



The Group Therapist Perspective

INTERDISCIPLINARY INSIGHTS FOR GROUP PRACTITIONERS

December 2000 / January 2001

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By: Jo Christner, Psy.D.



The 47th Annual Conference, Gender 2000: The Male-Female Experience was a true success! Comments from participants included statements such as: "It was a breath of fresh air", "It was a great day!" and "It was not only very educational, but I really enjoyed myself". The coming together of the group participants, workshop leaders, keynote speaker, board members, officers and conference committee was the perfect example of group strength and the impact that groups can have. Each of the workshop presenters (and keynote speaker) also became group participants as they attended workshops provided by other speakers. The atmosphere was warm, friendly, exciting, educational and inspirational. A special thank you to the conference co-chairs, Dr. Edward Dreyfus and Dr. Herb Goldberg. They created a very impressive conference that represented all of the special qualities that GPASC holds as important. On page 11, you can find out more about the conference by reading the follow up article written by our hardworking co-chairs. I join them in thanking all of those who dedicated their ideas, time and diligence in making GPASC's Annual Conference an exciting example of change and professional achievement.

When I arrived home Sunday night after the conference, there was a message on my voicemail from a GPASC member sharing that she had a very positive experience and also offering feedback and suggestions that she felt would strengthen and improve our conference for 2001. I was grateful that she attended the day and that she cared enough to get involved. She represents the kind of attitude that we would like to foster in this Association. Our membership includes professionals, students and interns from many different mental health fields and interests. This diverse group has incredible knowledge, skill and talent that we would like to tap. On page 2, Dr. Marcia Smith, our newsletter editor, addresses this issue and asks that you complete the questionnaire included in this newsletter. We want your feedback, your suggestions and your assistance to raise GPASC and its events to even higher levels to serve your needs. Just a few moments of your time can make a difference in getting your needs met from your association....an association that cares.

As the year 2000 comes to a close, we hope that your year was one that invited growth and actualizing your professional and personal goals and dreams. Early in 2001, we will be calling upon you, the membership, to nominate and vote for members to fill the offices within this association. Please take this opportunity to have a voice in how this association evolves and the energy that will help it to continue to develop into a professional group that makes a difference. If you have an interest in increasing your visibility as a professional, networking with other dynamic colleagues, educating the public and profession about the importance of group psychotherapy as an important modality, progressing and staying in tune with the times, ...reach out and let us know that you are interested in taking a more active part. We want to get to know you and to have you join a leadership team that works in the present while focused on creating a dynamic future.

Message From The Editor By: Marcia Craig-Smith, Psy.D.

The Group Psychotherapy Association of Southern California is a unique organization, in that its focus is on the group psychotherapy process. In the world of academia, the group psychotherapy process is not as heavily emphasized, as are other types of treatment. In the real world of managed care there is a major emphasis on cost effective measures to serve as many people as possible as effectively as possible, in which case, the group psychotherapy process plays a major role.

One of GPASC's concerns and continued efforts lies in the area of educating the public and professionals about the efficacy and diversity of the group psychotherapy process. As interns, students, and licensed professionals we have a responsibility to keep ourselves informed about available resources, which might benefit our clients. GPASC is here to help deliver the message, the resources, and the education to improve our interest, referral base and knowledge of the group psychotherapy process.

GPASC depends on its membership as one source to assist in building and maintaining group psychotherapy resources and referrals. GPASC also has a commitment to keeping its educational efforts professionally current and stimulating. GPASC needs your input to better serve you.

"Make Your Voice Count" is a theme I introduced in my first message to the membership. This is one opportunity to do that. By completing the questionnaire below or by accessing the questionnaire on our website, www.gpasc.org, you will be taking a proactive measure to get *more* of what you want out of this organization to better serve your professional interests and clientele. Take this opportunity to make this organization serve you even better!

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C.A.R.E. Decreases Violence in Schools

by David Rappaport, Ph.D.

Violence in schools has the potential to erupt at any time because of unresolved anger that students carry around inside of them. Many students go unnoticed during the daily grind of a school day. They cause “no trouble” and wind their way through to high school graduation uneventfully. Other students face daily conflicts at school. Some conflicts with other students revolve around like/dislike interactions that take place between classes, regarding gender, friendships, racial and cultural differences, space ownership at lunch, jealousies, classroom interactions, name-calling, bathroom encounters involving drugs, petty thieveries and money.

When conflicts are left smoldering, physical violence seems to provide an alternative outlet for resolution. Fights break out and enlarge the conflict to many instead of the original two. Sometimes, weapons are brought on campus and used when reprisal is sought for perceived injustice.

A program aiding students to resolve interpersonal conflicts in a nonviolent manner is C.A.R.E. (Committee Assuring The Rights of Everyone). This program consists of trained students who help conflicting students resolve differences in nonviolent group meetings where anger may be safely vented and solutions offered. This intervention results in decreased suspensions, transfers, expulsions, as well as bodily harm.

C.A.R.E. offers students a safe and trusting environment in which to feel heard and supported by the school. Group leadership is vital at C.A.R.E. meetings.

The teacher-sponsor needs to use group techniques allowing for all to be heard, encourage participation and

reserve judgments. The leader trains C.A.R.E. members in group communication skills and problem solving.

C.A.R.E. members encourage conflicting students to attend peer counseling and conflict resolution sessions at the school.

C.A.R.E. members do follow-up on their interventions, often scheduling conferences with past conflicting students to see if progress has been made and further hostility avoided, emphasizing nonviolence in every day life at school.

C.A.R.E. may be implemented as early as kindergarten and all the way through high school at age based degrees of sophistication. It is never too early for children to learn to resolve conflicts without resorting to physical violence at school, in the community, or at home.

Group process can help students defeat inner helplessness that turns to prejudice, violence, and revenge. Name-calling, racial in tone, expresses great frustration and possible hatred of other groups of students. Participating in small groups like C.A.R.E. allows this hatred to be expressed in a safe, controlled environment. Using group process, the group leaders can encourage group members to listen with increased tolerance in order to hear the meta-messages. The “group process”, used by C.A.R.E., offers a safe way for students to cope with each other as well as their own feelings, surviving conflict with dignity and resolution.

For more information on the C.A.R.E. process, contact *David Rappaport, Ph.D.* at (310) 827-1901.

David Rappaport, Ph.D.

*Clinical Psychology * Master in Education * Bachelor of Science*

*Education of Teaching—44 years * Teacher training—25 years * Licensed MFT—33 years*

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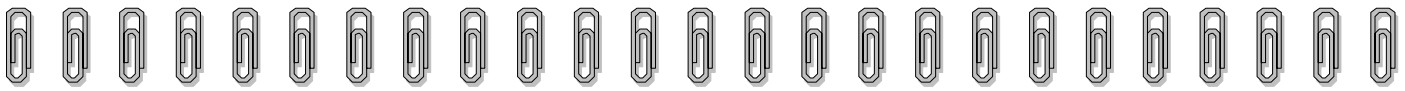
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Women's group has openings for women age 30-55 years. Meets in W. Los Angeles (Beverlywood area) Wednesday evenings 6:30-8 pm. Monthly fee \$190. For information contact Dr. Elaine Leader (LCS 3272) 310-277-6279



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Time: TBA. Janet Bowden, M.A., MFT Intern # IMF32171, (310) 822-0109, ext. 5#.

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Contact Marilyn Stolzman, Ph.D. for details, at the H.O.P.E. Unit Foundation, (818) 788-HOPE (4673).

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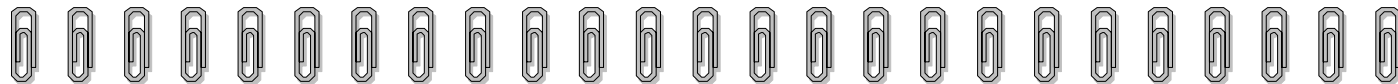
NEW GROUP FORMING: High functioning individuals with relationship difficulties. Remaining spaces for one male and one female. Meeting Tuesdays from 4:30 - 6:30 pm beginning January 9, 2001. Contact Marion Solomon, Ph.D., (310)475-8300, License #LCSW L1187.

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CYBER JENN!

Web site Update: Our rankings in search engines are starting to really take off, and the number of hits (visitors to our site) has increased again this month. A special thanks again to EcomBuffet.com, LLC. Please check out their web sites at www.SearchEngineWebPromotion.com and www.EcomBuffet.com and see how their services may be able to help you and your practice.

SearchEngineWebPromotion.com has also just extended a very special invitation to GPASC. For any new client that a GPASC member refers to their search engine placement service, GPASC will be paid a full 20% of the revenues. This equates to between \$200 and \$500 to GPASC for every new client. Let's all think of who we know that could benefit, and refer them to SearchEngineWebPromotion.com. This would be a great way to raise funds for GPASC and to show our appreciation for the efforts of EcomBuffet!

Helpful tip: All those forwards and groups emails that people send are actually helping to contribute to all the SPAM and junk email we receive. There is a way you can help!! When you get a joke or an article or something so interesting that you just have to send it on, use BCC (blind carbon copy). Using BCC will disguise the email addresses of the people you are sending your forward to. So, as your message gets passed along, your family, friends and colleagues' email addresses won't be taken and added to a junk email list. All email programs should be capable of using the BCC feature. Unfortunately with so many different programs and ways to use BCC, I can't give one general rule on how to use it. If you can't figure it out, go to your HELP menu and it should have simple instructions for you.

Helpful online resource: <http://www.parentcareusa.com> : ParentCareUSA is a full service eldercare company providing action-oriented services to help adult caregivers with every imaginable eldercare issue. Caregivers who need help with maintaining an elderly parent at home, evaluating high quality nursing homes or assisted living communities, locating appropriate community support services, managing medical billing, or understanding Medicare and Medicaid can contact ParentCareUSA any time, day or night for immediate assistance. They specialize in helping long distance caregivers and provide care monitoring, advocacy or other related services. They also help long distance caregivers by narrowing their selections of nursing homes, assisted living facilities etc.

Helpful online resource two: <http://www.norton.com/avcenter/> This site is a great resource, you can use it to look up viruses and see if they are real or a hoax (then you'll know which of those warnings that we all get emailed that you should pay attention to and which you should ignore) there is a FAQ section and you can update your virus definitions if you use Norton. (Which should be done at least once a month)

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See page 12 for Early Bird Discount!

Research Review By Linda De Villers

In keeping with the theme of the fall, 2000 annual convention, here are some findings from recent research on group psychotherapy regarding gender and groups.

The wise therapist, in both forming and conducting group therapy, is alert for gender-based transference and countertransference phenomena and biases. Recent research reveals how these gender-related transference phenomena can manifest and what to do about them. (Wright & Gould, 1996; Rosenberg, 1996).

For example, to the extent that a group recreates a sense of family, the female leader will be cast as the "ideal mother." In spite of evolving gender-roles, odds are that she'll be expected to be continuously nurturing, selfless, and supportive. However, a leader's continuous manifestation of these qualities, regardless of sex, is inappropriate and counter to effective group therapy. The resultant loss of continuous support from a female therapist typically evokes intense anger from females in female-only groups or in mixed-sex groups. Moreover, the anger is often displaced onto another female member rather than at the female therapist. When anger is directed at another group member, the therapist may need to make frequent interventions that redirect the negative affect onto herself so that it can be better understood and worked through. (Wright & Gould, 1996).

By contrast, a male therapist is faced with a different challenge. Since group members are more likely to make him an ideal father or deify him, he needs to be particularly on guard for countertransference responses to seductive ploys that could induce him to act out savior or paternalistic roles. To avoid this, a male therapist, more than a female therapist, may need to bring negative or disturbing feelings into awareness of himself and the group by frequently interpreting transference responses. (Wright & Gould, 1996)

Whereas female group leaders will never be forgiven for lacking in nurturance, varying degrees of nurturance are accepted from male group therapists. What is not accepted in male therapists is a lack of assertiveness and organization. (Rosenberg, 1996). Rosenberg suggests that female therapists exhibit "firm benevolence," reflecting strength as well as the expected caring. She encourages male therapists to exhibit "benevolent firmness," which includes caring along with the expected strength. Characterizing effective group leaders as an androgynous integration of socialized masculine and feminine qualities may be elementary. However, the additional finding that group process is particularly harmed when the therapist/leader lacks gender concordant qualities is something to remember.

The preceding was drawn from Wright, F., & Gould, L. (1996). Research on gender-linked aspects of group behavior: Implications for group psychotherapy; Rosenberg, P. (1996). Comparative leadership styles of male and female therapists. Both in B. De Chant (Ed.) *Women and Group Psychotherapy: Theory and Practice*. (pp. 333-369 and pp. 425-441). New York: Guilford.



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Member Spotlight

Marvin Kaphan, MSW

Although I had been in Los Angeles since 1955, it was not until the early 1970's that I found a professional association that was warm and inviting, without the politics and one-upmanship so common in other organizations.

Like so many of our members, I was attracted by an Annual Conference and joined in order to get the discount and membership at the same time. The friendliness and collegiality charmed me, as did the very interesting meetings. In those days, the main activities of the Association were experience exchange and demonstrations of different members' techniques. I enjoyed attending, but resisted becoming more involved.

In 1978 the organization suffered a disaster that resulted in the loss of most of our records, our membership list and, our mailing list. I was part of a group, headed by Paul Bindrim, who set out to save the organization. We assembled all the past presidents, reconstructed the membership list, and were able to put together a triumphant 25th Annual Conference. Incidentally, I discovered the satisfactions of working closely with this wonderful group of people.

I accepted the role of treasurer which I held for many years, instituted the Forum which became the Our Sunday Sessions and now the Continuing Education Series, chaired the Spring Conferences and the Annual Conferences, and eventually spent two terms as President.

Based on my personal experience, I can assure each of you that the rewards of becoming more active in this organization are incalculable.

Biographically, I am an LCSW and a Diplomate of the American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work. I have engaged in the full-time private practice of psychotherapy since 1960. For almost all that time I have been an enthusiastic advocate of group, and have maintained six on-going groups in addition to a full schedule of individual sessions.

I studied at CCNY, NYU, Princeton University, Rutgers University, and Columbia University, taught at several local colleges and served as a field teacher for the University of Southern California School of Social Work.

My experience has included residential treatment, child guidance, play therapy, and supervision in various settings. I was the first full-time professional employee of the Los Angeles Suicide Prevention Center at its inception, and was chief Psychiatric Social Worker when I left.

I've done many demonstrations and lectures in Los Angeles and in other parts of the United States and Canada. On two occasions I've addressed the American Psychiatric Association.

My writings have been published in many journals including the American Journal of Psychiatry and the American Journal of Psychotherapy.

I also hold an MFT license, am a Certified Group Psychotherapist, and a Licentiate Member of the Royal Society of Health of Great Britain, and most importantly, am Past President of the GPASC.



Matthew Seidman, Ph.D.

A former president of GPASC, Matt Seidman is currently chair of its Continuing Education Series. Licensed as a Marriage and Family Therapist since 1979, he received his doctorate in Counseling Psychology at USC and is in private practice in Sherman Oaks. As well, he is on staff at the Sherman Way Campus of the Northridge Medical Center.

With a varied practice, including individuals, couples and a few families, he has three specialties: seeing people with Parkinson Disease, as well as their families (he has presented at Parkinson Disease symposia); examining issues with couples dealing with fertility problems (he has led groups for men at the fertility center of Century City Hospital); and facilitating groups of people in the creative arts (he is on honorary withdrawal from Actors' Equity, SAG, AFTRA and AGVA...not as a therapist).

Existential in outlook and a firm believer in the I-Thou connection, Matt Seidman pays homage to Carl Jung.

He is also the father of poet, Anthony Seidman, who's first book, *On Carbon-Dating Hunger*, has just been published by the Bitter Oleander Press.

CASSETTE
TAPES

GENDER 2000: THE MALE—FEMALE EXPERIENCE

All Sessions were professionally recorded by On Site Taping. You may order by mail, using the form below. Tapes are \$9.00 each delivered (buy 6 tapes, receive the 7th free!)

Tape

Session

0A Keynote address: Walter Braclemann’s, M.D.—Gender Paradoxes, Patterns and Myths

WORKSHOPS : All workshops are 2 tapes, due to the length of each session.

- 01 Mixed Gender Psychotherapy Groups—Ray Bikaitis, Ph.D.
- 02 Therapy of Men in Groups—Stephen Johnson and Dan Franklink
- 03 Discovering Intimacy Through Autonomy in Couple’s Groups: Moon Kerson, Ph.D. & Bill Rolfe, Ph.D.
- 05 Taboos, Truth Telling and Coming of Age - Melissa Johnson
- 06 Enhancing Women’s Sexuality and Relationships in Group Psychotherapy—Linda De Villers, Ph.D.
- 07 Working With Gay Men in Groups—Steve Isaacman, MA
- 09 Using Groups to Help Teenagers Solve Social Conflict at School—David Rappaport, Ph.D.
- 10 Sex Changes in Group Psychotherapy—Arlen Ring, Ph.D.

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Welcome New GPASC Members

At our recent Board Meeting the following four members were approved as new members of GPASC:

William Flaxman, MFT— Full Member

Rabbi Karen Fox, MFT—Full Member

Diana Castle, MS—Affiliate Member

Delea Lou Rayburn, MS—Affiliate Member

We warmly welcome them into our organization. Congratulations.

Doris McElwee, MFT

Membership Vice President

GPASC CES Sunday, January 14, 2001 By: Matthew Seidman, Ph.D.

Seitze VanDerHeide, Psy.D., faculty member at Ryokan College, as well as clinical psychologist and marriage and family therapist in private practice in Brentwood, will present on **Affect Regulation in the Treatment of Personality Disorders**

Dr. VanDerHeide has led training groups at Esalen Institute and currently specializes in areas of psychodynamic psychotherapy, mind-body connection, behavioral medicine (focusing on facilitating behavioral change) and neuropsychological evaluation. He will feature ideas and methods not often found at presentations. And...you will receive needed CEUs and MCEPs for your attendance.

CEUs are available for three hours of credit. (PCE 528) MCEP approval is pending. (GRO004) As always, attendance is gratis to GPASC members. Guests pay \$15.00. The fee for CEUs or MCEPs is \$12.00

Dr. VanDerHeide's presentation will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2001 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., following GPASC's Board Meeting. All GPASC members are cordially invited to attend our Board meeting, which will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., preceding the presentation.

Please look to future mailings and our website, www.gpasc.org, for the location of this next CES presentation

To reserve your space, call Matt Seidman, Ph.D. at (818) 788-8110.

Gender 2000 was Terrific!

Ed Dreyfus, Ph.D. and Herb Goldberg, Ph.D.

Judging from the reactions of the workshop attendees, the GPASC annual conference, Gender 2000: The Male-Female Experience was hugely successful. The presenters were well-prepared, enthusiastic, and knowledgeable. The 69 attendees had their choice of four morning workshops and four afternoon workshops with each workshop drawing between eight and 20 participants. Hence, the workshops afforded intimate dialogue with the presenters and amongst the participants, which served to enhance the educational experience.

The overall sense of the conference was intimate. There were many people new to GPASC and the GPASC membership once again demonstrated its unique capacity to create one large group family out of a lot of separate individuals. One had the sense of conviviality, congeniality, and warmth which permeated the day. There was a genuine sense of excitement as we moved from the third floor mezzanine to the 12th floor workshops and back again.

Dr. Walter Brackelmanns' keynote address received cheers from the audience. His approach to couple's work is unique and compelling. His presentation was so stimulating that the audience was not even distracted by the serving people hustling back and forth with the platters of food.

Since we anticipated that the workshops would be of extraordinarily high quality, and that many participants and those who could not attend the conference, would

wish they could be in two places at one time, we made arrangements to have all of the workshops tape recorded. So for those of you who wish to obtain tapes of the workshops, you may order them online at our website or use the form enclosed in this newsletter.

We would like to receive feedback from all attendees, both the good and the bad. We want to know what you particularly liked and what you would like to see changed. We want to hear from all members as to what you would wish to have at your annual conference.


What would make it more likely that you would attend next year? This is your conference, your association. Your input is vital to the success of the organization. We would like to see 100% participation of our membership in the conference next year. Please let us know what you would like.

We wish to publicly thank all of the committee members who made this workshop the success that it was. There is no way that we could have put this conference together without all of the support from each of you. We want to especially thank our extraordinary President, Dr. Jo Christner and our Executive Administrator, Jennifer Henry, for extending themselves well beyond the call of duty. Without these two individuals, this conference never would have happened.

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 **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

January 1 : Membership renewals due (See below for early bird discount)

January 14 : CES (See page 11)

January 14 : Board Meeting (All members welcome—Location TBA—Check www.gpasc.org or call 323-960-5143)

Discounted Membership Dues Opportunity!!

Early Bird Discount For New Memberships and Renewals

In this day and age of increasing prices of gas, housing, tuition and just about everything else, it is a pleasure to announce a special offer to members and potential members of GPASC.

Membership dues are normally due in January of each year. This year, you have a special opportunity to join or renew before January 1st, 2001 at the **special low rate of \$65.00**. After January 1st, the membership dues will be \$75.00....still a bargain in the world of association dues.