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## THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

A Partial View  
Paul Abels, President

Florence Kelly, who had worked at Hull House and later became head of the National Consumer's League, once said, "You know at twenty I signed up to serve my country for the duration of the war on poverty and on injustice and on oppression and I take it...that it will last out my life and yours and our children's lives."

Many of us may feel similarly. No one believes any longer that social workers will succeed to the point of working themselves out of jobs. That was often part of the profession's rhetoric even in my younger days. I do believe that the world is a better place because of us and the other helping professions, and that we will continue to make an important contribution and continue to "testify" to the injustice and oppression in our society. And I believe that AASWG has benefited from the work of our previous leaders, such as our recent Past President Toby Berman-Rossi and Past Treasurer Bob Salmon. I wish them and all of you a Happy New Year.

What will this New Year bring AASWG? I've always been interested in  
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## SAVE THE DATES NOW JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES OCTOBER 21-24 IN DETROIT

The theme of the 26th International Symposium is "Group Work Reaching across Boundaries: Disciplines, Practice Settings, Seasons of Life, Cultures and Nations". The setting is Detroit, the car city, home of Motown music for baby boomers and techno-music for the younger set. Detroit is the place to be this coming October 21 to 24!

Wayne State University's School of Social Work is co-sponsoring the Symposium with the Michigan Chapter of AASWG. "Group is important to this city's agencies and unions," said Dean Phyllis Ivory Vroom, "and the Symposium will be a time for us to celebrate all of the groups that have made changes in our community." Vroom is a 1966 WSU SSW graduate in Group Work.

The Planning Committee chose the theme because Detroit is across the river from Windsor, Ontario, the third largest city in Canada. The Committee of over  
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## WELCOME ABELS AS NEW PRESIDENT, ANDREWS AS VICE PRESIDENT, AND ALVAREZ, GALINSKY, SPELTERS AT LARGE

After finishing his undergraduate degree at Rutgers as a Psychology major, our new President, **Paul A. Abels** of Costa Mesa, California, was drafted and assigned as a social worker as an army private. He received his MSW at Boston University School of Social Work in Group Work and was selected as a "Fellow in Human Relations". Then he went on to Newark, NJ, as a teen worker and to Chicago as director of a youth center  
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and written about the future of our profession, so I am willing to make predictions even though I am wrong about half the time... but I plan to do better.

First, we will have a clear mission statement of what we stand for. I know this because the Diversity Committee prepared the statement, and the Board has already read it and is close to approving it.

We will have an updated and extensively enlarged statement of our standards. It will include your contributed ideas, a reaffirmation of some of our purposes, and a section on ethics. I know this because the Board initially reviewed and considered for approval a version they requested be clarified and acted upon at our June 2004 Board meeting.

We will be more involved in social action activities. I know that because at a member's request the Board has taken the social action step of agreeing to support the March for Freedom of Choice in Washington this coming April. You will know all about it soon, perhaps in this issue of the *Newsletter*.

Our organization will be involved in looking at best practices in work with groups so as to expand our knowledge and share what we find with other helpers. I know that because the Practice Committee has undertaken that as one of its tasks.

We will have a closer working relationship with the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). I know that because under Toby's leadership we negotiated a "Memorandum of Understanding between NASW and AASWG". We will have some additional connections and cooperative activities with the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). I know that because Carolyn and Ellen Sue have been working with our Commission to work out a template that will aid CSWE in understanding what we do more completely than they may have in the past. Hopefully, the material will be incorporated into group work courses.

We will continue to have exciting Symposia. I know that because I have seen their evolution over the years and the dedication of the members working to bring them to fruition. I believe the Symposium in Detroit this year will not only help us honor a city that played an impor-

tant role in raising the economic level of working people but will again provide an important gathering place for our members to share, learn and renew their visions with old and new friends. Its closeness to Canada is important for maintaining connections with our Canadian members, whose important views help shape our organization.

I know we will continue to have excellent leadership from our Board and from our General Secretary because I have seen the board at work and have already worked with Raymie Wayne, our creative new General Secretary.

But there are things I can only put on my wish list for the New Year. I predict they will happen. We will increase our membership because of the work we do and the effort each one of you will make to recruit a new member.

We will continue to be in financial binds but will feel less anxious about them as we tackle them as a group.

We will connect with and involve retired group workers in projects such as "Best Practices", where they can continue to contribute to our knowledge by aiding in our search.

We will increase the courses on group work in social work programs, because we will use the organization to protest attempts to minimize effective group work education in individual cases and with the CSWE.

We will reach out for efforts by field work faculty to help us with ideas on how AASWG can improve our contributions to them.

We will begin to discuss ways in which we help agencies and social work schools use staff and faculty who have been exposed to certain group work educational imperatives.

The membership will be more involved in the activities of the organization, just as the Board will seek to increase communication among the committees they are part of; the entire membership will be asked to increase their connections with the Board and with me. I will respond to questions, ideas, objections, etc., at [reflections@earthlink.net](mailto:reflections@earthlink.net). That last part is not a predication, it is a pledge.

I believe strongly in participatory leadership, the right and responsibility of

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## CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR OPERATING FUND

Since August generous contributions have been received from the following persons for the Operating Fund:

In Memory of Margaret E. Hartford, Marjorie Main, and Ruby B. Pernell, from Norma C. Lang, Toronto, Ontario.

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Several lines on the Membership Renewal form provide various options for members to contribute to the Operating Fund, to the Annual Fund, or to the John and Carol Ramey Endowment Fund. Contributions may be designated for memorials, honors, celebrations, etc.

## PAPELL HONORED

It is with pride that the Long Island Chapter can report that "our" Katy Papell was honored at the recent Symposium for her rich contributions to social group work.

Katy shared with us the history of the beginnings of AASWG as follows: At the 1978 CSWE Conference in Boston, group work seemed to be almost "swallowed up" by the generic movement in social work. Therefore, Katy, Beulah Rothman and Ruth Middleman posted a sign to encourage anyone interested in group work to meet. At that meeting it was decided to initiate a group work organization and to plan a group work symposium in Cleveland, Ohio, where the first group work course had been given. Paul Abels was Chair of the first Symposium.

The Long Island Chapter continues to benefit from Katy's passion for group work and her never ending energy. The Long Island Chapter gratefully acknowledges her role in our International Organization and especially on the local level on Long Island.

Loretta Hartley-Bangs, Co-chair  
Long Island Chapter

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JOHN AND CAROL RAMEY ENDOWMENT FUND

Since August the Endowment Fund has received the following generous gifts:

From the estate of Margaret E. Berry, Baptist Hill, Conway, Massachusetts.

In Memory of Margaret E. Berry, from Elizabeth Lewis, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

In Memory of George Brager and Irving Miller, from Renee Solomon, New York City.

In Recognition of Lawrence Shulman, from Ellen Sue Mesbur, Toronto, Ontario.

In Honor of John and Carol Ramey, from Elaine E. Finnegan, Evanston, Illinois.

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In Honor of Norma Lang, from Nancy Sullivan, St. John's, Newfoundland.

Susan M. Ciardiello, Mamaroneck, New York; Bernard J. Wohl, New York City.

We are very appreciative of these gifts. Only income is used, as needed, for support of the position of General Secretary. The John and Carol Ramey Endowment Fund is very important in building AASWG for the future.

dom, but also the power of the group. This was the contract I try to make with my students, with the groups I work with and, most certainly, with all of us. I found it doesn't always workout that way. I know there may be times when I must quickly make a decision without the input from others and, at times, with little support from others. But I pledge that I will never make a decision that I believe would harm AASWG. I have heard the voices of AASWG that urge more open decision-making. I have seen their joy when we come together. It is vital that we all share in the decisions of this organization, that we also share in the work, and that we are free to share our differences.

I believe we share the vision of what we could be. A new year, a new effort.

1. Moholy-Nagy, S. (1969). *Matrix of Man: An Illustrated History of Urban Environment*. New York: Praeger Publishers, p. 49.

building on the northeast corner of East Ninth Street and Rockwell Avenue in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. Our use of it as a logo recognizes and celebrates our diversity, our commitment to diversity, and our bringing our diverse peoples together.

Personal and institutional materials for the Group Work Archives should be sent to David J. Klaassen, Director, Social Welfare History Archives, 321 Andersen Library, 222 21st Avenue South, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455, 612-624-4377, e-mail dklaa@tc.umn.edu, <http://archon.lib.edu/swha.htm>. Shipping reimbursed.

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the members of this organization to object to my actions or those of the Board, and to truly believe and act on the fact that this is their organization. In my Administration class I give my students two statements to read that I think reflect, in part, my philosophy. One is the Athenian Oath (it speaks of persons' commitments of community, easily found on the web). The other is a rarer statement but an important one historically (An eighth century Bill of Rights). From the eighth to the fourteenth century the citizens of Za-goassa in Spain, to insure their liberty made each new king swear the following oath.

"We who are as worthy as you and could do more than you elect you king on condition that you preserve our privileges and liberties, and that between you and us there shall be someone with power greater than yours [the law]. If this shall not be so, we say no." 1

What has always moved me was not only when it was developed, but that it recognizes and demonstrates equality of member and worker/administrator/teacher; the desire persons have for free-



## CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR AT LARGE POSITIONS ON BOARD

The Nominating Committee is soliciting names of potential nominees for the three At Large board member positions which are to be filled in the 2004 elections.

The Committee started its work on the slate at the Symposium in October.

For information about requirements for being an At Large Board Member and to send names and brief biographical and supportive statements, contact Martin L. Birnbaum or Ellen Sue Mesbur, Co-chairs. Send Information to Birnbaum, 372 Central Park West, 14M, New York, NY 10025, 212-222-9771, 212-960-0831, fax 212-960-0822, mbirnbaum@yml.yu.edu, or to Mesbur, 1 Benvenuto Place, #522, Toronto, Ontario M4V 2L1, 416-920-0450, esmesbur@sympatico.ca and esmesbur@renison\waterloo.ca.

The **Annual Fund** is once again available for your contributions for special purpose activities of AASWG. Give in honor, memory or celebration of a person, group or event. A line has been added to your Membership Renewal forms to provide for such gifts. But, don't wait for the form. Send your gift now for listing in the next issue of *SWwGN*.

## BERMAN-ROSSI COMPLETES TERM AS PRESIDENT

At the end of the Boston Symposium Toby Berman-Rossi completed her term as President. Of course, according to AASWG bylaws, she will remain on the Board for another three years as the Immediate Past President. But we note and thank her for the many accomplishments of her tenure. Working around her year's leave of absence, she helped AASWG engage a new General Secretary, move the Membership Office, and establish a much firmer financial footing. Building on the accomplishments of her predecessor Alex Gitterman's work, she has brought many new accomplishments and much recognition to AASWG. For her dedication, talent, and ever-present good cheer and optimism in the face of the challenges of AASWG, we all thank her and look forward to working with her in these coming years.

## 2004 DUES PAYABLE NOW

Renewal notices for 2004 dues were mailed to all members in mid-December. We are pleased to note that many members have already renewed. But, if you are one of those who has not done so yet, we would really appreciate it if you would hunt down your renewal notice and send it in as soon as possible. This can save significant time, money, and organizational energy which could otherwise be devoted to our primary purposes of promoting group work practice, education, research, and publication.

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Membership is on a calendar year basis. Unless you were a new member in the second half of 2003 and not a presenter at the Boston Symposium, your membership must be renewed for 2004. (Symposia Presenters' dues are due June 15 each year and, therefore, are valid for that current year only.)

Remember also to renew your subscription to *Social Work with Groups Journal*. Or if you have not been a subscriber, now is a good time to start your subscription. AASWG discount rate subscriptions must be paid through the AASWG Membership Service.

Trust us. If you received a renewal notice, it is time to pay your 2004 dues.

Our budget is small. The work is done by the members through the Board, Executive and other Committees, the Chapters, the General Secretary, and the many others who take on tasks to further group work throughout the world. But we need the income from dues to pay for those services and goods which can not be contributed and which help keep AASWG growing in importance and effectiveness.

We look forward to receiving your 2004 membership renewal soon.

Symposia presenters must be members.

## 2005 SYMPOSIUM in "The Land of 10,000 Groups!"

We are actively working to put together a great 27th Symposium in Minneapolis, September 29 - October 2, 2005. It will be held at the Minneapolis Hyatt Regency in the heart of downtown where glass skyways connect all the major buildings. Light Rail will transport you from the airport to downtown.

Remember: Minnesota: Land of 10,000 Groups! Jan Andrews  
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## HEINZ KERSTING HONORED

Heinz J. Kersting is AASWG's first international honoree from Germany. His "group work biography" mirrors fruitful cooperation between group workers from the United States and from Germany that continues to this day. He has made invaluable contributions to the reestablishment of social group work in Germany since the early 1980's. He has also encouraged young group workers to get connected on an international level by founding AASWG's Germany chapter which celebrates its tenth anniversary this year.

Professor Heinz Kersting, having served twenty-one years on the faculty of the School of Social Work at the Fachhochschule Niederrhein in Moenchengladbach, Germany, retired last year. As this was only one of his many professional roles, his retirement does not mean that he is any less active than before. His friends and colleagues know and appreciate him as teacher, scholar, mentor, publisher, theologian, organizer, activist, supervisor, constructivist, storyteller, researcher, visionary, and - of course - group worker. A saying he is very often quoted with in Germany is "Group Work - das isset Leben!", which translates roughly into "Group work - that's life!"

As a young priest in the 1970's, Heinz Kersting became a student of Professor Louis Lowy from the School of Social Work in Boston, who impressed him deeply as teacher, group worker, and human being. Lowy, a Jewish immigrant and survivor of Theresienstadt and Auschwitz who returned to Germany many times after World War II, taught

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## CELEBRATING THE RAMEYS' YEARS OF SERVICE TO AASWG

There was a most festive atmosphere in the Omni Parker House Rooftop Ballroom for the 25th Symposium Plenary Luncheon on Saturday, October 18. Lots of people, lots of conversation! The focus was a tribute to John for his twenty-five years of "faithful, generous and creative service as General Secretary".

Carol gave a few comments from her perspective of those twenty-five years. Tributes came from all the past presidents: Katy Papell spoke first for herself and then for Ruth Middleman, with whom she had had a lengthy telephone conversation. Charles Garvin's first statement was that he has known John for forty-five years. Judy Lee was unable to attend but sent a message which was read by Ella Harris. Jim Garland's comments recalled family encounters in Vermont. Alex referred to John's breathing, living, and sleeping group work--if he gets any sleep. Toby referred to the many decisions made in the recent three years.

Group workers have more than group work skills, and this was proven when Angie Rice sang one of John's favorite song's, George Gershwin's "Summertime". What a gorgeous voice Angie has--and we never knew before!

More music came from Paul Abels and his guitar. Paul wrote a song about how to become a successful group worker--marry a girl named Carol!

Everyone joined in the singing of two of John's favorite camp songs: "I've Been Working on the Railroad" and "Erie Canal" There were song sheets on the table--some younger group workers don't know these songs!

The highlight of the celebration was a skit written by Tim Kelly about John and Carol. Yes, it was hilarious!! There was even competition for the role of Carol, and it was won by Paul Abels. (See photos at next year's Symposium of Paul wearing the blonde wig!) Tim played the role of John, and Nancy Sullivan was the narrator. Tim had visited John and Carol in Akron, and he captured the atmosphere perfectly! A few exaggerations, but none the less true! You had to be there to be-

lieve it. Many thanks to Tim for his creative writing!

Ingrun Masanek translated a German folk song for all to sing, and we gave it a good try! Translation was, "When one person dreams alone, it is only a dream. When many of us dream together, then we can enter into a new reality. Dream our dream!"

Carol was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers. John received a plaque and a generous gift. Alex enjoyed a laugh at an error which, he commented, would not have occurred if John or Carol had been doing the proofreading.

In his response John said, "Thank you for this lovely recognition luncheon and the wonderful program. ...

"For me our work together represents an important purpose in life. It's what one has to do if things are to be right and to get better. So I have devoted these many years to our working together to build AASWG. When I retired from the University fourteen years ago, many people asked me what we were going to do. My first reaction was that I was retiring because my employment had gotten in the way of my work. That work was AASWG...

"It's been an interesting and meaningful experience, these twenty-four-plus years now. I wish you the best as you continue to build AASWG.

"Carol and I thank you very much for this wonderful party, for the presentations, for the plaque and the very generous gift."

Each table had pieces of construction paper for members to write notes to John and Carol. Katy put all these in a scrapbook, and John and Carol enjoy reading them over and over! Thank you, all!

It was indeed a wonderful tribute to John, and both John and Carol thank everyone who took part in the planning and the performances. There were many serious statements but also a lot of laughter! Thank you, Alex, for chairing this wonderful event and to the whole committee for putting it together so gloriously.

**Life is a do-it-yourself activity - with others. That's mutual aid!**



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ter where he supervised students from the University of Chicago and took his Doctorate in Social Work Administration.

Abels then taught Group Work at the School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland for twenty-one years. There he developed courses on "Discrimination and Inequality" and on "The Future". He also taught "Teaching" and "Administration" in the doctoral program and served as Associate Dean. While in Cleveland he was director of the VISTA Program, led groups for children with mental health problems, worked summers at a camp for physically handicapped children and adults, headed the Cleveland Tenant Union Program, and worked with tenants in public housing. He also volunteered as a family counselor and headed a program to train inner city ministers in counseling.

Abels was a Fulbright Scholar in Turkey and Iran and has served on the National Board of the National Association of Social Workers and was President of the Cleveland Chapter. Later, the founders of AASWG recruited him to chair the first Symposium in 1979.

Seventeen years ago Abels became the Director, then Professor at the Department of Social Work at California State Long Beach, where he is a Professor Emeritus and still teaches.

His wife Sonia and he have been social workers for a long time. They both started their social work careers as day camp counselors. While in Chicago they were active in civil rights activities. They also helped start a school of social work in Lithuania. That experience led to the development of the *Journal Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping*, which she brilliantly edited. They co-edited the first volume of Symposium Proceedings.

Abels has written four books and a number of articles on group work. He still writes a column for *Reflections*. He has been on the AASWG Board for the past three years where he chaired the Practice Committee until his election as President. He was honored for his "Outstanding Contributions to Group work" at the Symposium in Toronto three years ago.

Our new Vice President, **Janice L. "Jan" Andrews** of Minneapolis, Minnesota, has been a member of AASWG

since 1993 when she attended her first Symposium in New York City. At that meeting she said, "I immediately felt that I had finally found a social work home." Within a couple of years she became the Social Welfare History Archives Liaison to the Board's Archives Committee and in 1998 was elected to the Board where she has served on both the Archives and Social Action Committees, both of which she currently chairs. She is Chair of the 2005 Symposium to be held in Minneapolis.

Andrews has been a social worker for over thirty years - in Missouri, Washington, DC, Maryland, and Minnesota. She is on the faculty in the University of St. Thomas/College of St. Catherine School of Social Work in St. Paul. She teaches a variety of courses including "History and Philosophy of Social Work", "Group Work", and "Progressive Social Work Practice".

**Antonio G. "Tony" Alvarez** of Ypsilanti, Michigan, is a new At Large Board Member. He has been a social worker for over thirty years. He received his MSW from the University of Michigan in 1975 and has been working with groups ever since. Before that he was involved in group work both in his home country, The Philippines, and in the United States. Since receiving his MSW he has facilitated groups, supervised group facilitators, and designed groups within a Community Mental Health agency in his position as a school social worker with an intermediate school district agency and as a clinical supervisor for the University Center for Child and the Family. Since 1997 he has been on the Faculty of the University of Michigan School of Social Work as a Clinical Assistant Professor. He has taught classes, advised students and developed field experiences for graduate students. In his classes he offers many group experiences for students as required assignments, for case simulations, and for small group activities.

In 1988 Alvarez was trained in an adventure-based approach to group facilitation. Over the years it has become his primary approach to practice. Adventure groups became his signature in his work as a school social worker. He has also done his share to make the approach viable for social workers by providing training and consultation. He has co-

presented on adventure-based group work at the last two Symposia. He has been a member of AASWG for several years and says he believes AASWG "to be an organization that I want to help develop as we proceed into the future." He believes that experience-based or adventure-based group work is an essential approach in our field and wants to support the continued presence of it in our organization.

**Maeda J. Galinsky** of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, is a new At Large Board Member. She is Professor of Social Work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she has been teaching and writing about social work practice with groups for over thirty years. She consults with professional social workers about their group work practice and their publications and collaborates with practitioners on intervention research. She has worked together with social group workers on topics such as open-ended groups, support groups, multiracial groups, psychoeducational groups, and telephone and computer groups.

Galinsky has been an active member of AASWG since its founding and presented at the Annual Symposia with professional colleagues and students. She has served on AASWG committees as she was a Board member from 1990 to 1993.

**Sonia Spelters** of Monchengladbach, Germany, is a new At Large Board Member. She has been a dedicated and fervent group worker for ten years and has been actively involved in AASWG since 2000. For the last seven years she has been working as a social pedagogue in industry leading a project for unemployed juveniles who are most deprived in society. She says, "I am a strong believer that everyone has a valuable contribution to make. In the German AASWG Chapter I bring a wealth of enthusiasm and fresh ideas to an organisation that is in a delicate situation of balancing the need to push forward yet also attain stability." She looks forward to continuing the partnership projects among group workers, both practitioners and teachers, on a national level. We have much to learn from each other, to expanding our relationship with the American and other international chapters of AASWG, and to initiating a group worker development program at the national level and organize systemic-oriented group work conferences.



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him what democracy really means and introduced him to group work. Heinz Kersting realized that social group work offers perspectives and methods that are useful treasures not only for social workers but for all human service professionals.

Consequently, Heinz Kersting practiced, taught, researched, and wrote about group work within the manifold contexts in which he worked. He spent several semesters as visiting professor at Boston University's School of Social Work and joined AASWG. Thanks to him, group encounters and basic group work courses became a required part of the curriculum at the Fachhochschule Niederrhein. In 1983 he founded the IBS, (Institut fuer Beratung und Supervision) in Aachen together with a colleague. It offers intensive continuous education courses for social workers and other professionals in fields and methods that are underrepresented or non-existent as universities, such as social group work. In 1997 the Institut's own scientific publishing house published the "Werkbuch fuer das Arbeiten mit Gruppen," an anthology of texts about the history and practice of group work in Germany.

Heinz Kersting took major responsibility in organizing and founding AASWG's German Chapter. Since then he has been providing resources through his Institute, co-editing the Chapter's splendid newsletter, *MOBILE*, initiating and sponsoring the "Louis Lowy Award" given to the best group work master's thesis, practice project, or publication in Germany, and mentoring younger colleagues.

At the same time he has carefully avoided domination of the Chapter with his presence, encouraging younger people, and especially practitioners, to take charge and to get involved. In his resourcefulness he motivates others to claim their own resources.

With Professor Heinz J. Kersting, AASWG recognizes and honors an internationally-minded group worker at heart.

Ingrun Masanek

Professor Kersting was accompanied by his wife, Traudi, on this special trip to receive his Honoree Award. We were also honored that Ditta Lowy, widow of Louis Lowy, was also able to attend the presentation.

## SPECIAL AWARD TO BILL COHEN

At the Boston Symposium a new "Outstanding Contribution to Group Work Award" was given for the first time. The Board was unanimous in its decision to present it to Bill Cohen, Publisher of The Haworth Press.

Following is the citation.

The 2003 Outstanding Contribution to  
Group Work Award  
Bill Cohen, Publisher  
The Haworth Press, Inc.

Before there was AASWG, there was Bill Cohen, Publisher of The Haworth Press, working with Beulah Rothman and Katy Papell to help resurrect and extend group work into the future through their new *Social Work with Groups Journal*.

When we attended various conferences in the early years, there was Bill Cohen at The Haworth Press exhibit booth. We always enjoyed visiting with him, sharing insights into the newest in group work literature, and talking about what could be done in the future.

When the proposal was developed to hold the first Symposium in Cleveland in 1979, there was Bill Cohen helping to support it.

AASWG has prepared a volume of Proceedings for each Symposium from the very beginning. A number of these early volumes were published as supplements to the *Journal* or as simultaneous *Journal* and book editions. The volumes in the last decade or so have been published as separate books and sold widely throughout the world.

While now for many years Bill Cohen has no longer done the staffing for the Haworth exhibits, we have appreciated receiving his periodic letters and e-mail messages expressing some creative new idea by which we could work together to help develop AASWG and group work. The current arrangement for subscription to the *Journal* through a check off system at the time of paying dues to AASWG was one of these ideas.

It was Bill Cohen who many years ago arranged for and supports the deep discounts available to AASWG members for the *Journal* and the various group work books.

Then there is Bill Cohen, the regular dues paying and contributing AASWG Member. For many years he has ex-

## BOARD MEETS JUNE 12-13

President Paul Abels has announced that the Board will meet in New York City the weekend of June 12 and 13 at Fordham University School of Social Work. Board members should make plans as soon as it is possible to get the best possible travel and hotel rates.

Agenda items should be forwarded to Abels in the near future so that the meeting agenda with attachments can be mailed to Board members early in May. The Board normally only acts on items which are considered by the appropriate committees and prepared in advance. Before the end of April committees should complete work on items requiring action at the meeting.

For those not familiar with low to moderately priced hotels convenient to Fordham, a list will be provided with the agenda mailing. Many members are able to stay with friends in the City.

Chapters, particularly, should make certain now that their Representatives will be able to attend.

SWwGN is interested receiving brief practice vignettes of publication in future issues. We would like to have one or more for each issue. Please write your favorite group work practice narrative today and send it in. No more than 1200 words.

pressed his commitment to support AASWG and group work by being one of us. We appreciate his most generous contributions to the Endowment and Annual Funds over many years.

Therefore, the members assembled in Boston, Massachusetts, at this 25th Annual Symposium of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups, Inc., are pleased to recognize and honor Bill Cohen with the Outstanding Contributions to Group Work Award in appreciation for his support of group work from our beginning, through his friendship, his contributions, his membership, and his publication of our Symposia Proceedings and many other group work books and the *Social Work with Groups Journal* through all these years.

John H. Ramey





## IN MEMORIAM MAYER ROSENFELD September 3, 2003

Forgive me a few moments while I remember Mayer Rosenfeld. He was an instructor in social group work in my undergraduate days at Ohio State University. I still remember warmly the exact room, the students, and Rosenfeld as instructor for our "Camping" class. The most memorable aspect was the final examination, a weekend canoe and camping trip on the Olentangy River from somewhere near Delaware to the stadium on the OSU Campus. Of course, we had to plan and execute it. But we couldn't have planned the rain and the swollen river in the days before AccuWeather! We had to work out new arrangements as we progressed. One learns fast to plan first for two rainy days, then sunny ones. I remember him well as a lively, informed, and dedicated group work instructor. The class helped organize and add to my group work and camping skills. I had held counselor and other camp positions in the previous several summers.

Rosenfeld grew up in Columbus, received his undergraduate degree in International Business and his MSW from OSU, then became an Instructor there. He became the Executive Director of the Jewish Center in Columbus, now the Leo Yasenoff Jewish Community Center, from which he retired in 1977. He oversaw the development of the Center in a new location and its expansion with various facilities over the years including, of course, a day camp.

Roz Meisel, Coordinator of Education Field Practicum in the OSU College of Social Work, also remembers him well. She had a wonderful student experience while she was earning her social work degree. "During my first year field placement at Jewish Family Services, they 'loaned' me to the Jewish Center so I could learn group work. Mayer spent time with me, sharing his rich knowledge and expertise. He was a kind and generous man."\* How lucky she was!

Rosenfeld and his wife, Dotty, whom he met as a member of the Camping class, have endowed a chair in their names at the College. He has been honored with several awards by OSU and other local and national organizations.

Although he was only a little more

## PROFESSOR ALBERT S. ALISSI HONORED

Albert S. Alissi was honored at the Symposium in Boston "for his lifetime love affair with Social Group Work in practice, education and scholarship, his commitment to AASWG, his contributions to its becoming a membership organization, and his thirty-six years of outstanding teaching of group work at the University of Connecticut." (UC) Alex Gitterman made the honoring statement and presented the certificate to Alissi.

The son of Italian immigrant parents, Alissi experience first hand the opportunities as well as the prejudices that existed in the United States. As a child he discovered the wonders of the Boys Club, so much so that he maintained a lifetime membership and attends reunions to this day. Alissi actually began his group work career at the Boys Club. Starting as a locker room attendant, he climbed the ladder step by step until he became co-director of a camp.

Alissi graduated from Springfield College where he was exposed to the writings of Grace Coyle. He followed her path to Case Western Reserve University School of Applied Social Sciences (CWRU). His placements at Merrick Settlement House and at Goodrich House in Cleveland had a profound impact on his practice, teaching, and scholarship, as did his subsequent positions at the Children's Aid Society and Alta Social Settlement. He completed his doctorate at CWRU in 1967 under the tutelage of renowned social work educators Grace Coyle, Betty Hartford, Nat Cohen, and Art Blum.

Alissi joined the faculty of the University of Connecticut School of Social Work, where he has provided leadership to the group work sequence. He has been an outstanding teacher for the last thirty-six years. He estimates that he has taught about 200 group work method classes to

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than a hundred miles away, our paths did not often cross in later years, but we remember him well for his superb contribution to our education in group work, and we join with his other friends and colleagues in saying we will miss his presence there.

John H. Ramey, Akron, Ohio.

\*From *Intervention, A Newsletter for Alumni and Friends, OSU CSW*, Winter 2004.

more than 1,500 group work majors. In his spare time, he earned a law degree at Yale University, and, subsequently, established a dual MSW/JD degree for the UC Schools of Law and Social Work. For the past twenty years he has also offered an innovative set of social work forensic courses.

Alissi's contributions to the literature include *Boys in Little Italy: A Comparison of their Individual Value Orientations, Family Patterns, and Peer Group Association*; *Perspectives on Social Group Work Practice: A Book of Readings*; and *Time as a Factor in Group Work: Time Limited Group Experiences* (with Max Casper). He has served on the board of a homeless shelter for many years including seven as president. He has been actively involved as a direct service volunteer, consultant, and researcher to many local, regional, and national social service agencies.

Alissi is a charter member of AASWG. He chaired the committee that conducted the participant survey reported at the Symposium in the fall of 1986 and resulted in AASWG's becoming a membership organization. He also co-chaired two annual Symposia that were held in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1981 and 1994. He is a charter member and former president of the Connecticut Chapter of NASW.

Those who know Professor Alissi are drawn to his highly engaging and unique persona, his wonderful sense of humor, and his contagious laugh. He has played a significant role in furthering and strengthening the teaching and practice of social group work. We are pleased to honor Professor Alissi for his many contributions to social work practice with groups.

## THANKS FOR SYMPOSIUM

I wanted to give a heartfelt thanks to Lucia and Holly and all of the folks from Boston who planned this year's Symposium. Everything about the experience seemed superb.

Thanks,

Andrew Cicchetti  
Brooklyn, NY  
October 20, 2003



## MANY THANKS TO BOB SALMON

Many thanks to Bob Salmon for his loyal service as Treasurer for the past nine years. During his tenure AASWG has grown significantly in numbers of members and in the organizational complexity. The Annual and Endowment Funds were established. AASWG began the use of both professional accounting and auditing services. He was first appointed by Alex Gitterman.

In reflecting on Salmon's tenure, Gitterman said, "When I became President, two of the most significant decisions I made were to invite Toby to be the Secretary and Bob to be the Treasurer. Beyond all his many accomplishments as the Treasurer, Bob made outstanding contributions to the Executive Committee and to the Board of Directors. His leadership, competence, and collegiality enriched our task accomplishments as well as the quality of our affective ties. Thank you for what you have done for AASWG and for who you are."

Toby Berman-Rossi, who succeeded Gitterman, observes, "He was an outstanding member of the Executive Committee and always contributed thoughtful, reasoned solutions to complex problems."

Our new President, Paul Abels, adds, "He has also served graciously over three months past the call of duty as arrangements to transfer our accounts to the new Treasurer were being made. This has been a most important service that insured persons and bills were paid."

Salmon is well known as Professor at the Hunter College School of Social Work and as Co-author (with Roselle Kurland) of AASWG's *Teaching a Methods Course in Social Work with Groups*, co-published with and distributed by CSWE, and many other papers and books. He was Co-chair of the New York Symposium in 1993.

As reported elsewhere, Michael Phillips has succeeded Salmon as Treasurer.

Please share information with *SWwGN* about what is going on in your communities, agencies or schools, etc., that is relevant to group work. Help keep us and your colleagues informed. Send your comments or articles to *SWwGN*.

## MICHAEL PHILLIPS NAMED TREASURER

In one of his first actions President Abels has appointed Michael H. Phillips as the new Treasurer of AASWG.

Phillips is Professor at the Graduate School of Social Service of Fordham University. He was a Co-chair of the 24th Symposium which was held in New York at the Brooklyn Marriott in October 2002. He has presented at a number of Symposia including sessions on the use of focus groups as a research method, confidentiality issues in group practice, and the use of group techniques in the classroom. For two years he conducted a support group for victims of September 11. His research has included a study of the use of mutual aid groups in substance abuse prevention and a study of group work with children of substance abusers. Mike said that he welcomes the opportunity to "support the commitment to social group work by assuring that our international organization has the solid financial planning which will allow it to grow and prosper."

As Treasurer Phillips will serve as a member of the Executive Committee. Please welcome Mike Phillips to this new and challenging task and give him your support.

## ***SOCIAL WORK WITH GROUPS* ARTICLES NOW ONLINE**

Haworth Press has long been a strong supporter of AASWG, and their support continued recently when they granted AASWG permission to post an article each month in the members only section of the AASWG website. One article from each new issue will be posted online for a month. Articles from previous issues will be posted in between publication of issues. Perhaps we could use the AASWG Listserv to discuss the articles. If you have suggestions for articles that should be posted, contact [webmaster@aswg.org](mailto:webmaster@aswg.org).

The idea for an "article of the month" began in the Kentucky Chapter, and they contacted the Executive Committee and the Webmaster about the possibility of using the website. Other chapters are encouraged to think about how the website can better serve the needs of their membership. Send any ideas you have to Tim Kelly, [webmaster@aswg.org](mailto:webmaster@aswg.org)

## WILSON, MARSIGLIA, NERETTE, SULLIVAN, COHEN RETIRE FROM BOARD

Three At Large Members of the Board retired after completing their three year terms at the end of the Symposium in Boston. They are Flavio Francisco Marsiglia of Tempe, Arizona, Denise Nerette of Sunny Isles Beach, Florida, and Mary Wilson of Cork, Ireland. All are dedicated, long term members of AASWG and have made major presentations at Symposia. They have participated in Board and Committee meetings and other assignments during these three years. Marsiglia most recently completed a plan for major fund raising and development. He was the Sunday Plenary speaker at the Boston Symposium.

Nancy Sullivan of St. John's, Newfoundland, is retiring from the position of Vice President. She served for one year as Acting President during Toby Berman-Rossi's leave of absence. She had served previously as a Representative of the Toronto Symposium and is Co-editor of the Symposium Proceedings. During this time she joined the faculty of Memorial University of Newfoundland in St. John's. She has also served as chair of several committees.

Carol S. Cohen of Brooklyn, New York, has completed her three year term as the Representative for the 2001 New York/Brooklyn Symposium. During this time she also moved from Fordham University to Adelphi University.

We note that several other Chapter Representative Board Members have been replaced during the past year. Those changes have been noted in the Chapter Reports. We also note that Toby Berman-Rossi has completed her term as President, but, according to AASWG bylaws, she will remain on the Board for another three years as the Immediate Past President. And Bob Salmon is completing nine years as Treasurer, as reported in an article elsewhere in this issue.

All of us in AASWG thank them for their loyal, dedicated, and productive service in carrying out the work of AASWG and in helping it grow.

**Help build AASWG!  
Recruit a new member!**



## IN MEMORIAM Sandra Camacho

October 28, 2003  
New York City

## FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Hello, AASWG,

It is not too late! You still have time.

Chances are you received your Annual Fund contribution and Membership Renewal mailings during the busiest season of the year. Perhaps you put the envelopes aside, thinking "I'll get to this soon." Well, the time to renew is now.

AASWG needs your support (both a financial contribution and continued membership) now more than ever. We are a small organization with a big mission. We use your resources sparingly and wisely, ensuring that you receive great value for each dollar contributed. Membership benefits continue to grow. This past year we launched the "Members Only" web page. Over the course of 2004 we will be placing many valuable resources on the web for your use.

Currently AASWG is gearing up to exhibit at CSWE's Annual Program Meeting (APM). This conference is an important vehicle for keeping group work on the radar screens of social work educators. AASWG has also reached out to baccalaureate educators through a targeted mailing and by offering a session at their annual conference this past October.

Speaking of this past October.... We are still basking in the success of our Annual International Symposium held in Boston. It was also a time of transition for the Association as we ushered in a new President and Executive Committee while thanking the outgoing President and Executive Committee. As General Secretary, I thank the previous group for their warm welcome and encouragement while at the same time find myself looking forward to working with the newly elected leadership. AASWG's work and successes continue on. Please make sure you are a part of AASWG's future by renewing your membership now if you have not done so already.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and group filled New Year!

Raymie Wayne  
General Secretary

## POLITICAL EDUCATION AND GROUP WORK

In discussing the current presidential primary campaigns in the United States Harold Meyerson uses an illustration from the presidential campaign of four years ago to explore the difference in political know-how and activity of groups over a period of time.

Al Gore's "aging union retirees" and Bill Bradley's "college student" campaigners found themselves on the same side of the issue of free trade. "Both saw it as a policy that enriched Wall Street and clobbered Main Street.

"What was striking, though, was that the union retirees assumed the role of teachers, and that Bradley's kids happily became their students. But, then, these weren't just any retirees.

"Ranging in age from their 60's to their 80's, these were all veterans of the United Auto Workers - that is, they were beneficiaries of the old UAW political education programs.

"Walter Reuther, the legendary president of the UAW in the quarter-century following World War II, had built a union that was the primary advocate for social democracy in the United States and a membership education program that enabled activists to be more fluent in social policy than (not to damn with faint praise) your average member of Congress.

"Reuther had been dead 30 years when the impromptu tutorial broke out, but the aging auto workers still knew their stuff."

He comments that there has been some renaissance in political activity by unions but that some seem to have given up and may consider political activity as only writing a check. Even if unions know how to organize and persuade, they have trouble backing unattractive candidates.

"The irony is that those candidates who stole the show in Iowa,...., have surged in part by embracing, in the words of one union leader, 'a populist-progressive message that labor's been promoting, and that few Democrats this side of Paul Wellstone were saying just a few years ago.'"

These political education programs are ones that were led by many group workers in past years while working in unions in the struggle for social democracy and economic justice. A few

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## FOR PRACTICE COMMITTEE

The Practice Committee, which has just about completed its work on the Standards, will be looking at Evidence Based Group Work Practice or "Best Practices" and will also begin a project to increase field instructors' understanding of the use of groups with their students. Charles Garvin and an associate Committee Chairperson yet to be announced will be active in developing those projects with the Committee and will welcome inputs from other Board Members and the membership.

Submitted by Paul A. Abels, Past Chair and new AASWG President, reflections@earthlink.net. Charles D. Garvin is the new Chair of the Practice Committee, charlesg@umich.edu.

AASWG members in recent years still have had these kinds of positions. It's a kind of social political education work with groups which was in the settlement house tradition as we knew it. The outcome of group work ought to be the improvement of the social attachment and competence of the members of groups to function in the social context.

Meyerson concluded that "Labor's message still resonates, but its ability to pick a messenger clearly needs some work." How's that for a challenge to group workers?!

Elsewhere in this issue you will read of AASWG members helping to pick up the torch to carry on Paul Wellstone's legacy.

From "Organized Labor's Iowa Implosion" in the *Akron Beacon Journal*, January 23, 2004. The commentary first appeared in the *Washington Post*. Meyerson is Editor at Large of *The American Prospect* magazine and Political Editor of *L.A. Weekly*.



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twenty includes AASWG Past President and current Board Member Charles Garvin, along with faculty members and practitioners from agencies all over metropolitan Detroit.

A short ride on the "People Mover", which is Detroit's train system around downtown, will provide a view of Windsor and has stops at "Greek Town", where one of the city's three casinos is housed. The metropolitan area is home to the largest Arab community in the United States including both Muslim and Christian Arabs. The city boasts a large Hispanic community. Hamtramck, one of the cities surrounded by Detroit, in the past was the largest Polish community. It is now home to a number of Eastern European immigrants, and its downtown area reminds one of European towns. The region has over 2500 organizations which are involved in international businesses, and, being on the Detroit River, is home to one of the busiest ports in the United States.

Detroit is hosting the Super Bowl in 2005 in the newly constructed Ford Field, which is next to Comerica Park, the new baseball park in downtown. The city is getting ready for the Super Bowl, and there are many new hotels and restaurants in the downtown.

The Detroit Art Institute is home to one of Diego Rivera's famous fresco murals, a courtyard with four walls and over seventy frescoes called "Detroit Industry or Man and Machine" (1932-33), as well as large collections of African Art. Detroit is 85% African American and is the home of the Museum of African American History, the largest such museum in the United States. The main exhibit is a history of African Americans with exhibits and photographs of the key events in the history. These museums, as well as the Detroit Science Center and Wayne State University, are a short bus ride from the hotel.

But enough about Detroit! The Symposium will be held at the beautiful and newly renovated Marriott on the Detroit River.

For the Plenary sessions the Committee has invited Paule McNicoll of the University of British Columbia, Joan Pennell of the University of North Carolina, and Michael Spencer of the University of Michigan, who will be talking about dia-

## NEW SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH MANUAL WITH ACCENT ON GROUP WORK

Andy Malekoff informs us that he has just finished editing "A Guide for the Development of School-Based Mental Health Partnerships" with an educator-colleague. It is not in print just yet.

There is quite a bit of group work thinking/practice integrated into the manual, especially in the sections about Teams and Strengths-Based Work.

If you are interested, since there will be a limited printing, he attached the complete manual (about 40 pages) to a message circulated on the group work discussion list. You will probably need to open Adobe to access it. He says you should "feel free to use this, to duplicate it, and distribute it however you see fit."

**Save the Date!**  
**March for Freedom of Choice**  
April 25, 2004  
[www.marchforchoice.org](http://www.marchforchoice.org)

logue groups between cultures with historical conflicts, and a panel of people in group work to talk about Group Work in Macro settings.

Very special offerings include the three unique Outstitutes, "Union Organizing and Groups", "Services in the Arabic Community", and "Grass Roots Mental Health Services in Port Huron". (See the article on page 26.)

The Committee is excited because the "Dine Arounds" will feature tastes of the wide variety of international cuisines available in Detroit. We will also have Motown entertainment to sing, sway and dance to!!

The other workshop offerings and presentations will depend on you and other AASWG members! Please submit your abstracts for consideration before March 24. (The Call for Papers is on page 27 of this issue.) We are encouraging student presentations and presentations from people who use group work in other disciplines.

E-mail or call Susan Titus, Symposium Coordinator, at [ap3849@wayne.edu](mailto:ap3849@wayne.edu) or leave a message for her at 313-993-4066.

This October connect in Detroit: "I've got you back... into groups again...."

## IT'S TIME NOW TO ARRANGE VISAS

Now is the time for persons planning to travel from outside the United States to arrange for their visas if these are required. Due to increased security policies and processes, it takes longer time for many people to arrange for the necessary paper work to attend meetings in the USA. We have found that, in past years, many persons have started much too late. US Consulates are closed around the world on the Columbus Day holiday which is October 11 this year. For many this has been the date of final efforts to get paper work and interviews completed and they find the offices closed.

Unfortunately, other than providing the usual programs and web site information, AASWG can no longer assist in this process. The US Immigration and Naturalization Service and the various US Consulates inform us that letters and telephone calls from AASWG are not useful. They will not be considered.

The Preliminary Program for Symposium 26 will be available sometime in July. Information about the program will be made available on AASWG's web site as it is developed. Check into [www.aaswg.org](http://www.aaswg.org) periodically.

Other than invitations to authors chosen to make presentations, letters of invitation can not be provided.

We provide this information to encourage members from around the world to attend by starting now to make arrangements. We are hopeful that the usual significant participation from around the world will continue.

## DID YOU READ IT?

"Dear Miss Manners: I was having coffee at a restaurant with a friend, and in the middle of our conversation another woman came up and introduced herself to us and, from how she was talking, it became clear that the two of them were involved in a group program of psychotherapy together.

"While I find nothing wrong with taking a proactive approach to mental health, I realize that there are privacy issues at hand.

"After the third party left, I quickly changed the subject..."

There's more. How would you have reacted? What advice would you give?



## UNITARIANS OFFER FUNDING FOR A JUST SOCIETY

The Unitarian Universalist Association through its Unitarian Universalist Funding Program--Fund for a Just Society makes grants to non-profit organizations in the U.S. and Canada addressing issues of social and economic justice. It appears to be a tailor made opportunity for a group work project.

Grants are made to non-Unitarian Universalist groups in the U.S. and Canada that: organize to bring about systemic change leading to a more just society through collective action; work with those who have been disenfranchised and excluded from resources, power and the right to self-determination; and inspire generosity among the sponsor's members and member congregations.

Priority is given to groups of people organizing to create change in the economic, social, and political structures that affect their lives. The sponsor welcomes projects that are less likely to receive conventional funding because of the innovative or challenging nature of the work or the economic and social status of the constituency.

The maximum grant is \$10,000. Most grants are between \$5,000 and \$7,000. Grants are given for one year. There is no cost sharing.

Contact Hillary S. Goodridge, Program Director, Unitarian Universalist Funding Program, P.O. Box 1149, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, uufp@aol.com, program url: <http://www.uua.org/uufp/>, 617-247-6600, fax: 617-971-0029

The postmark deadline for application is March 15, 2004.

## PEACE PETITION CIRCULATED AT SYMPOSIUM

Issues of war and peace, particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan, were foremost in the minds of many at the recent Symposium in Boston, so a number of members spearheaded by Katy Papell composed and secured signatures for a petition which was sent to Kofi Annan, General Secretary of the United Nations with the exact copy to George W. Bush, President of the USA. Following is the petition which was signed by ninety-one persons.

What have you done for group work today?

## GW EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES SOUGHT

AASWG's Commission on Education on Group Work in Social Work Education is looking to increase the educational resources on the AASWG web site.

If you would be willing to share your teaching/educational resources for possible placement on the web, would you please e-mail them to [t.kelly@gcal.ac.uk](mailto:t.kelly@gcal.ac.uk). We are looking for

- a. Group Work syllabi at BSW, MSW, and PhD levels
- b. Group Work units in integrated or combined courses
- c. Teaching exercises
- d. Video ideas
- e. Other teaching resources
- f. Group process recordings
- g. Group Work cases for use in class or for comparative analysis and generation of hypotheses
- h. Online Group Work bibliographies
- i. Other resources

Please indicate at what level the material is designed to be used - BSW, MSW foundation year or concentration year, PhD.

In addition, we are looking for group workers who would be interested in serving on doctoral students' dissertation committees. Please let me know if you have an interest.

Thanks,  
Tim Kelly

**What have you done to  
increase our diversity today?**

To: Kofi Annan, Secretary General,  
The United Nations

George W. Bush, President, USA  
(copy)

We, the undersigned, gathered in Boston, MA, on October 19, 2003, at the annual Symposium of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups, Inc., (AASWG) an international professional association, support The United Nations in its effort to sustain and strengthen its role in peacekeeping and peacemaking and in the reconstruction of nations.

## THANKS TO BOSTON FROM HANS ERIKSSON

Dear Friends in AASWG and Participants in Boston!

I salute the Boston organizers and participants in Boston for making me feel warmly welcomed and included. Although I do not have the opportunity to attend all the AASWG conferences, I always feel included. Many thanks.

Hans G. Eriksson,  
Trondheim Norway

## GROUP WORK SESSIONS AT CSWE ANNUAL PROGRAM MEETING

If you are going to APM in Anaheim, here are the group work sessions.

Sunday, February 29, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, #175. Group Work Practice Symposium. Chair: Alex Gitterman, University of Connecticut.

"Comparing Two Models of Instruction for Social Work Practice with Groups"; Findings of a study comparing outcomes for two models of instruction of a graduate foundation course in social work practice with groups will be presented. Debra M. Nelson-Gardell, University of Alabama.

"Group Workers' Experiences of Vulnerability--the Shadow of Power--in Court-mandated Groups"; Based on a qualitative study of group workers in roles of authority, this presentation explores their vulnerability to hostility and violence, also their strategies for safety. Trudy K. Duffy, Boston University.

Monday, March 1, 10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon, #242. Curriculum/Administrative Workshop "Integrating Social Work Practice with Groups into the Generalist and Foundation Curriculum".

This workshop focuses on integrating group work content into the Generalist and Foundation Curriculum. Content, organizations, syllabi, a week by week teaching guide, assignments, teaching strategies, and skills will be provided so that educators can more readily teach this content.

Toby Berman-Rossi, Barry University, and Carolyn Knight, University of Maryland Baltimore County.

CEU's available.



## ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Jan Andrews will be conducting an oral history of John Ramey later this year.

We encourage group workers to attend oral history training sessions at Symposia and to conduct oral histories of our group work leaders.

Jan Andrews, Chair  
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### IN MEMORIAM ALAN F. KLEIN October 1, 2003

Our distinguished colleague, Alan F. Klein, died October 1, 2003, in Charlotte, North Carolina, at the age of 92. After retiring in Florida some years ago he and his wife, Jackie, had moved last March to Charlotte to be in assisted living housing closer to their children. He had been hospitalized twice since moving there and was in a nursing home at the end. Jackie has since moved in with one of the children's families in Harrisburg on the outskirts of Charlotte.

AASWG Past President Judy Lee forwarded the message she received from Jackie Klein. She says that "Katy (Papell) and I are so fortunate that we got to visit him twice while he was in Florida. He was very sharp and gracious, and he appreciated the visits so much."

Klein received his MSW from the New York (now Columbia University) School of Social Work in 1942 after having received his LLB (law) degree in 1938. He was on the faculties of the University of Toronto and the University of Pittsburgh. At the latter he was Professor of Social Group Work. Earlier he had been Training Advisor for the Community Programmes at the Ontario Department of Education. Among his many other books and articles are *Society, Democracy and the Group*, published by Women's Press (YWCA) in 1953, and *Role Playing in Leadership Training and Group Problem Solving*, published by the Association Press (YMCA) in 1956. The books were developed out of his wide experience in conducting institutes and workshops throughout the United States and Canada. In February 1953 his paper "The Effect of Cultural Variables on Group Work Practice" was published in *The Group: the Official Publication of the American Association of Group Workers* (AAGW).

## IT'S A SMALL WORLD FOR JEANNE GILL

Jeanne Gill, Chair of the Southern California Chapter and a graduate of the Class of 1958 of the Boston University School of Social Work, had a reunion at the Symposium this fall in Boston with Ditta Lowy, widow of her favorite professor, Dr. Louis Lowy. Mrs. Lowy was there because Professor Dr. Heinz J. Kersting, Director of the Louis Lowy Institute in Aachen, Germany, was being honored by AASWG this year. A photo was taken of Jeanne and Ditta by a group work photographer from Connecticut, Julie Newman. Newman, a University of Connecticut retiree this year, and Milton Heller were also in that special BU class. How lucky they were!

Nostalgia and Happy Memories.  
Happy New Year to all!

Jeanne

### tired as hell

is how i feel at this very moment.

i  
wish i  
could sleep.

sleep  
during the day  
is well beyond my reach.

a  
curse  
or a blessing?

my  
options  
are limited.

&  
so  
i write.

if  
given  
a choice of:

no sleep or no writing;

i would choose:

no sleep.

because at this very moment, i am no longer

tired as hell.

andy malekoff

## BOAMAH RESPONDS TO ARTICLE ON GHANA

Hi John,

We have just received a copy of the August issue of the AASWG Newsletter. The feature article on Ghana is interesting to read. We will be requesting more copies to be distributed to various ministries like Education, Youth and Sports, Women and Children, Employment and Social Welfare, as well as the UNICEF, UNSAID, UNAIDS, and International NGOS. John, it will create avenues for us to network with all these Government and Non-governmental Organisations as well as the International Community based in Ghana.

Secondly, we would like to embark on two major projects next year. One is to undertake research on streetism in Ghana. The report will help policy makers to plan future policies and to implement certain projects taking into consideration the outcome of this research with facts and figures. It will help the Government to ensure future planning and development of programmes affecting youth in Ghana. The youth can be equipped with technical know how like creating more job opportunities setting up training centres, etc. International organisations can also use the outcome of this research in determining the development needs of every Region in Ghana. In the second project we would like to document all these on a video on streetism in Ghana, "Telling It As It Is" featuring some of the street hawkers, youth in schools, etc. We will appreciate it very much if ... AASWG will help us or link us to other donor organisations around the world. Thank you for your support.

Simons Boamah  
Chair  
simonsgh@yahoo.co.uk

### GOAL LINE FOR NEWS!

Please help us meet our goal for the May issue by getting the news in by April 15. We need reports on past and future activities and concerns from chapters, committees, practitioners, agencies, schools, and publishers, along with advertisements and other interesting views of group work and group life throughout the world.



## IN MEMORIAM GISELA KONOPKA

Gisela Konopka, 93, was resistance fighter and university professor.

Gisela Konopka, a longtime University of Minnesota professor famed around the world for her philosophy of "social work with a heart," died on December 9 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. She was 93.

Konopka was one of the world's experts on social group work with a focus on helping troubled young people. "She was able to meet with very troubled youth, and they would take away from that experience that they finally had met an accepting person," said Janice Andrews, professor of social work at the University of St. Thomas.

"She was both angry and kind, compassionate and demanding," said Andrews, who met daily with Konopka from 2000 to 2002 while writing a book about her titled, *Rebellious Spirit: the Life and Legacy of Gisela Konopka*. "She believed in holding people accountable for their behavior but treating them with dignity," Andrews said. Konopka was born in Berlin and was a resistance fighter during World War II. She escaped from a concentration camp and arrived in the United States in 1941.

She was professor of social work at the University of Minnesota from 1947 to 1978, when she retired. She also served the university as coordinator of the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs from 1968 to 1970, special assistant to the vice president for student affairs from 1969 to 1972 and head of the Center for Youth Development and Research from 1970 to 1978.

The Konopka Institute at the University of Minnesota is named in her honor. In 1950 Konopka returned to Germany to help rebuild the country and was instrumental in creating a humane child welfare system. In the 1950's she worked to improve the corrections system in Minnesota, writing standards for care in residential treatment facilities for youth offenders.

"She really brought compassion to the whole criminal justice system in Minnesota in the 1950's," Andrews said.

Konopka wrote seven important books, including the classic *The Adolescent Girl in Conflict*, and more than 300

## REBELLIOUS SPIRIT: GISELA KONOPKA (1910-2003)

By Janice Andrews-Schenk, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Gisela Konopka died on this past December 9, two months shy of her 94th birthday. Her friends, colleagues, and students will remember her as someone who had the ability, whether in a small classroom, a large auditorium, or a prison reception area, to create an atmosphere that convinced others that change was possible.

A rebel and fighter since childhood, Gisa took the worst that humans can experience and turned it into a philosophy of love and tolerance for others. She was born in Berlin before World War I, came of age during the turbulent 20's and 30's, and fought the rising power of the Nazis in pre-World War II Germany, Austria and France. She and her activist future husband Paul became refugees in southern France until 1941 when they moved to the United States. They lived in Pittsburgh for six years where Gisa earned her graduate social work degree at the University of Pittsburgh. She worked at the Pittsburgh Child Guidance Center where she advanced the concept of therapeutic group work in the social work field and successfully fought to have social workers recognized as those who were trained to do psychiatric work in the context of a group. At the same time, she never lost sight of the importance of the group to not only help the individual but to also help the group-as-a-whole and the larger society. She moved to Minnesota in 1947 to accept a teaching position at the University of Minnesota School of Social Work. She earned her DSW from Columbia University in 1957. In the late 1960's, she moved into administration at the Univer-

articles. Her works have been translated into fourteen languages.

She met her husband, Paul Konopka, when they were resistance fighters in Germany. She was Jewish. He was not. They were not allowed to marry in Germany. Paul Konopka died in 1976. "She wrote a letter to him every day afterwards," Andrews said.

Konopka lived by herself until her death. Konopka is survived by a foster daughter, Patricia Dreyer, Minnetonka.

From The Pioneer Press

sity. She served as the Assistant to the Vice-President for Student Affairs and the Coordinator of Regional Programs for the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs. In 1970 she founded and directed the Center for Youth Studies and Research at the University until her retirement in 1978. Her legacy continues through the work of the Konopka Institute for Best Practices with Adolescents at the University. Recently she made a \$1 million legacy gift to the University of Minnesota to establish the Gisela and E. Paul Konopka Chair in Adolescent Health and Development. She also established a scholarship at the School of Social Work.

She was one of the most influential intellectuals and activists of the 20th century in the fields of social work, group work, adolescent health and corrections. She was an internationally recognized expert on adolescent girls. Her seven books and hundreds of articles were translated into a dozen languages and are still in use today. She lectured worldwide on issues of human rights. She played pivotal roles in several social work organizations including the American Association of Group Workers, the National Association of Social Workers and the Council on Social Work Education. She was one of the first women to be elected president of the American Orthopsychiatric Association. She is the "Mother of Group Work" in Germany. She was instrumental in rebuilding the German child welfare system after World War II.

Yet, she felt most at home in her old house on the hill overlooking Lake Calhoun where she and Paul sheltered youth, welcomed people from around the world, listened to and supported the disenfranchised, and built coalitions around issues of justice and humane treatment. Wonderful, often humorous "Gisa stories" abounded during a private memorial service held on December 14. A public memorial service was held on Friday, January 9, in McNamra Hall at 10 am on the campus of the University of Minnesota.

**INVITE A COLLEAGUE TO JOIN!**



## REMEMBERING GISELA KONOPKA

by Kurt Sonnenfeld  
Forest Hills, New York

Gisela Konopka, what a grand personage and friend! I had one early social contact with her and later several professional ones.

The first professional one was when I was on Children's Bureau sponsored project as a group work consultant to the staff of the Warwick State School for Boys for adjudicated so-called juvenile delinquents. It was just when Gisa's classic *Group Work in the Institution* came out, a ready-made book for my purposes. Since the project's aim was to develop greater staff skills and more effective coordination, I immediately requested her to spend a day with us, the consultant staff and various staff groups. She was there from very early till late evening and contributed enormously to everybody's understanding. Another time when she visited New York she functioned again as a consultant to the planning group for the annual Group Work Institutes which I chaired for several years as part of NASW's Group Work Section. Once again her immediate grasp of the education purposes helped us to hone in on what needed to be done to make the Institute result into very practical areas of discussion. Her astuteness was fantastic. We remained friends after that.

The early contact mentioned was in wartime southern France, in Montauban, to which we fled from Paris a week before Paris was occupied. Many days, when I walked by the reception center for new arrivals, I saw one quite tall lady and one quite short one. The quite tall one was Marian Welter, with whom I worked later and then she became a professor at Adelphi School of Social Work. The quite short one, yes, that was Gisela Konopka. She was part of a German social democratic group that was welcomed in that city because the Mayor had been a socialist. The last time I went by her place we talked briefly and she then said: Who knows, maybe we will someday see each other again. We certainly did and I am so much richer for it.

Many thanks to our many readers who have provided us the information used in this issue!

## ERIKSSON VISITED WITH KONOPKA AFTER SYMPOSIUM

On October 30 we received the following message from Hans Eriksson.

"Hi,

"I just visited with Gisela Konopka and told her about the good work the younger generation of groupworkers did at the Boston Symposium. She glowed of delight and asked me to send to the organizing committee and the young women in charge her congratulations and best greetings."

Hans Eriksson, Associate Professor,  
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Ranheimsveien, Norway  
Hans.G.Eriksson@ahs.hist.no

## AASWG AT CSWE APM

AASWG will be present at the 50th Annual Program Meeting (APM) of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) in Anaheim, California, February 27-March 2. The theme is "Science, Technology, and Social Work in a Global Society".

Again this year the National Gerontological Social Work Conference is meeting at the same time under a single registration fee with the CSWE APM.

As in many past years AASWG promotes the "Group Work Symposium" at the APM. There are also other group work institutes, workshops and paper presentations. Check the Final Program for times and locations.

Meet your colleagues at the AASWG Exhibit Booth. Explore and discuss the latest in group work.

The Call for Papers for the Group Work Symposium at the 2005 APM is elsewhere in this issue. This 51st APM will be held in New York City February 26-March 1. In January a special mailing was sent out promoting participation in this symposium and detailing the procedures for submitting proposals electronically.

For more information about the APM contact CSWE, 1725 Duke Street, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22314-3457. 703-683-8080, fax 703-683-8099, e-mail [apm@cswe.org](mailto:apm@cswe.org) or check CSWE Online at [www.cswe.org](http://www.cswe.org).

## COMMISSION ON GROUP WORK IN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

Carolyn Knight, Commission Co-chair, continues to coordinate the collaborative initiative with the Association for Community Organization and Administration (ACOSA) and the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Commissions on Disability, Gender Expression and Sexual Orientation, Racial and Cultural Diversity, and Women to develop standardized curriculum guidelines, field requirements, and educational outcomes in each group's content area. The guidelines for teaching group work in the generalist and foundation years may be found on the AASWG website.

Larry Shulman and Carolyn Knight presented a three-hour pre-conference workshop at the Baccalaureate Program Directors meeting in October in Reno, Nevada, on teaching group work in the generalist practice curriculum. It was attended by more than thirty people. Based upon feedback from participants, a six-hour workshop is being proposed for the 2004 conference to allow for more in-depth discussion of practice skills in the pre-engagement through ending phases of group work practice and of classroom teaching techniques and assignments.

Toby-Berman Rossi and Carolyn Knight will be presenting a three-hour curriculum workshop on teaching group work in the generalist/foundation curriculum at the Annual Program Meeting of CSWE in Anaheim, California, in February.

The AASWG board has approved expanding the Commission's mandate to include Canadian schools and programs of Social Work. Towards this end, Ellen Sue Mesbur, Commission Co-chair, is reaching out and offering the Commission's assistance to colleagues in the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work.

The Commission is continuing to solicit teaching materials for the AASWG website. In addition, we are developing a list of faculty willing to serve as external committee members for doctoral students doing dissertations on group work. Interested individuals should contact Tim Kelly, Commission member and AASWG's webmaster, at [tim.kelly@gcal.ac.uk](mailto:tim.kelly@gcal.ac.uk).

Carolyn Knight, Co-chair  
[knight@umbc.edu](mailto:knight@umbc.edu)





## CALL FOR PAPERS FOR CSWE APM 2005

The Call for Papers has been issued for the 51st Annual Program Meeting (APM) of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) to be held in New York City February 26 - March 1, 2005. The theme of this APM is "One World, Many Cultures, New Challenges". We invite you to submit an abstract for the Group Work Practice Symposium at this APM. The Group Work Symposium seeks contributions that discuss innovative ideas as in direct group work practice and in teaching for practice. Of special interest are abstracts with new theoretical models, empirical grounding (qualitative and quantitative), and social work programmatic and practice approaches that explore the unique qualities of group work in meeting the needs of oppressed and vulnerable populations.

Maintaining our status as an "Approved Symposium" is important for the survival and growth of group work in social work education. This requires that we have a minimum of four papers accepted at each APM. The number of proposals we can accept is a percentage of the number we receive. For that reason it is very important that we receive a large number of proposals so we can offer a high quality and diverse selection of group work sessions. We must receive a minimum of ten abstracts to maintain our approved status. You should, therefore, consider submitting a proposal even if it is at an early stage of development. Not only will you strengthen the Symposium, but you will also receive feedback that will enable you to polish the abstract for future submissions.

Procedures now require that proposals be submitted electronically. Visit [www.cswe.org](http://www.cswe.org) and follow the APM links to view the Online Proposal Submission Checklist. If you are absolutely unable to submit online, you may access a printable copy of the application form online or contact CSWE to request a form that you may send by mail. Persons submitting forms online must log into the Members-Only section of CSWE Online to access the form. You will need the user name and password that are printed on your 2003-4 CSWE membership card.

There is no disadvantage to submitting a proposal for the Group Work Symposium. Papers not selected are given a

second review by the panel of the CSWE Program Planning Committee for the main APM program.

As in past years AASWG is promoting this "Group Work Symposium" section of the APM. Group Workers are encouraged to submit proposals designated for this "Group Work" section by making the appropriate entries on the "Proposal Submission Form".

General information about the Group Work Symposium is published each year in the Preliminary and Final Programs of the APM and is available in the APM section of CSWE's Web page at [www.cswe.org](http://www.cswe.org). Check periodically for updates on information and forms for the 2005 APM. For more specific information call CSWE at 703-683-8080 or send a message to the e-mail address, [apm@cswe.org](mailto:apm@cswe.org).

As is usual practice, a special mailing soliciting group work proposals has been sent by AASWG to all members and to all graduate and undergraduate schools of social work.

Many members have found it useful to work with mentors, experts, or peer consultant groups in preparing proposals. Some chapters and agencies have established committees to improve the quality of submissions and the chances of acceptance. In past years some proposals have not qualified for consideration due to failure to strictly adhere to submission guidelines. Specifically, it is absolutely required to include the references that were used in preparing the abstract.

Please contact one of the Co-chairs if you would like to be a member of the initial panel of experts that reviews the abstracts. Final selection of reviews, however, rests with the CSWE staff.

Group workers should begin now to develop proposals. It is best, but not required, that papers focus on the theme of the APM and on education. The deadline for proposals is May 3, 2004.

Alex Gitterman and Lawrence Shulman are again Co-chairs of the Group Work Symposium. They will be responsible for the process of selecting the papers to be presented.

## LIFE RESOURCES, INC. HONORED AT SYMPOSIUM

At each Symposium the local Chapter is pleased to honor an individual or organization from the community for recognition by AASWG. This year the Award was presented to Life Resources, Inc., of Boston (LRI). William Chiaradonna, a former President of the Massachusetts Chapter, is President of LRI and accepted the Award on its behalf. Following is the citation:

Life Resources provides residential treatment and services for at-risk adolescents and their families throughout Eastern Massachusetts. Group Work is a major focus of treatment at Life Resources. Some of the primary groups address sexually aggressive youth, substance abusing youth, and physically aggressive youth. Life Resources also provides a wide range of supplemental groups for both adolescents and family members. These groups are too lengthy in number to completely list here but include relapse prevention for substance abuse, anger management, fathers' groups, mothers' group, and independent living skills groups.

William "Bill" Chiaradonna is the current President of Life Resources. He is a long term Group Worker, having graduated from the Boston University Graduate School of Social Work in 1979 with a major in both Group Work and Casework. He has been instrumental in the life of the Massachusetts Chapter of AASWG, having been a Board Member and Past President.

Bill infused energy and resources into the local Chapter, helping to bridge the organization from its fledgling beginning to one capable of hosting the International Conference this year. He was the Chairman of the Massachusetts Chapter's Fifth Annual Conference in 1996 and took on additional roles as Workshop Presenter, Workshop Facilitator, and member of the Response Panel for the Keynote Address. The Massachusetts Chapter named Bill as the "Group Work of the Year" in 2001.

Bill's career has been marked by his commitment to Group Work. He provided group therapy for adolescents during his early professional career, later became a Group Work Supervisor and Director of Group Work, and teaches Group Work as an Adjunct Professor at the Graduate School of Social Work at Boston College. Bill brought this wealth of experience and

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## CREATING CONNECTIONS IN BOSTON

The 25th Symposium in October on Social Work with Groups was a huge success. It was held in the lovely Omni Parker House right in the heart of Boston. Over three hundred people attended some part of the four-day conference. "Creating Connections: Celebrating the Power of Groups" we did! Attendees came from all over the world: Scotland, Japan, Canada, South Africa, Ireland, Germany, and the United States. There were two hundred full registrants, Ninety-two attended at the Pre-symposium Institutes. One hundred and three people attended for one day, and over one hundred people celebrated with us at the Banquet. Forty-one volunteers helped to give the Symposium continuous energy and brought a sense of enthusiasm to the sharing of group work ideas!

We were pleased with the number of people able to come and talk Group Work in Boston. Attendees could not stop talking about how wonderful the conference was. People were excited to be there and excited to be with others who could talk group.

We were honored that so many schools of Social Work and local organizations placed ads in our program books. The money we raised from these advertisements goes back to the organization for the promotion of Group Work and the training of Group Workers.

So, come continue the connections in Detroit in 2004!

Lucia Berman-Rossi, 617-616-1622  
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commitment to the Group Work modality when he became the Chief Executive Officer at Life Resources in 1996.

Life Resources has co-sponsored AASWG conferences and workshops and has utilized many of the group training opportunities for their staff. The collaboration between Life Resource and AASWG has been one where both organizations have benefited.

The Massachusetts Chapter of AASWG is proud that we can assist Life Resources in their difficult challenge of providing for a very difficult treatment population. We are also thankful to Bill Chiaradonna for his long history of support, collaboration and affiliation.

Paul Hodlin

## EASY WAYS TO REMEMBER AASWG

Many people ask "How can I leave a gift to the organization I admire?" There are a variety of ways in which individuals can remember AASWG and leave a legacy by becoming contributors to the John and Carol Ramey Endowment Fund.

We would like to suggest three of the most effective and simple ways for making a planned gift. (Some of the terms are stated in US law, but should be applicable in other countries.)

A **bequest** in a will or trust is a simple and direct way to remember AASWG. AASWG is named in a person's will or trust as a recipient of a set sum of money, a specific object or collection of value, a fixed percentage of the overall estate, or the residue of the estate. The following are examples of bequest language to use in a will or trust:

1. For an **outright bequest** "I give, devise and bequeath the sum of \$\_\_\_ to the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups, Inc., with offices presently located at 36 Rocklyn Street, West Simsbury, Connecticut, to be added to the organization's endowment fund."

2. For a **residuary bequest** "I give, devise and bequeath to the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups, Inc., with offices presently located at 36 Rocklyn Street, West Simsbury, Connecticut, all (or a percentage) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to be added to the organization's endowment fund."

Another way to remember AASWG is to **designate it as the beneficiary of your IRA or retirement account**. Unfortunately, an IRA left at death to an individual's family can create estate income tax consequences that consume up to 70% of an IRA's value. For this reason IRA's are great assets to donate to fulfill charitable objectives. Giving other assets to family and friends while using IRA and retirement plans for charitable bequests helps maximize the value of an estate. AASWG can receive the full value of your IRA or retirement plan without having to pay either tax. It is important to review beneficiary designations on IRA's and retirement plans regularly. As circumstances change due to death, divorce and marriage. Beneficiary change forms

## MARGARET E. BERRY REMEMBERS AASWG WITH SPECIAL GIFT IN HER WILL

We are truly appreciative of the thoughtfulness of the late Margaret E. Berry in remembering AASWG in her will. \$8,000 has been recently received as a partial distribution. As she had designated, her gift will be added to the John and Carol Ramey Endowment Fund. Margaret died November 2, 2002, just two weeks after the New York/Brooklyn Symposium. She was unable to attend although she had participated in most of the Symposia since the beginning in 1979. In our memorial statement in the January 2002 issue of *SWwGN* we said, "We will all miss her intense, thoughtful, and dedicated involvement in our lives, our institutions, our communities, and our world." In the same issue John E. "Jack" Hansan, who succeeded her as Executive Director of the National Conference on Social Welfare said, "Margaret Berry's contributions to the field of social work and the settlement house movement were many and lasting. She will be missed by her many friends and colleagues." With the receipt of this gift we remember and thank her once again.

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may be obtained from your plan administrator. These forms may be completed naming the AASWG as the beneficiary, the beneficiary of a certain percentage of the plan, or the alternate beneficiary.

Finally, you can easily **give a life insurance policy to AASWG during your life or at death**. Your insurance agent can provide forms to name AASWG as the owner or beneficiary. Giving this type of policy to AASWG creates an immediate tax deduction for you as the donor in the amount of the policy's cash value, and future premium payments are also tax deductible.

It's not only what you can do for AASWG through a planned gift that is important. Consider making your wishes clear to your family and friends that you would like to be remembered through a memorial gift to AASWG. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made directly to AASWG by those who care about you.

If you would like more information, please contact the General Secretary at 866-90-AASWG (22794) or talk with your financial representative or attorney.



## CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT

The Annual Symposium is always an important time for the Chapter Development Committee's work. When members from around the world gather, the opportunity to share and understand the processes of our organization's development spurs the activity of the Committee. The 25th Annual Symposium in Boston was no exception. The Chapter Development Committee reported in Boston that we had received new inquiries from individuals interested in the process of forming chapters and that we continue to work with our developed chapters to support their growth and development. Additionally, the Committee, along with the Chapter Chairs meeting, provided some technical assistance to chairs for using our new web-based membership information for chapter monitoring and for chapter activity.

An inquiry and follow up has been occurring with Naeem Uddin Khawer, General Secretary of the Pains Welfare Trust International (PWTI), regarding the development of a chapter or affiliate in Pakistan. The group has been referred to our organizing manual online and is reviewing the material to make plans for their next steps. In the United States, a new request for information was made from St. Louis, Missouri. Groups continue to work in Washington, DC, Arizona, Japan, Ghana, Argentina, Norway, Italy, South Africa, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Each area is working to establish membership of ten to qualify for chapter seed funding and then twenty-five members to establish a new chapter. The committee provides technical assistance, advice and encouragement to organizing areas to assist in their development. Affiliate status is discussed with membership areas that may benefit from such an arrangement to maximize local resources.

At the Boston Symposium, Tim Kelly, the AASWG Webmaster, met with the Chapter Chairs Committee to share our new online membership information. With this new tool, Chapter Chairs and Membership Chairs can get an up to date listing of local members to focus efforts to renew old members and to track the development of new members by their joining the Association. The online database allows the local Chapter to track its

## CHAPTER NEWS

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Here in beautiful Southern California we've had a busy fall and are headed into an even busier winter and spring. (Well, we don't really have any winter!) The Continuing Education Program in Group Work, funded by the grant from the Milton and Anne Kopp Hyman Fund, is well under way.

Our big event was the Post-Holiday Party hosted by AASWG and NASW Region E on Saturday, January 10, at the VA in La Jolla. Following the buffet brunch from 10 to 12, Masa Goetz presented a workshop on "Healing through Music" It was spectacular!

Carol Cohen will be here on March 2 for an all-day workshop, "Group Work in Field Education". It's Social Group Work 5001 in our catalogue and carries 8 CEU's credit. The course will be held at

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progress on membership goals and to develop mailing labels and contact lists from the membership data organized by our membership service. At the workshop, Chapter Chairs were introduced to the online membership data, and various strategies for sorting, querying and viewing the membership data were discussed. The data has been stored in the Members Only section of the website and promises to be an important part of each chapter's work.

January marks the time for all Chapters to develop their annual reports which are due this year on February 15. Each year, chapters provide these reports so that the Board can see how the membership of the organization is being served and serving their communities. Local groups report on the workshops, offerings and services provided to members and potential members, linkages with local schools and agencies, work towards social action at the local level, applications for internal grants, annual membership numbers, and finances. The Chapter Development Chair uses these reports to make an annual chapter report to the Board at the June Board meeting.

Michael Wagner  
Chair  
Chapter Development Committee  
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PCWTA on Ditmar Drive in Oceanside.

The fall courses were well attended and, of course, will be repeated. SGW 2001 included three workshops. The introductory or review workshop with Anne Kopp Hyman kicked off the season on September 19 and 20. Joan Parry's workshop on "The Middle Phase of Social Group Work" was October 24 and 25. Workshop III, "Ending the Group's Work", was November 14 and 15 with Joann Regan.

SGW 3001, Advanced Group Work with Paul Abels has three of its four sessions yet to go, on February 21, March 20 and April 24. This is Advanced Group Work and requires previous training in group work basics. Attendees to this course of four workshops will receive 36 CEU's.

The flyer promoting these sessions says, "You are one of the pioneers who will go down in the history of Social Work with Groups who have chosen to revive the need for comprehensive, professional training in how to work with groups most effectively. Sessions were held at the Veterans Administration San Diego Healthcare System in La Jolla.

"You are carrying out the Mission of the Milton and Anne Kopp Hyman Fund for Continuing Social Group Work Education by participating in an all-out attempt to make an impact on services being rendered to all age groups and all aspects of the community and the country. The intention is to transform both the individual and the communities within and around us.

"The special skills, strategies and techniques of work with groups will enable you to become an 'Ambassador' who spreads the skill you have learned. You are special!"

Fees for these series of courses were \$25 for SGW 2001 and 3001, and \$95 for SGW 5001. AASWG rates were \$175 and \$75.

We welcome Liz Quinnett as our new coordinator of the Continuing Education Program.

Continuing Education in Group Work is co-sponsored by the School of Social Work at San Diego State University, the Southern California Chapter of



AASWG, and the Milton and Anne Kopp Hyman Fund for Continuing Social Group Work Education.

Persons interested in the Continuing Education program should contact Jeanne Gill, 858-565-7156 or fax 858-565-4107, or April Fernandez, Office of Professional Development at 619-594-5866. For the other activities of the Chapter contact Jeanne Gill; Anne Kopp Hyman, 858-450-3629 (cell phone), fax 858-450-3659, [annehyman@aol.com](mailto:annehyman@aol.com); Amy Okamura, 619-594-8709, fax 619-594-9379, [aokamura@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:aokamura@mail.sdsu.edu); or Joan K. Parry, 760-941-3738, fax 760-941-2414.

## CONNECTICUT

Happy New Year from Connecticut.

We were able to close the year with Julianne Wayne, who spoke of "Conflict in Groups and How to Manage It". The workshop was a collaboration between Northwest Counseling Center, Charlotte Hungerford's Center for Youth and Families, and AASWG.

We're hoping to have more collaborations and highlight the good work being done by our colleagues. For this to happen, we need more help with organizing. The Chapter is looking for a little time, energy and love of groups. If you know of persons doing great work who may be interested in presenting and spreading their experiences, let us know. Finally, if you are interested in offering a little time to stuff envelopes, share ideas or organize something at your own agency, send an e-mail and let's get started. Best wishes for a happy, healthy and fun new year.

Omayra Rodriguez, Chapter Chair, [omayrasnow@hotmail.com](mailto:omayrasnow@hotmail.com)

## FLORIDA

Although our Board meetings were small during the summer months, we were able to get our program together for our Fall/Winter Group Work Educational Series. This year our focus is on children and adolescents. On October 11 we kicked off our series with "Development and Implementation of Pediatric Groups with Special Needs". The presenters were: Michelle Lesense DeSantis, Alison Bregman Rodriguez and Karen Rutman from Biscayne Institutes for Health and Living. Also present was Mark DeSantis, who assisted the team in the activities. Approximately thirty-five persons attended this exciting, highly interactive,

experiential workshop. Several important areas were touched upon, including the influence of demographic and cultural factors on practice and the value of groups for this population as well as therapeutic interventions that really work. Through the use of role-play, the participants were able to appreciate the particular struggles and successes in working with this particular group.

On November 1 Mark Smith presented "What to Know about Them, Why Groups Work So Well, What Narrative Approaches Offer." Groups with adolescents may be difficult to facilitate at times but remain a preferred modality. Beyond offering peer-affiliation and support, narrative groups provide unique opportunities for our developing emerging identities, enhancing self-affirmation and building communities of concern and support (remembering). These advantages help establish Narrative as an ideal model for group practice with adolescents. Approximately fifty persons, including a group of thirteen persons from the College of the Bahamas, as well as various agencies in the Bahamas, attended this powerful and enlightening presentation. It was particularly interesting to learn that our struggles with adolescent groups are truly international. We were able to recruit nearly thirty new members during these first two workshops.

On Saturday, January 24, Ellen Fritsche-Fike presented "Adolescent Groups in the School System, Including Group Work with Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Youth." This workshop will provide information on key skills needed to be an effective group leader with adolescents: various approaches to working with adolescent groups, depending on the stated purpose of the group (e.g., support for teen parents, exploration of sexual orientation, help with anger management, etc.); emergent needs expressed by members during the course of the group (social isolation, substance abuse, delinquency, etc.); special needs of the GLBT population in the school system and what is being done to assist them; how GLBT groups differ from other teen groups; how to use knowledge of the "coming out" process to help students cope; special confidentiality and advocacy issues with GLBT teens; and networking with community recourses to benefit GLBT teens.

This workshop took place from 9:00

AM to 12:15 PM in the Powers Building at Barry University School of Social Work. This workshop was free to members and included a continental breakfast. CEU's were available for clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counselors.

We are proud to announce that on Friday, March 19, our annual all day AASWG Conference will feature Flavio Marsiglia, who will be addressing diversity in group work. For further information about the Florida Chapter or to register for workshops, please contact Laura Farley at 305-758-0067 or [lfarley@aol.com](mailto:lfarley@aol.com).

## GEORGIA

For information about the Georgia Chapter contact Joseph Botnick, Chair, 1430 Stephens Drive, Atlanta, GA 30329-3715, 440-320-7681.

## GERMANY

Dear Groupworkers:

I am very happy and proud, to have been the President of the German Chapter since last December, when the members of the German Chapter voted for the new board. The other members are Andrea Schotten, Karin Genius, Doro Clemens, Hartmut Zückner and Gerd Meves.

Heinz Kersting has said very often, "Groupwork is Life", and for me it is life and love together.

I am responsible for the education of social workers in Cologne, and one of my main subjects is "Social Groupwork". To work with groups, to bring people into movement and into contact, for me, is always power, challenge and a lot of happiness.

From December 12 to 14 we had our traditional membership meeting in Herzogenrath. The theme of the weekend was "10 Years German Chapter - and Celebrate the Power of Groups". We had a lot of workshops around the theme to celebrate with groups. One of the workshops was about music. We had a drummer, who showed us the possibility to make music with groups. Another workshop was responsible for the decoration and the creative process in groups. We had other workshops around the theme acting and improvisation, dancing, and to create a special "Newspaper". Besides the workshop we had a "talking-cafe" where Heinz Kersting, Delia Anton, and Wolf-



gang Offermann talked about the history and about all the small and big stories of groupwork. It was wonderful, because we had the chance to hear and to feel the power of groupwork.

The German Chapter would be very happy to welcome other groupworkers for our next membership meeting at the first weekend in December 2004 in Herzogenrath.

I look forward to meeting some other groupworkers in October in Detroit.

All the best to all of you.

Suse Kunz.

Susanne "Suze" Kunz of Koln (Cologne) is the new Chapter Chair. Contact her at [as.kunz@gmx.net](mailto:as.kunz@gmx.net). Sonia Spelters of Moenchengladbach has been elected as an at large member of the AASWG Board. Contact her at [sonia.spelters@schlafhorst.de](mailto:sonia.spelters@schlafhorst.de) or [sonia.spelters@web.de](mailto:sonia.spelters@web.de). Ingrun Masanek of Norden continues as Chapter Representative to AASWG Board.

## ILLINOIS

For information about the Illinois Chapter contact Elaine Finnegan, Chair, 1585 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201-4258, 847-864-5702, [efinnegan@att.net](mailto:efinnegan@att.net), or Kay Levin, 312-225-5545 or 773-275-9800.

## KENTUCKY

Ursula Melhuish is the new Chapter Chair and Representative to the AASWG Board. She is employed at Family Care Center in Louisville. 502-584-1369 ext. 18, [uandmeluish@aol.com](mailto:uandmeluish@aol.com). The Chapter address is KY Chapter AASWG, PO Box 8037, Louisville, KY 40257-8037.

## LONG ISLAND

Neither torrential rains, nor ice and snow will keep those interested in group work home. This has been our recent experience when both programs scheduled landed on unusual weather days. However, both programs were well attended. The first was "Group Work Skills and Agency Practice" presented by Lois Carey of Molloy College. The large audience was excited about the presentation as well as ongoing programs. The second, "Supervising Group Work Practice: Challenges and Solutions", was presented by Jeanne Bertrand Finch of SUNY Stony Brook. Again, the audience was excited about the information received and group

work in general.

We are looking forward to continued enthusiasm with a presentation by Bill Ford when he presents on "Utilizing Cognitive Behavioral Group Work with Mandated Clients". This program will be held in February.

The Long Island Chapter was well represented in Boston and is looking forward to Detroit.

The Chapter continues to reach out to Long Island group workers through our relationships with the local schools of social work. Anyone interested in programs or other chapter activities can contact us at [liaaswg@yahoo.com](mailto:liaaswg@yahoo.com), Loretta Hartley-Bangs, Chapter Co-Chair

Submitted by Lois Carey and Loretta Hartley-Bangs

## MASSACHUSETTS

The hard work of the Chapter (and, of course, the Planning Committee) paid off in October with the success of the 2003 International Symposium on Social Work with Groups. The four-day event was held at the historic Omni Parker House in downtown Boston. (The Parker House is famous for its Parker House rolls and Boston Creme Pie.)

The Chapter had spent over two years planning, preparing for and organizing this event, and our work finally paid off. It was exciting not only to hear from the diverse and skilled group workers who presented, but to meet the many who traveled from all over the world. Thank you to everyone who made the Symposium such a rich, warm, comfortable and exciting atmosphere for all!

Now that the Symposium is over, we'd like to invite local group workers to get involved with Chapter activities. There are many ways to do so - by writing articles for or advertising in our quarterly newsletter, joining the Board, offering to present at one of our local conferences or annual meeting, etc.! If you are interested in hearing more, please contact the Chapter Chair, Holly Fischer-Engel, [hfisher@bigsister.org](mailto:hfisher@bigsister.org), 978-562-0118. For those of you who are eagerly awaiting the next edition of our local newsletter, the winter edition will be out soon!

Holly Fischer-Engel

## MICHIGAN

The focus of activity of the Chapter at this time is preparing for the Sympos-

ium this October. (See the report on the Detroit Symposium planning elsewhere in this issue.)

The Co-chairs of the Chapter are also Co-chairs of the Planning Committee for the 26th Symposium. They are: Ann Rosengrant Alvarez, 240 Thompson Home, 4756 Cass Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202, 313-577-4401, [ann.r.alvarez@wayne.edu](mailto:ann.r.alvarez@wayne.edu); Althea M. Grant, Rape Counseling Center, 4201 St. Antione, Detroit, MI 48215, 313-833-1661, [althea@wayne.edu](mailto:althea@wayne.edu); and Robert (Bob) Sisler, Catholic Social Services of Wayne County, 748 Ashland Ave, Detroit, MI 48215, 313-824-0952, fax 313-821-1046. For more information about the Chapter and the Symposium contact Susan A. Titus, Symposium Coordinator, [satitus3244@aol.com](mailto:satitus3244@aol.com).

## MINNESOTA

The Chapter began its year with the Fall Conference and Annual Meeting on September 19. Our theme for the upcoming year is "Social Justice and the Power of Group Work". Our keynote speaker was Jeff Blodgett, Executive Director of Wellstone Action. Jeff continues to keep the work of Paul Wellstone alive in several ways. For example, he is involved with a training camp on political action based on Wellstone's principles. Also, at the annual meeting we plan to have a panel speak on various social justice issues. We also watched a wonderful video titled "Doing Well for People" that featured the work of Paul Wellstone. After the video we had a panel of various members of the community who spoke about social justice issues. The Chapter has program meetings scheduled for November, January, March and May. At these meetings we plan to have speakers present on social justice issues.

Before the Annual Meeting elections for the new Steering Committee were held. Rodney Dewberry and myself (Amy Anderson) decided not to run again for a position on the Steering Committee. Shelly Rottenberg has been elected President. Jennifer Schwartz will be replacing me as Secretary. Pam Russ will be Co-chair and share leadership responsibilities with Shelly. Jackie Hays and Stacy Husebo will also continue their positions on the Steering committee.

Jan Andrews continues to be busy with planning for the 2005 Symposium to



be held in the Twin Cities. Dates for the Symposium have been selected - September 29 to October 2, 2005. Jan continues to serve on the International Board. She has been elected Vice President of AASWG and will serve in that position for three years.

Amy Anderson, Secretary, Minnesota Chapter, amyanderson75@hotmail.com

## NEW YORK RED APPLE

A fall program featuring Joseph Moore and a group from St. Paul's Chapel made for an interesting Chapter workshop. On September 23 at The Children's Aid Society, "Dr. Joe" gathered a group of the volunteers and workers who spent time at St. Paul's Chapel to share "The St. Paul's Experience". St. Paul's, already an historic site in lower Manhattan, took on new significance in the days, weeks, and months after the destruction of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The Chapel became the site in which humanitarian services were provided for, first, the rescue crews and, later, for the recovery workers who worked there in the aftermath of the terror attacks. As we heard the assembled group share, each day a group of volunteers would gather to prepare food, provide medical care, replace soaked clothing, socks and boots, provide chiropractic services or therapeutic massage and counseling to ameliorate the burden of their work.

"Dr. Joe" Moore, AASWG member and therapist, gathered this group of volunteers and workers to share and remember the events of the months of services at St. Paul's. Podiatrists, chiropractors, masseuses, coordinators, food crew chiefs, fire fighters, police officers, machine operators and a minister joined to tell their stories and to recall their experiences at St. Paul's. Each member of the group shared a different perspective of the time and each illuminated a part of the St. Paul's Experience.

This group had presented at the New York Symposium and reconvened for this September 2003 session, as well as others, in an effort to assure the messages of hope and their remembrances would continue on past the time of the recovery effort at Ground Zero. Dr. Joe spoke of "schmooze therapy" to describe his effort to scan the workers making use of St. Paul's for those who weren't relating to others in groups, finding out if they had

"people" in their lives to keep the workers connected to day to day living. The volunteers and workers both spoke of their admiration for one another, and the intimacy of the sharing touched all of the Chapter members who attended. The minister suggested that the St. Paul's experience was a form of "radical charity" and called on us all to look for opportunities to share our own radical charity.

The Chapter is now in the process of holding triennial elections. An announcement and newsletter went out in September describing the Chapter offices and seeking nominations. During the Boston Symposium the leadership of the Chapter met and finalized a slate of nominees for the offices of Chapter Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. At the time of this writing the ballots are being produced for mailing, the election should be underway shortly, and results will be available on the aaswg.org website as soon as they are complete.

The Chapter was pleased to have sent a strong contingent of presenters and attendees to Boston for the 25th Annual Symposium, and we would like to congratulate Boston on a fine time and a wonderful opportunity to share so much of what is excellent about group work. A winter program will be scheduled to share a wrap up of the Symposium for our members who could not attend.

Michael Wagner, Chair, New York Red Apple, wagner001@aol.com

## NORTHEAST OHIO

### BECKY ADLER RESIGNS CHAIR

It is with regret that the Northeast Ohio Chapter reports that Rebecca "Becky" Adler has resigned as Chapter Chair. Her resignation, because of health problems, was accepted, with regrets and best wishes, at the Executive Committee meeting December 15. She will continue as a member of the Executive Committee.

Claudia Carson, Chapter Vice Chair, has moved into the position of Chapter Chair and will serve until the forthcoming Annual Meeting when a new Chair will be elected for the unexpired term. Carson was a Co-chair of the 23rd Symposium which was held in Northeast Ohio in 2001.

The Chapter appreciates Becky's enthusiasm, commitment, and contributions through her participation as a member of the Chapter during these past years. As a

result of her declining health, she has resigned from all other organizational leadership positions except AASWG.

The Chapter has been engaged in a challenging and productive season. The fourteen-member **Executive Committee** meets monthly at the Berea Children and Family Services' (Berea) Center City Office in Cleveland on each second Monday at noon to share ideas, discuss proposals, and make plans. We were delighted, however, to be invited to Claudia Carson's home for our meeting in December. It gave us a festive send off for the holiday season.

**Program Committee.** With Bobi Gallagher as the Chair, the Committee has been very busy. Two very successful half-day **workshops on Group Work Ethics** were held December 12 and January 16. Clara Simmons of the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University (MSASS) was the workshop leader in December at the Shaker Lakes Nature Center in Shaker Heights. Larry Foster of the Cleveland State University Department of Social Work was the leader in January at Berea's Center City Office.

Work is now being completed on reviving the "**Groups of Our Lives**" series this winter and spring for members in various sections of the Chapter area to meet and discuss a broad variety of topics. Months, leaders, and locations for the sessions arranged thus far are: for March, John Ramey, Akron; for April, Robert Lauretig, Cleveland area; for May, Bobi Gallagher, Westlake; and for June, Chris Long, Job Corps Center, Cleveland.

The Chapter is working to continue the very successful workshops for social workers in the Cleveland Public Schools. Major school funding cutbacks resulted in reduction of the school social work staff, increased workload pressure, and less time for such workshop activities.

**Education Committee.** With Anna Fritz as Chair, the Committee has several very important and interesting projects underway.

First, an all-day **workshop for field instructors** is planned for Friday, May 7, at the Regina Health Center in Richfield. **Carol Cohen** will be the workshop leader. The workshop will be co-sponsored by all of the graduate schools of social work and most of the undergraduate programs in the area.



Cohen, of course, is well known to AASWG members as the Chair of the 24th Symposium in New York in 2002 and as the co-author (with Julianne Wayne) of *Field Education for Group Work*, which is co-published by the Council on Social Work Education and AASWG. She is a member of the faculty of the Adelphi University School of Social Work.

The Committee has been meeting with Dean Grover C. Gilmore and faculty of MSASS to help define the goals and curriculum for group work in the School. Anna Fritz, Robert Lauretig, and Judith Wood have just completed a detailed "**Position Statement on Group Work**" "to help recapture the roots of Group Work and outline what students need to know about Groups and Group Work." The Committee has worked carefully in consideration of the position statements prepared recently by AASWG's Commission on Group Work in Social Work Education, which is chaired by Carolyn Knight.

The Committee is also working with MSASS alumni to **establish an endowed chair in group work**. This would be in addition to the School's current Grace Coyle Chair, which honors the founder of modern group work practice and education.

The Committee has worked out an agreement for cooperative work with the Society for Clinical Social Work in Ohio.

**Symposium Proceedings.** The manuscript for the Proceedings of the Northeast Ohio Symposium in 2001 has been completed and shipped to the publisher, The Haworth Press, Inc. The marketing survey and contract are finished and signed. Production is under way for publication yet this year. The Committee and Co-editors (in alphabetical order) are Claudia Carson, Anna Fritz, Elizabeth Lewis, John Ramey, and David Sugiuchi.

The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, April 20. Bobi Gallagher is working to secure a site and develop plans for the program. Save the date for fun in the company of your group work colleagues and recognition of our achievements. Election results will be announced then, too.

Lynne Rose, Merrick House, is working with a committee to establish student stipends for memberships in AASWG to be funded from the Chapter's Ruby Per-

nell Education Fund. The application form and cover letter are ready. The Committee is also working on a plan to involve students in special Chapter activities. Plans are underway to distribute scholarship applications through area schools.

The Nominating Committee is hard at work seeking candidates for the positions of Chair and At Large Executive Committee members in time for the ballot to be mailed and returned before the Annual Meeting. The Committee consists of Elizabeth Lewis, Chris Long, Jay Toth and Claudia Carson.

David Sugiuchi moved to Naples, Florida, in November. He was a long time member and Editor of the Chapter *Newsletter*. His last issue as Editor was August. We are greatly appreciative of Sugiuchi's dedication to the Chapter and we wish him and his wife great enjoyment in their new community.

The Chapter is seeking a new Editor and a new Membership Chair.

Contact Claudia J. Carson, Chair, claudjcarson@cs.edu.

Submitted by,  
John H. Ramey, Secretary  
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## **NORTH TEXAS**

This fall our Chapter has undergone some stimulating new changes with the creation of a programming committee and many new members. We have been meeting in the Social Work Complex of the University of Texas at Arlington each month with various speakers. Each fall meeting has featured a different speaker. Lynn Tankersley presented on "Working with Groups in a Juvenile Corrections Setting" in September. A representative from the American Cancer Society presented in October. Captain Mike Morton of the Salvation Army presented "Fighting the Good Fight" in November. In December Linda Ford, clinical social worker with Texas Bureau of Prisons, spoke about "Diverse Groups in a Correctional Setting", and Kay Smith, founder and developer of Texas Inmate Services presented "Texas Inmate Services and the Needs of Those Reintegrating Back into Society".

We want to extend our thanks to the outgoing officers and a big congratulations to the new officers. The new officers include: Stephanie Hicks-Pulliam, Chap-

ter Chair; Lynn Tankersley, Vice President; Jessica Brown, Treasurer; Christina Slater, Treasurer; Sheila Johnson, Nancy Strittmater and Sandy Neal, Program Committee. Present faculty advisors are Doreen Elliott, Vijayan Pillai, and Nazneen Mayadas.

We have exciting plans for the spring semester including an ethics workshop with CEU's for social workers. Our proposed spring charity fund raiser is the University of Texas at Arlington Moving Mav's Wheelchair Basketball Team.

We are planning a group trip to the Symposium in the fall.

With the creation of our planning committee we have several new members with fun new ideas for the upcoming year. I want to extend my thanks to each member and officer for all the hard work this year and state that I am thrilled about the new ideas for the spring and fall.

Happy Holidays,  
Stephanie Hicks-Pulliam  
Chapter Chair  
sh\_pulliam@yahoo.com

## **TORONTO**

Groupwork is very much alive and well in Toronto. The Toronto Region Groupworkers Network's (TRGN) lively and dedicated executive committee have been busy this fall, hosting two successful events.

On October 3 a very well attended workshop was led by two members of our executive committee, Lynne Mitchell and Maura McIntyre. McIntyre is a postdoctoral fellow at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto where she teaches group work in counselling. Mitchell is the clinical supervisor of the Community Group Counselling Program at Youth Clinical Services, a counselling centre for at-risk adolescents. She is also a member of the Board of AASWG. Their presentation, "Group Work Facilitation: Issues and Challenges", thoroughly engaged the audience through the use of discussion and simulated exercises. Participants brought group work issues and questions for discussion. Workshop content was based on the needs and concerns of the participants. Topics included facilitation, co-facilitation, setting and structure, and group dynamics.

On November 4 TRGN hosted a panel discussion: "Group Work Models



with Different Populations". Panel members were Patricia Moffat, Shelane Donoghue, and Angela Robertson. Moffat is a social worker at Trillium Health Centre and a long-time member of AASWG. Donoghue is Program Director of "Let's Talk" program at the Teresa Group Child and Family Agency, which offers services to children affected by AIDS. Robertson is staff at Sistering, a women's community service. The panel discussed group work approaches in their three different settings. There was considerable discussion following the presentation.

Our next event will be held February 27. Deborah Goodman, Vice Chair of the TRGN Executive Committee, Supervisor of Research and Quality Improvement, Children's Aid Society of Toronto, and a Private Practitioner, will present a workshop entitled, "Group Work Evaluation: Demystifying the Process". Attendees are invited to bring along issues pertaining to group work evaluation, evaluation tools that worked or didn't work with groups, and lots of questions.

TRGN is planning a very exciting spring event. In early May the Network will host a half-day presentation by Flavio Marsiglia, who is well known to the AASWG community. Marsiglia will be discussing his highly acclaimed program, "Keepin' it R.E.A.L." Plans are underway for him also to do an encore presentation in Waterloo, Ontario, at Renison College. Ellen Sue Mesbur is coordinating the Waterloo event. Marsiglia is on the faculty of the University of Arizona School of Social Work.

In addition to these workshops and presentations, members of our Executive Committee are involved in group work practice and education in the community. Our members work in a variety of settings that offer group work to vulnerable and at-risk children and youth in agency and community settings, to children and adults with medical and mental health concerns, and to fragile and healthy senior citizens. They are teaching group work in a variety of agency, college and university settings. We are truly keeping group work alive and well in Toronto.

For more information about the Chapter contact: Barbara Muskat at 416-486-8055, ext. 227, bmuskat@integra.on.ca.

## ORGANIZING AREAS

### ARIZONA

For information about the Arizona Chapter organizing efforts, please contact Flavio Marsiglia in Tempe, marsiglia@asu.edu, 480-965-6185 or Marshall Rubin in Tucson, mrubin@aol.com, 520-577-7718.

### CAPITAL AREA

For information about the Capital Area Chapter Organizing Committee please call Dennis Corbin, Chair, 202-398-3354, decorbin1@aol.com.

### GHANA

The unit was able to organise one workshop in the Central Region at Cape Coast on September 17 for a cross section of social and voluntary workers under the theme "Enhancing Group Practices in Ghana among Social Workers". It was jointly organised by the AASWG local unit at the University of Cape Coast and the AASWG Ghana Organising Unit. Welcoming the participants, Ms. Hannah Mills, a student and current coordinator of AASWG at the University, noted that the workshop is to update their knowledge in group practices in social work. The resource person Mr. Kwame Baffour-Awuah, a lecturer, noted the role of social workers is so important in nation building. Hence there is the need to enhance groupwork practices among social workers. Ms. Ellen Lartey, AASWG Executive Secretary, urged participants to register with the local branch and pay their monthly dues as well in order to apply for a full chapter status in 2005.

## AFFILIATE NEWS

### INDIA

#### HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL JUSTICE SEMINAR IN SEPTEMBER

On 26-27 September 2003 the AASWG India affiliate in collaboration with Tirpude College of Social Work, a pioneering institute in social work, organised a two-day seminar on "Social Work with Groups in Health and Educational Justice Areas". About one hundred fifty participants from all over the country attended the seminar which attracted doctors, social workers, psychologists admin-

istrators, personnel executives, academicians and students to share, understand and contribute to issues of health and education which need immediate addressing. The participants were from all over India, from states like Kerala, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgrah, Delhi, Utter Pradesh, Goa and Maharashtra, and from Thailand, Scotland and Germany.

Shri Ashok Meheta, Chairman, Western Coal India Ltd., a government organization, was the chief guest. He appealed to the participants to use Group Work approach in solving problems in health settings by appropriate interventions. He praised the efforts of the college and AASWG and said the social workers should practice social group work wherever and whenever they got an opportunity. Dr.(Mrs) Manekar was the keynote speaker who said that social workers should strive to promote justice in health and education sectors.

Earlier Prof. (Mrs) Kamlesh Dass introduced the speaker and Prof. Ms. Hemlata Devid, Reader, Tirpude College and also the Seminar coordinator and member of the Executive Committee AASWG, gave an overview of seminar aiming for an interaction and debate about how group work method played a significant role in addressing health and educational justice to vast target groups and also supplementing government efforts. Based on the seminar theme, Prof. H. Devid put forward that, social group work can be interpreted as the process in which an enabler with professional and human relation competency works with the groups for enabling them thorough developmental opportunities to achieve health and educational justice. Dr. S. S. Bhasarkar, Principal of the Tirpude College and member of the Executive Committee AASWG, talked about the college and its manifold activities to the audience. Mr. Manohar Golpelwar, President of the Indian Affiliate Chapter of AASWG, introduced the Association of Advancement of Social Work with groups to the audience. Mrs. Kalpana Tirpude, a member of Tirpude College, convened as the chairperson and said that the college and AASWG have taken up a topic for the workers which was close to the community and its needs.

The first day sessions were related to Health and second day sessions to Education. On the first day, five paper presenta-





tions included those on "Industrial and Occupational Health" by Dr. G. S. Jogdand, associate professor P.S.M., which enriched the audience about a workers training programme, organised by Directorate of industrial safety and health in coordination with safety officers of the industries and the doctors. It is through Group Work in which the safety officers and doctors create awareness among the workers to be more safety conscious to prevent individual and collective health hazards. "Community Health and Nutrition" by Mr. S. Thangavel, Programme facilitator, brought forth demographic and health indicators in selected states of India and the need for health care to be demystified. Related to the primary health sector the largest number of NGOs working in the field of community health is in Maharashtra. The Social Group Work method has been employed constructively to build analytic and diagnostic skills of the community health worker (CHW).

A paper "Working with Diabetic Patients" by Dr. Sinil Gupta, explored how medical social workers could advocate awareness about diabetes, its causes and prevention. He discussed work in urban and rural diagnostic camps along with group counseling programmes at regional diet and health exhibitions.

"Group Work in the context of mental health" by Dr. Sudhir Bhavne talked about setting and preparation of the group, the group therapist's role in self-help groups, therapeutic groups which include interpersonal groups and encounter groups and what the indications for each were.

A very well presented cultural programme by students of Tirpude College marked the culmination of the first day.

The second day saw "School Education and Girl Child Education" by Ms K. G. Baktiwale, member AASWG and reader Tirpude College of Social Work and "Non-formal Education" by Dr. Kishor Mahabal, both highlighting the current status and proposed changes in the sector and the integral role a social group worker may play to propel better facilitation of services both at grass roots and semi-urban level. "Vocational Education" by social worker, Vilas Shende, and "Access to higher education" by Mr. N. E. Baretto brought out the general crises in our higher education system which is aggravated by problems like illiteracy,

poverty, bureaucracy and state control, lack of infrastructure, and a lack of will to innovate or change. Their papers emphasised that the social worker is expected to play a vital role in the networking of knowledge and communication and how the Youth can be trained best to integrate themselves with the mainstream.

Subsequently there were presentations by viz. Shri Karim David, Mr. Jobin Mathew, Mrs. Shrivastav, Mr. Ajay Singh, Mr. Surendra Bhist, Mr. Biju M. Mathew, all working in government and private sector and employing group work method in their settings. Their audio-visual presentations brought out multifold facets of group work intervention in disaster management, areas of tribal and rural development, advocacy issues and experiences of MNC's organising crisis responses by human services professionals to the disaster, specifically, about how this primary method of social work helps re-connecting people meaningfully to one another and society.

For both days the end of the respective sessions saw very active interaction and discussion between participants and resource persons who were from Nagpur and other states. The recommendations thus forthcoming were drawn up and presented by Dr. D. M. Walokar towards the end of the proceedings. Participants agreed and expressed how enriching the two days were at the conceptual and perspective level, and that the accommodation and seminar arrangement were very well looked after by seminar coordinator and her team. The valedictory function saw the proceedings drawing to a close and certificates of participation were distributed. Dr. Surendra Kumar, Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Banaras, U.P., was the chief guest at the valedictory programme. Many ex-students of Tirpude College now working in various positions in the field presented their organisations work and faculty members and principals from various social works colleague, namely, Mr. Somkuwar of Kamptee College of Social Work, Shri C. Rode of Athawale College of Social Work, Mr. Srivastava of Delhi School of Social Work, Shri Sanjay Singh of Kashi Vidyapith, Dr. Shaik of Nanded University, Prof. Tope of Social Work College, attended and participated in the programme. AASWG was represented by President Manohar Golpelwar, Dr. Beena

Chogule, AASWG Secretary, Mss Vijaya Shah and Mrs. Megha Peshkar of Speed India. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. V. Shinganapure, Reader, Tirpude College.

This was indeed a wonderful time where everybody present agreed to social group work as a vital and appropriate method of social work intervention aimed at promotion of justice, dignity and development in the core areas of health and education.

#### CRISIS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IN DECEMBER

AASWG India Affiliate Chapter recently held a "National Seminar on Crisis Management and Social Group Work" in Varanasi. The Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith Social Work Department, Varanasi, Dr. Surendra Singh, an Executive Committee Member of the India AASWG, inaugurated the National Seminar in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith University Department of Social Work. The idea of the seminar was then further developed by the Executive Committee of AASWG India.

The Seminar was held December 20 - 22 at the Prof. Rajaram Shastri Hall of Social Work. The faculty and about one hundred fifty participants included faculty from Agra, Lucknow, Ludhiana, Chitrakoot, Nagpur and Varanasi. Many students, practitioners, and experts also attend the Seminar. Twenty-six papers were presented and the six best papers were given awards in cash by AASWG India.

Prof. Inam Shastri, Head of the Department of Social Work, took keen interest in the seminar. His colleague also participated and organised various aspects of the Seminar.

On the first day the students and staff of the University gave an exciting cultural programme for which the Vice Chancellor was present. While asking the contribution of social group work in various fields in general and disaster management in particular, the Vice Chancellor emphasized the need for social group work to be done systematically so that the people who are likely to be affected due to national disaster get proper relief and understanding.

Mr. Manohar Golpelwar, Chairperson of the AASWG India Affiliate, addressed the audience and highlighted the

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## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

Members are encouraged to submit proposals for presentations on group work and to participate for discussion of group work themes in these and other relevant conferences. A number of the conferences listed for later dates still have open calls for papers.

**49th Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, Anaheim, CA, February 27-March 1, 2004.** "Science, Technology, and Social Work in a Global Society." CSWE, 1725 Duke Street, #500, Alexandria, VA 22314-3457. 703-683-8080, fax 703-683-8099, apm@cswe.org, www.cswe.org. AASWG promotes the "Group Work Symposium" and has an exhibit at the APM.

**Fourth International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health, May 23, 2004,** Quebec City Convention Center. Conference Secretariat, 210, rue Lee, bureau 275, Quebec, QC G1K 2K6, Canada, 418-523-3555, fax 418-523-1371, info@swh2004.com, www.swh2004.com.

**10th European Group Work Symposium, St. John College, York, England, July 21-23, 2004, "What Counts as Evidence in Group Work?"** For information contact Whiting and Birch Ltd, 90 Dartmouth Road, London SE23

3HZ, 44(0)20-8244-2421, fax +44(0) 20-8244-2448, savpub@dircon.co.uk, www.whitingbirch.com.

**"Comparative Perspectives, Competing Explanations: Accounting for the Rising and Declining Significance of Sociology"**, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, **August 13-16 2004.** ASA, 1307 New York Avenue NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005-4701, 202-383-9005, ext. 305, fax 202-638-0882, meetings@asanet.org, www.asanet.org.

**"Public Sociologies"**, American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, **August 14-17, 2004.** ASA, 1307 New York Avenue NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005-4701, 202-383-9005, ext. 305, fax 202-638-0882, meetings@asanet.org, www.asanet.org.

**UNCA 2004 National Summit,** United Neighborhood Centers of America, **September 9-11, 2004,** Washington Court Hotel, Washington, DC. Contact UNCA, 3631 Perkins Avenue, 4th Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114-4705, 216-391-3028, fax 216-391-6206, UNCA@en.com, www.unca.org, Alex Sanchez, new President and CEO.

**Global Social Work 2004: "Reclaiming Civil Society"**, International Federation of Social Workers-International Association of Schools of Social Work World Conference, **2-5 October 2004.** Secretariat: Australian Association of Social Workers, PO Box 4956, Kingston, ACT 2604, Australia, (61) 2 6273 0199, fax (61) 2 6273 5020, aaswnat@aasw.asn.au, www.icms.com.au/ifsw.

**"Group Work Reaching across Boundaries: Disciplines, Practice Settings, Seasons of Life, Cultures, and Nations"**, 26th International Symposium on Social Work with Groups, Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan, **October 21-24, 2004.** For more information contact Susan A. Titus, Coordinator, satitus3244@aol.com. See the Call for Papers elsewhere in this issue.

**IFSW European Seminar "Social Work Challenges for Social Cohe-**

## UNIQUE OUTSTITUTES OFFERED OCTOBER 21

Interested in Outstitutes? The United Auto Workers, Services for Arab Americans, and Grass Roots Mental Health are the three "Outstitutes" planned for Thursday, October 21.

Outstitutes are workshops offered away from the hotel location of the Symposium on Thursday before the main program starts. In our discussions with the Planning Committees for the Boston and Brooklyn Symposia, however, we learned that Outstitutes had to be canceled because of a lack of interest. The Planning Committee is concerned that the agencies and organizations involved in the proposed Outstitutes do not put resources into preparing for visitors from the Symposium and find them canceled at the last moment.

Below are descriptions of the proposed Outstitutes. However, they will not be offered unless the Planning Committee knows by the end of April that there is some interest in them. Your indication of interest does not mean you are committed to sign up for them.

\* Union Organizing and Groups: Meeting with United Auto Workers Educational Department to talk about training of workers and tour of the Rouge Plant (makes autos from steel to paint); all day with lunch.

\* Services in the Arabic Community: Tour and meetings with leaders of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS), largest Arab agency in the US, with observation of health, mental health, employment training, children and youth services; all day with lunch.

\* Cornell Center: Grass Roots Mental Health Services in Port Huron, a medium sized community about one and a half hours north of Detroit. Meeting with agency leadership, observation of groups of adults and youth; all day with lunch.

Action Requested: Please e-mail or call the conference coordinator to indicate if you might be interested in attending any of these Outstitutes, and if so which one. If the Planning Committee does not receive a large enough show of interest in the Outstitutes, those for which there is low interest will be canceled.

E-mail or call Susan Titus at ap3849@wayne.edu or leave a message for her at 313-993-4066.

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ideas of collaboration and the theme, Crisis Management and Social Group Work, for the workshop. A vote of thanks was proposed by one of the Faculty Members of the University. Prof. Inman Shastri also spoke and highlighted the salient points of the Seminar.

Executive Committee Members Dr. (Mrs.) Beena Chouguley and Mrs. Vijaya Shah also participated in the seminar. We were pleased that Ms. Susanne of West Germany was able to attend.

In the announcement of the Seminar which was mailed earlier it was stated that it could be cold in Varanasi at this time of year so participants should be prepared to wear warm clothes. Many AASWG members from all northern continents can identify with that this cold winter season.

### POWER IS IN THE GROUP

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead.

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## Call for Papers for Detroit Symposium



## EDITOR SOUGHT FOR INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK JOURNAL

After many years, the current editor of the Journal, *International Social Work*, Frank Turner, will complete his distinguished term of office. The publisher is seeking to appoint his successor as soon as possible to enable the current and incoming editors to share a period of handover.

The position will be for four years with the possibility of renewal for an additional four years. The editor will be working directly with Sage Publications and the three sponsoring organisations, the International Association of Schools of Social Work, the International Council on Social Welfare, and the International Federation of Social Workers.

Applications are invited from those familiar with computerised information technologies, and having editorial experience, a wide knowledge of the social work literature, and a commitment to the social work values of inclusivity, human rights and social justice. The editorship is unpaid, but secretarial assistance and expenses are provided. Editorial support services are provided by SAGE Publications.

An Editorial Board and a list of reviewers will also assist the Editor. Applications will be forwarded to the three sponsoring organisations.

Send five copies of the letter of application, which should contain a statement of the applicant's vision for the *Journal*, his or her proposed contributions to its development, and a full curriculum vitae to Leo Walford at SAGE Publications, 1 Oliver's Yard, 55 City Road, London EC1Y 1SP, England. Applications and questions about the *Journal* may also be addressed to Walford at leo.walford@sagepub.co.uk. The closing date for the receipt of applications is 26 March 2004. Interviews of shortlisted applicants will take place in May 2004.

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tion", **23-25 May, 2005**, Lefkosia/Nicosia, Cyprus. For information visit the web site [www.socialwork2005.org](http://www.socialwork2005.org). **27th International Symposium on Social Work with Groups**, Minneapolis, Minnesota, **September 29 - October 2, 2005**. For more information contact Janice Andrews, Chair, 651-962-5803,

## HANDBOOK OF SOCIAL WORK WITH GROUPS

Newly edited by Garvin,  
Gutierrez and Galinsky

Three long time and distinguished members of AASWG have edited this important new *Handbook of Social Work with Groups* which is due to be published in March by Sage Publications, Inc.

Surveying the breadth of current knowledge, this comprehensive handbook describes current approaches to working with groups in many different settings and for a variety of purposes. Leading practitioners and scholars outline major theories of group work and address contemporary issues in designing and evaluating interventions. Illustrated are the ways groups are used to help people address personal problems cope with disabilities, strengthen families and communities, resolve conflict, achieve social change, and more. For each application discussed, chapters provide practical how-to-do-it information; review the relevant research base; evaluate the approach from the standpoint of empowerment; and consider the applicability of principles and methods for work with diverse populations. Special topics addressed include future directions in group and the uses of new communications technologies.

Paul Abels says of it, "A long needed and satisfying volume... By including solid research findings in each chapter, and infusing the volume with clinical wisdom, the editors has helped make this one of the most complete resources of its kind."

Richard M. Tolman says, "An outstanding resource for group workers. Group work instructors will find the book a comprehensive text covering major theories and models of group work as well as cutting-edge issues and techniques. The list of chapter authors is a virtual 'who's who' of social work with groups. This handbook will quickly become the major text in the field."

503 pages. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.

fax 651-962-5819, [jladrews@stthomas.edu](mailto:jladrews@stthomas.edu). The Call for Papers will be published in the August 2004 and January 2005 issues of *SWwGN*. Check the AASWG web site for continuously updated information, [www.aaswg.org](http://www.aaswg.org).

## PRACTICE AND TEACHING MATERIALS FROM AASWG

*Standards for Social Work Practice with Groups*. Single copies are free. Multiple copies \$.50 each plus s&h. May also be copied from AASWG's web page [www.aaswg.org](http://www.aaswg.org). Multiple copies may be made for professional and educational uses under specific conditions. Contact AASWG for details. Now is the time to obtain needed copies for 2004 courses and workshops.

*Bibliography on Group Work*, third edition. Including a listing of books by major subjects. Supplements up-to-date through the date purchased. Keep your copy current by adding the "New Books" reported in each issue of *SWwGN*. US\$7 plus \$2 s&h in USA, \$3 s&h outside USA.

*Reflections on Group Work*. A video curriculum to teach social work with groups. Produced by Mel L. Goldstein. Two VCR cassettes and Instructor's Manual. Eight half-hour sessions. Suitable for both BSW and MSW group work courses. Immediate shipment. US\$100 including s&h. Next day delivery \$5 extra.

*Syllabus for a Training Program for Leadership of Youth Groups*, second edition edited by Ruby B. Pernell. US\$20 plus s&h \$2 USA, \$3 Canada, \$4 elsewhere.

*Social Work with Groups: Journal of Community and Clinical Practice*. Available at fifty percent discount to members with new or renewal memberships or by calling the Membership Office. Individual subscriptions \$37.50 per year in USA, US\$50.63 (plus GST) in Canada, US\$54.38 elsewhere. (Regularly \$75 in USA.) Institutional subscriptions also at AASWG member discount rates of \$87.50 USA, US\$118.13 (plus GST) Canada, US\$126.88 elsewhere. New subscriptions now will start with Volume 26. Haworth should be contacted directly for changes of address and for purchase of books at the AASWG 50% discount rate.

Back issues of *Social Work with Groups Newsletter* are available while they last for distribution to students and to participants in workshops. Copies are updated with current Call for Papers and Membership Application inserted.

Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card or AMEX, or checks payable to AASWG, Inc. Purchase orders accepted.



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## ACOSA ISSUES A CALL FOR PAPERS

A special Issue of *Journal of Community Practice* with the theme "Youth Participation and Community Change" is being prepared by guest editors Barry Checkoway and Lorraine Gutiérrez.

The premise of this issue is that young people are joining together and taking initiative in communities nationwide. They are mobilizing for civil rights, organizing for environmental justice, and advocating for school reforms. They are serving on agency boards, raising consciousness through the arts, and providing neighborhood-based services. These efforts challenge media portrayals of youth as "victims of poverty" and "problems in society", as well as the typical focus of professionals on youth needs and deficiencies. In contrast, youth participation expresses the view of youth as competent citizens and active participants in the institutions and decisions that affect their lives. Youth participation efforts are increasing, and research, teaching and information dissemination can contribute to their quality.

Accordingly, the Editors of the *Journal of Community Practice: Organization, Planning, Development, and Change* invite manuscripts that relate to community youth participation. Focus/format can include case studies, teaching and training modules, best practices, qualitative and quantitative methods, participatory research, theory and model development, program evaluation, and interdisciplinary perspectives.

"We expect that this issue will develop knowledge of youth-led, adult-led, and inter-generational initiatives that focus on youth participation, and we seek manuscripts from practitioners, researchers, and educators from diverse disciplines and fields."

Manuscripts should be 15-18 double-spaced pages in length, include an abstract of 100 words or less, plus 5-6 keywords, and follow the Version 5 style of the American Psychological Association (APA). Authors should submit four printed copies and a disk copy, with a cover letter identifying the paper as a submission for this special issue. All manuscripts will receive anonymous peer review. Final acceptance is subject to the decision of the Guest Editors and Editors

## A TEEN ADVOCACY GROUP WRITES

Susan Ciardiello has forwarded a letter written by her eighth grade group from last year, the Advocacy Group. She thought it would be of interest to readers. She suggested we might share it with you. Dear Board of Directors,

Advocacy Group is a group where teenagers can express their feelings and worries. This group helps us master the skill of listening to others. First strangers, now friends that we trust with secrets and worries, we've learned to help each other in a fun and relaxing environment. We've shared bad moments and good moments with each other. We've shared our good experiences and bad experiences in the group such as deaths in our family, depression, drugs, sex, broken friendships, love, sadness, family issues, divorce, friendships, fun vacations, music, hobbies.

Groups like this are helpful to have in school because they help you express your emotions in a safe place. It's a moment we all look forward to during the week to take a break from our normal routines. We'd like to take the time to thank you for supporting this program and wonderful opportunities to grow.

Sincerely,

Signed by the twelve members  
of the group.

Submitted by Susan Ciardiello  
Mamaroneck, New York

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## NEW EDITORS FOR *GROUPWORK*

Oded Manor is retiring from the editorship of *Groupwork*. Beginning with Volume 14 (2004) the new editors will be Mark Doel, Julie Phillips, and Pam Trevithick. We thank Manor for his excellent leadership these past few years and we welcome and extend our best wishes to Doel, Phillips and Trevithick. All are well known in AASWG and have participated in various Symposia over the years.

They are soliciting articles from all those who work with groups in any discipline, whether practitioners, trainers, researchers, users, or consultants. Accounts of innovations, research findings on existing practice, policy issues affecting groupwork, and discussions of conceptual developments are all relevant. Groupwork with clients, users, professional teams, or community groups fall within range.

Full length articles, normally of around 4500 words, should show the context of practice and relate this to existing knowledge. Brief contributions which focus only on the issues at hand are also needed.

All articles are submitted to peer review by two assessors, and the editors take final responsibility for the decisions that follow.

Articles, editorial enquiries, or proposals for articles should be sent to Professor Mark Doel, Co-editor, *Groupwork*, c/o Southbourne, Collegiate Crescent Campus, Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield S10 2BP, England.

## AASWG BOARD SUPPORTS MARCH FOR FREEDOM OF CHOICE

The AASWG Board agreed to be a sponsor of the March for Freedom of Choice, which will be held on April 25, 2004, in Washington, DC. To learn more visit the web site [www.marchforwomen.org](http://www.marchforwomen.org). Chapters and others may wish to publicize this for their own organizations. Flyers either in color or black and white may be downloaded from <http://www.marchforwomen.org/download>. You may have to check the "I accept again box." If you have any questions or problems, check with the AASWG website, [www.aaswg.org](http://www.aaswg.org), or call the General Secretary.





## FROM GROUP WORK ON THE INTERNET Trying to connect

Ask a question and you will get very useful replies from experienced and expert group workers. The following is illustrative of the kinds of queries and replies which appear on the group work discussion list. There were also some shorter replies which are not repeated here. This whole exchange occurred within one day.

Instructions for signing onto the discussion list are in the box on page 2. Be assured that it is a serious discussion list. There are no extraneous messages. Group Workers have not wasted the use of the list. There may be days or weeks with no messages, and then it will get busy for a while. It's also used for distributing relevant information about group work. Try it. You'll like it.

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I'm Andria, and I am in process of writing an article for *Groupwork*. Anybody on this list written one before? Sure could do with a bit of moral support! Or is this the wrong list? Help!

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Hi Andria: How great that you are writing. Being a relatively new writer can have a nervous beginning. All of us have experienced this. Lots of us on this list have written and I bet you get a lot of support. Just keep writing, word after word and try to have a buddy read and react. Good luck. Toby

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Welcome Andria: Having published an article in *Groupwork*, I would say the only real difference from publishing in North American journals is that British spellings and syntax are sometimes quite different from American. You may be well aware of this already, and, if the copy you submit is really unconventional for them, I'm sure someone over there would help with any modifications. I find the vast majority of our British colleagues friendly and very helpful. My experience with *Groupwork* was virtually painless. Hope you find the same thing. Best wishes. Ken Gordon

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From Andrew to Andria:  
Give every draft you write a chance to breathe.

Ask honest critics to review your

work.

Punctuate theoretical papers with illustrations.

Highlight descriptive papers with concepts...

Better yet, I'm attaching a draft of a paper I wrote from a practitioner's perspective on writing.

Andy Malekoff

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I entered the profession with a MSW in 1953, and over the years have done my share of writing. I am working on a piece right now and am nervous. Not so nervous that I can't sleep or eat, but nervous that at times it slips away from me and I need to go back over the same section again and again.

Very short story: As a doctoral student, I was sitting at a table with a renowned professor at Columbia University in the school's cafeteria. She was muttering to herself. I was nervous and asked her if anything was the matter. She glared at me and said, "Young man, this is September 10, and in ten minutes I am going to teach my first class this semester." I waited and didn't know what to say. She spoke a second time, this time very softly. "I have been teaching for twenty-two years and every time I begin the semester, I am nervous." She got up to leave, looked back over her shoulder and with a wide gesture said, "Who knows, perhaps I should be nervous."

Time for a cliché that rings true: Writing is a journey and, if we do it right, we can learn a great deal about the subject matter and ourselves. Enjoy the journey.

I hope this sharing is helpful.

Aaron Beckerman

## playing by the numbers

if  
there  
are

five toes to a foot  
one goes to market  
one stays home  
one eats roast beef  
one eats none

and

four horsemen of the apocalypse:  
pestilence  
famine  
destruction  
death;

and

three stooges:  
more  
larry  
curly;

and

if  
two is company

and

one is the loneliest number;  
then  
belly  
up  
to  
the  
wheel  
and  
place  
all  
your  
chips  
on:  
double zero.

andy malekoff

## CHAPIN HALL WEBSITE

Chapin Hall Center for Children has announced the opening of a new website which is designed to be a source of policy-relevant information for those working to understand the needs of children and the ways these needs can best be met. Chapin Hall was founded in Chicago as a residential center for girls, but a few years ago affiliated with the University of Chicago School of Social Service Admini-

stration to devote its resources to policy regarding children's services. Members will remember several sessions at Symposia in which researchers from Chapin Hall explored group work service options with participants. The website is [www.chapin.hall.uchicago.edu](http://www.chapin.hall.uchicago.edu). It is located at 1313 East 60th Street, Chicago, IL 60637, 772-752-5900.