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GAMHPA News

The 2006 Membership Directory is now available for download at www.psychotherapy.org/gamhpa. Please note updated and corrected directory information for members listed in this newsletter on page 3.

If you have not joined GAMHPA, our application form is printed in the middle of this issue. The process will take just a minute to complete, and the cost is only \$60 for full members.

After a hiatus, Larry Brooks, our Newsletter Editor, returns to offer his perspectives "from the editor's couch" on page 2. On page 6, Jim De Santis discusses the business benefits of writing.

Gloria Dahlquist, our columnist, interviews GAMHPA member, Michelle Barone, M.F.T., on page 4. On page 3, we also welcome new member Thomas Oldenburger, L.C.S.W.

Our next networking luncheon is set for Wednesday, April 18, at the Olive Garden in Glendale. Bring your business cards. Our continuing education event being planned for early 2007 will address diagnostic dilemmas. If you would like to contribute to the planning of this event, please contact Larry Brooks, our Program Chair. ?

Calendar of Events

QUARTERLY NETWORKING LUNCHES

All lunches in Glendale.
12-1:30pm, Wednesdays.
Separate tabs. Call ahead to reserve at (818) 551-1714.

April 18, Wednesday, Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 101 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale

CONTINUING EDUCATION

"Diagnostic Dilemmas"
Planned for early 2007.
CEUs will be offered.
Contact Larry Brooks for details at (818) 243-0839.

BOARD MEETINGS

Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m.
138 N. Brand Blvd., Ste. 300,
Glendale. All are welcome.

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Call ahead to let us know you are coming at (818) 551-1714.

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From the Editor's Couch

Larry Brooks, Ph.D.

We have all had difficult cases where we have made mistakes, where we have been pushed into a corner and acted outside our "preferred versions" of self. I've chosen a case to illustrate how our beliefs about who we are and our theories about what we do can unwittingly create conditions for impasses with our clients.

She was a therapist in training who came for counseling to fulfill her graduate school requirement. She was never comfortable in her role as client. I was never comfortable in my role as not her therapist. Early into our work, she brought me a paper that she had written that critiqued the frame. In this paper she stated that the frame was established and maintained for the comfort of the therapist at the expense of the client. It was a mechanism used to manage the needs of the client based on what the therapist could tolerate. She claimed that the therapist's narcissistic insistence on maintaining the frame encouraged the client's accommodation, and accentuated the compliance of the false self. She felt that the needs of the true self, especially the regressive needs, cried out against the rigidity of the frame, particularly the compulsive commitment to ending sessions on time. While the client is invited to open her heart, she must abruptly stop at the end of the hour. This rigid

adherence to the frame posed a grave threat to the client who might need more flexibility in order to grow. My client felt this rigidity to be harsh, insensitive and potentially re-traumatizing.

She was articulate, pleasant, and yet seemed intent on not becoming my client, at least on my terms. She was neither demanding nor argumentative. She would casually minimize the value therapy, frequently remind me of ways in which she obtained therapy from friends, alternative healers, while complain that she wasn't getting anything out of our therapy. She made her co-payment at the start of each session with a certain ambiguous acknowledgment that left me feeling

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unmistakably paid. There was often anxiety floating in the office creating a background of suspense and discomfort. She seemed inclined to chat. This triggered in me an anxiety about my role, and an insistence on acting more like the therapist. The more I acted like a therapist, the more she resisted acting like a client. We became locked in an impasse. Efforts to talk about the impasse only deepened it. I was too afraid and unsteady to address the difficulty as our impasse. We sustained a tense and uncomfortable relationship for 11

sessions, until she decided to find another therapist. I was wounded, but relieved when she terminated therapy.

The case presented difficulties for me. I felt uncomfortable being with her. I viewed her statements about the inequality of the frame as defensive. While she never explicitly asked or demanded that I modify my approach, her Being insisted on what I unthinkingly felt to be a major demand. I thought about her personality inconsistencies as evidence of underlying problems of dependence and trust. I presented this case to a consultation group and received support and confirmation of my formulations. The group agreed that she indeed was a difficult and resistant patient.

In retrospect I came to understand that she did not want to be in therapy with me because I failed to be the therapist that she needed. I was unwilling to meet her on her terms and accept her wish not to be the patient that I needed her to be. I didn't want to bend: I didn't even see the bend in the road. I expected her (needed her) to talk about problems in therapy, which she didn't do. My difficulty in addressing this impasse was a mutually determined difficulty that I failed to address as such because I didn't recognize it as a mutual impasse. I thought of it in terms of resistance and felt it was our job to understand her resistance. This approach merely strengthened the impasse.

On a more general level my unreflective response to the impasse indicated my blind spot palpably felt

by her. I don't see my smile or sneer as I look into another's eyes. I don't always hear the anger in my voice, even after it is pointed out to me. While I can never know myself without an Other, I often don't recognize myself in another's description. I can never see myself as others see me. They can never know me as I know myself. How does one reconcile interpersonal ambiguity, contradictions, and complementarity? How does one make sense of the inside outside discrepancies and utilize these differences as a source of information when they seem so threatening. In the spirit of Winnicott's 1971 essay where he differentiated object use from object relating, I suggest that in order to see oneself and recognize the impact one has on another, especially in the heat of a conflict, whether it is a patient or significant other, one needs to "surrender" to the perspective of the other. Without this surrender, self-awareness is defensively encrusted in convictions emboldened by idealizations and devaluations, and in the case of therapist, emboldened by our job description. ?



Meet New GAMHPA Member--

Thomas Oldenburger L.C.S.W.

I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who has just opened a private practice in the Los Feliz area. My two areas of specialty are Gay Issues and Work Stress. I believe I am uniquely qualified for these specialties because I grew up as a gay boy in a conservative community in the 1950s and kept my sexual orientation hidden for 30 years. I came out in my 30s, found my domestic partner (of 20 years) and began a 20-year career in the computer industry. I became good at corporate management but also became quite aggressive, workaholic, demanding, and mean. I finally realized that I did not like what I had become, so I decided to pursue my lifelong dream of becoming a therapist. I graduated from Cal-State Los Angeles with an M.S.W. and the highest academic award (the Certificate of Honor). I did an internship as an outpatient therapist at the Gay & Lesbian Center of Los Angeles, then worked for one year at the Department of Children & Family Services and two years at San Fernando Valley Mental Health Center treating adults with chronic mental illnesses. I am currently in my second year working with SED children at Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic. I am available on Saturdays to work with adults, adolescents, or couples who want help with Gay/Lesbian issues or problems related to work stress.

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Directory Updates & Corrections

The following are recent corrections and updates to the 2006 GAMHPA Membership Directory.

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A Conversation With . . .

by Gloria Ashby Dahlquist, L.M.F.T.



Michelle Barone, L.M.F.T.

When did you first know you wanted to be a psychotherapist?

I was pretty little. By the time I was 12, I would say. My family says that I would talk about how people were feeling from the time I was a very little child. I didn't know exactly what a therapist meant. But I did want to be a child psychologist early on. When I got out of high school I went and got my special education credentials first, because somehow it didn't seem that I should be a psychologist at age twenty.

What experiences in childhood do you suppose influenced your becoming a psychotherapist?

Both my mom and my aunt, who was my surrogate mom, were very progressive. My aunt was a dancer who helped develop dance therapy in the early 60s. They both did a lot of encounter groups. So as a kid I was always around those kind of things that were new at the time, which familiarized me with it. My mom worked as an administrative assistant helping set up mental health clinics,

day treatment programs and counseling centers. I spent a lot of time in that milieu, because after school I would go there and hang out in the recreation room, waiting for my mom. It is like second nature for me to be in those settings. I do teaching now at a psychiatric hospital, and I am very comfortable there.

Whom do you regard as your biggest supporter and/or inspiration?

My parents, mainly my mother, and my aunt, the dancer, and my cousin. I spent a lot of time with my cousin as a young teen. They lived out in a rural area in northern California. She had her babies by natural childbirth, breastfed them, and lived a natural lifestyle. Later when I went to get my teaching credential, I attended Pacific

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Oaks College, which is really focused around child development. So I was very much influenced from a young age by a family who was progressively child-centered in a natural lifestyle.

Where did you study?

After high school I went to Valley College for two years, and then to Pacific Oaks for my bachelor's degree in infant/toddler development. I did an extra year there for my certification in special education. Then I went to work at Hathaway Home for

Children, a residential treatment home for severely emotionally disturbed kids. I worked there for seven years as a special ed classroom teacher. That was when autism and Asperger's Syndrome were just starting to be recognized. So I worked with some pretty disturbed children, and it was very easy for me.

Then the mental health system changed, and kids began to be routed from juvenile hall into mental health. These were clearly very different from the kids that we had been seeing, who were developmentally delayed. When I observed the children from the juvenile system, I began to think. Why were these children not being helped sooner? What did their families need so the children could have their needs met?

That propelled me to go back and get my master's degree in Marital & Family Therapy from California Family Study Center (now Phillips Graduate Institute). I appreciated that Cal-Fam had its own brand of progressiveness. I got licensed as an MFT and got pregnant with my first child at basically the same time. Then all my infant/toddler training

from PO kicked in, and things just began to all blend together. Now in my private practice I see a lot of spirited, developmentally delayed, and disordered children, all the kids that look like they just don't fit anywhere. Twenty-something odd years later.

What do you like most about being a therapist?

I like the stories. It's always fascinating to me how people got to where they are now. Like, how did

that happen? And then I like helping people look for solutions to things that seem really overwhelming to them. Sometimes it's a really simple solution, which they might discover just from looking at the problem through a different window. It always feels like a puzzle. People's problems don't get to me. I find it challenging and mysterious to fit it all together. I love it, too, when clients use the therapy to facilitate finding their own answers. In short, I love the puzzle part of it.

What discourages you about your profession?

Managed care. To me that's the biggest professional discouragement. I have to do a lot of education with my patients with managed care to help them understand they only get a limited number of sessions, and then how to problem solve a way to continue treatment if their work is not finished in that amount of time. I am also discouraged that people still carry a lot of shame and resistance to mental health treatment because the stigma remains to this day, despite much wider dissemination of knowledge. Another thing I find curious, though not necessarily discouraging, is that people want the fix to be so fast.

What is your general philosophy about your work?

I am eclectic, but the overriding approach is developmental. I look at clients through that perspective, and go from there. I help people learn to be comfortable with their temperament, to increase their self-acceptance. I do cognitive-behavioral work, too. I help people understand the biochemical component, and how it affects emotions. I help people understand that their feelings

are not necessarily all tied to some psychological, traumatic event.

How do you self-care?

I have a weekly standing appointment for massage therapy, with someone I've known for years, and I do personal care like manicures and pedicures. I definitely work a lot, and in the last year have gotten good at playing as much as I work. In the last year, I also got a housekeeper, which I had never done. I don't know why for all those years I thought I could do it all, but it became too much. This was a huge step for me. I found someone who loves to do it, and she's great!

How would you describe your favorite kind of client?

I like clients who are on their own journey with their own growth, and love to do work outside of session. In complete contrast to that, I also like clients who are not psychologically minded in any way, but are sincere.

What is the primary thing you would want people to know about you?

I really feel that I am only one piece of someone's growth path. So I don't feel possessive of my clients, or threatened if they are working with other modalities like nutrition, or body work, etc. I like to refer to other professionals for adjunctive work. I am also very pragmatic and responsible in finding ways to allow a client to do work they want to pursue with me, whether by sliding my scale, or being flexible in other ways.

Because I see a lot of families that home-school their children, I would want to communicate to therapists out there to be willing to think outside

the box on that subject. The home-schooling lifestyle is often misunderstood. People often assume that it means the family is over-attached. But that is actually rarely the case. I would be happy to talk with anyone who is seeing a home-schooling family who may have questions. I have a unique expertise with that population.

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The Business of Practice

By Jim De Santis, Ph.D.

Market Your Services by Writing

There are many reasons to write an article, newsletter, report, or book as a vehicle for marketing your professional services. Even if you don't feel particularly good at it, consider the benefits to your practice of writing something about what you know about clinical work.

A cornerstone of marketing is visibility. Writing can give you that visibility by replicating your presence in the stream of consciousness of more of your optimal customers. Since the advent of movable type, the printed page offered more than an archival function—it began to offer the opportunity for broad dissemination of information.

Unlike many things we do, our writing can be produced inexpensively and distributed widely, whether on paper or electronically. As a result, we can reach a greater number of our potential customers or referrers than we otherwise might through personal contact alone.

Anything we write can be reworked for more than one purpose or into more than one format. A single article you may write on your thoughts about the basic make-up of human psychology or about the fundamental principles you apply in your interventions can be used as a

brochure, a web page, and a lecture outline.

Often, one of the few tangible things we in the mental health professions can offer is writing. Written materials can serve as a tangible reminder to the potential client or referrer which they can hold onto. So at its most basic, written materials allow a potential customer to retain our contact information. As a result, this information is more likely to be passed on to others who can seek us out. Consider carrying copies with you to give away when your subject or your work comes up in conversation.

A cornerstone of marketing is visibility. Writing can give you that visibility by replicating your presence in the stream of consciousness of more of your optimal customers.

Written materials can serve educational objectives, either in terms of your own education or others'. Certainly, committing your ideas to print forces you to clarify your own thinking on a subject. Writing about clinical topics can be an effective way of providing your potential customer a means to self-screen and self-refer into your practice. The reader can see how you think about a particular diagnostic issue or treatment modality. And it is far better to demonstrate your abilities in an article rather than to simply list your abilities in a display or classified advertisement.

Writing also may generate further marketing opportunities to talk or teach. It allows colleagues and the public to see that you could be an interesting lecturer.

Once published, writing creates the status of being an authority. It gives weight and legitimacy to what you say. Writing can demonstrate that you are professional, organized, and efficient. Writing demonstrates your intelligence and capabilities.

Writing creates the added potential of either offering a free, value-added service or becoming a profit center of its own. Writing can generate passive income; it can be sold, leased, or franchised. And if you one day sell your practice, publications become additional assets of the practice.

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CREATIVE PROCESS GROUP. A group for practicing and aspiring writers, musicians, visual artists, actors, etc., utilizing the "art as practice" Zen approach of Natalie Goldberg. This ongoing workshop will support and energize your creative process. Saturday, 10am-1pm. \$30 per meeting. South Pasadena location. Call Deborah McColl, M.A., M.F.T., at (626) 665-7363.

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CONSULTATION PROCESS GROUP. Ongoing small group focuses on professional development for licensed psychotherapists through emotionally safe intersubjective

process approach to understand your impact on clients, including increased awareness of countertransference, tolerance for affect, ability for empathic confrontation, and capacity for interpretive depth. Group will be facilitated by licensed clinical psychologist with significant experience in training and consultation. \$50 per session. Pasadena. Rosalie Finer, Ph.D., Lic. # 10877, (818) 786-3491.

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PEDIATRIC PSYCHIATRIST DIRECTORY. Metropolitan Los Angeles Pediatric Psychiatrist Resource Directory is a concise directory of physicians in Los Angeles county who have been identified as

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AFFILIATE AGENCIES

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