were lucky enough to get him or her as a partner. Even through it all, connections were made, boundaries were drawn, likes and dislikes sorted out, and friendships emerged. Long live Sociometry!!!!

Carole Oliver, PNN Editor

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee is asking for your help in seeking nominations or self-nominations for officers and committees of the Society. A slate will be prepared from these nominations and presented to the membership for their vote. Those duly elected by the membership will take office at the 2015 Annual Meeting. Please visit the ASGPP website to see positions open and for nominations form.

The deadline for nominations is August 31, 2014.

THIS IS YOUR COUNCIL

CHAPTER LIAISON COMMITTEE

Two new chapters have formed. The New England Chapter (Carol Feldman Bass and Maria Mellano) and the Alabama/Mississippi Chapter (Craig Caines). Eight people were sent emails asking them to help form chapters. There have been several phone conversations with members actively interested in beginning or restarting chapters in Philadelphia and in Western New Jersey.

My focus this spring and summer will be to help get chapters begun in the area most likely to send people to the 2015 conference in Philadelphia. Hopefully we can get the NYC chapter up and possibly one in Southern NJ.

Rebecca Walters, Chapter Liaison Committee Chair

CONFERENCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The Conference Evaluation Committee prepared feedback, based on responses attendees gave on workshop evaluations and on overall Conference Evaluations.

First, the Committee reviewed every workshop evaluation, reading every (legible) comment, to get an overall feel for how well any given workshop went. Fortunately, at our Conferences, most workshops are pretty well-received. The Committee is most concerned with finding any issues that warrant follow-up, particularly around safety for participants, or workshop leaders who might benefit from having more support in the future when they present.

Second, the Committee reviews all the overall evaluations and prepares a report that covers both the nuts and bolts of how many people from which disciplines attended, as well as summarizing the attributes that characterized the most successful workshops and the attributes that characterized the least well-received workshops to provide guidance for future workshops, both in writing workshop proposals and conducting the actual workshops at the Conference.

Of serious concern, however, was the lack of completion rate for the overall conference evaluation. Of total attendees, only about 1/3 or fewer filled out an evaluation. Further, of those, many were only partially completed.

We welcome any ASGPP members who would like to join us as well as suggestions to improve the Conference Evaluation process. Contact: Marlo.Archer@AzPsychodrama.com or 602-456-1889.

Marlo Archer, Evaluation Committee Chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We have 435 members but many are overdue for renewal. We sent out letters to those who are needing reminders and will be following up with phone calls.

The membership committee has revamped the membership brochure to incorporate our new logo design and to update our look. We hope that all members will use the brochure to recruit new members. The council has designated a prize for the person who brings in the most new members, so put your names on the brochures or have new registrants mention your name. The National Office is happy to send you brochures for distribution. Please contact them at asgpp@asgpp.org.

The membership committee is interested in feedback from

the membership. We have created and sent a short survey online to all members and those who are eligible for renewal, to learn what members value about ASGPP and suggestions for what will make membership even more valuable. Members seem to value the journal, the PNN and Conference price reductions.

Those who are using CEUs value this benefit highly. Many recognized from the survey that there were perks they neglected to take advantage of. Results from the survey, especially the comments will be discussed by council as we move forward to continue to serve our membership. It is not too late to send comments or to ask to be called to discuss ideas.

We are always open to members comments and welcome anyone who wishes to join this committee.

Jeanne Burger, Membership Committee Chair

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The nomination committee would like to express gratitude to all those who ran for election this year, especially those who weren't elected. We had such a great slate of nominees and it takes great courage to face not being chosen. Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to have choice this year and PLEASE consider running again! In the coming year we will be accepting nominations for the role of President and Vice President, as well as Executive Council, and Nomination Committee. HOW ABOUT YOU?

Linda Condon, Nomination Committee Chair

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

This season the publicity committee has worked to support the conference committee's effort to publicize this year's conference. This has been done by reaching out and posting on listservs, giving promotional materials to colleagues presenting at conferences and reaching out to colleges and universities in the San Francisco area. In addition, we continue to monitor the ASGPP facebook page (with now over 1000 followers) and twitter account. The main purpose of the publicity committee is to encourage interest in the ASGPP's activities for new and old members alike. Do you have a flair for telling the story of the ASGPP? If so you might want to consider joining the publicity committee. If interested, email Heidi Landis at heidilan@aol.com.

Heidi Landis, Publicity Committee Chair

RESEARCH LISTSERV COMMITTEE

The Research Listserv is pleased to report that a proposal for a multi-site, multi-practitioner study has been made and is being discussed on the listserv. The idea is to accrue data on a number of different self report scales with the purpose of demonstrating with empirical, quantitative data the efficacy of the psychodramatic method. You too can read the proposal, comment on it, make suggestions, become a participant. If interested, send an email asking to sign on to the listserv to ericahollander@comcast.net.

Erica Hollander, Research Listserv Committee Chair

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– CONGRATULATIONS 2014 ASGPP AWARD WINNERS –



J. L. MORENO AWARD
Dena D. Baumgartner, PhD, TEP, CGP



ZERKA MORENO AWARD
Steven William Durost, PhD, LCMHC, REAT



DAVID KIPPER SCHOLAR AWARD
Nien-Hwa Lai, PhD, TEP



HANNAH B. WEINER AWARD
Lorelei Joy Goldman, TEP



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Antonina Garcia, LCSW, RDT/BCT, TEP with Dave Moran, ASGPP President



COLLABORATOR'S AWARD
Bernice Garfield-Szita, MS, LPC, TEP and Robert Szita, MS, LPC, TEP with Jackie Siroka, Presenter



FELLOWS
Connie Lawrence James, MSW, LSW, CET II, Janell F. Adair, MA, LPC, TEP and Pamela Goffman, LCSW, TEP (not shown)



2014 AWARD WINNERS
(back row) Robert Szita, Steven Durost, Nien-Hwa Lai, Lorelei Goldman, (front row) Bernice Garfield-Szita, Connie Lawrence James, Janell Adair, Dena Baumgartner and Antonina Garcia

Check out the "2014 Conference Reflections" on our website



Miriam Zachariah, Plenary Speaker



Moreno Milestone Birthday Celebration



Awards Ceremony



President's Reception / Opening Ceremony



Dan Tomasulo, Saturday Keynote Speaker



Book Signing



Auctions



Glitter & Be Gay Dance



Songfest



Jennifer Sasser, Sunday Keynote Speaker



Members in Action

* Recently, **Linda Ciotola, MEd, TEP** and **Catherine D. Nugent, LCPC, TEP** returned to The Seeds School in Baltimore to facilitate an experiential training workshop for The Student Life Staff there on "Conflict Management - from Clueless to Conscious". The Seeds School of Maryland is a public residential school serving at-risk youth and adolescents. Three members of Cathy and Linda's on-going training group participated as auxiliaries: Joshua Lee, LCSW; Anthony Cook, LGSW; and Cintra Harbold, Playback Theatre Troupe Member.

* **Linda Ciotola, MEd, TEP** served as visiting professor at Washington College in Chestertown, MD, to teach Role Theory of Personality to the senior psychology students. Class professor, Sheila Barry, PhD, followed up by having students enact demonstrations of role theory in action.

* **Steve Kopp, TEP** presented *Encountering our Strengths, Befriending our Resources* at the Mentor Coach Conference in Bethesda, MD, April 11-13. His workshop explored how psychodrama can be a powerful intervention and resource for those involved in life coaching.

* **Mario Cossa, MA, RDT/MT, TEP** conducted his first-time Psychodrama/Yoga/Cultural Retreat for Restoration and Renewal in Bali from February 10 - 20.

* **Debra Wingo Gion, LPC, PAT, CGP & Grayce L. Gusmano, LMFT, LPC, CP** were invited to demonstrate the use of action methods with families in the Family Therapy class of Paul R. Smokowski, PhD, MSW, CP at Arizona State University in Phoenix in March.

* In January, **Soozi Bolte, LPC, CP, Grayce L. Gusmano, LMFT, LPC, CP & Dr. Marlo Archer, PAT** were invited to demonstrate and teach sociometry to XelaAID Leadership on Catalina Island, in California. XelaAID empowers families in Guatemala to break the cycle of poverty and to live healthier, more abundant lives through the opportunities afforded by education. XelaAID additionally strives to profoundly enrich the lives of their volunteers.

* **Lorelei Goldman, MA, TEP** taught Improvisation with Seniors in a retirement/assisted living community at the Mather home in Wilmette, IL in May. Additionally, she conducted an all-day training for those working with seniors entitled "The Art of Spontaneity", which provided tools to enliven work with older adults and meet some of the goals of expressive client process and learn activities and exercises that infuse vitality into client interactions.

* **Scottie Urme, LCSW, CP, PAT, Ron Collier, LCSW, TEP** and psychodrama trainee Lou Storey, LCSW were recipients of the esteemed Volunteer Award from the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County, New Jersey at their annual awards banquet on May 13, 2014. In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, they acted as volunteer therapists, providing free mental health services to individuals and families from the devastated New Jersey coastline. The Senate and General Assembly of New Jersey recognized their volunteerism in the form of a joint legislative resolution commending their "meritorious record of service" by demonstrating "outstanding dedication and steadfast commitment" to their fellow New Jersey citizens. They received authenticated copies of this legislative resolution as part of the Mental Health Association award ceremony.

* **Azure Forte, LMFT, LMHC, CP, PAT** has just had her book published – *Fielding Anger: Field Guide and Tool Box for Dealing with Angry Feelings*. **Donna Little, MSW, TEP** wrote: "An elegant practical anger management tool, helping clients, professionals and holding wisdom distilled from a skilled reflective practitioner."

* In March 2014, **Carole Oliver, MEd, TEP, LPC** was invited by Guardian IOP in Delray Beach, Florida to train their staff in psychodrama and to facilitate psychodrama groups for the women's and men's outpatient groups on a monthly basis.

In June, 2014, Carole become certified as an EMDR therapist and is combining psychodrama and EMDR.

* June 13th, **Zerka Moreno** celebrated her 97th Birthday and received many birthday wishes from people around the world. She extends her thanks and appreciation to all.

MEMBERS: Submit your activities, articles and other things of interest for future PNN issues.

At the President's Breakfast in Oakland this past April, Bob Siroka and Ann Hale suggested we include such items as: alerts to members of related or interesting websites; new devices being used, such as an app which can collect sociometric data and a short paragraph on an important learning or a new way to accomplish an intervention. Also, an assessment tool for action methods groups. We also are looking for articles on techniques, letters to the editor and reports on international conferences or activities.

If you have something you think would interest our members, please send it in. Email your submissions to the office, asgpp@asgpp.org, and put "PNN Copy" in the subject line. It will be sent to Carole Oliver, PNN editor and Patty Phelps, design editor. The deadline for the Fall PNN is September 5th.

CONFERENCES AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES



EACH OF THESE CONFERENCES IS A DOORWAY TO EXPANDED POSSIBILITIES FOR PSYCHODRAMATISTS.

August 7 - 10 — Annual American Psychological Association (APA) Convention. Washington, DC. Contact: www.apa.org

August 28 - September 1 — “Empowering Practice: Integrating psychodrama and other therapies” International Psychotherapy Conference 2014. Royal Holloway, University of London, England. Contact: www.iagpp.com/events/bpa-iagpp2014

August 28 - September 2 — 1st International Congress of the IAGPP Psychodrama Section. Held in conjunction with the British Psychodrama Association. London, England. Contact: www.psychodrama.org.uk

September 12 - 14 — “The Child in Society” 2nd International Psychodrama Conference on the Work with Children and Adolescents. NH Hotel, Berlin, Germany. Contact: <http://www.psychodrama-for-children.org>

September 16 — Egyptian Association For Group Therapies & Processes (EAGT) 1st International Conference. Movenpick Hotel - Cairo Media City, Cairo, Egypt. Contact: <https://www.facebook.com/eagt.net>

September 27 - October 1 — 2014 NAADAC Conference. Doubletree Seattle Airport hotel, Seattle, WA. Contact: www.naadac.org

October 16 - 19 — The Federation of European Psychodrama Training Organisations (FEPTO) Research Committee Meeting. The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. Lublin, Poland. Contact: hannes.krall@aau.at

October 10 - 12 — “Transgenerational Psychodrama” VII Psychodrama National Conference. Psychodrama Society “J.L. Moreno” (SPJLM) and Romanian Association of Classical Psychodrama (ARPsiC). Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Contact: www.conferintadepsihodrama.ro

October 29 - November 2 — North American Drama Therapy Association 35th Annual Conference (NADTA). Yosemite, CA. Contact: www.nadta.org

November 6 - 11 — American Dance Therapy Association, 49th Annual Conference. Chicago. Contact: www.adta.org

Check the ASGPP website, www.asgpp.org, for additional Upcoming Conferences.

Committee Reports

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Times have gotten progressively more financially difficult for a growing number of people. Therefore, we the scholarship committee have been hard at work trying to find ways to increase fund raising capabilities, (if everyone donated \$10 apiece with their conference fee we could have helped almost everyone who applied for financial aid) and to create a fair and objective way to allocate scholarship funds. We welcome fundraising ideas and any concerns the membership may have about the scholarship allocation process.

Sandy Seeger, Scholarship Committee Chair

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

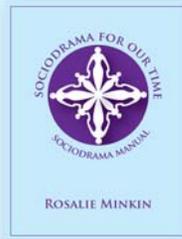
The website committee is now coasting, enjoying the fruits of our labor. We are now thinking about the future and would like ideas from visionaries who are willing to join the committee and bring the website into the future. We'd also love dynamic pictures (with consents) to put on the website and for people to remember to send their events to the calendar.

Regina Sewell, Website Committee Chair

The ASGPP has a number of committees working on various issues that affect the society. Most committees have an ASGPP executive council member who serves as chair person. ASGPP committee membership is open to all ASGPP members. For more information on a specific committee, or to join a committee, please contact the Chair person listed on our website, <http://www.asgpp.org/pdf/Committees.pdf>

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By Rosalie Minkin, TEP



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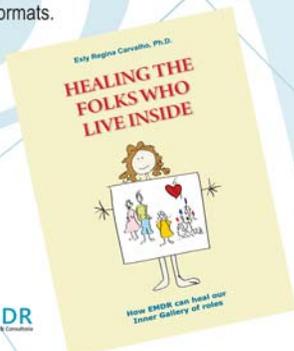
Welcome to our New ASGPP Members

The following are new members who have joined us in recent months. **Welcome!**

Savitri Aguiar • Jaylek Ahn • Esin Akyildiz
 Claudine Allen • Alison Bluestone
 Lenore Catalogna • Lindsay Chang
 Adrienne Cress • Sarah Davila
 Florie Elmore • Michael Eynon
 Bonnie Farnell • Joyce Follingstad
 Howard Fradkin • Michele Germain
 Ralph Gilman • Yun-Jen Hsieh
 Robert Kasieta • Tracy Kelso
 Alexia Kevonian • Zsófi Kigyóssy
 Sejoon Kim • Lisa Knudsen
 Sanae Kobayashi • Diane LaRochelle
 Tzu-jung Lee • Tzu-Yueh Lin
 Joy Liu • Marie-Flore Louis
 Danielle Martino • Lauren Mehr
 Robert Mitchell • Liwen Mo
 Kathleen Murphy • Marcia Nickow
 Tina Pate • Kimberly Powers
 Karla Reading • Lusijah Rott
 Zhiqin Sang • Dale Savidge
 Deborah Schwartz • Holly Simons
 Gabriel Thibaut • Yu-Chien Tsai
 Anin Utigaard • Mary Vannoy
 Monica Von Eggers • Charles Windon
 Janie Wood • Frank Yeargin
 Deidra Yearwood • Samuel Yie
 Mark Zweifach

Do you sometimes feel like you don't understand your reactions, feelings or thoughts? As if someone had hijacked the driver's seat of your life and you wound up doing something stupid? Or regret your response? Like you don't make sense in some situations, even to yourself? Maybe a wounded inner role took over and you didn't catch it...? Using EMDR therapy to treat our Inner Gallery of Roles has brought together the best of reprocessing and role therapy. Written for the layperson, it will give readers information about emotional trauma and why we should treat it, and in a fun, entertaining and yet informative manner illustrate how our inner roles run our lives – for better or for worse.

Healing the Folks Who Live Inside, by Eslly Regina Carvalho, Ph.D. Psychodrama Trainer, EMDR Trainer, available on Amazon in paperback and kindle formats.



The Emergence of Sociatry

Edward Schreiber, TEP

Sociatry (so-sigh-ah-tree) is one of the critical ideas of Moreno, and one of the more challenging to understand and to implement. The basis of sociatry is planting seeds for the healing of society; and this can be found throughout Moreno's writings, including the following from *Who Shall Survive?*

SOCIAL AND ORGANIC UNITY OF MANKIND

“A truly therapeutic procedure cannot have less an objective than the whole of mankind. But no adequate therapy can be prescribed as long as mankind is not a unity in some fashion and as long as its organization remains unknown. It helped us in the beginning to think, although we had no definite proof for it, that mankind is a social and organic unity.”

We have discovered through many years of investigation, that sociatry is a realizable and concrete action structure. Sociatry combines Moreno's developmental theory (as outlined in *The Quintessential Zerka*) with a specific sequence of sociometric tests, that shows an explicit global social reality impacting all of mankind, and now the entire biosphere, and this can be seen within any group.

Sociatry also offers an experiential encounter with the energetic and philosophical center of the method, the autonomous healing center. This is the existential power the method touches. Sociatry reveals within a group the autonomous healing center, the organic unity to mankind. The group becomes a microscope able to see the state of mankind, and the presence of a sacred intelligence that orchestrates the sociometry. Here are the basic ideas of sociatry:

“Moreno attributed healing to what is going on silently, mostly invisibly, in the body and deep inside the self. He termed it due to the ‘autonomous healing center’ within. My task is to find and touch that autonomous healing center with in, to assist and direct the protagonist to do the same. Awakening the autonomous healing center, the power to heal oneself, is how I see the value of psychodrama and all forms of therapy.” *Zerka Moreno To Dream Again*

“The Problem: Human society has an actual, dynamic, central structure underlying and determining all its peripheral and formal groupings. It exerts a determining influence upon every sphere in which the factor of human interrelations is an active agent - in economics, biology, social pathology, politics, government and similar spheres of social action.”

JL Moreno Sociometry and the Science of Society

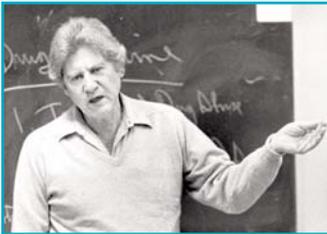
“Its existence can be brought into an empirical test by means of social microscopy. The present human society is a preference system produced, to a considerable extent, by the sociodynamic effect.” *JL Moreno Who Shall Survive?*

“At the present moment it is too late for major preventive action. But as professional ‘world therapists’ we have a responsibility. Let us save what can be saved. It is too late for mere words.” *JL Moreno The Future of Man's World*

In conclusion: As an aspect of the Morenean action method, sociatry brings to a group an experiential knowledge of the underlying central structures impacting all of mankind. It brings an awareness of the autonomous healing center, the power and intelligence within all life. The Zerka T. Moreno Foundation's mission is to provide research, education and training in sociatry to our community and the society at large. Sociatry offers these tools to ‘world therapists’.



IN MEMORIAM Lewis Yablonsky



Lew Yablonsky, a giant in the field of psychodrama, sociometry and group psychotherapy, has passed. Lew Yablonsky was born Nov. 23, 1924, in Irvington, NJ.

In the 1950's, Lew enrolled at New York University and completed both a Master's and Doctorate in Sociology. While there he met, studied and became a life long friend with J.L. Moreno. For several decades he was an active member of the American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama – serving on the Executive Council and as President. In 1992 he received the J.L. Moreno Award. Zerka T. Moreno wrote, "Lewis Yablonsky was like a son to J.L. Moreno. And he reciprocated in every sense. He was an original teacher."

To learn more about Lew and his many accomplishments, go to the Memorial page on our website.



Psychodrama Training Institute New York, NY

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President's Column

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tribute to our exiting Executive Director Jen Reis. We announced the change at the Oakland Conference but wanted to give the change a priority. As with all change there has been a creative warm-up and spontaneity. The transition of Deb Ayers to Executive Director has been smooth and creative. I would like to introduce the Deb that I know and you are coming to know and rely on. My first meeting with Deb was the Wednesday before the 2010 conference in Philadelphia. Deb and Jen pulled up with an over-packed van looking like vendors. As we were unloading the van, a member starting asking us questions about the Conference. Deb stepped in, giving support and direction with her very polite demeanor. Just meeting her I was impressed by her assertiveness.

This is a simple story of Deb's personal ownership of the position and dedication to our members. Deb is a psychodramatist by nature, role reversing with the "other" until an objective decision is made. To quote her... "I know how I would feel if I were in that position." Deb's previous roles have included Assistant Director of Concord Family and Youth Services in Massachusetts, Consultant for Children and Youth Services in Boston, VP of a Parents Teachers Organization, chairperson of a church group, Leader of a Girl Scout Troop, Co-founder of a Parenting Advisory Council, and lastly Special Projects Director of the ASGPP. Prior to coming to the ASGPP, she was Head Vampire (Blood Services Coordinator) for the American Red Cross. So get ready, for Deb is experienced in getting blood from people. My time and space is limited here so I will put my experience with Debra Ayers in Psychodramatic terms; you will experience her respect and kindness in action, in role and experimentally as we move into our next period of the "good old days" and future conserve.

Jen, a humble, intuitive, dynamo of a person, has been the backbone of the ASGPP, Executive Committee and our business office for the last 6 years. Jen and I have had many of early morning, late night, holiday and weekend conversations around the business of the ASGPP and the Executive Council. Her availability on the off hours allowed Sue McMunn and I the time we needed to do business. I, like many of you, have grown to love, respect and rely on Jen. Jen's tele, business decision making, intuition, dedication and passion kept us focused and put the ASGPP in a secure financial position. Jen will be taking the role of supporting Deb in her function as the Executive Director, a role she started with when Ed Garcia was Executive Director in 2003. That was when I met her. A meeting that was inconsequential by nature but had powerful tele. A tele that we all have shared with Jen. A tele that brought the Executive Council back to her in 2008. A tele that took us through a 6 year leadership of the Executive Council. Besides the



financial stability, we had a number of successful conferences, moved to a new Journal and two publishers, revised our manual and by-laws, helped create a new website and web based publishing, and detailed another 5-year plan for the Executive Council and ASGPP. I do not want to take anything away from the other people doing the work of our society. I am trying to thank Jen for her service and dedication to us. And the most important aspect of our friend Jennifer Reis, is that she allowed us to feel good doing

things and making changes. Most important, we had fun doing so!

ASGPP celebrated its 73rd year. We thank Jennifer Reis for her part in continuing the work of J.L. and Zerka Moreno and all who celebrate psychodrama. We will miss her terribly but wish her all the best in her new adventures!

Jennifer Reis, I speak for the membership of the ASGPP, the Executive Council and our future conserves with the words of Old Anzine, a thank you for the "sense of union and belonging we bring into our future ... Quite fitting, EH!"

Respectfully submitted,
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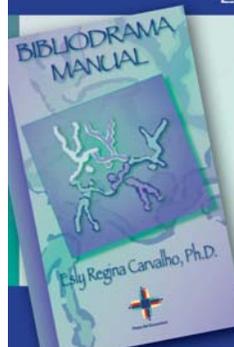
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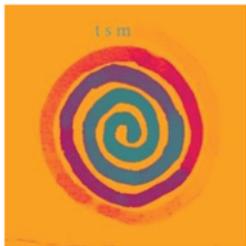
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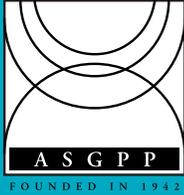
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