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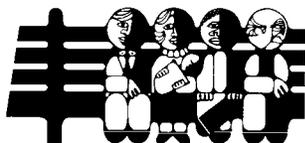
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### **THE PRESIDENT'S PEN**

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Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year! Sincere good wishes to you for 2006 in all areas of your lives, including groupwork!

My intent is twofold in writing this first "President's Pen" since taking office at the Minneapolis Symposium. First, I want to update you on AASWG news, noting some excellent recent accomplishments as the result of efforts of many Board and Committee members. The second objective is to acknowledge the wonderfully positive momentum that has been evident, much of it continuing from previous years, and some of it newly generated. I would like to reaffirm the value of each one of us who contributes in action and/or spirit in the work to maintain AASWG. People participate in countless ways, all important parts of the whole. Please know that an open invitation stands for everyone interested to be an active AASWG supporter. Besides serving on the Board and Committees, you can participate, for example, by:

\* taking part in web-based activities such  
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### **A MIRACLE!**

Minneapolis  
was a

Renewal of  
Spirit

Enthusiasm

Hope

Activity.

GET ON

AND

HANG ON,

GO GROUP WORK

GROW AASWG!

### **WELCOME THE NEWLY ELECTED**

**NANCY E. SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT**  
**TIMOTHY B. KELLY,**

**VICE PRESIDENT**

**AT LARGE: MARCIA COHEN,**  
**MARK DOEL, JOAN LETENDRE**

Our new President, NANCY SULLIVAN, returns to the leadership role she temporarily occupied while Toby Ber-  
man-Rossi was on leave a couple of years ago. She is well known to AASWG as Vice President, Chair of the Toronto  
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### **SYMPOSIUM 2005: MINNEAPOLIS SALUTES YOU!**

The Minnesota AASWG 2005 Planning Team extends our great appreciation for your passion for social group work and for your contributions toward the 27th Annual International Symposium on Social Work with Groups. With your help, the Symposium was a raving success! While the primary "...reward for a job well done is having done it" (Emerson), we want to extend a heartfelt thank you for making the Symposium "well above average" (Keillor).

"Building Bridges of Hope over Troubled Waters", the 27th Annual International Symposium on Social Work  
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as Member to Member Connections

- \* Chapter work
- \* attending and presenting at professional development events, locally and at our annual symposium
- \* contributing financially
- \* recruiting new members and encouraging existing or past members to renew (including yourself!)
- \* writing for the *Newsletter*
- \* promoting social work with groups in school curricula and human service organizations
- \* communicating with me or other Board or Committee members about your ideas, feedback, and interests related to social work with groups, particularly as they relate to your connection and involvement with AASWG.

The Executive Committee formed as of the Annual Membership Meeting held in Minneapolis consists of:

- \* Tim Kelly, Vice President
- \* Mike Phillips, Treasurer
- \* Michael Wagner, Secretary
- \* Alison Johnson, Chapter Development Chair (ex officio)
- \* Ellen Sue Mesbur, Commission on Social Work Education in Groupwork Chair (ex officio)
- \* Carolyn Knight, Institutional Membership Chair (ex officio)
- \* John Ramey, in lieu of General Secretary (ex officio)
- \* and me, Nancy Sullivan, President.

Stacy Barrentine, the one paid employee of AASWG, is the Program Administrator. She may attend some meetings of the Executive Committee but is not a member, per se. Hired originally in 2003 to handle membership services, Stacy's duties expanded last year when the General Secretary position was vacated by Raymie Wayne, and now include a myriad of administrative tasks. She provides invaluable support across the gamut of operations of our Association.

By the end of last September, it was clear that two related issues required immediate and serious attention. Membership had been dropping consistently for some time, and our financial situation had become critical. To meet the challenges, the Board declared 2006 "Special Action Mode Year". Two new committees, established under the Board leadership of now-Past President, Paul Abels, became cen-

trally instrumental: "Restructuring", headed by Alex Gitterman, and "Institutional Membership", chaired by Carolyn Knight. The Restructuring Committee has been tackling possible reconfigurations of AASWG if our present organization becomes nonviable due to further decrease in membership and economic resources. The Institutional Membership Committee has introduced to AASWG a new concept of "member" - a school of social work or a human service organization. An information/invitation letter was designed and sent out in November with a specially modified application form. Already, there is a growing list of new "institutional members". Please do your best to facilitate the joining of new institutional members.

As membership and financial growth are the central focuses this year, recruitment and renewal of members is a primary task. Recognizing that much of the association's membership is affiliated with chapters, collaboration has begun between the Membership Committee, chaired by Tim Kelly, and the Chapter Development Committee, chaired by Alison Johnson. Greg Tully, Chapter Liaison, has infused this recruitment and renewal collaboration with tremendous creativity and energy, the promising results of which already are occurring. Recovery of membership numbers in itself will improve our budget sheets significantly. As well, Mike Phillips, as Treasurer, has been consulting with all relevant parties with an eye to cutting costs and ensuring prudent stewardship of our finances.

The AASWG website has been a major focus for revision as the most widely accessible and up-to-date vehicle of information-sharing and networking among members and non/not-yet-members. A new "Website Task Force" has formed to coordinate all the components of our much enhanced site. Working with Webmaster Tim Kelly as chair are Ann Bergart, Carolyn Knight, and Michael Wagner. "Member to Member Connections" is a brand new feature on the website, the brainchild of Ann Bergart. This service provides the means for members to indicate, via Stacy Barrentine, an area of interest such as evaluation of groupwork, or working with adolescents. *Continued on page 3, President's Pen*

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cents, and to be matched with others for exchange and development of ideas. Another new feature on the website is the "Syllabus Exchange", a service provided until not so long ago at symposia by Betty Lewis. Cheryl Lee has undertaken the responsibility to coordinate this web-based service, making available group-work course syllabi/outlines in bachelors, masters, and doctoral programs. Submissions are vetted by the Commission on Social Work Education in Groupwork before being posted on the site. Do you have a course outline to contribute in order to build that teaching resource bank?

Additionally, "Author's Corner" has been revitalized as an opportunity for us to become acquainted better with highlighted articles or book chapters and with the authors themselves. On the AASWG website also, likely by the time you read

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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](mailto:dklaa@tc.umn.edu), <http://archon.lib.edu/swaha.htm>. Shipping will be reimbursed.

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this, are the revised *Standards for Group-work Practice*. The considerable work of revision has been done by the Practice Committee over the past several years, beginning in fact while the late Toby Ber- man-Rossi was President. These stan- dards hold the essence of the values, knowledge, and practice interventions that define social work with groups in the contemporary environmental and profes- sional context. They are offered for use as an educational resource in order to keep us grounded but current in the con- cepts for groupwork practice characteris- tic within social work.

Our number one means of network- ing is the annual symposium. No doubt, you will read in this issue of the Newslet- ter about this year's symposium to be held in San Diego. If the promotion done in Minneapolis is any indication of what's in store for us this October, we can antici- pate a time rich in content and in enjoy- ment. The planning committee in Min- neapolis did a spectacular job in hosting us last year, so Al Schafer has a great example to work from in Southern Cali- fornia. While not yet confirmed, there are tentative international sites for the sym- posium all the way to 2013. This signifies to me that AASWG is alive and well, our continuation ensured by the efforts of many good people, fuelled by belief in the usefulness of social work with groups and the values it embodies and advances.

Please be in touch if you have thoughts to share about what we're doing or not doing to maintain AASWG. I will do my best through this column to keep you informed about initiatives and pro- gress achieved. On a much wider scale, the Newsletter and website ([www.aaswg.org](http://www.aaswg.org)) are loaded with infor- mation that I hope you will access and find useful. We are too many to be con- sidered a "group" according to the princi- ples of good composition, but we are a multi-national community of people who are sufficiently like-minded to appreciate one another in all our similarities and distinctiveness, and who constitute a vast knowledge pool from which we all cer- tainly can learn. Let's celebrate what we have in AASWG and ensure its enduring vitality.

With warmest regards,  
Nancy

## SALMON AND GITTERMAN TO EDIT NEW GROUP WORK ENCYCLOPEDIA

*A Concise Encyclopedia of Social Work with Groups* is the tentative title for a major contribution to group work being undertaken by AASWG and The Haworth Press, Inc., under a contract signed just as this issue is being completed.

Robert Salmon and Alex Gitterman have been selected as Co-Editors-in- Chief. We are extremely pleased that they have agreed to develop this most impor- tant reference for practice, teaching, and research in group work.

Salmon is at Hunter College of Social Work in New York City and the author of several well-known books on group work. With Roselle Kurland he wrote *Teaching and Methods Course in Social Work with Groups* (CSWE and AASWG). His *Group Work and Aging* was just published in 2004. He was on the Board of AASWG for many years and is past Treasurer. He was also active in several Symposia in the New York area and has presented at many others.

Gitterman is at the University of Con- necticut School of Social Work in West Hartford, Connecticut. He is a Past Presi- dent and current member of the Board where he has served on many committees and worked on the New York Symposia over the years. He is author and co-author of several well-known books on group work including *Handbook of Social Work Practice with Vulnerable and Resilient Populations*, *Mutual Aid Groups with Vulnerable and Resilient Populations* and *the Life Cycle* (with Lawrence Shulman), *Life Model* (with Carel B. Germain) (all of Columbia University Press).

Salmon and Gitterman are both well known for the many workshops, institutes, and papers presented at Symposia and elsewhere over many years.

Procedures and outlines for the *Ency- clopedia* have not yet been worked out. Members are invited to send ideas and suggestions to Gitterman at [alex.gitterman@uconn.edu](mailto:alex.gitterman@uconn.edu), or Salmon at [rssalmon@rcn.com](mailto:rssalmon@rcn.com).

We will report more in the next issue. As information becomes available, it will also be posted to the AASWG web site.



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*.

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## MEET OUR AUTHORS

The Program of the 2006 AASWG Symposium will feature approximately twenty of our members, the authors of the many outstanding books on Social Work with Groups as well as other areas of our Social Work still in print. Each track of the program will have at least one section devoted to the work of two of our own members who will review and discuss their books. This will be another opportunity for registrants to receive a summary equivalent to an advanced training in our specific special way of working with groups. These sessions will be one of the choices available in each ninety-minute "concerto" offered by our members--LIVE!

The authors may also leave time for discussion and questions about the process of writing and publishing books for those who might want direction and encouragement to join this illustrious group. It might also be possible to shake their hands, give them your cards, and get a signed copy just for you! AASWG discount? Maybe? Why not?

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## CHAPTER OF THE MONTH

Our Webmaster, Tim Kelly, reminds us to check our website each month for the "Chapter of the Month".

Visit the "Members' Only" section of the website <<http://www.aaswg.org/members>>.

The November "chapter" was from Andrew Malekoff's book: *Group Work with Adolescents: Principles and Practice, Second Edition*.

While you are there you can let others know on the discussion list what you think about the chapter or discuss any questions you may have about it.

## CHAPTERS ARE FOR HIGH DENSITY CONNECTIONS

Chapters were designed to provide high density connections among social group workers who live and work in areas of concentrated membership. This meets the requirement of Paul Abels discussion of high density networks and the use of social capital quoted elsewhere in this issue.



## SAN DIEGO 2006 SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM OFFERS NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROPOSALS

The Program Planning Committee for our 2006 International Symposium next October invites all AASWG members to consider sending proposals to become presenters and choose from the following special Presentation Formats. The plan is to encourage papers and workshops to represent all the variety of areas in which social work with the group is being practiced and taught.

In addition to the Institutes and Plenary sessions planned for special Breakfasts and Lunch sessions open to all registrants, Invitational Sessions have been arranged to feature leaders in the field. These will consist of discussions of important issues of interest to a broad segment of participants presented by national and international experts or spokespeople.

The majority of the presentations will consist of forty-five minute and ninety minute papers and workshops by AASWG members from all over the world. These are opportunities for newcomers to present their experiences and share what they are doing. However, only presenters who are registered as members will be considered in presenter selection.

In addition to the topics already listed in the Call for Papers which suggest some relationship to the theme of the Symposium theme, Orchestrating the Power of the Group, the following topics might also be featured and highlighted.

### WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT SOCIAL WORK WITH GROUPS?

#### Social Group Work STAGES OF GROUP DEVELOPMENT

- \* Overture: Beginning Stages of Group Development
- \* Middle Stages of Group Development
- \* Finale: Ending Stages of Group Development

#### FIELDS OF PRACTICE

- \* Health
- \* Mental Health
- \* Children and Youth
- \* Families/Parenting
- \* Aging

## MEMBER-TO-MEMBER CONNECTIONS IS OFF TO A FLYING START!

There has been an immediate and enthusiastic response to our new initiative, Member-to-Member Connections. As of early January, we have "launched" ten virtual groups! Each group is focused around members' interest in a particular area of practice and/or teaching. The groups which are up and running are:

- \* Working with support groups for caregivers
- \* Group work with difficult group members
- \* Evaluation of group work practice
- \* Working with focus groups
- \* Groups with immigrants and refugees
- \* International group work connections
- \* Groups in macro practice
- \* Groups with older people
- \* Working with substance abuse in groups
- \* Teaching group process to graduate students

These five groups will be launched as soon as one additional person signs up:

- \* Group work with adolescents
- \* Group work with battered women
- \* Group work with families
- \* Life review and future planning in groups
- \* Group work with people who have mental illness

A number of other groups are in an earlier stage of formation. If you are interested in joining one of our virtual groups, please contact Ann Bergart at [abergart@speakeasy.net](mailto:abergart@speakeasy.net). Come join this experiment in cyber-networking and strengthen your connections with other AASWG members worldwide!

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- \* Child Welfare
- \* Group Work in Schools
- \* Community Centers
- \* Caregiving Services
- \* Bereavement/Transitions
- \* Community Issues
- \* Other

## WORK STARTS TOWARD NEW CHAPTER IN NORTH- EAST PENNSYLVANIA

AASWG has received word of interest in starting a new chapter in Northeast Pennsylvania. Hope Horowitz of Kutztown University contacted AASWG late fall to inquire about organizing. Alison Johnson, Chair of Chapter Development, and Greg Tully, Chapter Liaison, will be providing support for the development of the chapter. We wish Horowitz and group workers in Northeast Pennsylvania the best as they begin this very important new chapter development.

Anyone interested should contact Hope Horowitz, Kutztown University, P.O. Box 730, Kutztown, PA 19530, [horowitz@kutztown.edu](mailto:horowitz@kutztown.edu). Members living elsewhere are asked to inform their colleagues in the area about the development of the new chapter.

### ORGANIZING A CHAPTER

For your interest we thought we would describe briefly the chapter organizing process.

A small core group of AASWG members needs to start meeting regularly to make plans for programs and ongoing operations. They will define their organizing area, and all AASWG members within the area will be members of the chapter.

In addition to the core organizers and program, chapters need membership development, communications, and action plans for promoting group work.

Ten members may apply for recognition as an "Organizing Unit". When bylaws are completed, officers and an executive committee have been elected, programs are in operation, and there are twenty-five members in the area, they can apply for full chapter recognition. Officers and committee chairs should include Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Program Chair, Membership Chair, and Editor/Communications Chair. Chapters are integral units of AASWG and act to carry out its purposes and programs at the local level.

More details are available from AASWG's web site, [www.aaswg.org](http://www.aaswg.org). AASWG is developing a Chapter Organizing Handbook. If you are interested in developing a chapter in your area, please contact Alison Johnson, Chair of Chapter Development, Chapters Liaison, [ajkjcj@aol.com](mailto:ajkjcj@aol.com).



## AASWG GROWS: WELCOME 122 NEW MEMBERS

Join in welcoming the many new members who have joined for the first time since August. Their participation in these coming crucial years will help build knowledge and competence in Social Work with Groups throughout the world and strengthen AASWG in fulfilling this mission.

Arda Abdi Mohamud, Rochester, Minnesota  
Lisa M. Adair, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida  
Marie Andre, North Miami, Florida  
Ralf Arnolds, Wassenberg, Germany  
Elijah Askia, Miami, Florida  
Andres Astray, Madrid, Spain  
Sharee Bailey, Miami, Florida  
Faith A. Bailey, Miami, Florida  
Jason Baumstark, Margate, Florida  
Jocelyn R. Beer, Lake Worth, Florida  
Anja Beissel, Aachen, Germany  
Natasha Belizaire, Miami, Florida  
Chiante L. Brice, Miami, Florida  
Ashley Brinner, Lincoln, Illinois  
Vicky J. Brunner, Grand Fords, North Dakota  
Heather D. Burack, Brooklyn, New York  
Aileen D. Byron, Miami, Florida  
LeAnne Chagnon, Sunny Isles Beach, Florida  
Mauricio Cifuentes, Chicago, Illinois  
Charryse Copper, Miami, Florida  
Kathleen Cornish, Miami Beach, Florida  
Susan J. Courtney, Olmsted Township, Ohio  
Melissa A. Cyr, Miami Shores, Florida  
Hannah Daido, Commerce, Texas  
Patricia Davis, Miami, Florida  
Sarah Dawes, Pembroke Pines, Florida  
Madge Delgado, Miami Lakes, Florida  
Mioara Diaconu, Arlington, Texas  
Monika Driskes, Tönisvorst, Germany  
Evelyn Espada, New York City  
Jeanne Felion, Sacramento, California  
Elizabeth Figueroa, Hialeah, Florida  
Ronni Fuchs, Brooklyn, New York  
Burt Garr, Eagen, Minnesota  
Mark Gianino, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts  
Elizabeth Gingerich, Miami Beach, Florida  
Sam Glenn, North Lauderdale, Florida  
Zena Goldenberg, Naperville, Illinois  
Candice Gonzalez, Draper, Utah  
Michelle Good, Hialeah, Florida  
Shari Green, Orangeburg, South Carolina  
Harry Greenberg, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Vicki Hallas, New York City  
Jack Harari, New York City  
Craig Harrington, Dallas, Texas  
Randolph Herman, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Sarah Hone, Miami Shores, Florida  
Martina Hopster, Neuss, Germany  
Rebecca Hornby, Hialeah, Florida  
Hope J. Horowitz, Allentown, Pennsylvania  
Theodore D. Hostikka, Crookston, Minnesota  
Vitus Hug, Engelburg, Germany  
Paul E. Hutchinson, Fairdale, North Dakota  
Pam Hyatt, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Suze Jean, Pompano, Florida  
Michelle Johnson, Thief River Falls, North Dakota  
Jennifer Katz, Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Maren Kayser, Aachen, Germany  
Dianne Kelly, Lauderhill, Florida  
Gabriele Koenzen, Aachen, Germany  
Kristen Kohlmeier, Brookline, Massachusetts  
Oliver Krings, Aachen, Germany  
Pamela Laconis, Plantation, Florida  
Maria Laguerre, Miami, Florida  
Ute Leroy, Eschweiler, Germany  
Mike Lewandroamar, Marcy, New York  
Donna R. Lippman, New York City  
Roosevelt Louis, Miami, Florida  
Michelle Lowry, Miramar, Florida  
Otto Luedemann, Hamburg, Germany  
Ligia Lustgarten, Bay Harbor Island, Florida  
Ada-Sophia Luthé, Raeren, Germany  
Bettina Lütten, Herzogenrath, Germany  
Masoomah Maarefvand, Karaj, Iran  
Candida R. Madrigal, Arlington, Texas  
Nancy Magidson, New York City  
Carolyn Mak, Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Gary McKay, San Diego, California  
Alejandro O. Mendez, Chicago, Illinois  
Adina Miller, Pompano Beach, Florida  
Jennifer Mitgang, Floral Park, New York  
Tammy Molina-Moore, Eddy, Texas  
Monique Moore, Hialeah, Florida  
Barbara E. Morris, Tamarac, Florida  
Germaine Murray, Elk Grove Village, Illinois  
Silke Neurath, Barsbüttel, Germany  
Sarah Nevins, Boston, Massachusetts  
Michele Nicholson, Lindale, Texas  
Eugene O'Halloran, New Hartford, Connecticut

## START EARLY FOR VISAS

May we remind and encourage persons planning to travel from outside the United States to Symposium 28 in San Diego to start now to arrange for visas if these are required. Security policies and procedures in recent years take much longer to process the necessary paper work to travel to the USA to attend meetings. Note that, other than providing the usual programs, web site information, and formal invitation to presenters, AASWG can not assist in this process. The Preliminary Program will be available sometime in July. In the meantime current information will be made available on AASWG's web site, [www.aaswg.org](http://www.aaswg.org).

What have you done to increase our diversity today?

Jean R. Omodt, St. Paul, Minnesota  
Olga Petrushansky, Brooklyn, New York  
Collen Phifer, Davie, Florida  
Holli Pierce, Brooklyn Center, Minnesota  
Boris Pinzon, Miami, Florida  
Byron J. Powell, Wheaton, Illinois  
Karen Poyser, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida  
Kimberly Ramsay, North Miami, Florida  
Heike Reichel-Clausse, Hamburg, Germany  
Michelle Rodriguez, Opa Locka, Florida  
Mia Lynn Rosario, Carol City, Florida  
Tahia Ruff, Florida City, Florida  
Stephanie Saba, Sunny Isles, Florida  
Callista Scotto, Fort Pierce, Florida  
Elizabeth Sherman, Plantation, Florida  
Alberto Sierra, Pembroke Pines, Florida  
Rosalyn Simmons, Rockwell, Texas  
Josh Simon, Delray Beach, Florida  
Joana Sinclair, Coral Springs, Florida  
Crystal Smith, Delray Beach, Florida  
Mark Smith, Miami, Florida  
Desaray Smith Dione, Miami, Florida  
Nancy J. Smyth, Buffalo, New York  
Marcia Socorro, Miami, Florida  
Miryam Spiertz, HT Heerlen, Germany  
John-Paul Stewart, Miami, Florida  
Lyudmila Streltsoff, Oceanside, New York  
Erika Wackenhut, Geneva, Illinois  
Miriam Wechsler, Miami Beach, Florida  
Andrea Wiesen-Rinne, Aachen, Germany  
Althea Williams Lamar, Miami, Florida  
Lora Windsor, St. Charles, Illinois  
Sivan Yechezkel, Hollywood, Florida



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with Groups, attracted group workers from all over the world - Scotland, Germany, England, Canada, India, Australia, and Ireland; everyone brought their enthusiasm for, and experience in, using groups as vehicles through which change can occur. The Symposium was a time to tend to the soul and spirit of social group work as well as to cement our commitment to the mission of AASWG.

Bridging was our theme for this 27th Symposium, a particularly appropriate one for group work, as bridges are metaphors for connection, collaboration, the meeting between cultures and continents. We were fortunate to gather an array of plenaries (four), institutes (four), workshops (twenty-four) and papers (seventy-nine) that richly reflected five thematic bridges; themes that connected us to our roots as well as to our future in group work: 1. Intergenerational bridges: building theory and practice principles on the shoulders of those who created the foundation; 2. Reconnecting the bridge between social group work and settlement house work; 3. Building bridges for new immigrants/refugees into our existing communities; 4. Bridges of connection through song, art, and activity; and 5. Strengthening the bridge between practice and academia.

The Symposium featured several exciting pre-conference institutes on Thursday: "Seven Keys to Dealing with Conflict in a Group" with Dominique Moyses Steinberg, "Seeing the Forest for the Trees: The Encouragement of Objectivity as a Bridge to the Assimilation of Goals in Group Work" with Tom Caplan, "Group Work and Field Education" with Carol Cohen, and "Supervision of Agency-based Group Work Practice" with Urania Glassman. We thank them all for their leadership, wisdom, and ability to inspire.

The Opening Reception on Thursday night began with a lively rendition of a "Human Bingo" activity (thanks to Detroit for the 1st annual game) to help people connect with one another in a fun way. After coveted prizes were distributed, the Beulah Rothman Memorial Lecture began featuring our plenary speaker, Mari Ann Graham, MSW Program Director at the School of Social Work at the College of St. Catherine/University of St.

Thomas, who presented, "Group Work and the Arts: Building Bridges Between Where We Are and Where We Want to Be". Through music and participatory singing, she inspired us to "keep on keepin' on" and to "imagine that we are sailing on a strange boat taking us to a healing room where we shall release a new justice...and heal the world one group at a time."

Friday's Plenary Lunch featured the Sumner Gill Memorial Lecture with Carol Irizarry, Associate Professor at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia, sharing "Connections Restored and Created: Work with Migrants and Refugees in Australia." Carol described two innovative group programs, serving refugee women and migrant children, which use the arts to foster a connection to new and often foreign communities.

A memorial was held on Friday afternoon for Roselle Kurland, Ruth Middlemen, and Jan Andrews-Schenk. We are grateful to Urania Glassman for her skillful facilitation of this opportunity for people to focus on the legacies of three amazing women and strong social group work leaders. The stories people shared spoke volumes about the respect and love held for Roselle, Ruth, and Jan and their enduring contributions to social group work.

Saturday's Breakfast Plenary focused on the legacy of settlement houses and ways this legacy informs our practice in the 21st century. The speaker, Luke Geoghegan, CEO of Toynbee Hall and Visiting Professor in Applied Social Science at London Metropolitan University, and Barnett Fellow at the University of Oxford, helped us bridge our group work roots with a challenge: "Settlement Houses and Neighbourhood Houses: Group Work and Community Work - Have They a Future in the 21st Century?"

During Saturday's AASWG Membership Meeting, two awards were presented to this year's International Honorees, Gisela Konopka and Roselle Kurland, for their extraordinary contributions to social group work. We salute their dedication for social group work and their ability to convince other people that change is possible. The tributes to Gisela and Roselle are elsewhere in this issue.

Saturday night's activities, a Silent Auction, Banquet and entertainment by

local musician Ann Reed, were a splendid way to connect through good food, laughter and song. During the Banquet, the Minnesota Chapter of AASWG presented awards to three local honorees, Jan Andrews-Schenk, Burt Garr, and Phyllis M. Rinehart, for their respected achievements and contributions to social group work and our community. (You can read the honorees biographies on page 10.) It was a moving tribute to three outstanding leaders in our community, each of whom gave her/his life's energy and work to the field of social group work.

Sunday's Breakfast Plenary launched a day focused on the future of group work. A practitioner panel addressed: "Intergenerational Bridges: Building Theory and Practice Principles on the Shoulders of Those Who Created the Foundation". Former students and active practitioners challenged us to build on the important work and legacy of Gisela Konopka, Ruth Middleman, Roselle Kurland, Toby Berman-Rossi, and Jan Andrews-Schenk. The breakfast concluded with a "passing the torch" ceremony from Minneapolis to San Diego, site for the next Symposium, including a rousing rendition of Ann Reed's "State Fair".

Our vision, built on the history of twenty-six other symposia, of hosting our group work colleagues from across the world in the pursuit of the education, research and support of very important work, became a reality. We thank all of you, as Andy Malekoff so eloquently wrote, for "crossing the bridge together in becoming more fully human". We look forward to the creative work AASWG will do during the next eight months and extend our best wishes to the San Diego team for smooth sailing as they continue planning for our reconnection at the 28th Annual International Symposium, October 12-15, in San Diego, California.

**Three funds** are available for your contributions to AASWG - the Annual Fund, the Operating Fund, and the John and Carol Ramey Endowment Fund. 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, you don't need to wait for the form. Send your gift now for listing in the next issue of *SWwGN*.



## KONOPKA AND KURLAND 2005 INTERNATIONAL HONOREES

Gisela Konopka and Roselle Kurland were recognized in memoriam as the 2005 Honorees by the International Board at the Minneapolis Symposium. These remembrances were presented at the honoring celebration in celebrating their extraordinary contributions to group work.

### **GISELA KONOPKA (1910-2003)** **In Memoriam**

A rebel and fighter since childhood, Gisela (Gisa) Konopka 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 not only to help the individual but also to 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 University. 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 in Adolescent Health in the University of Minnesota's Department of

Pediatrics. She made a \$1 million legacy gift to the University of Minnesota to establish the E. Paul and Gisela Konopka Chair in Adolescent Health and Development in the Department of Pediatrics. As well, she established a scholarship at the University's 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 known 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 called the "mother of Group Work" in Germany and 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 Minneapolis' 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. She is remembered 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 is possible...

Excerpt from an article written by Janice Andrews-Schenk shortly after Gisa's death on December 9, 2003. Jan passed away on May 26, 2005. Both are dearly missed by their friends, colleagues, and students in Minnesota and beyond.

### **ROSELLE KURLAND (1943-2005)** **In Memoriam**

We honor Roselle Kurland, who died in June 2005, at the age of sixty-two. She was a passionate advocate for good group work practice, and she was an exemplar

for the demanding educational standards she set for her students. Roselle was a consummate group worker and teacher of group work. She was a founding member of AASWG, and served on the International Board as a Board Member for many years.

After she graduated from college, Roselle worked as a reporter, and her writing ability, which helped her to catch the moment, was evident even then. However, she always identified with group work settings and traditions. She worked at the University Settlement, and as a camp director in social agency camping. When she decided to earn her doctorate in social work, she went to California so that she could study with Helen Northen. Northen became her teacher, mentor, and friend. Decades later she asked Roselle to join her in revising her book. This led in 2001 to the publication of *Social Work with Groups, 3rd edition*, by Helen Northen and Roselle Kurland.

After California, Roselle joined the faculty of the Hunter College School of Social Work, and became, in time, a full professor and the long-term chair of the group work sequence. Roselle and Bob Salmon started to write and present together over twenty-five years ago, producing many articles and several books, including *Teaching a Methods Course in Social Work with Groups* published jointly in 1998 by CSWE and AASWG.

Roselle had a great talent in establishing productive, collaborative working relationships with colleagues. This was evident in the partnership she and Andrew Malekoff established as they joined together over fifteen years ago as the editors of *Social Work with Groups*. This journal, the voice of group work practice today has been recognized and acknowledged as a premier professional publication.

Roselle's greatest love was for her students, and her concern for them was exceeded only by their devotion to her. She was a skilled but demanding teacher, revered and respected by her students. Their love of group work, and their level of advanced practice are her greatest legacies. She left us far too soon, and she will be greatly missed.



## ANDREWS-SCHENK, GARR, AND RINEHART HONORED BY SYMPOSIUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Janice Andrews-Schenk, Burt Garr, and Phyllis M. Rinehart were recognized as the 2005 honorees by the Planning Committee of the Minneapolis Symposium. These remembrances were presented with many family and friends joining the Symposium attendees in celebrating their lifetime contributions to group work.

### JANICE ANDREWS-SCHENK (1944 - 2005) In Memoriam

The Symposium Planning Committee is honored to recognize the life and contributions of Jan Andrews-Schenk. Jan's leadership as chair of this 27th Annual International Symposium was inclusive and focused. Her presence energizes and motivates us to success. We welcome you in that honoring.

Jan's passion for social work was solidly grounded in the history and philosophy of social group work and along with her commitment to issues of social justice, influenced many arenas of her professional career including research, teaching, social action and service. Her service to the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups was constant, serving as a board member, chair of the archives committee, and most recently as the Association's Vice-President. She was a mentor to new members and leaders in the organization and was committed to the ongoing viability of the organization through her service and many contributions.

Much of Jan's life energy and work were directed to the social work profession and to educating future social workers. She was a talented and inspiring teacher who took risks to teach and learn in radical ways, while stirring her students to critical thinking and active engagement in the social work profession. She loved posing provocative questions and engaging students, faculty and practitioners to address difficult questions, to think deeply, and to question how, over the course of history, we treated people who were poor and oppressed.

Jan taught full time at the School of Social Work of the College of St. Catherine/University of St. Thomas. Previ-

ously she taught at Winona State University where she was the director of the social work program. Jan received her undergraduate degree from Augsburg College where she was honored as a distinguished Alumna in 1999. She earned her MSW from Washington University and her Ph.D from the University of Maryland. Jan was awarded the 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Minnesota Chapter of the National Association of Social Work.

In March 2005, *Rebellious Spirit*, a biography of Gisela Konopka, was published, marking yet another research contribution in the field of social work history. Jan recently began an oral history of John Ramey, which she worked on till her death. Likewise, previous works such as *The Road not Taken: A History of Radical Social Work in the United States*, co-authored with Michael Reisch, and many presentations on the history of social group work give witness to her commitment to documenting our past so that we could be encouraged, inspired and guided by the lessons provided.

As a colleague, Jan valued diversity of thought and excellence in scholarship. Her modeling inspired hard work and the joy of learning while doing. Jan's willingness to speak up, when others would not, was a source of both pride and pain, yet she was true to her path.

### BURT GARR

The Symposium Planning Committee is honored to recognize Burt Garr for his dedicated and inspiring leadership in social group work throughout his long social work career. Burt completed his MSW degree program at Boston University in the early 1960's. Reflecting on why he chose group work, he wrote: "My first field work experience was doing street corner work with teen gangs on the East Side of Boston.

Having grown up in a similar atmosphere, I felt that my own personal experiences coupled with my professional training would enable me to make the most positive impact upon the lives of these teens. Based upon that experience, I learned that under the guidance of a professional social group worker troubled

teens were able to grow and develop in group settings, that group dynamics provide an opportunity for development of self confidence.... This opportunity exists for all types of groups: observing the shy withdrawn individual become an integral part of the group, the aggressive negative person become more positive, and people feeling a sense of self worth guided by professional leadership was to me most satisfying and exhilarating."

Burt Garr moved with his wife Lucille and family to St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1970 and served as Executive Director of the St. Paul Jewish Community Center (JCC) for over three decades. Even after retiring in 2002, he continued practicing as consultant, activist, and interim director of the Cleveland Jewish Community Center. He wrote and published numerous articles and papers and received many awards, including the 2000 Florence G. Heller award for distinguished professional service to the Jewish Community Centers of North America in recognition of his vision and passion, his mentorship of lay leaders as well as staff colleagues, his innovations, and his inclusive decision-making style always serving the best interests of the community.

Upon his retirement from the JCC in St. Paul, Laurie Kramer wrote: "An old-fashioned guy at heart, Burt was always attuned to changing needs in the community and believed that the agency's mission was to meet those changing needs. He was one of the first JCC executives in the country to understand the importance of high-quality child care to young families.... He understood other changing needs as well. In the older adult population, he saw the need for the 'golden agers' concept to make way for a multi-faceted program attracting healthy, active retirees. He recognized that single parents had become an important component of the Jewish community and needed the community's help. He saw that children with special needs could and would flourish in a mainstream environment if they had appropriate supports. When gay and lesbian Jews made their presence known in the Jewish community, he helped the Center take the lead there, too. Jewish  
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education, Russian resettlement, drug and alcohol prevention, mental health education...if something new was on the community horizon, Burt was there.

Always, his trademarks were an emphasis on process and an inclusive leadership style. In thirty-two years he trained several generations of community leaders."

**PHYLLIS M. RINEHART  
(1939 - 1987)**

**In Memoriam**

The Symposium Planning Committee is honored to recognize the late Phyllis M. Rinehart for her unique contribution to social work and group work with children. The Friendship Group model, first implemented at Willard School in North Minneapolis in 1970, has helped well over 10,000 children develop social skills and take control of their behavior. Her successful approach to group work continues to be actively implemented today by a school-community agency partnership in many Minneapolis schools. Friendship Groups bring the best of social group work principles into the school setting. The model incorporates a multi-disciplinary community and school team approach with elementary age children who are experiencing chronic problems in the classroom involving peer relations, aggression, isolation, and social skill development.

Rinehart's legacy to the field of social group work extends beyond the immediate benefits to children and classroom climate. An integral part of the Friendship Group model is on-going training for those who co-lead the groups. The monthly Friendship Group seminar, facilitated by Rinehart herself for nearly twenty years, was a requirement for all professionals and volunteers who led groups, training hundreds of school social workers and community agency professionals in the techniques and structure of the model. Those professionals have gone on to lead groups themselves and spread the use of the Friendship Group model across the Twin Cities. Friendship Groups are alive and well and having a positive influence in the lives of over five hundred children each year because of Rinehart's effective training model.

Although born in New Jersey,

**REMEMBER AASWG  
IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS**

Continue your interest and commitment to group work by including a bequest to AASWG in your will. And remember, also, that planned gifts help ensure the long-term operation of AASWG. Please consult with your financial advisor or attorney about making a planned gift to AASWG, and let us know that you have remembered AASWG in your will or estate plans.

Rinehart graduated from high school in Council Bluffs, Iowa, attended Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, and Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas, where she received a Bachelors Degree in 1962. She received a scholarship from the Kansas State Department of Social Welfare and National Institute of Mental Health for graduate studies, and earned her MSW from the University of Kansas in 1965.

Rinehart was greatly influenced by her family, community, school, and church. Acting on that influence she applied her creativity, intelligence, knowledge of social work, and commitment to help children and developed the Friendship Group model. Until her death from cancer in 1987, Rinehart was refining the model, teaching it to others, and always leading groups herself.

Her passion for group work was fueled during her internship at South Chicago Neighborhood and the Ranlin Community College in Pittsburgh. After working as a psychiatric social worker at Western Mission Mental Health Center in Kansas City she came to Minneapolis Public Schools as a social worker in 1970. Hired originally as a group worker, where she developed the Friendship Group Model, she then was assigned to Anderson D, a self-contained Level 5 school for children with severe emotional and behavior problems, where she continued to use the Friendship Groups model. Rinehart was hired by Plymouth Youth Center (PYC) in 1979 to consult with them on Friendship Groups and to lead ongoing seminars there. PYC continues to run Friendship Groups in Minneapolis Public Schools, and trains others in the model following the unique structure established by Phyllis Rinehart.

**EXPANDED STANDARDS  
PRODUCED**

After several years of work by the Standards Committee and the Board, including open meetings at several Symposia, the expanded second edition of AASWG's landmark *Standards for Social Work Practice with Groups* has been published. Copies have been mailed to all 2005 and 2006 members.

The new edition is in the same format as the first but has been greatly expanded from twelve to twenty-eight pages with much new material and detail.

Over the years Paul Abels and Charles Garvin have served as Chairs of the Practice Committee. A substantively complete draft of the *Standards* was approved at the June meeting of the Board. During the summer and fall it was reviewed and tweaked for editing by Board members. John Ramey completed the editing and production early in the new year.

Already many inquiries and orders have been received for the new *Standards*. It will be especially useful in teaching and will be included in a forthcoming new text on social work with groups as well as in other texts where the first edition has been included.

The second edition of *Standards* is a major contribution to the practice of social work as a whole, but particularly social work with groups. It established new benchmarks for the evaluation of practice.

We anticipate that it will be the topic of discussion at numerous workshops during the next few years as its full implications are realized.

Single copies are free. Multiple copies are \$1.00 each plus shipping and handling. They may also be copied from AASWG's web page, [www.aaswg.org](http://www.aaswg.org). Copies may be made for professional and educational uses under specific conditions. Contact the web site or AASWG directly for details. Authors and publishers wishing to incorporate the *Standards* into texts or other works should also contact AASWG.

Many thanks to readers who have provided us the information used in this issue.



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Chapter, Co-chair of a Toronto Symposium, Co-editor of the Symposium Proceedings, and a member of the Board. She is on the Faculty of the Newfoundland Memorial University School of Social Work in St. John's, Newfoundland. Earlier she was a member of the Faculty of the University of Toronto School of Social Work. She brings enthusiasm, energy, and new ideas to her renewed involvement as President of AASWG.

TIM KELLY is well known to AASWG members in his various roles as Webmaster, Secretary, Chair of the Florida Chapter, Co-chair of a Florida Symposium, Co-editor of the Symposium Proceedings, Chair of the Symposium Site Planning Committee, member of the Commission on Group Work in Social Work Education, and all-around utility member of the Board. He is Senior Research Fellow at the Nursing and Midwifery Research Centre of the Glasgow Caledonian University in Glasgow, Scotland. Earlier he was for many years on the Faculty of Barry University School of Social Work in Miami Shores, Florida. He is on the Editorial Board of *Groupwork* and the Planning Committee for the European Symposium.

MARCIA B. COHEN is a Professor at the University of New England School of Social Work in Portland, Maine. She has been a member of AASWG since 1990. Previously she served on the Board for one term during which she chaired the Social Action Committee. She was also a co-coordinator of the New England Region of the National Liaison Project on Strengthening Group Work Education (a collaboration of AASWG and NASW). She served on the Planning Committee for the 25th Annual International Symposium in Boston and is currently co-editing the Symposium's proceedings. Her publications have included articles in *Social Work with Groups* and *Social Work* on such topics as group work with homeless people, social action group work, and teaching methodology in group work courses. Most recently, she co-edited a book with Audrey Mullender. She brings a thirty-year background in group work practice in domestic violence, homelessness, and mental health settings. She has been a group work educator now for fifteen years.

MARK DOEL is a graduate of Oxford University in philosophy and politics. He qualified as a social worker in 1973. His doctorate is in professional education, specifically the potential for continuing professional development in groupwork. He trained as a groupworker with Ken Heap at the National Institute of Social Work in London in 1981. He has eighteen years' experience as a generalist social work practitioner in community settings during which time he regularly practised groupwork with a wide range of communities and service users. He sees groupwork as a powerful process and a significant means of promoting social justice, empowerment and wellbeing. And he says "It's also enjoyable!" As head of a School of Social Work for seven years, he promoted groupwork teaching and used group methods to manage and support staff and students. He has led a long-term action research programme to develop a groupwork service in a mainstream public welfare agency in England. This gave rise to two books, *The Essential Groupworker* (JKP, 1999) and *Using Groupwork*, (Routledge, 2005). He has twelve books in total with five foreign translations. He is Co-editor of *Groupwork*, (Whiting and Birch) an international journal based in the UK. He is also Chair of the European Groupwork Symposium. He has taught groupwork in Russia. Earlier he worked for two separate years in the US, both as a caseworker in Philadelphia and a Principal Investigator at Portland State University, Oregon.

JOAN LETENDRE is a long time group worker in medical and school settings and currently is a faculty member in the Group Work Concentration at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work. She has been a member of AASWG for many years and says she appreciates the organization's multi-generational and multi-disciplinary focus on group work in various contexts. She is now working with colleagues in Connecticut to re-energize the Chapter to its former vibrancy. She believes strongly in the power of groups to foster a feeling of belonging and to contribute to collective action.

The five members newly elected will need your full support to be successful in the challenges that face all of us in group work and AASWG in the coming years.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL CAPITAL AND THE DENSITY OF SOCIAL NETWORKS

Paul A. Abels

In the strong desire to maintain the importance of people helping each other through the use of a small group, group work may have neglected the importance of mutuality, reciprocity, and trust that social capital provides a person in deepening their social networks. That is, we did not go beyond the group to its "natural" next steps. Social network is both a concept and a description of reality. Unlike a small group or system, every unit in a network does not necessarily interact with other units. For example, if you move to a new city, you ask someone if they know a good doctor or dentist, if they don't they will tell you they will try to get back to you and ask or contact another person. Each person in the network is known or can be contacted through other people. Some networks have high density (individual friends are also friends of each other), while some networks have low density. There are no clear boundaries in a network. The lines of communication extend in many directions and the levels of complexity exceed that seen in small groups or systems. Networks are open, members do not necessarily share common aims, or a distinctive subculture or geography and new members may be encountered at any time. But a requirement is a level of trust and reciprocity.

We suggest that the thicker the connections/social capital a social worker has, the more helpful s/he may be to clients. This is true whether the relationships are within the agency, with workers in other agencies, or as an agency administrator connects with other agencies.

Among the clinical approaches, Narrative Therapy has successfully made use of connections for individual change and social action, which was the reason I became interested in it (Abels, 2001). One of its theorists, Michael White's strong theme "The Person is not the Problem, the Problem is the Problem", leads to helping the client face the social context and institutional structures that create

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AASWG is the recognized voice for Social Work with Groups. It advocates for excellence in local, regional, national, and international standards and recognition for practice, education, research, and regulation.

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 most of the problems clients face. The echoes of that theme is reflected in the social goals model, "Grace Coyle (1935) and others conceived of the group as a place to learn skills for creating social relations that are so vital for the health of the individual and society. Even when the groups were established in the 1930's primarily for problem-focused purposes, the problems were defined as of society's and not the individual's making. 'Private troubles' were related to 'public issues' and were viewed as structural obstacles to normal growth and development." (Anderson, *Social Work with Groups*, p. 20). Narrative makes the connections between the person and the environment, offering both client and worker insights to those social forces, and an opportunity to work for individual and social change. Here, too, the worker may be seen as a co-bricolour who helps the client piece together portions of the landscape of his/her life that can help reauthor the story toward desired ends. These pieces, variables, may be other persons, memorable incidents, dreams of the future, thoughts, contributions, and values that contribute to the clients' strength in combating the externalized problem.

From "Group Work: Past Present and Future: What Grace Coyle Knew and When She Knew It", The Inaugural Grace Coyle Lecture, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University November 21, 2005, by Paul A. Abels

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## WELCOME NEW INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

An important new program of Institutional Members has been initiated late in 2005. This will provide direct access to information and materials for the members of the faculties and staff of the members and AASWG membership rates for Symposia, workshops, subscriptions, etc. We expect that they will be able to bring many new ideas and resources to our mission.

After the program was approved by the Board in June, Carolyn Knight developed and put into place the process of contacting directors of agencies, and the deans and directors of schools, etc.

Members of the Board are contacting persons who they know and have worked with to invite their membership support.

If you are a part of one of these institutions or have occasion to contact someone from one of them, please welcome them and mention how important it is to have them as part of AASWG. If you wish to contact institutions to invite them to join, please contact Stacy Barrentine at the AASWG office, [aaswg@cox.net](mailto:aaswg@cox.net).

Help us welcome the following new member institutions:

- Barry University, School of Social Work, Miami Shores, Florida
- University of Calgary, School of Social Work, Calgary, Alberta
- California State University Long Beach, Long Beach, California
- University of Connecticut, School of Social Work, West Hartford, Connecticut
- Fordham University, Graduate School of Social Service, New York City
- Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, New York City
- Jewish Family and Community Service, Chicago, Illinois
- King's University College, London, Ontario
- University of Maryland at Baltimore, School of Social Work, Baltimore, Maryland
- University of Maryland Baltimore County, School of Social Work, Baltimore, Maryland
- University of Michigan School of Social Work, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- University of Toronto School of Social Work, Toronto, Ontario
- North Shore Child and Family Guidance,

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to twenty-two members who are rejoining after an inactive period of one or more years.

- Robert Abbot, Brooklyn, New York
- Sandra Alcorn, Glen Ellyn, Illinois
- Ginger Archer, Chicago, Illinois
- Phyllis Black, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Jennifer Charles, St. Croix, Virgin Islands
- Carol Cohen, Brooklyn, New York
- Rodney Dewberry, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Doreen Elliott, Arlington, Texas
- Bonnie Engelhardt, Stoughton, Massachusetts
- Matthew Gerber, New York City
- Tracey Hagan, Rocky River, Ohio
- Marla Martin Hanley, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Julia Moen, St Paul, Minnesota
- Susanne Palombo, Rahway, New Jersey
- Vijayan Pillai, Arlington, Texas
- Beatrice Plasse, New York, New York
- Karen Rutman, Cooper City, Florida
- Susan Scher, New Jersey
- Michael Schock, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Paul Snyder, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Julie Stein Brockway, Brooklyn, New York
- Patricia Walsh, Honesdale, Pennsylvania

## PAUL ABELS GIVES FIRST GRACE COYLE LECTURE AT MSSASS

"Group Work: Past Present and Future: What Grace Coyle Knew and When She Knew It" was the title of the Inaugural Grace Coyle Lecture at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University on November 21 by Paul A. Abels, Immediate Past President of AASWG. More detail is in the Northeast Ohio Chapter report and other excerpts in this issue. More on this extraordinary paper will be in the May issue.

- Roslyn Heights, New York
- SUNY University at Buffalo, School of Social Work, Buffalo, New York
- University of Waterloo, Renison College, School of Social Work, Waterloo, Ontario
- Wheelock College, Department of Social Work, Boston, Massachusetts
- Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, New York City



## COMMISSION ON GROUP WORK IN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

The original mandate of the Commission focused on the strengthening of the teaching of social work practice with groups in social work schools and programs in the United States. Through joint efforts with the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), two texts devoted to teaching social work with groups in the advanced practice curriculum and in the field were published. Work with CSWE and the Baccalaureate Program Directors in the USA ensured that workshops on teaching social group work are available at each of these organization's annual conferences.

The work of the commission, co-chaired by Carolyn Knight and Ellen Sue Mesbur, was expanded in 2002 to include Canada. Outreach was made to all the Canadian Schools of Social Work, inviting schools to developing relationships and working cooperatively to enhance students' preparation for social work practice with groups. To that end, Mesbur presented a curriculum workshop, "Incorporating Content on Social Work Practice with Groups into the Generalist Practice Curriculum: The Trees in the Forest", at the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work (CASSW) annual conference in London, Ontario, in May.

The Commission is continuing to explore possible relationships with CSWE, the Baccalaureate Program Directors, and CASSW. We will also focus on ways to develop stronger relationships with other international social work education organizations and schools. Currently, we are focusing our efforts on the AASWG website, to include materials developed for the curriculum workshops and through collaborations with CSWE. We are working with the members of the AASWG Board to have exemplar course syllabi available on the web in a "members only" section for individual members and our new category of Institutional members. If you have a course syllabus you are willing to be considered for posting on our website, please forward it to Cheryl Lee at: cleef6@csulb.edu.

This year, in transition with our new President, Nancy Sullivan, and our new

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominations Committee, co-chaired by Martin Birnbaum and Ellen Sue Mesbur, had a particularly daunting task for the September 2005 elections. We put forward a slate for a new president and vice-president of the Association along with candidates for three new members-at-large. The Committee was delighted with the responses we received from the candidates willing to accept the challenge of running for election to the Board. Each candidate brought unique experiences and strengths, and we wish that everyone could have been elected. We believe the interest shown and the high calibre of all candidates are indicative of the strength of the Association. Quoting from the announcement she made at the Annual Membership Meeting in Minneapolis this fall, Mesbur stated: "It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Nominations Committee of the AASWG Board, to announce the results of the 2005 election. We wish to thank all the candidates who stood for election. We had a very strong slate and congratulate everyone. Our newest members of the Board who will be serving a three year term as members-at-large are: Marcia Cohen (Maine), Mark Doel (England) and Joan Letendre (Connecticut). This is a particularly exciting moment for me and an historic moment for AASWG to introduce our new President and Vice-president, who truly represent our international base. Our president, Nancy Sullivan, represents two geographic areas of Canada - Toronto, Ontario, and St. John's, Newfoundland. Our vice-president, Tim Kelly, represents expatriot Americans living and working abroad! Tim currently is in Glasgow, Scotland. Colleagues, please welcome Nancy and Tim."

Vice-President, Tim Kelly, and all the members of the Executive Committee and the Board, we are putting our efforts towards strengthening what we do well and anticipating initiatives for the near future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Sue Mesbur, Chair  
esmesbur@sympatico.ca,  
esmesbur@renison.uwaterloo.ca

The Nominations Committee is seeking candidates for three positions as member-at-large for the fall 2006 election. **We are looking for people who bring these leadership qualities:**

- \* Commitment to Board service;
- \* Understanding of the diverse areas and different perspectives of social group work practice;
- \* Ability to bring new ideas and a vision of social group work;
- \* Acceptance of responsibility;
- \* Demonstrated ability to follow through on responsibility taken;
- \* Commitment to building social group work practice and education in their own communities;
- \* Solid track record of responsibility taken at the Chapter, Community, and/or Professional Organizational levels.

### **Board members are expected to:**

- \* Attend the symposium of the year in which you are nominated;
- \* Attend two yearly Board meetings: the annual June meeting, which is usually held in New York, and the meeting at the yearly fall symposium;
- \* Assume responsibility for being a member of, or chairing, at least two Committees of the Board;
- \* Attend meetings of those committees at the June and fall meetings and correspond with committee members {as required} during the year.

If you are interested in submitting a nomination form, or are thinking of nominating someone you know, please submit the forms and information to either Marty Birnbaum: martybirnbaum@aol.com or Ellen Sue Mesbur: esmesbur@sympatico.ca or esmesbur@renison.uwaterloo.ca

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Sue Mesbur, Co-chair

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



## A GUIDELINE FOR SOCIAL ACTION AND GROUP WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

by Andrew Malekoff

On October 28, 2005, a "Roundtable on Social Action and Group Work with Children and Youth" was convened at North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center in Roslyn Heights, New York. The Roundtable was organized by the Long Island Institute for Group Work with Children and Youth (LIGW). In attendance were twenty-five group workers from across Long Island.

A goal of the Roundtable was to develop a guideline for social action and group work with children and youth; that is, some principles for helping kids to make waves. The following list is not exhaustive, rather a guideline to be added to and amended.

1. To take social action requires that group workers have a dual focus that takes into consideration the near things of individual change and the far things of social reform. This principle is derived from the earliest definition of social group work by Wilbur Newstetter. It suggests that groups have the ability to move from case to cause and to extend their reach beyond the group itself when done so thoughtfully.

2. Social action group work must be organized to help children and youth to develop critical thinking skills, make healthy decisions and become active participants in community affairs. Implicit in social action group work is to encourage children and youth to think critically about important issues. Making healthy decisions means being thoughtful, mindful, and planful - all important components in preparing oneself for active citizenship in later life.

3. Social action group work necessitates group members identifying meaningful issues and social problems that they believe in deeply. For example, one group organized a march against violence in their community after a murder that threatened spillover into further violence. Another group of children who had been abused created a coloring book to support other children who would have to go through the court system. And another group of teenage boys advocated for more humane bathroom conditions in their school. Each of these projects reflected meaningful issues and needs for

the participants, rather than artificially imposed service projects.

4. Through social action group members learn that the process of social reform begins with small steps and accomplishments - one brick at a time. Small, modest steps to change are not easily tolerated by everyone. Children and youth can extend their frustration tolerance and broaden their vision by experiencing the natural progression of taking small steps that can lead to great change over time.

5. Recognize the participatory value in social action, the idea that when working towards change you do not have to go it alone and that there is strength in numbers. One youth group organized a door-to-door campaign to support the school budget. Their effort - a joining of forces with the greater community effort - paid off in the end as the budget passed.

6. Social action group work promotes social consciousness and social conscience in young people, as they learn to take a stand for the "greater good." An elementary school group from Oklahoma City provided some solace for children in New York who lost someone in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. They reached half-way across the U.S. by sending them teddy bears and various comforting items and messages to help soothe them during their period of grief. A group of high school students interested in preventing homophobia in area high schools created a traveling art exhibit of life size lockers sprayed with anti-gay graffiti to spread the word about the damage that anti-gay bias can do.

7. Social action helps children and youth to cultivate an understanding of "context" - that the problems and concerns that individuals experience are partly a consequence of the situation that one lives in whether far away or close to home and, therefore, also potential targets of change. Understanding context means broadening one's focus to see that the individual and situational surround (local or global) one lives in can be equally important targets of change.

8. Taking collective social action as a part of a group can be transformative and healing. Effective social action in a group

can transform one's perception of him/herself from a sense of helplessness to becoming someone with the power to influence change and bring about healing. For example, a group of young people who created a quilt of remembrance for public display after a terrorist attack that took their fathers and mothers, took action in a very dramatic way that contributed to healing beyond the group itself.

9. Social action in group work necessitates taking a risk and hanging in for the long haul. Not all efforts are going to succeed. Learning from past mistakes is part of the process. If the idea of taking a calculated risk is discussed early on with the group, it reduces the likelihood that group members will lose drive and belief in the cause over the long haul. Supporting a cause means taking the risk that not all others will agree with your position, might oppose you, or will need more information to "see the light."

Making waves suggests that teenagers (and adults) have something to offer and have an interest in changing the world, whether it is the world with a big "W," as in fighting poverty, corporate greed, and school budget cuts; or the world with a small "w," as in coming to the aid of a friend or volunteering one's time for persons in need. By helping teenagers to make waves we join them in the battle for spiritual survival.

For further information on LIGW contact:

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Renewal notices for 2006 dues were mailed to all members in December. We know that many members have already renewed. If you are one of those who has not done so yet, it would really help AASWG if you would hunt down your renewal notice or use the membership form in this issue and send it in as soon as possible. This will save significant time, money, and organizational energy which can be devoted to our primary purposes of promoting group work practice, education, research, and publication.

If you are involved in any way working with groups as a social worker or administrator, we believe you need the support of AASWG within the profession as much as AASWG needs your support. It's called "mutual aid", right? We urge you to do it. Your membership in AASWG is part of your involvement in this mutual aid relationship.

And, with the renewed energy and enthusiasm developed in Minneapolis, we know you will want to continue your support and participation. Help maintain the momentum!

Dues should be sent to the AASWG Membership Service, P.O. Box 151643, Alexandria, VA 22315-9998 USA. Payment must be made in US dollars by check, money order, or one of these four credit cards - VISA, MasterCard, Discover Card, or AMEX or their affiliates in other countries.

Membership is on a calendar year basis. Unless you were a new member in the second half of 2004 and not a presenter at the Minneapolis Symposium, your membership must be renewed for 2006. (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 2006 dues.

Our budget is small. But we need the income from dues to pay for those services and goods which cannot be contrib-

## AASWG GERMAN CHAPTER ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM 2005: A PERSONAL ACCOUNT

It was a most memorable moment, sitting around in a wide circle in the pleasant, large-windowed meeting room. The vote was unanimous and unequivocal. That is not to say that the preceding discussion had been one-sided. Of course, there had been many queries and concerns, not least about the weight of responsibility and the impact on the Symposium of such a large expansion in numbers. With all this weighed in the balance, the membership of the German Chapter voted unanimously in favour of hosting the 2008 AASWG Annual Symposium. It will be the first time the Symposium will be held outside North America, and it will truly underline our international credentials.

The German Chapter's symposium is a relatively small and intimate experience. Typically, it is held in a comfortable, low-rise community centre; this year we were near Aachen close to the borders with the Netherlands and Belgium. With the main doors locked, I made my own entrance clambering through an open window into the main meeting room on the first evening of the symposium! I was immediately greeted as a long-lost friend. This main room had the extraordinary ability to put on many guises, depending on how we skilled groupworkers arranged the furniture. At one time an intimate informal meeting room, at another an expansive space for a workshop on self-presentation; at another, a noisy, colourful discotheque for the symposium party, and then again a place of congregation for the members' annual general meeting. Aside from this main room were a number of smaller workshop rooms all with lovely large windows looking out onto gardens. Meals were leisurely; times we could quietly debrief and reflect and share thoughts and feelings just with those at the immediate

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uted and which help keep AASWG growing in importance and effectiveness in furthering group work throughout the world.

We look forward to receiving your 2006 membership renewal and to your continuing participation as part of the group work family throughout the world.

## CHAPTERS

Greg Tully, Chapter Liaison, reports hard work and activity happening in the chapters. The chapters have been communicating with one another and holding chapter meetings. Many chapters have already held events and workshops at various schools and community agencies. Other chapters are considering various possible chapter activities for the coming year. Recruiting new members is a top priority for AASWG this year so the chapters are reaching out at meetings and events to emphasize to attendees the value of joining AASWG. Chapters are also organizing telephone outreach to contact 2005 members who have not yet renewed for 2006 as well as to reach out to previous members who have drifted away from AASWG and might need a phone call to encourage rejoining. Overall, there is a great energy and effort being given to keeping the chapters alive and thriving. There is also a strong commitment to making sure that AASWG as an organization maintains its focus on improving what it offers to chapter members so that those who join AASWG will get a worthwhile experience at the chapter level and at the international level.

Greg Tully, [gtully@mail.barry.edu](mailto:gtully@mail.barry.edu)

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table. The whole experience is unrushed, almost a retreat. It served so well to recharge my end of year batteries.

As many people noted, the German symposium is a very "family" kind of experience. Certainly, as a newcomer from across the North Sea I could not have felt more at home. So, 2008 will be an exciting and fascinating experience, both for our German hosts and their international guests. The challenge will be to harness the creativity which such an expansion in participation will bring whilst maintaining the intimacy and the human-scale experience for us all. I have faith that, together, we will all do just that.

Mark Doel, Research Professor of Social Work, Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield, England, Participant in the German Chapter Annual Symposium, December 2005, Co-editor of *Groupwork*, [m.doel@shu.ac.uk](mailto:m.doel@shu.ac.uk).



# Chapters, Affiliates and Organizing Units

## CONNECTICUT

The Chapter has been napping again. Now the days grow longer and our energy rises. Look for AASWG to come into college classrooms soon. Please do feel free to contact the Chapter Chair with any questions or comments or concerns about what the Chapter needs to be doing. I hope to be in contact with many (or dare I dream, all) of you soon. Until then,

Michael Westfall  
mpwestfall@sbcglobal.net.

## FLORIDA

The Chapter conference held last November 11 was a most successful event. Margot Breton spoke about the place of social action in clinical social work practice including practice with groups. She addressed the role of the social worker as a group facilitator whose practice accommodates both clinical and social action objectives. Approximately 140 persons attended this event. The participants were excited and grateful that she spent time during lunch to inquire about their struggles and successes with their particular groups. Breton was most generous with her time, attention, and feedback. The afternoon workshops covered varied topics including "Group Work with Youth Who Present with Emotional Behavioral Disorder", presented by Leonora Foels and Ronnie Black, "Social Justice Advocacy Interventions: Group Work with Immigrant Women Who Are Victims of Domestic Violence", presented by Caroline Yeardley, Rocio Tafur-Salgado, and Susan Reyna, "Nurturing Parenting Programs - A Group Based Approach to Parent Education", presented by Michelle Rogers, "Theory Driven Treatment Strategies for Clinical Group Work with the Chemically Dependent", presented by Nicole Buddle-Diaz and Raymond Diaz, "Working with the HIV+ Post-Incarcerated Community: Proving That Mutual Aid Works!" presented by Michael Dentato, and "Group Work with Women over Fifty: Leader and Member Issues", presented by Gail Harris.

Prior to breaking for lunch, Margot

Breton paid tribute to Toby Berman-Rossi and a plaque was presented to Barry University honoring Toby's numerous contributions to promoting social work with groups. Seventy new members joined and many others renewed their memberships during this conference.

Greg Tully has infused our small board with much energy. He particularly stresses the importance of building new membership. Emphasis will be placed on present members renewing and phoning former members of the past five years, encouraging them to renew.

We wish to thank the International Board for their support and encouragement, and I wish to acknowledge and thank Keile Allen, Alison Bregman-Rodriguez, Pam Millenbach, Peter Rossi, Karen Rutman, Mark Smith, and Greg Tully for their tireless efforts and contributions to keeping our Chapter afloat. Thank you to Maria Federici and the student volunteers for their assistance in making our conference successful and, finally, many thanks to Barry University School of Social Work for their ongoing support.

For further information about the Florida Chapter please contact Laura Farley at lfarley@aol.com or log on to the Chapter website: [www.aaswgflorida.org](http://www.aaswgflorida.org).

## INDIA

The India Affiliate at Nagpur has held two meetings in the last six months. The first one was presided over by Shri Manohar Gopelwar and attended by Prof. M. S. Bapitiwala, Prof. Mr. Ganvir, Prof. Shri Rotale, Prof. Dr. Banmala, Dr. (Mrs.) Beena Chougule, Mrs. Megha Peshkar, Mrs. Vijaya Shah, and Mrs. Rashmi Urade. It was decided to hold the national seminar at Solapur so that people from South could be invited.

Meanwhile, Prof. Dr. T. V. G. Sarma from Siber D.K. Sinde School of Social Work, Kolhapur, came to Nagpur, and he was told about the seminar. He has agreed to do the needful at Kolhapur in his college in the month of March 2006.

The Kolhapur School of Social Work is known as Siber D. K. Sinde School of Social Work, Kolhapur University, Kolhapur. Its students were on study tour to

Nagpur and visited Matru Sewa Sangh Institute of Social Work, Indian Institute of Youth Welfare, Tirpurde College of Social Work Nagpur, Anandvan in Warora, and Sewagram near Wardha. There was a group of sixty students of the post graduate department, and they were lodged in Lonara campus on IYW.

Manohar Gopelwar, President  
youthwel@sify.com

## LONG ISLAND

The Long Island Chapter has scheduled two Spring Continuing Education Programs:

February 7, in collaboration with Molloy College: "Aftermath of Trauma: Group Work Support": Thomas DeMaria, Director and Founder of the WTC Faily Center and Assistant Vice President of Behavioral Health Services, South Nassau Communities Hospital, and a panel discussion with Judy Esposito, Coordinator of Parents of Murdered Children Group, North Shore Child and Family Guidance Mindy Perlmutter, Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Beverly Feigelman, Adjunct Faculty, Adelphi University School of Social Work and Co-facilitator of A Place for Hope: Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group.

March 22, in collaboration with C. W. Post College: "Ethics and Group Work Practice": Samuel M. Goldstein, Former Dean, Wurzeiler School of Social Work, Director of the New York Association for New Americans (NYANA), and Adjunct Faculty, Adelphi University School of Social Work.

The Chapter presented its first Student Group Worker Awards at the February 7 meeting. The Award includes a one year AASWG memberships and subscriptions to *Social Work with Groups Journal*. The two students who received this year's Award are Marzie Shameer and Kate Kasprzyk.

The four students recognized with Honorable Mention Certificates are Patricia Sferrazza, Marie Michele St. Julien, Wendi Fisher, and Bernie Shapiro.

Catherine Papell presented the awards. Denise Winter was the Award Committee Chair.

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Congratulations to all our students who are doing wonderful, creative group work.

We look forward to having you join us at our programs and our steering committee meetings. For further information please contact Beverly Feigelman, Chair, feigelma@aol.com.

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

The Chapter kicked off the fall with its Annual Board Retreat on September 17 at the home of new board member Susan Hooper. In addition to enjoying a potluck feast and the opportunity get to know new board members in greater depth, the group worked on setting its priorities for the upcoming year. One of our top priorities is increasing both Chapter and Board membership. We are also committed to recruiting a more diverse board - diverse in race, culture, sexual orientation, as well as in practice, academic setting, and experience level.

On November 30 we hosted a well-attended event at the Boston University School of Social Work (BUSSW) in which we viewed key segments of the movie, "Group", and had a facilitated discussion of the movie. Over twenty MSW students and faculty from BUSSW as well as several Chapter members attended the event.

The Chapter will host its Annual Meeting and Conference on May 12 at Wheelock College's Brookline campus. This year's conference is titled "Group Work in Turbulent Times: Hope and Healing through Group Work." Lois Levinsky, a long-time AASWG member, well-known Boston-area group work practitioner, and former professor at BUSSW, will be our keynote speaker. In addition to her address, we are also assembling a panel of seasoned group workers who will speak to our topic, "Group Work in Turbulent Times", by sharing their practice experiences and reflections. For more information about the conference contact Meg MacPherson, Chapter Chair, at mmacpher-son@bigsister.org or 617-678-1273.

## **MICHIGAN**

Greetings from Michigan. We enjoyed the inspiring meeting, program, and weather in Minnesota. The Minnesota

Planning Committee created an exciting educational experience.

Our Chapter has recently completed a half-day workshop. It was held at Marygrove College Conference Center. We had attendees choose two of three possible sessions. It was a successful event with over forty in attendance. It helped to spread the AASWG experience.

The following sessions were offered: "Scenario Role Playing or Rewarding and Relationship" with David N. Abbott; "Cognitive Behavior Therapy with Depression and Anxiety Groups" with Kathy Ransome and Linda Tanielian; and "Challenge of Facilitating Race Dialogue in a Group" with Lila M. Cabbil. Our Chapter continues to meet quarterly. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 2006. Our future goals are to increase membership and ask for institutional memberships. See you in San Diego October 2006.

Robert Sisler, Chair  
rsisler@csswayne.org.

## **NORTHEAST OHIO**

Our Co-chair, Mamadou Seck, has moved on to a new position in Ft. Wayne Indiana. Seck is Coordinator of Field Work at St. Francis College. We wish him well in his new challenge. It's the kind of assignment with which many of us are very familiar.

The other Co-chair, Julius "Jay" Toth, is now Chair.

Former AASWG President Paul Abels gave the first Grace Coyle Lecture at MSASS on November 21. The topic of his superb presentation was "What We Owe Grace Coyle: Re-membering in Her Words". Many practitioners, faculty, and students from throughout northeast Ohio attended. The Grace Coyle Lecture, which is to be an annual event, is funded by an endowed grant provided by Anna S. Fritz and Robert Lauretig. Excerpts are included elsewhere in this issue. A fuller report will be included in the next issue. Abels is Professor Emeritus and former Director of the School of Social Work at the University of California Long Beach. Earlier he was a member of the faculty at MSASS.

Linda McArdle and other members of the Executive Committee have been working hard at securing renewals of memberships from 2005 and previous

years. She has also picked up on the program of membership awards for area students. Seven students from three schools have been selected this year. They are (from University of Akron) Tracy Bell (Canton), Amanda Giorgio (Cuyahoga Falls), Carol Schneider (Canton), Donna Boals (Canton), (from Cleveland State University) Paul Theodore (North Olmsted), Cailen Thornton (Lakewood), and (from Mandel School of Applied Social Science) Amanda K Blue, Westlake. McArdle is working with these students to establish a regular meeting for students starting in March. A regular Akron Area Unit meeting will also begin to meet in the near future.

Regular Executive Committee meetings are on the second Monday of each month at the Wrap Around Center of Berea Child and Family Services in Cleveland.

We are pleased that Preanab Chatterjee has been appointed to the Grace Coyle Chair at MSASS. The Chair is now once again occupied by a group worker.

On January 18 Anna Fritz and John Ramey were invited to present at Victor Groza's group work class at MSASS. In addition to discussing the importance and place of group work practice in social work, they reviewed the history of group work's origins at MSASS under Grace Coyle and the origins of AASWG beginning with the 1979 Symposium in Cleveland with support of MSASS.

The Education Committee is once again planning its highly successful annual spring workshop for field instructors. Andrew Malekoff will be the all-day workshop leader.

Work continues in assistance to MSASS in support of two required courses on group work. Chatterjee is the instructor for a conceptual course, and Groza will instruct the new required methods course. Templates for two other group work courses are being developed.

Our delegation to the Symposium in Minneapolis included three presenters, Genine Apinone of the International Institute, Timothy McCarragher of the University of Akron, and Ollie M. Collier-Jones of Akron.

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John H. Ramey, Secretary  
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**IN MEMORIAM  
HEINZ KERSTING  
December 4, 2005**

Prof. Heinz Kersting, founder of the German Chapter and international honoree at the Boston Symposium, died of colon cancer on Sunday, December 4, at age 68. He had been ill since last year but seemed to be doing much better at the beginning of this year. After the 25th anniversary celebration of his group work and supervision training institute in October, his health deteriorated dramatically. He was released from the hospital on Friday to spend the last few days at home with his family.

Nancy Sullivan sent a message of condolence on behalf of AASWG to the German Chapter. His obituary also appears on the AASWG home page.

In her message to the membership Sullivan commented, "This truly is sad news of a significant loss for our German colleagues. Heinz was an educator, practitioner, mentor, and friend to countless group workers. Although he is sure to be missed, his legacy will remain."

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**RE-MEMBERING GRACE  
COYLE IN HER OWN  
WORDS**

Paul Abels began his Grace Coyle Lecture with the following quotation from Coyle's writing which sounds startlingly appropriate to our times.

"We meet in the shadow of a world tragedy. In the face of the destruction of human life and the very foundation of the Western World, our concerns, both individual and collective seem dwarfed into insignificance. We are oppressed not only by the weight of the present, but the threat of the future. In such a time we are assembled to discuss our concerns as social workers, and in such an hour to find courage in the collective effort and in the hope which makes effort possible. The surrounding terror and hate seem to heighten for us the value of every island of peace, every stream of good will, every evidence that (man) persons are capable of generosity, of consideration, of mutual respect, of deliberative and intelligent cooperation. One of the greatest evidences of this capacity is the existence and extent of social work today. It is itself one proof of the gains made by the humane and intelligent forces among us and its accomplishments in the protection and enhancement of life are themselves a rampart against the engulfing barbarianism which produces and which accompanies war."

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Grace L. Coyle, 1940. *Social Work at the Turn of the Century*. National Conference of Social Work, New York: Columbia University Press. p. 3, as quoted by Paul A. Abels in "Group Work: Past Present and Future: What Grace Coyle Knew and When She Knew It", the Inaugural Grace Coyle Lecture, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Cleveland, Ohio, November 21, 2005.

**WHAT HAVE YOU DONE  
FOR GROUP WORK AND  
AASWG TODAY?**

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**NEW: GROUP WORK AND AGING: Issues, Practice, Research, and Education**, by Robert Salmon and Roberta Graziano. 2004. New York: The Haworth Press, Inc. This is an important new volume filling a growing need. More in the next issue.

**IMPORTANT - RECRUIT A  
NEW MEMBER THIS YEAR**

This year is a particularly important year to recruit a new member. It will give AASWG a great boost in the quest to increase income to meet the budget and to increase the level of activity. Nancy Sullivan has assumed the position of President with a great deal of vigor and drive to build AASWG and keep it financially viable. Getting many new members is critical to those goals.

Group workers know that each person in our society who participates needs to "pay their dues" in support of the social institutions which make their activities possible. With groups becoming more and more a preferred mode of practice, those who benefit from the support of AASWG should recognize the need to join and get involved.

Where there are concentrations of group workers, the involvement can be even further enhanced by becoming active in joining or forming new chapters. As reported elsewhere at least one new chapter is in the works for this year.

The Symposia are really significant boosters for organization and for practice knowledge and skill. Minnesota was a magnificent experience. San Diego is poised for a tremendous repeat.

Our support for development and distribution of professional literature is critical. Of great significance this year is the publication of the second edition of *Standards for Social Work Practice with Groups*. More publications are on the way.

There's a membership form in this issue. Copy it or use it as many times as you can. If you want more, contact the Membership Office for a copy of our nice Membership Brochure. So, please hurry now to sign up your new member during this very important year! Support Nancy as we move forward.



## TOYNBEE HALL REVISITED: THE SETTLEMENT RECREATED

In his refreshing and very interesting presentation Luke Geoghegan, Chief Executive Officer of Toynbee Hall in London, discussed "Settlement Houses and Neighbourhood Houses: Group Work and Community Work - Have They Any Future in the 21st Century?" at the Saturday Plenary Breakfast in Minneapolis.

Toynbee Hall is, of course, famous as the first settlement house, founded in London, England, in 1884 by Canon Samuel Barnett and his wife Henrietta. As Geoghegan explained, much of the work was done then and again today in the framework of group work.

In his power point presentation, illustrated by many interesting photographs and other documentation, Geoghegan covered five areas.

"First, to tell you a little bit about where we work, the London that perhaps isn't seen so much by the tourists.

"Second, to tell you a little about Toynbee Hall its origins and where it's going in terms of group work and community work.

"Third, to tell you about a couple of group workers I really admire.

"Fourth, to talk a little bit about being a whole person and the connections with group work and community work.

"Fifth, to summarise and draw some conclusions about group work and community work for the future.

As Geoghegan describes it, "Young people would come and live at Toynbee. They settled there - hence the name 'settlement houses'. They would volunteer for local community projects, help families, and get involved in local politics.

"The strange thing about Toynbee is that it punched far above its weight. The organisation was - and is - quite small. Many of the people who started at Toynbee went on to have major influence in making society a better place." William Beveridge "was the architect of the system we still have today that created security for the chronically sick, the unemployed, and the old." Clement Attlee "was British Prime Minister between 1945 and 1951. (He) worked at Toynbee Hall twice. He also wrote a book entitled *Social Work*, the only British Prime Minister to have a book published on social

work."

"The basic idea of the Barnetts was that we become more fully human - more fully ourselves - by interacting with other people."

Geoghegan's description and illustration of London and Toynbee Hall's Spitalfields/Banglatown ward, five minutes from the Financial District, is that of the poorest of the poor in England in almost all dimensions. But he reminds us that "... poverty for the Barnetts wasn't just about lack of money it was about poverty in relationships, poverty of education, poverty of self-expression, poverty of imagination, poverty of hope."

"Every so often you have to step back and think about the essentials. We did this at Toynbee a few years back. We hadn't had settlers since the early 1980's. The model had struggled since the late sixties, and it was eventually stopped. It was thought to be too old fashioned. But it seemed so central to the mission of our founders that we reinstated the scheme in 2000. We've had just under 150 residential volunteers through since then. It has quite literally rejuvenated the organisation.

Geoghegan describes his commitment that "group-work settlement house style is that it should be - or aim to be - intergenerational." In one program the focus is on acquiring financial skills. "This was the kind of out of control (situation) all CEO's dream of. Let me give you an example. Financial Exclusion is the term for the increasing difficulty of managing without financial products and services and the lack of 'financial capability' - the skills, knowledge and confidence to manage money. Sometimes the paperwork gets just too much. Hence the project is called SAFE: Services against Financial Exclusion. SAFE has now been running for four years. The original team consisted of Ben (who acted as catalyst), Faith and Alice. The project quickly raised a lot of money and started delivering a range of services. The team rapidly gained a high profile, too. The volunteers are very interesting, from the civil service, think-tanks, regulators, and political offices.

"A good group - a team if you like - is foundational to this kind of work. And

a lot of the work is undertaken in groups - financial education works much better that way. But a group can't say, 'Hey, we've bonded. Let's celebrate, Let's focus on our navels. Yes, sir, we want to just tread water.' It has to move forward. Its impact has got to be on ever widening groups. Good groupwork progresses on to citizenship, a willingness to play a positive role in society."

We won't keep you guessing. Geoghegan's "two group workers I admire" are Jane Addams and W. E. B. Dubois.

There is much more of importance and interest in this carefully crafted presentation. We were fortunate that Geoghegan could be with us in Minneapolis.

He summarises the important lessons of Toynbee Hall as he views them.

"Groupwork and community work eventually should become good citizenship. People playing an active role in their local and wider communities.

"Groupwork and community work acknowledges if society is wounded, and it acts to heal the wound.

"Groupwork and community work should be intergenerational.

"Group work and community work should involve the arts and the mind.

"I haven't talked explicitly about migrants but I think that a lot of work with migrants can fail because we explicitly fail to take these points on board.

"And do I think settlement houses, group work and community work have a role in the 21st Century? Of course I do."

Geoghegan and other members of the Board of Directors of the International Federation of Settlements were in Minneapolis for their international board meeting at the same time as the Symposium.

### BOOKS NOTED since August

Audette, Naomi, and Wendy Bunton. (2006) *The Therapeutic Use of Games in Group Work: When, Why and How to Use them*. Flemington, Victoria, Australia: The Royal Children's Hospital.

Salmon, Robert, and Roberta K. Graziano. 2004. *Group Work and Aging: Issues, Practice, Research, and Education*. New York: The Haworth Press, Inc.

If you own any version of the *Group Work Bibliography*, keep it up to date by adding the entries under "New Books" from each issue of *SWwG Newsletter* after you obtained your copy.



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By Andy Malekoff, 10-02-05

## AUTHOR'S CORNER NOW ONLINE

A new feature of the AASWG Web Site is the Author's Corner. Each installment features an interview with an author and follow up e-mail discussion. The first installment went online in late November.

The first feature interview is with Susan Ciardiello, author of *Activities for Group Work with School-Age Children*. Members can continue the interview with Susan by sending questions via e-mail. We will post the questions and the author's response online.

The Author's Corner is a benefit of your membership and can be found in the "members only section" of the AASWG web site. The username and password can be found on your 2005 AASWG membership card.

Enjoy our first interview and meet the author at [http://www.aaswg.org/members/Authors\\_Corner\\_files/Authors\\_Corner.htm](http://www.aaswg.org/members/Authors_Corner_files/Authors_Corner.htm).

On a regular basis the books, videos, or other publications of an AASWG member will be featured via an interview format. Only work related to Social Work and/or Group Work will be featured.

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## The Therapeutic Use of Games in Groupwork

Audette, Naomi, and Wendy Bunston. (2005) *The Therapeutic Use of Games in Groupwork: When, Why and How to Use Them*. Flemington, Victoria, Australia: The Royal Children's Hospital Mental Health Service.

In addition to the eighty-two games described in this neatly prepared manual, there are introductory sections on "Using Games in Groupwork" and "Why We Play". Issues to consider are groups into "Logistics", "Group stages", "Dynamics of individual sessions", and "Space considerations". For each game they provide very useful discussion on directions, "when to use", therapeutic value, and issues to be aware of. Also included is a section on training games for mental health, welfare, and educational professionals.

Bunston says, "We have used these games with children, young people and adults alike and, obviously, the games for training professionals have worked well with just adults."

Wendy Bunston is the Manager of the Community Group Program at Royal Children's Hospital Mental Health Service.

If you want to know a bit more about the Manual and who the authors are, please have a look at [www.rch.org.au/mhs/services/index.cfm?doc\\_id=1071](http://www.rch.org.au/mhs/services/index.cfm?doc_id=1071).

A sampler and order form may be obtained from the web site.

Order from Daniella Tarle, Administration officer, Community Group Program, 50 Flemington Street, Flemington, Victoria 3031, Australia, phone 03 9345 6011 fax 03 9345 6010, web site [www.rch.org.au/mhs/service](http://www.rch.org.au/mhs/service). \$30 plus GST and \$5 if p&h is required.

Money raised from selling the manual goes directly into the Addressing Family Violence Programs.

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Tim Kelly is administrator of the AASWG web site.

## PRACTICE AND TEACHING MATERIALS FROM AASWG

*Standards for Social Work Practice with Groups, Second Edition, 2006*. Single copies are free. Multiple copies \$1.00 each plus s&h. May also be copied from AASWG's web page [www.aaswg.org](http://www.aaswg.org). Copies may be made for professional and educational uses under specific conditions. Contact AASWG for details.

*Bibliography on Group Work, Third Edition*. Including a listing of books by major subjects. Supplements are 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. Order from Northeast Ohio Chapter AASWG, c/o John H. Ramey, 463 Moreley Avenue, Akron, OH 44320-2022.

*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. Haworth should be contacted directly for changes of address and for purchase of group work books at the AASWG 50% discount rate.

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## SUE HENRY'S BOOK STILL AVAILABLE AND NOW ON CD

*Group Skills in Social Work: A Four-Dimensional Approach* by Sue Henry is still alive and well! The 2002 trade paperback Custom Edition now is available either from Thomson or shortly will be available from Sue Henry in CD format, the copyright now being in her possession.

Thomson says that they have about 170 copies in stock. Anyone interested in purchasing from that stock, Thomson says, should go through a bookstore, via the bookstore's Thomson account, as a special order. The ISBN to use for ordering through a bookstore is 0534968171.

Sue Henry says, "Otherwise, I'd be glad to work with anyone who might consider the book either through permission to copy portions of it or to purchase the text on CD from me. The arrangement directly with me will be the most cost-beneficial method."

Interested persons should please contact Sue Henry at shenry@du.edu, by telephone at 303-642-0239, or by mail at P.O. Box 546, Pinecliffe Colorado 80471.

## MAIDENBERG OPENS NEW WESTCHESTER GROUP WORKS

AASWG members may be interested to know about my new venture, Westchester Group Works (GWG), a center designed to offer my local community therapy groups for support and healing.

This is a big undertaking, but I think I'm up to the task. After all, I'm fresh from completion of another "project" (the birth of Wyatt, my brand new son, my third). And I'm finishing up another master's degree -- in public health -- to add to my PhD and MSW.

Because I have a lot of experience in the development and leadership of groups, I wanted to see if there was a need for these in Westchester, a suburban area north of New York City. After speaking with a number of health professionals and consumers, I soon observed that there was such a need.

In today's complex world, personal relationships are becoming harder for people to manage successfully. Support that once was offered by extended family

## GROUP WORK WITH ADOLESCENTS NOW IN RECORDED FORMAT

The second edition of Andrew Malekoff's book *Group Work with Adolescents* has been chosen by Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, Inc. (RFB&D) to be recorded in both compact disc and audiotape format. It is available for loan to members at 800-221-4792.

RFB&D is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization that provides access to educational, professional, and technical material at virtually no charge to visually, physically, and learning disabled individuals.

Volunteers produce educational materials in accessible formats. These texts, at every academic level, are recorded for students who cannot read standard print.

This material enables students to achieve educational and professional success promoting independence, increasing productivity and enhancing their self-esteem and quality of life.

Andrew Malekoff is Associate Director of North Shore Child & Family Guidance Center in Roslyn Heights, New York, and Editor of *Social Work with Groups Journal* (Haworth).

and childhood friends has become less available as the nation becomes mobile and people are on the move. Thus, supportive roots are more and more difficult for people to find and grow. And yet, many individuals miss this. Thus began my idea for a unique center for group therapy with groups specifically tailored to meet the individual needs of children, adolescents or adults. I decided to call the program "Growing with Groups". "Growing with Groups" could help.

In addition to providing services to the general public, we remain in touch with licensed health professionals who practice in the community. With their input, we are continuing to plan new projects. The development of such a collaborative relationship will help provide a valuable support for the clients served by GWG.

Members of AASWG know that for more than fifty years, group therapy has been remarkably successful in helping

## VACATION IN SAN DIEGO OCTOBER 2006?

The San Diego Planning Committee for the 2006 Symposium suggest your consideration of extending your trip to be with us and come a little early or stay on to partake of all that Southern California and Mexico next door have to offer.

Because our program will be so outstanding, we would not want you to miss out on any of our offerings between Thursday morning and Sunday afternoon October 12-15, 2006. But we are preparing our suggestions about what you might want to do and see if you come out early with or without your loved ones. We love you, too!

We will entice you with the many opportunities for fun and knowledge available in this paradise of ocean breezes, lots of good music, and happy people. Consider the possibility of also going next door the Sunday before the Symposium for the usual Sunday bull fight or jai lai game? Or a bus ride to Rosarita and the spa and Rosarita Beach hotel (special discounts and group rates for us!) Welcome margaritas and fiesta--what else? Get your piggy bank out and start saving your pesos. We work hard. We deserve it!

men, women, and children cope with the myriad of issues that arise as a part of everyday life. We want to offer such support for the identified needs of our community. Purposefully tailoring our groups makes GWG unique.

Initially, we've been offering socialization and self-discovery groups for children and adolescents. In the works for February and beyond are groups to help adults and adolescents with weight loss, divorce groups for young people, groups dealing with bereavement, anger management, anxiety, caring for caregivers and many more. A complete listing may be found on the GWG Web site at [www.Westchestergroupworks.com](http://www.Westchestergroupworks.com). Come and visit us!

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