

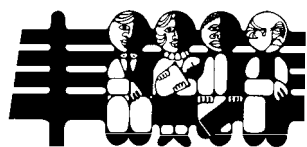
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## PRESIDENT'S PEN

A Partial View: What Grace Coyle Knew  
And When She Knew It  
by Paul Abels, President

On the face of it France and Chicago wouldn't seem to have too much in common. Yet, while they don't speak the same language, they have had similar problems, and, in one situation, problems that many could consider near criminal. In France approximately 15,000 people died in a heat wave this past August (2003). In Chicago 700 people died in a heat wave in 1995. In both cases most of those who died were aged persons living alone or left alone.

Blame was directed at many sources. Some blamed the politicians, some blamed the electric companies, and some blamed the victims themselves. In France some even blamed the air conditioners or the lack of them (Tagliabue, August 22, 2003. p.1). Careful analysis, however, reveals more sinister causes: simply isolation, the lack of concern for the aged, and their lack of resources and connections (social capital).

In France the heat wave occurred in August, a time of mass migration by the French to vacation spots throughout the

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## CONNECTING IN DETROIT

What will happen when I "Connect in Detroit"? What is going on at the 26th Annual Symposium on Social Work with Groups?

Thursday, October 21, will include several Institutes and three unique Outstitutes, (Please see the article entitled "Select Outstitutes Now" on page 16).

Registration will go on all day, as will displays. Thursday night local and state officials, the AASWG Board of Directors, and the Planning Committee will welcome attendees with a short "Group Work History" and a presentation by the Mosaic Theatre, a group of Detroit youth who present provocative themes in song and dance. It will be a chance to visit old friends and meet new ones.

On Friday morning at the Sumner Gill Memorial Plenary session Joan Pennell will start us off by looking at "Cultural Safety, Family Violence, and Group Work." She will talk about the group developing a sense of cultural safety linked with physical and emotional safety. The day will continue with papers from newcomers and long time members

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## WOMEN FOR AFGHAN WOMEN

By Catherine P. Papell

This is the story of an eighty-plus year old retired social work educator's effort to find some way to help in the desperate days immediately following the 9/11 disaster, to use her professional skills to assist with the suffering of our people. Too frail to go the city and too old to give blood, she arranged to get herself invited to the local junior high school. However, the principal, teachers, and counselors had prepared carefully, and she was not truly needed. The opportunity to do something about her own despair occurred two days later.

The New York City Police were guarding the small Afghan Mosque three

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world, which meant not only isolation but also fewer health services available. In Chicago most of the aged who died were African-Americans, many living in a long neglected and disintegrating ward. Surprisingly, it was directly adjacent to a thriving Latino ward where the death rate was significantly lower. Some of the reasons for this may surprise and anger you and are discussed fully in Eric Klinenberg's book *Heat Wave: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago*. The University of Chicago Press, 2002.

My own surprise and anger was due to the accepted but informal policies by some social workers in the welfare department that limited their service to the people who needed them most during the heat wave. These were the connections the aged counted on and, in some cases, their only social connections. Which leads us, admittedly by a very circuitous route, to Grace Coyle. While looking her up on the web prior to doing a lecture on "The Family as a Group", which I knew she had written on many years ago, I found the following statement. By Smith, (2004) the author's article on Grace Coyle:

"There was a movement away from what might be called an informal education frame of reference and a location more strongly within social work and as a result took in many of the concerns of casework, for example with regards to improvements in individual functioning rather than what we have come to know as (social capital)."

While I am not sure that she would have seen her work in those terms, Coyle certainly recognized the importance of connections and their impact on the health and welfare of persons. Putnam in his book *Bowling Alone* cites numerous studies showing the relationship of connections with extended life, health, economic well-being employment, and life satisfaction. He is a proponent of social capital.

Social Capital as a social science concept deals with ways of increasing resources and access to and for individuals, groups, and communities built on mutual respect, trust, and reciprocity. It deals with the connections people make and the processes that enable them to use those connections for support and access to social/economic and political resources. Whatever we claim as our mis-

sion, its efforts can be toward promoting justice, reducing poverty, increasing social institutions responsiveness to people's needs, enhancing democratic values, and liberating individual development.

Creating, developing and using social capital is natural for group work and highlights the need for group work to extend mutual aid in a way that can stimulate civic responsibility. Certainly had those who suffered during the heat waves of 1995 and 2003 had connections who were concerned about them and had acted to increase their social capital, the consequences might have been less severe.

AASWG is a source of connections for us and, hopefully, can expand the way we can use each other. In order to do this, all of us need to share ways we believe we can enhance these connections, perhaps even to make initial ones with each other. In order to do this I hope that you will contact me or others on the Board to let us know how we can better work together. Those of you who will be attending the Symposium in Detroit are invited to bring up your ideas at the open membership meeting and/or in person with me.

Thanks to Grace Coyle for working to bring group work into the social work profession, for her settlement work, for her social action, for her theoretical perspective, for her teaching, and for her prescience about social capital.

Klienberg, E. (2002). *Heat Wave: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

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Tagliabue, J. (2003). "Lack of Air-Conditioning Cited in France's Death Toll". *New York Times*. August 22, 2003.

## SEEKING REMEMBRANCES OF BETTY HARTFORD

Norma Lang has noted that there may be members who would like to write brief remembrances of Betty Hartford for possible publication in a future issue of *SWwGN*. Send your contribution via e-mail to [editor@aswsg.org](mailto:editor@aswsg.org).

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## CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR 2005 ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee is seeking names of potential nominees for the 2005 Elections. Three At Large Board Member positions will need to be filled. The Committee will start its work at the Symposium in October.

For information about requirements for being an At Large Board Member and to send names, brief biographical and supportive statements, contact Martin L. Birnbaum or Ellen Sue Mesbur, Co-chairs.

Other members of the Committee for 2004-5 are Rodney Dewberry, Maeda Galinsky, Charles Garvin, Alison Johnson, and John Ramey.

Send information to Birnbaum, 372 Central Park West, 14M, New York, NY 10025, 212-222-9771, 212-960-0831, fax 212-960-0822, mbirnbaum@ymail.yu.edu, or to Mesbur, 1 Benvenuto Place, #522, Toronto, Ontario M4V 2L1, esmesbur@sympatico.ca and esmesbur@renierson\waterloo.ca.

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## CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANNUAL FUND

We very much appreciate the following contributions to the Annual Fund which have been received since January. The Annual Fund is a very important source of support for the mission of AASWG.

In Memory of Douglas M. Brancone, from Rose M. Brancone, Culver City, California.

In Memory of her son, Matthew Haddad, from Laura E. Farley, Miami Shores, Florida.

In Memory of Donna Millett Fridge, from Mary A. Grabowski, Marlborough, Connecticut.

In Memory of Manuel Nakanishi, Beulah Rothman, and Janice Schopler, from Barbara A. Rittner, Buffalo, New York.

In Honor of Toby Berman-Rossi, from Lucia Berman-Rossi, Brookline, Massachusetts.

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## QUEEN JULIANA WANTED TO BE A SOCIAL WORKER

The IFSW provided this "Quote of the month" in March.

"In her own words, she had wanted to be a social worker, if she had not been queen." Dutch Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende remembering former Dutch Queen, Princess Juliana, and praising her for her sense of duty and warmth.

(From the *International Herald Tribune*, 22 March 2004, as quoted in the *IFSW UPDATE 3/2004*, the monthly news service from the International Federation of Social Workers.)

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JOHN AND CAROL RAMEY ENDOWMENT FUND

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

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Mary Pender Greene, Brooklyn, New York; Diane C. Haslett, Bangor, Maine; Catherine P. Papell, Flushing, New York; Michael H. Phillips, Brooklyn, New York; and Michael W. Wagner, Tappan, New York.

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

## WAYNE HONORED BY UNIVERSITY OF ALBANY

AASWG General Secretary Raymie Wayne has received the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching by Teaching Assistants at the University of Albany. During her two years there Wayne has taught macro practice and research methods to both graduate and undergraduate students.

As reported in the *University of Albany Update* "Wayne has made an exceptional effort to help undergraduate majors master research content and perform effectively in this core course in the social welfare major."

The article noted that Wayne provides opportunities for extra credit, extra study session and "creatively uses small groups applied learning structures."

We join in congratulating Wayne for recognition of her excellence in teaching.

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



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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Committee has met regularly at Symposia and at the June Board meetings each year to consider various ways to build membership. Members of the Committee for this past year include Raymie Wayne and John Ramey, Co-chairs, Susan Ciardiello, Laura Farley, Jeanne Gill, Stephanie Hicks-Pulliam, Lynne Mitchell, Omayra Rodriguez, and Robert Sisler.

Preparation of an AASWG Membership Brochure is high on the agenda. Ciardiello has been working on design drafts. The Haworth Press, Inc., has recently updated its brochure on Group Work books and journals which includes information on AASWG and a membership form. We are very appreciative of Haworth's development of this widely distributed promotional piece.

The membership form is now available on the web site for downloading.

Much of the work of the Committee is done by e-mail and telephone between meetings. Its responsibilities include recommendations regarding dues rates and other membership options.

Raymie Wayne, as General Secretary, is now the Committee Chair, as provided in the bylaws. The past year has been a period of transition in the GS position during which John Ramey has also been a Co-chair. The Committee meets again on June 12 in New York City. The major task is to develop short and long range plans for building and maintaining membership.

## COMMISSION NEEDS MATERIALS

The Commission on Group Work in Social Work Education is looking for educational materials for the web. Please send any syllabi, assignments, teaching materials, or group records. Please send items to Tim Kelly at [tim.kelly@gcal.ac.uk](mailto:tim.kelly@gcal.ac.uk). In addition, if you would be willing to serve as a committee member for PhD students please let us know.

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## PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Charles Garvin is the new Chair of the Practice Committee replacing Paul Abels, who is now President of AASWG. The main activity at the moment is bringing the revised Standards statement to the Board for action at its meeting this June.

Other members of the 2004-5 committee are Antonio Alvarez, Joseph Botnick, Susan Ciardiello, Laura Farley, Maeda Galinsky, Loretta Hartley-Bangs, Lynne Mitchell and Sonia Spelters. Contact Garvin at [charlesg@umich.edu](mailto:charlesg@umich.edu).

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## A NOTE FROM BILL COHEN

I beg forgiveness for this far-too-late letter expressing my shock, surprise, and disbelief upon learning that the first "Outstanding Contribution to Group Work Award" from the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups would be given to myself and Haworth Press.

This award was totally unanticipated, and my reaction was one of humblest thanks, with much distress on how to appropriately thank yourselves and the entire Association. The number of so many qualified candidates and so many alternative winners floods my mind -- but rather than expressing so much humility, I want to express deepest appreciation and wonderment--and hope that future awards help build up, fortify, and enhance the growth of never-ending growth of one of the most beautiful flowers that is social work with groups. This vibrant, enduring, continually adapting, and ever-growing blossom has not only taken root in the garden of social work, but has struck more new roots and germinated more breeds and variations than ever thought possible by those of us who have the pleasure of viewing the success of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups from its seedling to its current splendor.

At this end, it is the entire team at Haworth Press which really merits the award. Dozens of professionals are involved in the every-day care and attention which Social Work with Groups requires. Of special note is the management of Zella Ondrey, Manager of the Journal Division; Bill Palmer, VP & Publications Director; Sandy Jones Sickels, VP, Marketing; Andrew Cary, VP for Print Production; Kathy Rutz, VP, Editorial Development; and Roger Hall, Senior Vice President.

I certainly join those who would note that John Ramey, in particular, has been Chief Gardener without whom the Association probably could never have grown to its current size and breadth. Under John Ramey's careful overview, I don't think even one detail has ever escaped notice and appropriate attention. Who else do you know who could be so described?

I would wish to note that the Association and Haworth Press will be entering the electronic future at a pivotal mo-

## GOAL LINE FOR NEWS!

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

## CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR OPERATING FUND

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

In Memory of William Schwartz, from Toby Berman-Rossi, Miami Shores, Florida.

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

ment in both society growth and publishing frontiers. It is a privilege to be able to say that the Association and the journal *Social Work with Groups* will be able walk side-by-side, taking on this brave new harvest with the joint sense of vigor and creativity that true partnership inspires.

With true appreciation and kindest regards,

Bill Cohen, Publisher, The Haworth Press, Inc., Binghamton, New York

## KNOWLEDGE, FRIENDSHIP, AND SUPPORT

Dear AASWG:

I recently asked several AASWG members to describe the Association. I was truly touched by the intimate nature of their responses. Responses indicated that they had found a home within social work. They described AASWG as a virtual place where group workers can take their shoes off. Almost everyone whom I asked spoke of the Symposium and the year long warmth that emanates from it. It is as though the Symposium is group worker battery charger. Members spoke of the organization as one large mutual aid group.

I encourage you to take advantage of all that AASWG has to offer.

Join our list serve. It is quiet most days but full of knowledge, friendship, and support when it is active.

Read our *Newsletter*. It arrives at your doorstep only three times each year but is full of knowledge, friendship, and support.

Visit our web site. It waits for you to seek it out but is always full of knowledge, friendship, and support.

Come to our Symposium. It only happens for one magical week a year but provides knowledge, friendship, and support for fifty-one additional weeks.

If you need something, call me, your General Secretary. I will respond with knowledge, friendship, and support.

AASWG has also been busy trying to share its knowledge, friendship, and support with other organizations.

We hosted our usual exhibit booth at the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting (APM) this March in Anaheim, California. At the APM we connected with group work faculty and offered them opportunities to review group work syllabi, a one stop place to browse group work texts, and opportunities to get connected to other group work colleagues.

AASWG also joined many other social work organizations and was a co-sponsor of the March For Women's Lives held in Washington, DC, on April 25th.

If you have not done so already, please join or renew your membership in AASWG. We all need your knowledge, friendship and support.

Sincerely,

Raymie H. Wayne, General Secretary



## CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL FOR DOROTHY HEIGHT

On March 24 Dorothy I. Height was presented with the Congressional Gold Medal. It was her 92nd birthday. The medal was presented by President George W. Bush.

"I dare say there never was a birthday celebration like this one and it means a great deal to me," she said upon receiving the Medal.

As a member of the YWCA Leadership Services staff, Height had worked to integrate the organization. Her important book, *Step by Step with Interracial Groups*, was published by the Publication Services of the National Board, YWCA, in 1946 and revised in 1955. As a group worker and member of the American Association of Group Workers, she particularly understood the importance of competent professional work with groups in confronting segregation and developing integrated communities and groups. In 1964 she had organized informal dialogues between white and black women from the North and South called "Wednesdays in Mississippi". She was the only woman in the "Big Six", a group of black activists that included Martin Luther King, Jr. "Truth of the matter is, she was the giant of the civil rights movement," he said.

Height is best known as the founder and President of the National Council of Negro Women from 1957 to 1998.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest honor awarded by Congress. It has been bestowed on only 300 people since George Washington received the first one in 1776. Height had earlier received a Citizen's Medal Award for distinguished service from President Ronald Reagan in 1989 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom award from President Bill Clinton in 1994.

A personal professional note: Height's book provided guidance for our establishment of integrated services from the late 1940's onward and was especially useful to us in integrating settlement services and communities during those difficult years. My paper "On with the Dance" (National Federation of Settlements, 1950) detailed our work to establish integrated public dances for teenagers at the Chicago Commons in 1949-50. Some will remember the Commons'

## IN MEMORIAM SOPHIA DEUTCHBERGER 1910 - 2004

"Just do the best you can for yourself and others" was the motto of Sophia Beatrice Elikan Deutchberger, who died on March 26 in Atlanta, Georgia, at the age of 93. She had retired in 1977 as Assistant Professor of Social Work at the University of Georgia School of Social Work where she had served since 1973. A group worker and long time member of AASWG, she had earlier worked at the Loeb Convalescent Home in Pittsburgh, the Hebrew Orphan Asylum in New York, a Settlement House in Pittsburgh, and a senior center in Nashville.

In Athens she started the Athens Community Council on Aging and was a founding member of the Athens ARK, the Athens Food Bank, and the Athens-Clarke County League of Women Voters. She had been recognized and honored as the NASW Social Worker of the year in 1993, the Liberty Bell Award, the Western Circuit Bar Association 1997, and the Key to the City of Athens for community service. She was born December 10, 1910, in Bellaire, Ohio, and graduated from Bellaire High School before going to Ohio University to earn her BS in Physical Education. In 1938 she received her MA in Higher Education from New York University and in 1942 her MA in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh. In Athens she was a member of The Congregation Children of Israel and active in the Temple Sisterhood. In 1972 she was preceded in death by her husband Paul Deutchberger, whom she married in 1945. We know that in her ninety-three years she had done the best she could and that her contributions as a citizen of many communities and as a group worker made a most significant impact on the lives of many people and our society.

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

Community as described in Nelson Aigren's book, *Man with the Golden Arm*, which was later made into a movie starring Frank Sinatra. It was filmed on location in the community.

John H. Ramey, Editor.

## WORLD'S YOUTH BETTER OFF TODAY

The world's youth are better off today than earlier generations, although many are still severely hindered by a lack of education, poverty, health problems, unemployment and the impact of conflict, the United Nations says in a new report, the first to examine the global situation of young people.

The *World Youth Report 2003* measures progress in ten priority areas - education, employment, extreme poverty, health issues, the environment, drugs, delinquency, leisure time, the situation of girls and young women, and youth participation in decision-making - identified by member states when they adopted the 1995 World Programme of Action for Youth.

Johan Schölvinnck, Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), told a press briefing the main message to emerge from the report was that young people needed to be given the tools to make them effective agents of social change and enable them to realize their potential.

Young women and men between 15 and 24 in some regions were better educated and had an unprecedented knowledge of the world around them, yet 133 million youth remained illiterate. Only one in four young persons - or 22 per cent of young women and 26 per cent of young men - was enrolled in secondary school in sub-Saharan Africa, compared with 40 to 57 per cent in South Asia, and 62 to 67 per cent in the Middle East and North Africa.

Of the slightly more than one billion young people between 15 and 24, almost nine out of 10 lived in developing countries. Up to 110 million youth were estimated to be malnourished and up to 7,000 became infected with HIV/AIDS daily.

Schölvinnck said the Report also examined five new priorities that had emerged since the adoption of the 1995 plan: globalization; information and communication technologies; HIV/AIDS; conflict; and inter-generational relations.

From the *IFS Update* 4/29/04, a monthly news service of the International Federation of Social Workers.



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blocks from her home and one block from the Unitarian Universalist Church (UU) where she is a member, in order to protect all Muslim groups from the ugly and frightened violence that was occurring after the blowing up of the World Trade Center. Needing to say that there are people in this neighborhood who can be trusted she opened the gate and rang the bell. To the voice that answered she described herself as a retired social worker, a neighbor, and a member of the UU Church, wondering if there might be something that we could do together at this tragic moment. The person who had answered opened the door, a beautiful young woman who introduced herself as Afifa Yasufi, the Imam's youngest daughter and a senior at Queens College studying psychology and political science.... From this lovely friendship between an elderly retired social worker and a young Afghan American woman some quite remarkable things have happened.

I have learned a great deal about Afghanistan, Afifa, Islam, and, incidentally, my own neighborhood where many Muslims live. I have also learned how the use of the computer can create unexpected connections and organize action. At my suggestion Afifa wrote a beautiful message for the neighborhood newspaper and the UU Church Bulletin. She joined the neighborhood association, and she came with her father to sing the prayers and answer the members' many questions and concerns. Afifa translated fables that she remembered her grandmother telling her. We then read them to the children. She introduced me to her friends at Queens College and in the city who were organizing a group called Women for Afghan Women (WAW). I helped them as a kind of senior mentor, attended their early meetings in the student building at Queens College and the beautiful day that they were able to plan for their mothers and other friends on Mother's Day. Some of her friends planned a second day at the UU Church, reading their poetry and sharing their great concerns about the plight of women in Afghanistan.

Their organization was growing with an extraordinary Conference on Afghanistan and Women's Rights held in New York at the City College Graduate Center. From this resulted a remarkable book, *Women for Afghanistan: Shattering Myths*

and *Claiming the Future*. I was invited to the conference but could not go to the city to attend. However, I have been able to assist by distributing the book as widely as I am able and attending, with members of WAW, three of the book readings that they have arranged to hold in libraries in Queens.

When Afifa graduated from college, she was hired by the US State Department and sent to Kandahar as a translator for the Civil Affairs Unit of the Army. She e-mailed about the disastrous needs that she found there. The UU Church and several other churches that we consulted collected and sent boxes of warm socks and mittens, copy books and pencils, which she was able to distribute in her contacts with people and especially children in and around Kandahar. Her e-mail was forwarded, and it was possible to use this as a way to arouse people to the failing promises that our government had made to Afghanistan as it engaged with new interest in Iraq and began the costly destruction there. It appeared that Afghanistan was being forgotten. Some of us used this issue in opposition to the war in Iraq.

Through all these days and weeks and months, the WAW were building their organization, distributing by e-mail remarkable information about what was happening in Afghanistan and the tremendous need to try to guarantee the rights of women in the new constitution that was being written. Money was raised by e-mail to make it possible for seven members to go to Kandahar to set up programs that supported efforts to open schools and to enable women to find small ways to earn money - with sewing machines or chickens or... Every day my e-mail was full of fascinating information, news reports that were unavailable in the regular press about what was happening in that imperiled country. All I was able to do was to forward the mail to my social work friends and family throughout the world, to anyone who I felt would be interested and who might also send money or organize.

The WAW members who went to Kandahar were able to bring together a group of twenty-five women of all ages and all walks of life. These women drew up a Women's Bill of Rights which, in turn, was submitted to Karzai and the members of the commission who were

writing the constitution. This was publicized widely in the press throughout the world and, hopefully, made some difference in the effort to protect women in the new government.

One very exciting event that came as a direct result of my e-mail efforts was a wonderful program planned by the Sweet Hollow Presbyterian Church in Suffolk County. At this program WAW members told about their experiences in Kandahar and showed films of the struggle of Afghan women today. Jewelry and magnificent Afghan rugs were sold. Afghan food was served, courtesy of the Kabal Restaurant in Hicksville, and a substantial amount of money was raised for the work on behalf of the women and children of Afghanistan. More material continues to be disseminated and more spin-offs are in the making.

Petitions are being circulated urging the New York Senators to sign onto the bill that Barbara Boxer has introduced in the US Senate to designate funds specifically for the needs of Afghan women.

I feel that it is important for this small project to be known by social workers. It represents a very modest way by which I have been able to disseminate respect and understanding about Islam and the desperate struggle of Afghan women for human rights. It has also begun in a small way to create some bridges in my community. It has offered me the opportunity to help these remarkable young American Afghan women to be known in the world that I can reach and for their work to be appreciated and supported. Their work lies very much within the values and goals of our profession, and connections need to be developed so that the ignorance and intolerance that exists in our country can be countered. This has really been for me a very simple way by which quite a web of knowledge, information, insight, and caring has been and continues to be spread. It is also my deep pleasure and professional satisfaction that it is being gratified, and I have been rewarded by my friendships with these beautiful young women. When I have been ill, they send me e-mail greetings, and I send them e-mail greetings on their Holidays.

I have come to understand and experience in a new way how different faiths can produce beautiful human be-

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## STANDARDS FOR ELECTRONIC PRACTICE PROPOSED

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) are setting up a joint task force to establish standards for electronic practice of social work. It will be called the Social Work Practice and Technology Work Group. Their concern is the observation that electronic practice is a form of providing therapy that has become a reality very quickly and with little supervision. They state that other forms of social work practice using technology will also be addressed. Information about this process can be accessed at [www.aswb.org](http://www.aswb.org). (Information from *IFSW Update* March 2004.)

This should be of interest and concern to the many group workers who use various forms of electronic practice from telegroup meetings, Internet support groups, chat rooms, etc. The group work literature includes several very useful publications which describe how to use the various media. We remember that for several years Harvey Bertcher published a regular *Tele-group Hotline Newsletter*. Maeda Galinsky and a group at the University of North Carolina have published a detailed manual on using telephone groups. Practitioners using electronic media in group work should be concerned that the special circumstances of their practice be adequately considered in preparation of this document. Too often, in our experience with such documents, the focus has been on one-to-one types of counseling, sometimes, even within otherwise useful statements, attempting to make policy which is negative to the best interests of group work practice.

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ings. It is essential humanity that is being linked in small but vital ways. It has been and remains a way by which I, as an elderly woman and a retired social worker can manage to be a part of the struggle for love and justice in the world.

March 2004

Catherine P. Papell, Flushing, New York  
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School of Social Work

Papell is a Life Member of the AASWG Board and a founding Co-editor of *Social Work with Groups Journal*.

## MALEKOFF WADES (POETICALLY?) INTO THE POLITICAL FRAY

or how Andy got appointed  
to the Civil Service Commission

John, I thought this might be of some interest to you. Maybe a new context for group work... or, if not, it is certain to generate some poetry. Best wishes, Andy

Thus Andy Malekoff introduced the April 8th story from *Newsday* he sent us recently. The headline tells much of the rest. "Civil service imbroglio ends. Republican council names three to replace former commissioners deemed 'poor,' but who plan to fight."

It seems that the new Republican administration appointed three new civil service commissioners to end Long Beach's recent political controversy after the dismissal of the last two remaining commissioners appointed by a previous administration. Or, as the writer of the story, Sid Cassese, says, "Or not" (to end it). The dismissed commissioners planned a meeting on the sidewalk in front of city hall to protest, but they settled for asking for a hearing and preparing a petition to the State Civil Service Commission.

"Now we have highly competent representatives of the community who will make the commission the legal and impartial arbiters this kind of agency is supposed to be," said the City Manager who cited a recent state commission report that the dismissed commissioners did a "poor" job.

Appointed were:

Leary Wade, 59, a Democrat, the director of linen services at a large Brooklyn hospital and the first black ever appointed to the city commission.

Andrew Malekoff, 52, a Democrat and a social worker who is the associate executive director of the North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center in Roslyn Heights.

Susan Mackston Solomon, 44, a Republican and licensed real estate agent and member of the city's recreation commission, who lost a bid for a seat on the City Council in 1997.

Best wishes to Andy. Contact him and provide advice at [anjru@aol.com](mailto:anjru@aol.com). We look forward to the poetry and other reports of group work in political action.

From an article by Sid Cassese in *Newsday* April 8, 2004.

## RENISON NOW A SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

The Board of Governors of Renison College, University of Waterloo, is pleased to announce a change of designation from the Department of Social Work to the School of Social Work. This change is consistent with practice across North America where Schools of Social Work are the norm. It is also consistent with practice at The University of Waterloo which has used the term "School" to distinguish academic units within the Faculties of Arts, Science, Environmental Studies and Mathematics that have professional accreditation and affiliations.

Renison College was founded by the Anglican community in Kitchener-Waterloo to provide a supportive residence environment for students studying at post-secondary institutions in the K-W region and to provide university programs for students wanting to pursue careers in the helping professions. The ten-month, post-BA, Honours Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program has been offered at Renison College since 1998 and received its first accreditation by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work in January 2000. The School prepares generalist social work practitioners to provide service to a broad range of populations at all systems levels.

Under the leadership of Ellen Sue Mesbur, Director, the School has developed a part-time BSW stream to begin in September 2004. This new initiative will provide opportunities for people not able to study full-time to obtain a Bachelor of Social Work degree. The school is planning to offer the BSW courses through multiple modalities, including evening, on-line, and intensive format courses, thus providing greater access to professional social work education.

Mesbur states: "The new designation of School of Social Work, and the upcoming launch of the part-time stream are very exciting, especially at this time in Renison College's history. We are fortunate to have support from Renison's Principal, Dr. John Crossley, faculty, and staff at Renison College and the University of Waterloo, and the school's Community Advisory Committee."

For more information on the Bachelor of Social Work Program contact Ellen Sue Mesbur, Director, School of Social





## AN UPDATE ON RENISON FROM ELLEN SUE MESBUR

Hello, Colleagues,

I wanted to update you on a few of the exciting things that are happening in our Bachelor of Social Work Program at Renison College, University of Waterloo. We recently received a change in designation from Department of Social Work to School of Social Work (see press release). We are increasing access to our program through the implementation of a part-time stream, beginning in September, 2004.

In the fall of 2003, we presented a conference on Diversity Matters, which focused on social work practice with religious and culturally diverse populations. Of particular interest were ethical issues inherent in working with the Mennonite communities, including Old Order Mennonites.

We are delighted to have a special workshop that will be given by Flavio Marsiglia of Arizona State University at Renison College in early May. His workshop will continue the theme of diversity. Flavio will be presenting "A Culturally-Grounded Approach to Social Work with Groups". This event will be the first formal "launch" of our new School of Social Work.

We are also very excited that Barbara Muskat (Toronto Region Groupworkers' Network President) will be teaching a course in Social Groupwork in the undergraduate Bachelor of Arts program at Renison. This course is one of the prerequisites for the BSW Program. We know that Barb's work with groups, her great creativity and enthusiasm, will make for a terrific learning experience for our students.

I think that Flavio and Barb's involvement at Renison is a wonderful example of how the connections established through participation in AASWG cross borders and enrich social work education and practice.

Best regards,

Ellen Sue Mesbur, Director, School of Social Work, Renison College, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

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## This is Poetry?

It's the rhythm of life, but not the rhyme.  
It doesn't always make sense.

Fifteen boys followed into the room for their first meeting,  
Lined up inside the door,  
Each opened his switchblade.  
One by one the knives spun down and stuck in the wooden floor.  
One member stepped forward,  
"We just wanted you to know we run things around here."  
"That's interesting. Tell you what.  
Put your knives on the table and let's talk about it."

It was late. One boy lingered.  
"Don't you think you had better head on home?"  
"I can't go home. My mother died today."  
"What are you going to do?"  
"I don't know."  
"Would you like me to find a place for you to stay tonight?"  
"Yes."

"I haven't seen Marie for a while. Do you know where she is?"  
"The last I heard she was sleeping in an abandoned automobile out back of the church across the alley."  
"Can we find her?"  
She was a very pretty young adult.  
"We've looked and what we heard was that the Mafia has her now."  
"Is there anything we can do?"  
"Probably not. We don't know where she is."

A group of campers and staff met at the top of the road.  
The unit supervisor had one of the boys in tow.  
"You better take him home right now. He tried to stab his counselor."  
"There's no one at his home."  
"I don't care. We can't keep him here."  
Others had brought along all of his belongings.  
"I'll find his sister."  
It wasn't the first such problem with him in camp.  
We drove to his home.

"Can you come to the clubhouse after the meeting Tuesday?  
We're going to have a debate,

## when i die

i don't think  
I will go  
anywhere.  
  
no heaven  
no hell  
no limbo.  
  
i think i  
will simply  
vanish.  
  
some people  
will remember me  
as they knew me.  
  
others will never  
know that i  
ever existed.  
  
those that  
never knew that  
I ever existed  
  
will probably  
know  
me the best  
  
after  
i  
disappear.  
  
nothingness  
is the  
essence.  
  
the rest  
is just  
window dressing.  
  
andy malekoff

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whether we should accept Mafia scholarships or try to go to college on our own. We want you to debate their representative."  
One dim bulb in the ceiling.  
Forty chairs around a barren table in a rundown storefront.  
A refrigerator full of beer.  
The hand-lettered sign on the door read "Social Athletic Club"  
It was an interesting debate.

It's the rhythm of a group work life.  
Is it poetry?

John H. Ramey,  
Akron, Ohio, April 2004



## "POPCORN PSYCHOLOGY"

That's what the headline called the "therapeutic" uses of movies in mental health settings. Katherine Spitz asks, "Name some movies that affected you deeply. Easy to do, isn't it?" She says, "A growing number of mental health experts believe that when a person is moved by a particular film, then there is something about the characters, the setting, or the type of challenges depicted that is self-revealing. When a film hits home, thinking about it in a structured way, with a therapist's help, can help a person cope with various issues."

For most group workers the use of films is not exactly a new experience. As experts beginning with the use of Bell and Howell projectors, we have used films for various educational, developmental, remedial, and therapeutic purposes for many years. We borrowed them from the public library, purchased them, and occasionally produced them. What has changed dramatically in the past few years to make their use easier is the technology. It allows the story to be accessed much more easily and in sections which can be reviewed easily. No more broken film or piles of film spilled onto the floor! No more jammed film in the projector! Not that modern equipment does not break down and is sometimes not easily fixed, but it's neater to handle, less obtrusive, and more group friendly. It is easy for individuals to view a film independently of a group in preparation for discussion of its value and importance. VHS and DVD are miraculous developments.

As with all such resources, film may portray powerful but erroneous or harmful beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors. If a group does not recognize these, a worker has to be prepared to intervene in some appropriate way.

Spitz reports that "...Birgit Wolz, an Oakland, Calif., marriage and family therapist has created a popular cinema therapy group in which clients of varied backgrounds meet weekly to discuss their reactions to a film.

"The group doesn't review the movie for quality, but rather, looks at the issues presented, said Wolz,...

"Last week we watched *What's Eating Gilbert Grape?*,... 'Codependency issues, family secrets, eating disorders.'"

She "believes that it is especially

## CROSSING BOUNDARIES DID YOU GET YOUR COPY OF THE QUEBEC PROCEEDINGS?

Quebec Symposium participants who paid full fee for the full three days should have received their copies of the English language edition of the *Proceedings* by now. If you have not received your copy, please contact John H. Ramey, Immediate Past General Secretary, 800-807-0793, 330-836-0793, or editor@aaswg.org. We will verify registration and order a copies as needed.

Participants who paid the retired, student, and unemployed registration fee and other current members may order copies directly from The Haworth Press at AASWG's 50% discount price.

Make certain your school or agency library has ordered a copy, too.

*Crossing Boundaries and Developing Alliances through Group Work*, edited by Jocelyn Lindsay, Daniel Turcotte and Estelle Hopmeyer, Co-chairs of the Symposium, was published in mid-2003 by The Haworth Press, Inc.

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therapeutic for clients in a group to talk about something they all have seen. 'Everybody has individual responses to these movies and shares them. Then people notice other people have similar responses or different ones.'

"This way, she said, people realize that in any given situation, there will be a normal range of human responses, group members also can then learn to tolerate individual differences to the same situation.

"That's a skill to maintain once the film ends and real life begins again."

It is suggested that we make lists of films which we believe could be useful and create our own "worker's manual" for the use of each one. What type of group? What issues? Under what circumstance? There are some books which discuss how to chose, and there are some lists which other workers have already developed.

In this issue we once again list the film "Group" as one that is useful for work with certain kinds of groups.

Popcorn anyone?

("Popcorn Psychology" by Katherine Spitz, *Akron Beacon Journal*, February 17, 2004, p. E-1).

## IN MEMORIAM H. DANIEL CARPENTER 1909-2004

H. Daniel Carpenter, a longtime leader in the national settlement house movement and for thirty years the Director of the Hudson Guild in Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan, died February 7 in Tucson, Arizona. He was 95 and had moved to Tucson in 2002 after living in Chelsea for seventy-one years.

His death was announced by the Hudson Guild and the National Association on Drug Abuse Problems, of which he had been president. He was among those who fostered the rebirth of Chelsea, a residential swath of the West Side from 14th to 30th Street once dominated by the Hudson River docks and the immigrants who worked there in a wretched social environment. The Hudson Guild, like other settlement houses, was founded in 1895 as an experiment in social reform.

Carpenter was its Executive Director during a crucial period, from 1943 until 1973. He introduced or expanded programs for returning veterans, better housing, education and job training, the arts and community organization. He oversaw programs for the elderly, English as a second language, psychological counseling and racial tolerance. He remained a trustee until 1991 and was consulted even after his move to Tucson.

Carpenter was president and chief executive of the National Association on Drug Abuse Problems, with headquarters in Manhattan, from 1973 to 1984 and remained a board member until 1995. He led it during a period of growth for its mission of helping recovering addicts.

Herschel Daniel Carpenter was born on a farm in Attica, Ohio, and moved to Chelsea after finishing what was then Denison College in 1931. While working for his master's degree in Social Work at New York University he got a job offer from John Lovejoy Elliot, the founding director of the Guild and a leader in the Ethical Culture Society.

From the start, Elliot let Carpenter run an array of Guild programs for the neighborhood's school children, immigrants and elderly, as well as the New Jersey farm where generations of Chelsea residents used to take their vacations. (Later, as Director, he vainly fought to keep the farm which fell victim to grow-



## PAPELL WORKS WITH AFGHAN WOMEN'S GROUP

Dear John:

Here is something I wrote and for which I was cited by the Queensboro Council on Social Welfare at their Annual Reception Honoring Queens Social Workers on Friday, March 26, at Queens Borough Hall. Maybe something about it would be worth noting in the next Newsletter. It is important to recognize and give support to these beautiful young Afghan American women for their efforts in behalf of their imperiled country and the tremendous needs of Afghan women who are struggling against oppression and for human rights. It is also important to recognize and experience the beautiful humanity that is present in most Muslims.

Love and Peace.

Katy Papell

Katy11216@aol.com.

This note accompanied a flyer telling of an open and free Mother's Day Celebration for mothers and daughters sponsored by Women for Afghan Women (WAW) and the Afghan Students Association (ASA) on Sunday, May 12, at the Queens College Student Union.

WAW is described as "a collective of Afghan and non-Afghan women from the New York area who are committed to ensuring the human rights of Afghan Women. WAW promotes the agency of local Afghan women through the creation of safe forums where Afghan women can network, develop programs to meet their specific needs, and participate in human rights advocacy in the international sphere.

"ASA is a group of Queens College students who are dedicated in bringing cultural awareness to the campus as well the community. The ASA is known to promote social events regarding Afghanistan and introducing recognition to those less familiar to the country and its people."

### WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR GROUP WORK TODAY?

ing needs elsewhere on the Guild's agenda.)

In 1932 Carpenter married Marjorie Elliot, the founder's niece, who died in 1980.

## CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

This time of year the Chapter Development Committee has the responsibility to prepare a detailed report to the Board of the Association to record how our membership organization is making use of the Association's resources. With the completion of the Chapter Annual Reports, Chapter Development creates the Board report for the June meeting in New York City. The Chair of the Committee with committee assistance completes this report annually and with the Chapter Liaison presents the activity of the organization to the Board for its review and approval.

This responsibility makes each spring very hectic with the gathering of reports and the development of the Chapter Development Report. The Chair would remind all of our Chapter Chairs to send any missing information or sections of their reports as soon as possible to be included in the Board's report. Material gathered after June will not be reviewed by the Board and may require action by the Chapter Development Committee. Chapters that have not submitted an annual report risk delayed chapter support payments, and a chapter which fails to present an annual report forfeits chapter support payments for the unreported year.

It would be premature to report on the chapters in this newsletter. However, an informal assessment would say that this has been a challenging year in our chapters. Many have worked very hard to maintain their programs and resources and some have struggled all year. Our work in preparation for the June meeting will be to help assess chapters in need of greater attention by the committee and to put in place necessary structure for chapters that are struggling with leadership issues, membership declines under twenty-five members for over two annual report cycles, and organizing areas that have not progressed to chapter status. Chapters are reminded that the Chapter Development Committee can assist through both technical assistance and through resources such as chapter grants which can be requested for chapter projects or efforts to increase membership and sustain local group work activities. Please click on the Committees link to

## WHAT IS HEALTH?

In his weekly column Dr. Peter Gott recently discussed the meaning of "health". He based it on the World Health Organization's definition of "complete physical, mental and social well being."

"... there is more to health than absence of pain... Health has to do with adaptation and acceptance... Health may be fundamentally an attitude."

He summarized "... health is a complicated concept. Good health is not automatic. It is a gift. If we could learn to accept a wider definition of it. we could probably advance to a higher, more realistic plane and experience more enjoyment out of life, despite out physical and mental imperfections.."

What better place is there to work out adaptation and acceptance than in a group!

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

access Chapter Development information on the AASWG web site.

The addition of chapter membership information on the web site has provided a powerful tool for chapter leaders to identify trends in membership and to promote membership development. The ability to update mailing lists and e-mail lists with current member information can be one means for local groups to increase communication with members. Chapter Development is pleased to see groups listed on the web site which are interested in membership numbers as a starting place for chapter organizing. These areas are encouraged to review the Chapter Organizing Manual and to consider making application for Organizing Unit status. If you are working with the membership lists and need assistance with the Excel spreadsheet or in using the data from the site, do not hesitate to contact Chapter Development to get suggestions, new ideas or troubleshooting assistance. The addition of this resource gives local leadership important resources for simplifying communication with membership.

Questions or requests for technical assistance with any of the above information can be made to the Chapter Development Committee through Michael Wagner, Chair, at wagner001@aol.com, or 212-949-4848.



## CHAPTER NEWS

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Social Group Work Coalition Committee of the Triumvirate (the San Diego State University School of Social work, the Southern California Chapter of AASWG, and the Milton and Anne Kopp Hyman Fund for Continuing Social Group Work Education) for their commitment to promote social group work to a varied audience including paraprofessionals, social work interns, social workers, social group workers and psychologists. Members of the Committee are Judy Anderson, Kurt Buske, Nancy Deutsch, Ellen Eichler, Ruth Howell, Ted Kennedy, Joan Parry, Liz Quinnett, Project Director, Albert Schafer, and Steve Sherber.

Paul Abels, Professor Emeritus at California State University Long Beach and President of AASWG, began his four session course entitled "Advanced Social Work: Social Group Work 3001", on Saturday, February 21, at the Veterans Administration San Diego Healthcare System. with the following registrants: Judy Anderson, Alicia Caldwell, Joseph Dintino, Crystal Engleman-Lampe, Vickie Ficklin, Elaine Hoffman, Jane Hynes, Karen Matthews, Albert Schafer, Mary Sebastyn, and Susan Mount.

Abels handed out social group work records and asked the participants to talk about content and process. In addition, he has presented us with theoretical material including references to Bion and to William Schwartz. He has given reading assignments and provided the group members with flexibility and humor. There are two more classes, April 24, and May 8, which will have been completed by the time you read this.

The Chapter was happy to welcome Carol S. Cohen, Associate Professor at Adelphi University School of Social Work and co-author with Julianne Wayne of *Group Work Education in the Field*. Her one-day course on "Group Work for Field Supervisors" was held on Tuesday, March 2, at the Public Child Welfare Training Academy in Oceanside. Participants came from South Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego County. Please note the titles of eight of her

eleven hand-outs, listed in alphabetical order: Diagram of planning model for social work with groups, Evaluating groups' responsibility/effectiveness/vitality, Practice skills for work with families and groups, Sample format for summary group recordings, Sample satisfaction questionnaire for group members, Values of social work groups, and Work Sheet: Planning guide for social work groups.

I would suggest that AASWG members and colleagues contact Abels and Cohen for more information on their courses.

On Saturday, June 5, the Triumvirate will welcome back Alex Gitterman, Professor at the University of Connecticut School of Social work, for a one-day seminar on "Group Work with Vulnerable Populations". This will be held at Silverado Senior Living Center, Encinitas. This program is sponsored by the Triumvirate and Silverado Senior Living. The course is open to AASWG members, non-members, retirees, paraprofessionals, unemployed, and students. Eight CEU's will be given for the course. A continental breakfast and light lunch will be served. If you wish more information about this course, contact Liz Quinnett, Academy for Professional Excellence, 6505 Alvarado, Suite 107, San Diego, CA 92120, 619-549-3626, or Jeanne Gill, 858-565-7156.

On Tuesday, March 16, Joan Parry and I did a group work training for Kurt Buske, Director of the Southern Caregiver Resource Center, and his staff. We used some of the following titles as guides: Understanding worker's role as facilitator while moving the group toward mutual support; Understanding the difference between a support group, a psychoeducational group, and an educational program; Tips on how to handle difficult group members, e.g., monopolizers, side talkers, and people who sabotage. It was a most enjoyable and fulfilling experience. I used *Social Work with Groups, 3rd Edition* by Helen Northen and Roselle Kurland for part of the presentation.

And, finally, Joan and I will be doing a one and one-half hour social group work presentation for Ted Kennedy, a Neighborhood House social work profes-

sional, on Thursday, April 29, for his interns and staff.

Jeanne A. Gill, Chair

### FLORIDA

On Friday, March 19, the Chapter held its 20th Annual Conference: "A Culturally Grounded Approach to Social Work with Groups". This is the second year that we co-sponsored this event with the Barry University Social Work Festival. The Chapter is extremely grateful to Barry University School of Social Work for its constant generosity and support in promoting group work. This well-attended event attracted approximately 175 community group workers and new students who wanted to increase their knowledge about social work with groups. Flavio Francisco Marsiglia was an engaging, inspiring and energetic keynote speaker. He provided an overview of the theoretical and practice underpinnings of a culturally grounded approach to social work with groups. Group work is introduced as a natural or native response to the needs and strengths of cultural minority individuals and families. Marsiglia addressed the role of the social worker as a group facilitator who supports the emergence of stories and narratives within the safety of the group. It appears that this approach assists group members to collectively edit their own stories by integrating their strengths coming from their culture and communities of origin as tools for change.

Many attended the workshops that took place in the afternoon. They included: "Developing and Sustaining Support Groups for Special Populations Using an HIV/AIDS Support Group as a Case in Point" presented by Peter Rossi; "Back to Basics! All the Basics You Need to Know about Leading a Group" presented by Greg Tully; "How to Run a Short-Term Divorce Support Group" by Olga Molina; "Creating Systems of Mutual Aid Groups through Community-based Collaborative Grant Groups and Maximizing Effectiveness by Embracing Diversity" by Ellyn Drotzer; and "Family Group Conferencing: Bridging Cultures, Building Social Responsibility" by Mark Macgowan.

There was an interactive, integrative



discussion with Marsiglia following the afternoon workshops. The participants were involved in an exploration of their experiences with group work with cultural minority individuals. Additionally, he gave a brief presentation of the Model Program "Keepin' It REAL". He reviewed the process of creating the intervention from the ground up, the population affected, and the outcome of this program. Those who came hungry to increase their knowledge, skills, and improve their practice walked away sated.

Our Board met on Saturday, April 24, to plan our Fall/Winter Series for next year. It was acknowledged that we provide continuing education and promote group work practice to those in our community, yet there is a strong sense that we would like to do more to promote social justice. How do we devote our resources to improve society and the well-being of citizens whose needs are most intense? What are we doing to influence or affect the oppressed population? We are certain that we are not alone in this struggle and would like to hear from other AASWG members regarding what you are doing to address this issue in your chapter.

For further information, please contact Laura Farley, Chair, lfarley@aol.com.

## **GEORGIA**

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

## **GERMANY**

The Chapter is moving! The new board has a lot of energy to get the Chapter moving forward and into contact. What do we want to achieve?

First, we started an international work meeting. The members of this group are Sonia Spelters, Karin Genius, Tanja Pallos and Ingrun Masanek. We hope also to win Jürgen Kalcher for this work. The aim of this work meeting is to strengthen international issues in Germany and to expand the knowledge of our members about the organisation and what it does in general. Our wish for the future is to feel like one part of a bigger system instead of defining ourselves as a single German organisation.

Second, we have begun to start organizing the next yearly symposium. It will

take place December 12 to 14 in Herzogenrath near Aachen, Germany. I want to take this opportunity to invite all of you. We would be thrilled to meet you there.

The Chapter wants to deal with the question, "How can Social Groupwork react on the dramatically changing political circumstances in German society?"

We think group workers have a lot of answers in times where money and financial subventions are lower than ever before.

Those in the USA have a lot of experience in surviving and doing excellent work without the support of a welfare state. We can profit and learn a lot from you!

Last but not least, we are working on our home page so it would be much easier for you to visit us without having to cross the big ocean.

All the best to you,

Suse Kunz, Chair, Vorgebirgsstr 35, Koln, Germany, as.kunz@gmx.net.

## **ILLINOIS**

Carlean Gilbert and Kay Levin are the new Co-chairpersons of the Chapter and Patricia O'Brien is now the Secretary/Treasurer. As a result of suggestions made at a recent Chapter Retreat, two Sunday discussion groups were held. These meetings attracted a couple of members who could not attend the First Thursday Breakfast meetings as well as a couple of potential members.

Contact Carlean Gilbert, 312-915-7035, cgilbe@uc.edu, or Kay Levin, 753-275-9800, klevin@orion.it.luc.edu.

Elaine Finnegan

Immediate Past Chair

## **KENTUCKY**

The Chapter has been active offering diverse and useful workshops. In January Joseph Ferry from Hospice of Louisville facilitated a workshop entitled "Children and Grief: Using Expressive Methods in Group Work."

In February Katharine Dobbins and Jean Henry from Wellspring in Louisville co-facilitated a program "Working with the Severely Mentally Ill in Groups."

On March 18 Tim Schladand, assisted by Craig Hernik, presented "How the Men's Movement Informs Their Group Work with Men."

In April Carol Keuchler of Minnea-

polis gave a day long presentation, including three breakout sessions on "Ethics in Supervision and Group Work."

There are more workshops planned for the fall. On October 16 two presenters will discuss their co-facilitator process -- how they figured out how to work together working with adults in chemical dependency recovery. Also in the fall, on a date yet to be set, Maire Ruff will present a workshop on working with children in groups.

Ursula Melhuish is the new Chapter Chair. Alison Johnson is now Membership Chair, and Bert Levy is the Treasurer.

Please contact Melhuish at n.melhuish@insightbb.com or Johnson at kjajcj@prodigy.net to receive a copy of upcoming presentations and workshops or for more information on Kentucky Chapter membership.

Ursula Meluish, Chair

## **LONG ISLAND**

The Chapter has completed its program year and has begun work for next year's schedule. We welcome any feedback from members regarding ideas for topics for future programs. The Chapter continues to grow with the support of the local Schools of Social Work (Molloy, Stony Brook, and Adelphi) as well as the North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System. Anyone interested in joining the Chapter or Steering Committee is encouraged to contact us at liaaswg@yahoo.com or 516-877-4351.

Catherine Papell was honored for her work with the Women for Afghan since 9/11/01. In true Katy style, following the tragic events of 9/11/01, she looked around her own neighborhood to see where she could be of help. Since knocking on the door of that group she has been working diligently with them to try to open up connections with the Islamic community in her Queens neighborhood. While she is working locally the impact of the work of this group has been felt world wide. Loretta Hartley-Bangs was honored by the County of Nassau Department of Drug & Alcohol Addiction with the Elizabeth A. Doherty Social Worker of the Year 2004 award.

Loretta Hartley-Bangs, Chair

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

The Chapter invites you to our An-



nual Meeting on Friday, June 25, from 9 am to noon. The featured speaker, Jon Higgins, will present on "Use of Group Work with Sexually Reactive Children." He is the Clinical Director at the Home for Little Wanderers Knight Children's Center and Spring Park Place in Jamaica Plain. Awards will be presented for Group Work Agency of the Year, Group Worker of the Year, and Group Work Student of the Year. Nominations for these awards will be accepted through the end of May. The cost for the meeting is free for AASWG members and \$10 for non-members.

Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting for two Executive Board positions including President and Secretary. Meg MacPherson is running for President and Jennifer Wittlin for Secretary. For a biography of each candidate see the Chapter's spring Newsletter. Come and cast your vote for these outstanding group workers on June 25! RSVP to [maaaswg@yahoo.com](mailto:maaaswg@yahoo.com) or call Meg McPherson at 617-236-8078. The Annual Meeting will take place at the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston, 161 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02115.

Lucia Berman-Rossi, President

## MICHIGAN

At this time the Chapter is devoted entirely to providing another excellent Symposium this October in Detroit.

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

## MINNESOTA

The Chapter has had a very active and exciting year. The overall theme of our meetings has been about social group work and social action. We have had speakers throughout the community who use social group work to effect change in

society.

Our Annual Meeting had a large turnout. The first half of the meeting Jeff Blodgett from Wellstone Action, an organization that carries on the ideals of the late Senator Paul Wellstone, spoke about how one can affect social change in society. The second half of the meeting consisted of a panel of people who are using groups to change society. For example, one person works with groups of homeless teens, while others use groups for large-scale protests. At the close of the meeting attendees reflected and made plans about how they could use social group work for social action. Everyone left feeling inspired.

The following meetings were by people who worked doing Public Achievement throughout the World. They facilitated groups to empower youth through spoken word poetry and engaged members in a role playing activity about a day in the life of a homeless GLBT youth. Our spring meeting will feature a retired social worker who has used social group work to affect social change.

At each meeting we have also added a mutual aid component by adding a Consultation Circle. The Circle allows members to bring problems they are having with the groups they are running and/or getting started and to receive feedback to handle the situations. We have received positive feedback about this component of our meetings.

Recently, the new officers met and came up with new ways to attract more members. We hope that these ideas work and that we can keep growing in the future.

Sixteen members of the Chapter attended and/or presented at the International Symposium in Boston. Everyone had a great time, and at one of our Chapter meetings the people who presented relayed their experiences to the group, inspiring others to attend and/or present in the future.

We have begun the preliminary planning for the 2005 Symposium that will be held in Minnesota. Everyone is very enthusiastic and looking forward to the experience. We cannot wait to see all of you here in the Land of Ten Thousand Lakes!

For additional information about the Minnesota Chapter contact Jenny Schwartz, Secretary, 612-823-3237, [jenniferschwartz@hotmail.com](mailto:jenniferschwartz@hotmail.com) or Shelly

Rottenberg, Chair, 651-690-8786.

## NEW YORK RED APPLE

Election time has come to the New York Red Apple Chapter. Officers' terms for three years had run their course and this winter a slate of new officers was sought among the membership. Secretary, Susan Ciardiello, worked with interested members to gather profiles and produced our ballots. The Official Ballot was approved and certified by the Chapter officers. Membership received the ballots in March and returned them in early April. Development of regular chapter elections promotes an active chapter membership. Our new officers are being announced here and in our Red Apple Spring newsletter.

New York Red Apple is pleased to welcome our former Vice-Chair, Roberta Rhodin, to the position of Chapter Chair. Roberta will bring the continuity of leadership that is important to chapter growth and development. Andrew Cicchetti has been elected as Vice-Chair. Andrew and Roberta worked together leading the Hospitality Committee for the New York Symposium in October 2003. Andrew has agreed to take on the role of Chapter Representative to the Board. Marilynn Myles has been re-elected to her position as our Chapter Treasurer and will provide another voice of experience in our chapter leadership. Shantih Clemens has been elected to the position of Secretary.

The Chapter leadership expressed its thanks to the members for their participation in the election process and appreciation to departing members of the chapter officers, namely, Susan Ciardiello and Michael Wagner. Susan remains an at-large member of the Board and Michael remains the Chair of the Chapter Development Committee. Join us in welcoming the new chapter officers.

Roberta has reported that a transition meeting is being scheduled for mid-May with an eye towards planning workshops which are hoped to begin in the summer. Local members interested in participating in the development and planning of workshops should contact Roberta at [rfrny2@aol.com](mailto:rfrny2@aol.com). The Chapter leadership can always use extra help in Membership, Conference or Workshop Development, Advocacy, Outreach and Social Action. Members who are interested in these areas should not hesitate to contact the offi-



cers.

Members who had been attending or are interested in attending the Open-ended Occupational Peer Supervision (OOPS!) Group should contact Michael Wagner at 212-949-4848 or via e-mail at wagner001@aol.com to schedule a meeting time for the coming year. Sessions previously had been the second Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00, but, as membership had fallen off, a return to pre-group planning is called for. (Thanks, Roselle!)

Michael W. Wagner, Chair

## **NORTHEAST OHIO**

The Chapter is completing a very successful, busy, and enjoyable year and planning more and even better things for next year.

### **SUCCESSFUL WORKSHOP WITH CAROL COHEN**

The all-day workshop on “**Teaching Group Work in the Field**” was held Friday, May 7, at the Regina Health Center in Richfield, with Carol S. Cohen of Adelphi University as the leader. The workshop was co-sponsored by all of the graduate schools and undergraduate programs of social work in the area. It was a joint activity of the Education and Program Committees. We thank Carol Cohen for an excellent workshop and the universities for their support and sponsorships. Many participants purchased copies of Cohen's book on the subject (co-authored with Julianne Wayne) and *Teaching a Methods Course in Social Work with Groups* by Roselle Kurland and Robert Salmon. The latest Proceedings volumes from the Toronto and Quebec Symposia were also available along with Roselle Kurland and Andrew Malekoff's *Stories Celebrating Group Work*.

The **ANNUAL MEETING** this year was held as a luncheon at noon on Tuesday, April 20, in the very pleasant and convenient facilities at the Applewood Center in Cleveland. Written Committee reports were presented and discussed. Certificates of appreciation were presented to all those who had contributed significantly to the work of the Chapter during the year. Becky Adler was recognized for her major contributions to the life of the Chapter. Bobi Gallagher chaired the Planning Committee.

**ELECTIONS.** Claudia J. Carson and Lynne S. Rose were elected Co-chairs for

the remaining year of the term. Carolyn Caldwell, Marsha Blanks, Mamadou Seck, and Al Klubert were elected to At Large positions. Lonnie Helton was elected to the Nominating Committee. For Marsha Blanks this is a return to the Executive Committee after several years' absence. Continuing terms include Judy W. Fant, Treasurer, John H. Ramey, Secretary and Representative to the AASWG Board, Tracey Hagan, and Chris Long, At Large, Elizabeth Lewis, and Jay Toth, Nominating Committee, Anna Fritz, Education Committee Chair, and Bobi Gallagher, Program Committee Chair. Our thanks to Nellie O'Leary, who has completed her term as Immediate Past Chair, and to Christopher Hall, who has resigned.

**DETROIT SYMPOSIUM.** The Chapter is planning to have a large delegation of practitioners, students and faculty attend the Symposium this October.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE,** Bobi Gallagher, Chair. The “**Groups of Our Lives**” series has been revived this Spring for members to meet and discuss a broad variety of topics. The first session, in April, with Robert Lauretig as leader, was well attended and sparked much interest in continuation. The next session is on May 20 in Westlake with Bobi Gallagher as leader. Working with groups of compulsive gamblers is the subject of a workshop to be held in June. We appreciate the dedication and expertise of Bobi Gallagher over these past several years and wish her well as she moves this summer to North Carolina.

The **EDUCATION COMMITTEE,** Anna Fritz, Chair, meets next on June 11. Meetings continue with Dean Grover C. Gilmore and faculty of MSASS (Case Western Reserve University) on the goals and curriculum for teaching group work in the School. Focus groups will be convened this fall to further refine the process. In the next few weeks Claudia Carson will be convening the field coordinators of all the universities in the area to work on a plan for a joint training program for field instructors. Work continues to establish an endowed chair in group work.

Beginning earlier this year “Occasional Notes” with Chapter news and notices have been sent regularly by e-mail by John Ramey to members and friends.

Applications for **student stipends**

for memberships in AASWG will be distributed this summer and fall at all the schools in the Chapter area, and plans are underway for activities to involve students in the Chapter. This will all be funded from the Chapter's Ruby Pernell Education Fund.

The **Executive Committee** meets monthly except July at the Berea Children and Family Services' Center City Office in Cleveland on each second Monday at noon. The Chapter's new post office box number is 606181, Cleveland, OH 44106. The Chapter will be appointing a new Editor and new chairs for Membership and Program in the near future.

Contact Claudia J. Carson, Co-chair, claudjcarson@cs.edu, or Lynne Rose, Co-chair, lrose@myexcel.com.

John H. Ramey, Secretary  
jhramey@uakron.edu

## **NORTH TEXAS**

Our Chapter has been busy these last few months. We held our first workshop at the Arbrook assisted living facility in Arlington with excellent reviews from the participants. The topic was “Using Groups to Respond to Traumatic Events” and the speaker was an Army social worker and fellow doctoral student, Catherine Simmons, who graciously donated her time and presented on this topic for us.

Geri Sams, owner of GeriOptions, presented on “Group Work with Families of Alzheimer's Patients” at one of our other monthly meetings.

With the workshop and the monthly meetings we have gained several new members and hope to continue this trend all summer long.

We are currently recruiting for a popular politician to come and speak to our organization on campus for the students and hope to have this arranged by the fall semester.

It has been a productive spring and we look forward to an exciting summer!

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

## **TORONTO**

The Canadian winter is over and we are happily enjoying spring in Toronto. The Toronto Region Groupworkers Network (TRGN) is busy planning a dynamic spring event.

On February 27 Deborah Goodman presented a workshop entitled: “Group



Work Evaluation: Demystifying the Process.” She discussed several models of evaluation of group work and attendees brought along lots of questions on group work evaluation. It was a very informative event. The workshop was followed by our annual general meeting. Goodman is Vice Chair of the TRGN Executive Committee, Supervisor of Research and Quality Improvement at Children's Aid Society of Toronto, and a private practitioner.

TRGN is excitedly awaiting our May event. Flavio Francisco Marsiglia will be making presentations in Waterloo and Toronto. Ellen Sue Mesbur and Renison College will be hosting Marsiglia on May 6. He will travel to Toronto on May 7. He will be talking about his highly acclaimed program, “Keepin’ it R.E.A.L.” We are using this opportunity to offer a wonderful event and to attract new members to the organization. Marsiglia is well known to the AASWG community and is on the faculty of the University of Arizona School of Social Work at Tempe, Arizona.

TRGN will have our annual summer social event in June. This offers an occasion for our Executive Committee to celebrate the year's accomplishments and firm up the program plans for next year as created by our Program Committee.

For more information, contact Barbara Muskat at muskat@rogers.com.

## ORGANIZING AREA NEWS

### ARIZONA

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

### CAPITAL AREA

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

### GHANA

For information about the Ghana Chapter Organizing Committee please contact Simons Boamah, Chair, AASWG Ghana, at Safety For a New Generation Network (SANGNET), P.O. Box DK65, Darkuman, Accra-Ghana, 233-24-277489, fax 233-21-232132, simonsg@yahoo.co.uk.

## REVISED MUTUAL-AID TEXT BY STEINBERG

The new edition of Dominique Steinberg's *The Mutual-Aid Approach to Working with Groups* provides a foundation for practice, examining theories, concepts and practice principles specific to mutual aid. Readers are directed to ample study resources in key areas via recommended reading lists at the end of each chapter. Case examples are used to help bridge the gap between theory and practice in an immediately useful manner, and handy tables and figures make important points easy to access and understand. It describes and discusses how to catalyze mutual aid in different settings and systems and specific obstacles to overcome. It offers implications for practice and identifies specific group skills for teaching each system's full mutual aid potential.

For a complete list of the contents visit the web site at [www.haworthpress.com](http://www.haworthpress.com).

Steinberg is, of course, well known to AASWG members as a former member of the Board and Coordinator for the first New York Symposium. She is on the faculty of the Smith College School of Social Work. Earlier she taught at Hunter College SSW and held positions with various agencies in New York City. She is on the Editorial Board of *Social Work with Groups Journal*.

Steinberg, Dominique Moyses. (2004) *The Mutual-Aid Approach to Working with Groups: Helping People Help One Another, Second Edition*. Binghamton, NY: The Haworth Press, Inc. 274 pages. Hardcover \$59.95; softcover \$29.95.

## AFFILIATE NEWS

### INDIA

For information about the AASWG India Affiliate, please contact Dr. Manohar Golpelwar, President of IAASWG, Director, Indian Institute of Youth Welfare, 134, Shivaji Nagar, Nagpur 440010, India, youthwelf@sify.com; Dr. Bina Chouguley, Secretary, AASWG-India Chapter, c/o. 1/3, Jaika Apartment, Civil Lines, Nagpur 440010, India; or Dr. Mrs. Banmala, 44-B, Vasant, Gokulpeth, Nagpur 440015, g\_banmala@yahoo.com.

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of AASWG. Friday evening's Dine Around will allow us to cross boundaries to many different kinds of cultures and ethnic groups' foods. For those from the USA who may want to dine in Windsor, Ontario, please make sure you bring your passports.

Michael Spencer, who teaches Contemporary Cultures at the University of Michigan School of Social Work, will present “Dialogue Groups” on Saturday morning at the Breakfast Plenary. Dialogue Groups are a model of social justice education using small groups to discuss difficult issues among individuals from social identity groups with a history of conflict, such as Israelis and Arabs, Irish and English. Workshops, Institutes, and papers will fill Saturday until the AASWG membership meeting and the Banquet.

The Saturday Banquet, October 23, will be included in the registration fee and will include a panel of group workers in “macro settings” talking about their experiences. Dean Phyllis Vroom of Wayne State University will moderate a panel including Maryann Mahaffey talking about the use of groups on the Detroit City Council, Jackquelin Washington on use of groups on governing boards, including the elected governing board of Wayne State University, and Dean Peter Vaughan on the use of groups in a faculty and staff of a Social Work School.

The frosting on the cake of Saturday will be a “Motown Revue” with music, dancing and fun until the wee hours.

Paule McNicoll of Vancouver will challenge us on Sunday morning with a Plenary entitled “Group Work, Globalization and the Loss of Human Heritage” in which she will look at traditional cultures, first nation cultures, and the impact of group work on the people in those cultures.

## CORRECTION

Jeanne A. Gill of San Diego says, “The photo taken of Ditta Lowy and me at the 2003 Symposium was taken by Dave Weaver, who works for the State of Connecticut at Blue Hills Hospital in Hartford, not by Julie Newman, my Boston University classmate, as reported in the January issue of *SWwGN*.”





## FROM THE GROUP WORK LISTSERV DISCUSSION ABOUT TELEPHONE GROUPS

From Barbara Neilson

Monday, March 08, 2004 4:19 PM

Some of you on the list know of my work with my patient population via an internet support group. (It's been up and running now for seven-plus years, hard to believe!!) When I have talked about on line support groups, I've highlighted the different roles such a group takes on, similar to other groups. One member of my group signed on to the group shortly after her daughter died at the age of 8 1/2 months. At the time I thought, "Wow, is this a good idea to mix up group members with such varying needs?" And I was a little worried about what might happen. What did happen is that this mother became a huge support for others in the group. She also used the group to work through a number of issues for herself. Her daughter died due to some medical error, and initially she was bent on "revenge". She wrote a book, and then put it on the shelf, but sharing it with group members from time to time. She is an eloquent writer, and I had several times asked her permission to use her words in teaching sessions with new docs or social workers.

The group continued to encourage her, and she went back to the book, and it is being published this week. The group acted as a sounding board and made recommendations to her along the way. She has found peace, and the version being published is indicative of this. I wanted to share this here (as always with her permission) as I have talked at various meetings about the power of this kind of group. She has a web page set up where the book can be ordered and some excerpts read as well.

Enjoy

Barbara

<http://www.bdwineternet.com/eldridge>

The links that give you an idea of the

book are as follows

<http://bdwineternet.com/eldridge/excerpts.htm>

<http://bdwineternet.com/eldridge/prologue.htm>

<http://www.ampstudio.net/olivia/index.html>

<http://bdwineternet.com/eldridge/acknowledgements.htm>

Barbara Neilson, Department of Social Work, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, [bnilson@sickkids.ca](mailto:bnilson@sickkids.ca).

From Tracy Houtstra

Monday, March 08, 2004 5:05 PM

Barbara

I enjoyed reading about the work we have been doing for several years using technological equipment to reach out and connect others. I have been a group facilitator using telephones to connect with five or six people while using conference calling. Each one was survivor of spinal cord injury and benefited from sharing with others but, due to inaccessibility or distance, could not connect face to face. It was exciting work which I enjoyed tremendously.

Is there anything written from a group instruction point which can be used to teach/support other social workers doing this kind of work? A colleague and I have written a journal article and hope to have it published in the near future. One reason for the article writing was to add to what is a barren landscape of information. I would be interested in hearing more about your experiences and from anyone else out there who may be doing similar work.

Tracy Houtstra, Regional Home Nutrition Support and IV Program, University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, Alberta, [thoutstr@cha.ab.ca](mailto:thoutstr@cha.ab.ca).

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Editor's note: See also the article about "Standards for Electronic Practice" elsewhere in this issue and Galinsky, Maeda, et al. (1992) *Leading a Telephone Support Group for Persons with HIV Disease*. We also recall the *Tele-Group Hotline Newsletter* which was published by Harvey Bertcher for several years. We have had a number of inquiries and some correspondence about research in this

## SELECT "OUTSTITUTES" NOW

The Planning Committee for the Detroit Symposium this fall needs your help. The Symposium begins Thursday, October 21, with registration and an opportunity to attend Institutes and Outstitutes during the day on Thursday. We will be reporting to you on the Institutes later. However, the Outstitutes take place off-site, and those who sign up will be taken to the agency or location. The cost for each of the Institutes and Outstitutes is \$40 in addition to registration.

Please let us know if you are interested in making any of these Outstutute connections. Indicating an interest does not mean you must attend. It's just a vote that we should offer the Outstitutes. E-mail the Conference Coordinator, Susan Titus, at [ap3849@wayne.edu](mailto:ap3849@wayne.edu) with a note saying, "I want to connect with the UAW or ACCESS or Cornell Center."

**Connecting with Groups in a Union.** The United Automobile Workers (UAW) believes in influencing social policy to improve the lives of its members and the lives of the public. UAW leadership was deeply involved in founding the United Way in Detroit, established an early staff model Health Maintenance Organization, and has participated in the legislation to form many of the organizations such as Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, health-planning organizations and the Michigan League for Human Services, the statewide advocate for persons on welfare and Medicaid.

Spend a day with the UAW, learning groups in organizing, having lunch and touring the Rouge Plant (the original plant built by Henry Ford) in the afternoon.

**Connecting with Groups in a Self-help Organization.** The Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) is the largest organization serving Arab Americans and recent immigrants from Middle Eastern Arabic countries. ACCESS is a community-based, multi-service organization that provides a variety of services including mental health, substance abuse programs, health, employment cultural, cross-cultural promotion, and training to promote individual, family, and community development within the Arab-American

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



## NEW IFSW ETHICAL DOCUMENT

The hearing process for a new ethical document is finished and a final proposal, "Ethics in Social Work, Statement of Principles", was sent mid-March to all member organisations of the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW). This document is the one that will be presented at the upcoming IFSW General Meeting in Adelaide, Australia, in September/October 2004. At the General Meeting member organisations still have the possibility to propose further improvements, but such improvement proposals must be presented at the meeting. Members can also send them in beforehand to the IFSW Secretariat. Then they will be made available both to the Permanent Committee on Ethical Issues, which has developed the proposal for the new ethical document, to the IFSW Executive Committee, and to the IFSW member organisations ahead of the meeting. The final proposal for a new ethical document is available at the IFSW web-site at <http://www.ifsw.org/GM-2004/GM-Ethics.html> and <http://www.ifsw.org/GM-2004/GM-Ethics.pdf> (pdf-file) <http://www.ifsw.org/GM-2004/GM-EthicsF.html> (French version). A translation into Spanish will be available soon.

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community and within the community at large.

Spend a day at ACCESS learning about the Arab community in the United States, observing group services to the community, and meeting the leaders in the agency. The day includes lunch and a tour of the organization.

**Connecting with Groups in a Grassroots Mental Health Agency.** Cornell Center serves persons of all ages with serious mental illness using educational groups, support groups, and treatment groups.

Spend a day at Cornell Center observing self-help groups. A panel of former group members will talk about the power of the group experiences for them. The Outstitute will be all day and include lunch.

Thank you for letting us know in advance what is interesting to you. It will help our agency partners plan for the fall when we will all "Connect in Detroit!!!"

## 10TH EUROPEAN GROUPWORK SYMPOSIUM

"What counts as evidence in Groupwork?" is the theme of the 10th European Groupwork Symposium to be held at St. John College, York, England, from Wednesday through Friday, July 21-23, 2004.

An understanding of groupwork principles will help any professional in health, social work or social care to improve their effectiveness in working with people—whether or not they see themselves primarily as groupworkers. Joining in this event will inspire workers to develop their interpersonal skills and will help them find positive solutions to the tasks that confront them in their daily work.

The Conference Steering Group, chaired by Mark Doel, is committed to making the event accessible to practitioners, students and trainees. Thus, the organisers have agreed to support a number

of bursary or reduced fee registrations for these groups. A special form is available to nominate persons for the bursaries.

For information contact 10th Groupwork Symposium, c/o Whiting & Birch Ltd, 90 Dartmouth Road, London SE23 3HZ, 44-020-8244-2421, fax 44-020-8244-2448, [savpub@dircon.co.uk](mailto:savpub@dircon.co.uk), [www.whitingbirch.com](http://www.whitingbirch.com).

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

**SYMPOSIUM 26  
DETROIT  
OCTOBER 21-24, 2004  
BE THERE!**

## NEW BOOK INCLUDES COMMUNITY APPROACHES TO SCHOOL VIOLENCE

*School Violence and Children in Crisis: Community and School Interventions for Social Workers and Counselors* by Joshua Miller, Irene Rodriguez Martin, and Gerald Schamess uses a holistic approach to show how schools, families, and communities can build partnerships to reduce school violence. The authors cover crisis teams, teacher interventions, debriefing, group psychotherapy, and building partnerships for success. The final part of the text presents community interventions, suggesting that community-based social workers take leadership in collaborations to build systems of care. They have developed an effective resource for practical insight into the culture of violence on our schools. It is especially designed to help school social workers, counselors, and community leaders address the issues. Love Publishing Company, 2003, [lovepublishing@compuserve.com](http://lovepublishing@compuserve.com).

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The Eleventh National Conference on Alternatives to Expulsion, Suspension, and Dropping out of School has issued a call for papers. It will be held February 10-12, 2005, at the Rosen Center Hotel, Orlando, Florida. The deadline for submission of proposals is July 1, 2004.

The Conference is under new sponsorship this year after being sponsored for ten years by the Safe Schools Coalition, Inc. The International Center for the Study of Social Issues and Education at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, in collaboration with the UWGB Division of Outreach and Education is the new sponsor. AASWG has been a co-sponsor of this conference for the past ten years. In 2004 the conference brought together over 390 community-based alternative educators along with leaders from government, business, labor, and community groups to share ideas about what works in serving at-risk youth.

For information and a form for submission of a proposal, contact Fritz Erickson, Dean of Professional and Graduate Studies, or Barbara McClure-Lukens, Director of Outreach Continuing Professional Education, 920-465-2222, 800-892-2118, fax 920-465-2552, [mclureb@uwgb.edu](mailto:mclureb@uwgb.edu), [www.uwgb.edu/outreach/alternatives](http://www.uwgb.edu/outreach/alternatives). The web site includes on-line registration and updated program and logistical information.



## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

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

**10th European Groupwork Symposium. What counts as evidence in Groupwork?** St John College, York, England. Wednesday-Friday, **July 21-23, 2004**. Contact Whiting & Birch Ltd, 90 Dartmouth Road, London SE23 3HZ, 44-020-8244-2421, fax 44-020-8244-2448, savpub@dircon.co.uk, www.whitingbirch.com.

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

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

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

**The Eleventh National Conference on Alternatives to Expulsion, Suspension, and Dropping out of School. February 10-12, 2005**, Rosen Center Hotel, Orlando, Florida. The International Center for the Study of Social Issues and Education at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in collaboration with the UWGB Division of Outreach and Education. Contact Fritz Erickson, Dean of Professional and Graduate Studies, or Barbara McClure-Lukens, Director of Outreach Continuing Professional Education, 920-465-2222, 800-892-2118, fax 920-465-2552, mcclureb@uwgb.edu, www.uwgb. Information about the call

for papers is included elsewhere in this issue of *SWwGN*. AASWG has been a co-sponsor of this conference in past years.

**51st Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, New York City, February 27-March 1, 2005. “One World, Many Cultures, New Challenges”**. CSWE, 1725 Duke Street, #500, Alexandria, VA 23314-3457, 703-683-8080, fax 703-683-8099, apm@cswe.org, www.cswe.org. AASWG promotes the “Group Work Symposium” and has an exhibit there.

**“Professional Social Work and Its Contribution to Africa's Development”**, 6th Pan-African Social Work Conference, **10-14 April 2005**, Nairobi, Kenya. mbuguacharles@yahoo.com.

**“Supporting Promising Practices and Positive Outcomes: A Shared Responsibility”**, 15th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, **April 18-23, 2005**, Boston, Massachusetts. The Children's Bureau Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families. Contact Kim Amos, Pal-Tech, Inc., 1901 North Moore Street, Suite 204, Arlington, VA 22209, 703-528-0435, kamos@paltech.com. Proposal abstracts due June 15, 2004.

IFSW European Seminar **“Social Work Challenges for Social Cohesion”**, **23-25 May, 2005**, Lefkosia/Nicosia, Cyprus. www.socialwork2005.org.

**“Social Work Theories and Practice with Cultural Variations”**, 18th Asia-Pacific Social Work Conference. **10-15 July 2005**, Seoul, Korea.

**27th International Symposium on Social Work with Groups**, Minneapolis, Minnesota, **September 29-October 2, 2005**. For more information contact Janice Andrews, Chair, 651-962-5803, fax 651-962-5819, jlandrews@stthomas.edu. The Call for Papers will be published in the August 2004 and January 2005 issues of *SWwGN*. Check the AASWG web site for continuously updated information, www.aaswg.org.

## CONFRONTING OPPRESSION

*Confronting Oppression, Restoring Justice: From Policy Analysis to Social Action* by Katherine van Wormer examines the twin forces of oppression and injustice and how social policies, cultural institutions, and prevailing ideologies promote or sustain them. Using an internationally informed perspective, she analyzes concepts such as internalization of oppression, injustice, restorative justice, social exclusion, empowerment, and critical consciousness. She describes the skills of critical analysis needed to confront oppression and injustice, providing examples of human services programs that successfully deploy strategies of empowerment and engage forces of oppression and injustice. Council on Social Work Education, www.cswe.org.

## NEW EDITION OF *GROUP WORK WITH ADOLESCENTS* SOON

Andy Malekoff reports that *Group Work with Adolescents: Principles and Practice* will soon be available in a revised and expanded second edition.

This popular text provides essential knowledge and skills for conducting creative, strengths-based group work with adolescents in a range of settings. A rich introduction to the field, the book is enlivened by numerous instructive and moving illustrations from actual sessions.

The new edition has been extensively rewritten and updated to reflect the current literature. Included are many new examples, resources, and practice innovations. Four entirely new chapters spell out seven basic principles for strengths-based practice, describe “groups-on-the-go,” an innovative approach to spontaneous school-based mutual aid groups, address intervention in the aftermath of large-scale traumatic events, and highlight the value of self-reflection for successfully handling even the most challenging group situations. The anticipated publication date is August 2004. Contact Andrew Malekoff at amalekoff@northshorechildguidance.org. New York: The Guilford Press. www.guilford.com.



## "WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?"

A play, "What's the Difference?", featuring four disabled actors explores attitudes toward people with physical or mental disabilities. Production and documentation of the play was funded by the Herbert W. Hoover Foundation. A DVD is available that captures the rehearsal process and the performance last spring by the Rainbow Repertory Company at the Canton, Ohio, Culture Center. Lois DiGiacomo produced the play. As Group Workers we should know what the difference is. The DVD should be useful in working with groups to develop understanding of how to respond appropriately to persons with various disabilities. It's a group experience on stage. For information call 330-966-9440.

## THE UNSUNG SIXTIES

David Whiting reports that Whiting and Birch is currently involved with the biggest book launch they have ever undertaken.

The book is *The Unsung Sixties: Memoirs of Social Innovation*. It is a series of interviews with thirty-five or so of the people who set up the new style voluntary organisations in the United Kingdom in the 1960's such as the Shelter, the Campaign for Homosexual Equality, and the Child Poverty Action Group.

Whiting says, "We have managed to achieve massive publicity, including a five page feature in the *Guardian* newspaper, half an hour of interviews on BBC Radio 4 Women's Hour, and this week an extended review in the *Sunday Times*. I go on at length because the authors were pointed in our direction by Sue Henry. I suspect that some AASWG members will find it of interest."

The book is available, as with all W&B books, in the USA from IPG in Chicago. Otherwise contact W&B in London.

## NEW SOURCE FOR CSWE BOOKS AND VIDEOS

Books and videos published by the Council on Social Work Education should now be ordered from PP&F, P.O. Box 10812, Birmingham, AL 35202, 800-633-4937 or 205-995-1567. Orders and information may still be accessed through the CSWE web site and e-mail, [www.cswe.org](http://www.cswe.org) and [cswe@cbsco.com](mailto:cswe@cbsco.com).

The two books in the AASWG series on teaching group work should now be ordered from PP&F. These are *Group Work Education in the Field* (Julianne Wayne and Carol S. Cohen) and *Teaching a Course on Social Work with Groups* (Roselle Kurland and Robert Salmon). The prevailing AASWG member discount still applies. As noted above, the service is located in Birmingham, Alabama. Thus, the books and videos will be shipped from there.

## GROUP.THE MOVIE - AGAIN

"Group.The Movie" was shown continuously at the Boston Symposium. We've mentioned it before. It draws together eight women who would otherwise never find themselves in the same room. They all want make changes in themselves. With their therapist they look at their lives through a panorama of unexpected twists and turns unfolding personalities, relationships, sex and attractions, ambitions and expectation, hope and anger. Group therapy is the place to take risks, to look unblinkingly at the family disputes, drama, and conflicts that shape everyday life. It's more than a hard look within, the relationships that form, the great stories, the ridiculous, and all the other things that define this attempt at consciousness. The reward is the tough exploration of the person inside. It's invited voyeurism, a psychological adventure film: It's "Group". [www.groupthemovie.com](http://www.groupthemovie.com). It's worth every minute of it. Group workers will really appreciate exploring it.

## GROUP WORK BOOKS IN GERMAN

For a flyer describing Group Work and other Social Work books available in German from Heinz Kertsing's Institut für Beratung und Supervision, contact IBS, Heckstrasse 25, D-52080 Aachen, Germany, fon 49 (0) 241-953309, fax 49 (0) 241-554815, [office@ibs-network.de](mailto:office@ibs-network.de), [www.ibs.network.de](http://www.ibs.network.de).

## SHEILA, A NEW NOVEL BY MOHAN KAUL

What do you do when your hopes and dreams go against everything your family, traditions, and society dictates?

In *Sheila* the protagonist faces this harrowing dilemma. Raised in a traditional Indian village, Sheila is expected to receive a minimal education and then immediately be married off to the man of her father's choosing. Instead, she goes away to college, becomes politically active, embarks on a ground-breaking career... and, most shocking of all, falls in love with a man from another community, of another caste.

Ultimately, Sheila will have to face up to her roots and make a choice between the old world and the new. Will she maintain her roots and still create new traditions?

Mohan Kaul is Emeritus Professor of Sociology at Kent State University. He was born in Kashmir, India. He studied at Punjab University and the Delhi School of Social Work before earning his MSW from the University of Pittsburgh and his PhD from Case Western Reserve University. He has remained involved in many community activist organizations in his home state of Ohio.

Kaul is a long time member of AASWG.

Order from Vantage Press, Inc., 410 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016, 1-800-882-3273. US\$21.50 plus US\$2.50 shipping and handling for first copy, US\$1.00 for each additional copy.

We are pleased to present information about this new novel by an AASWG member in keeping with our policy of presenting information about works by members which are outside the mainstream of our literature. This is, interestingly, appropriate to our concerns with cultural conflict and change.

## SWwG JOURNAL ONLINE

Be sure to check each month in the "members only" section of the AASWG web site, [www.aaswg.org](http://www.aaswg.org), for the "Article of the Month" from *Social Work with Groups Journal*. A new article will be posted each month. Articles from previous issues will be posted between issues.

Use the AASWG Listserv to discuss the article. Many thanks to The Haworth Press for permission to post the "Article of the Month". Suggestions for articles you would like to see posted should be sent to Tim Kelly, the AASWG Web Master, at [webmaster@aaswg.org](mailto:webmaster@aaswg.org).



## “FROM THE EDITORS” OF SOCIAL WORK WITH GROUPS JOURNAL

(Reprinted from *SWwGJ* 26:2, p. 1, with permission)

Organizing the 25th Anniversary issue of *Social Work with Groups* (25:1/2) was a great pleasure. The special issue was offered simultaneously as a book, *Stories Celebrating Group Work: It's Not Always Easy to Sit on Your Mouth*. It was fun arriving at a concept for the special issue. Less obvious to readers than the work involved by the editors in fine tuning the content *inside of the book* is the process of developing a concept for *outside of the book* - a cover design that would tell a story and capture the spirit of group work. We thought we would share the story of the book cover here.

One of the authors, Roseline Felix, wrote her article about growing up as a child in Haiti and then immigrating to the United States as a young woman.(1) As with other authors, we worked with Roseline to help her with a direction for her article. In a preliminary discussion she recalled a tree, the center of much activity, that was situated in front of her house in Dondon, Haiti. She referred to it as the Rabi Tree. She remembered all of the activity that took place under the Rabi Tree. As she reminisced she said that what stood out was neighbor helping neighbor - mutual aid under the Rabi Tree.

In discussion with Roseline, we wondered aloud, “Wouldn't it be great if there were a picture or drawing of life under the Rabi Tree to be included with your article?” She immediately responded, “I have a cousin who is an artist. Maybe I could ask him.” Her cousin, Apollon Menard, agreed and penned an illustration that appeared in the journal edition of the special issue at the end of Roseline's article. His black and white drawing depicted life under the protective shade of the Rabi Tree. The illustration shows children playing soccer and riding bicycles, men playing cards or dominoes, women setting up a picnic lunch, individuals reading, and people gathered around what appears to be a church just across the way. As Roseline wrote in her introduction about growing up in Haiti:

As I am writing I can visualize myself sitting on the stoop of my house facing the Rabi Tree, this enormous

structure, with its out-reaching branches and leaves - like a huge umbrella - served as a meeting place under which people from the community gathered. Beneath its soothing, refreshing shade people socialized... merchants sold their wares, neighbors played dominoes, and children chased one another and played soccer. (p. 120)

At the time that the journal volume of the special issue arrived, the cover design for the book version was still undecided. We did not want to leave it in the publisher's hands without any of our input. We thought about it and agreed that it would be fitting if Apollon's illustration of life under the Rabi Tree could be used for the cover. His drawing suggested so much, we thought, about a sense of community that groups can contribute to. Author Mark Strand, writing about the work of artist Edward Hopper, wrote,

(His) paintings are short, isolated moments of figuration that suggest the tone of what's to follow just as they carry forward the tone of what preceded them. The tone but not the content. The implication but not the evidence. They are saturated with suggestion ... Our time with the painting must include - if we are self-aware - what the painting reveals about the nature of continuousness.(2)

*Saturated with suggestion.* What a great phrase and way to describe Menard's illustration of life under the Rabi Tree. Menard provided his written consent and we passed the idea along to cover designer Lora Wiggins who decided to stylize the drawing by adding some color. The rest, as they say, is history.

The beauty of the cover illustration of *Stories Celebrating Group Work* is what it suggests about neighborhood, natural settings where people come together to talk and play and support one another. The illustration presents an isolated moment, but it vibrates with possibility and the good feeling that a strong sense of community evokes. This book cover helps us to celebrate 25 years of *Social Work with Groups*, and more. It celebrates a young woman's journey and lifelong commitment, using her group work knowledge, to recreate life under the Rabi Tree wherever she goes.

## JSGW EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

A call has been issued for editorial board members of the *Journal for Specialists in Group Work* for a three-year appointment beginning January 1, 2005. An interested applicant should send a letter of application, vita, an electronic copy of the vita (in MS Word), and reprints of recent articles in hard copy to Dr. Donald Ward, Editor, *Journal for Specialists in Group Work*, Department of Psychology and Counseling, Pittsburg State University, 1701 South Broadway, Pittsburg, KS 66762. The application deadline is September 1, 2004. For more information contact Ward at [dward@pittstate.edu](mailto:dward@pittstate.edu). The *JSGW* web page is [www.asgw.org](http://www.asgw.org).

### THANKS FOR *SWwGN*

Paula Hill writes, “With the arrival of each *Newsletter* also comes a much needed breath of humor. I read each article eagerly because I can clearly hear the friendly and also informed voice behind it and it makes my hour! Thank you one and all. Sorry that I had to miss Boston but I was badly needed here for that time.”

Harriman, NY, by e-mail.

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

It is thrilling to think that the little girl who looked out from her stoop in Dondon, Haiti, to see the Rabi Tree and who has struggled for years to make it in her adopted home, can now see her childhood home as the inspiring cover of a book that contains the story of her journey as a person and a group worker.

#### NOTES

1. Roseline Felix (2002). Hidden Treasure under the Rabi Tree: A Group Worker's Journey from Haiti to the U.S. In (Eds. R. Kurland and A. Malekoff), *Stories Celebrating Group Work: It's Not Always Easy to Sit on Your Mouth*. Binghamton, NY 2002, The Haworth Press, Inc. pp. 119-128

2) Mark Strand on the work of Edward Hopper, quoted in Paul Hendrickson (2003). *The Sons of Mississippi*, New York: Alfred A Knopf, unnumbered prologue page.



## **CANADIAN SUBSIDY DIRECTORY: 2004 EDITION**

The newly revised edition of the *Canadian Subsidy Directory* is now available. It is the most complete and affordable reference for anyone looking for financial support and is deemed to be the perfect tool for new or existing businesses, individual ventures, foundations and associations.

The *Directory* contains more than 2600 direct and indirect financial subsidies, grants and loans offered by government departments and agencies, foundations, associations and organisations. All programs are well described.

The *Directory* is the most comprehensive tool available to start up a business, improve existent activities, set up a business plan, or obtain assistance from experts in fields such as industry, transport, agriculture, communications, municipal infrastructure, education, import-export, labor, construction and renovation, the service sector, hi-tech industries, research and development, joint ventures, arts, cinema, theatre, music and recording industry, the self employed, contests, and new talents. It provides assistance from and for foundations and associations, guidance to prepare a business plan, market surveys, computers, and much more!

The *Directory* (ISBN 2-922870-05-7) is sold for CA\$69.95. To obtain a copy please contact Canada Books, 26 Ch. Bellevue, St-Anne-des-Lacs, QC, Canada J0R 1B0, 450-224-9275, cadfred21@bvi mailbox.com.

## **NEW CARIBBEAN JOURNAL**

The new *Caribbean Journal of Social Work* will be published annually by the Association of Caribbean Social Work Educators. In addition to its focus on the Caribbean region, the *Journal* is focusing on matters relating to the West Indian Diaspora. Topics in the latest issue include "Caribbean Social Work Education", "Children and Social Policy in Barbados", "The Caribbean-South African Diaspora", and "Towards Locally Specific Social Work Education and Practice".

The editors are John A. Maxwell and Lincoln Williams of the University of the West Indies in Mona, Jamaica. The publisher is Arawak Publications. For information contact Chandra Degia at [marketing@mail.infochan.com](mailto:marketing@mail.infochan.com)

## **THE EVALUATION EXCHANGE**

The new issue of the Harvard Family Research Project's quarterly evaluation periodical, *The Evaluation Exchange*, may be a great resource to you. This is the *Exchange's* tenth year. The issue features expert reflections on some of the trends (both good and bad) that have occurred in the evaluation field during this time, including the "best of the worst" evaluator practices, changes in university-based evaluation training, and the development of evaluation as a discipline. Other articles introduce themes that will be addressed in greater depth in the future, such as international evaluation, technology, evaluation of the arts, and diversity. The issue is online at <http://www.gse.harvard.edu/hfrp/eval/issue24/index.html>

This is your last issue if you are not renewed for 2004. Renew today!

## **BOARD MEETS IN JUNE IN NYC**

The AASWG Board of Directors will hold its semi-annual meeting on Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13, at the Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service in New York City. The Executive Committee and one or two other committees will meet on Friday. Other committees will meet on Saturday morning.

The following Board meeting will be before the Symposium in October. Committees will meet during the Symposium.

**What have you done  
For group work today?**

## **GUIDELINES ONLINE**

Guidelines for submitting materials to *SWwGN* are now available online at [www.aaswg.org](http://www.aaswg.org). We appreciate receiving any and all items for publication, but it will assist greatly if some of the guidelines for preparation are followed. In preparation of each issue we aim to achieve consistency of formatting, grammar, and all other aspects of writing and editing.

## **PRACTICE AND TEACHING MATERIALS FROM AASWG**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## BOOKS NOTED since January

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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## NEW JOURNALS NOTED

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## MALEKOFF WRITES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF BOOK COVERS

We thought our readers would be interested in Andrew Malekoff's reflections on the importance of book covers in this note he wrote as an introduction to us for the editorial from *Social Work with Groups Journal* about the Rabi Tree which is reprinted in this issue.

Dear John:

Sometimes an editorial I write (with Roselle) for the *Journal* is special for me. Such is the case with the editorial for 26:2. When you get the *Journal* you might want to take a look and see if it is worth reprinting in the newsletter. Aside from its being a good story it highlights an overlooked aspect of publishing. Namely, the choice of a book cover. Authors/editors can have input, if not always the final say, about the choice of a book cover. I have had a strong hand in at least three of the covers to books and monographs I've written and edited. *Group Work with Adolescents'* maze-like design cover was based on a concept that my wife came up with and that I passed on to the publisher. The cover for the monograph that Alex Gitterman and I edited for *REFLECTIONS* on professional helpers' responses to 9/11 is a photograph that I took at ground zero of an American flag with children's handprints covering the blue and the words "PEACE, HOPE, LOVE, WE STAND STRONG TOGETHER" written across the red and white stripes. The editorial in 26:2 tells one such story of the cover for the book version of the 25th anniversary issue of *Social Work with Groups*, a group worker's journey from Haiti to the US. I hope it will inspire authors not to leave the decision making process for their book covers purely in the hands of the publisher.

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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.





## NEW ANNUAL REVIEW FROM WHITING AND BIRCH

Whiting and Birch has issued a Call for Papers for its new publication *Managing Social Care Annual Review 2005*. They are seeking articles from academics, practitioners, and managers for this new peer-reviewed title to be launched in Spring of 2005.

Traditionally, social care has been delivered predominantly by local authority social services departments and voluntary organisations. In keeping with developments in policy and practice, the widening context of social care will be considered. This will include, for example, situations where social care is delivered jointly by health and social service organisations, as part of new organisational forms across health and social care as part of the PCT and Care Trust agenda, and by new welfare initiatives such as SureStart.

The *Review* will 1) Highlight and discuss topical management issues, 2) Stimulate discussion on management challenges in social care organisations, 3) Disseminate ideas on effective management practice and its theoretical basis, 4) Provide the opportunity to share learning from successful and less successful management practice and interventions, and 5) Promote effective management practice.

Submitted articles might cover 1) Organisational Issues: performance management, structures, research, policy development, audit, commissioning, and financial control and management systems, 2) Interprofessional Communication: how staff from different disciplines relate as individuals and as groups; different types of organisation can work together most effectively, and 3) Service User Relations: relationships between staff and service users; modes of service delivery and monitoring; methods of assessing need and response to services.

Main articles in the *Review* will be peer refereed with two referees per paper. However, the *Review* will also carry non-refereed material: for example, short pieces reporting on some particular piece of work, or some institutional development, opinions, literature reviews, etc.

While sustaining sound academic standards, articles should be written to be readily intelligible and useful to an interdisciplinary audience. Intending authors should have in mind the generalist CEO

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The *Review* will have as its audience 1) managers who wish to reflect on and review practice within their own organisations and to share their experiences, 2) academics who wish to disseminate research findings and contribute to debate and discussion about social care management, and 3) students of social work, and health and social care administration and management who wish to have a firmer understanding of some of the realities of management in social care organisations.

Papers will be encouraged from managers, from professional workers, from students and researchers and from others with involvement in social care, for example, board members and councillors. An increasing aim of social policy generally is to encourage and develop the involvement of users and carers. In keeping

with this aim, the journal will also consider how users of social care and their careers can contribute to discussions in this forum.

The *Review* will be edited by John Lawler of the Nuffield Institute, University of Leeds. On the Dow due when I had a hand in The Editorial Board includes Andy Bilson, University of Central Lancashire; Nick Frost, University of Leeds; Elizabeth Harlow, Salford University; Jeff Hearn, Huddersfield University; Liam Hughes, CEO East Leeds PCT; Mike Lauerman, Chair, TOPPS NE Region; Sue Ross, Independent Consultant, Sue White, Huddersfield University; and Alison O'Sullivan, Director of Social Services, Bradford MBC.

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