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Success Beyond Our Expectations! (By Bonnie Buchele, Ph.D.)

Several weeks later, recovered, revived and enthused, I can say that without a doubt we achieved success beyond our expectations in the recent Site Visit from the Kansas City Subcommittee of the Committee of New Training Facilities (CNTF) of the American Psychoanalytic Association (APsaA). Our guests, Helen Keable, Chair, Katherine Brunkow, Duane Dale and Harvey Falit, arrived November 1, 2007, and interacted with us until noon of November 4, 2007, in what was a stimulating, educational and rewarding site visit. The visitors were gracious, helpful and affirming. We have not yet received their report but it will soon come. Meanwhile, I will briefly summarize their comments.

They began by saying that our growth since the last site visit in 2003 was "phenomenal". They had three major recommendations for us.

- They urged us to engage in case finding and building at all levels---for the second year class of candidates, the advanced candidates, and the faculty; they suggested that the strength of our "superb" academic candidates might be helpful in this regard as well as planning intersessions focused on case finding.
- They said that we should build a solid financial base, specifically recommending incorporating an annual dues payment for faculty, increase in tuition for candidates in coming classes, fund raising on the part of the Greater Kansas City Foundation, and developmental growth of the low fee clinic.
- They said that we would do well to maintain our momentum by doing everything possible to begin another candidate class in 2008, especially since we, at this time, appear to have a number of persons with serious interest.

They indicated that they believe that if we are able to work on these recommendations, it is possible that CNTF will recommend there be a combined CNTF/ Committee on Institutes (COI) site visit soon which would be our last step in the process of becoming a fully accredited institute with APsaA---music to the ears of all who were present and even those who were not!

Other suggestions, not as large in scope, but also important were made and will be delineated in the formal report. Probably, though, the greatest benefit from this event which required hours of planning, preparation, and participation from a very large number of people was a feeling of optimism and hopefulness about our future at the Greater Kansas City Psychoanalytic Institute and the reaffirmation of what a wonderful result can be had when a group of psychoanalysts from our institute combine with other analysts from across the country to think analytically about our educational endeavors, our contributions to our communities and our relationships with one another. Thanks so much to all of you. You and we are a very special and talented, creative group!

COMING EVENTS:

- *Jan. 16 – 20 – APsaA Winter 2008 Meeting*
- *Feb. 9 – Recruitment Luncheon*
- *Feb. 10 – Film Series: Spellbound*
- *Mar. 8 – Center Board Meeting*
- *Mar. 9 – Film Series: Silence of the Lambs*
- *Apr. 6 – Film Series: Frida*
- *Apr. 11 – Intersession: Rita Clark*
- *Apr. 12 – Rita Clark Workshop: Ethics in Psychoanalytic Practice*
- *May 4 – Film Series: Gilda*
- *May 17 – Center Annual Dinner*

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A Candidate's Perspective:
The 2007 Site Visit – A Truly Analytic Experience (By Deana Schuplin, LMHC)

In the best tradition of psychoanalysis, the Greater Kansas City Psychoanalytic Institute and the American Psychoanalytic Association's Committee on New Training Facilities site visit team came together for three days in early November. Hope and anxiety were high! The phrase that brought the event to an end seems to express what had been accomplished. Bonnie Buchele, the institute director and long time group clinician, aptly said, "We seem to be having trouble stopping." Recognition of the truth this expressed was immediate for those in the analytic space created over the course of the weekend. Having worked mightily for 11 years and addressed inevitable developmental issues along with the challenging factors of the Menninger move, transitions in the Committee on New Training Facilities and the general climate of mental health care in the United States, the members of the institute had resolved to openly embrace the process of being reviewed. The site visitors, coming from divergent areas of the country and home institutes in various stages of development, opened the initial meeting with the second year candidates with a mixture of overtly warm and analytically neutral faces. Our cohort, having been encouraged to be frank and open, could not help but launch into describing our valuable experience of being immersed in an atmosphere that includes a depth of experience and knowledge combined with a plurality of analytic traditions. By the midpoint of the Continuous Case Seminar, and throughout our seminars, supervision sessions and the feedback session on Sunday, the visitors joined us in our learning and growing process. Their enthusiasm, as they contributed to our usual training activities, fueled the building delight at discovering we were in an active analytic process. We spent an exhausting but very valuable weekend together thinking about psychoanalytic education in Kansas City and basked in the comments shared by the team in the feedback session that included phrases like "phenomenal growth" and "exemplar supervisions". In addition, the chance to talk openly about current challenges, including finances and case finding as well as receiving an infusion of ideas from around the country was the cake that the icing deserved. Both thanks and congratulations are in order!

In Focus

Our faculty, graduates, candidates, and students continue to make public presentations, receive honors, and engage in activities that bring favorable notice to the Institute. Recently:

- Ryan Allison, M.A., Psy.A. was elected a member of the Kansas City Psychoanalytic Foundation Board.
- Alice Brand Bartlett, MLS
  - Presented "Can we be Women and Analysts? The Importance of Gender in the Development of Professional Identity" to the Dallas Psychoanalytic Center, May 30, 2007.
  - Presented "Diagnostic Issues in the Assessment and Treatment of Complex Grief" at Grand Rounds for the University of Texas Southwestern at Dallas Medical School on May 29, 2007
  - Discussant for the Workshop on Gay and Lesbian Issues at the June meetings of the American Psychoanalytic Association in Denver.
- Tony Bram, Ph.D.
  - Received grants from the International Psychoanalytic Association and the American Psychoanalytic Association to support his research on object relations, cognitive-affective processing and the capacity for alliance in individuals with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and/or depression.
  - Co-chaired a program at the June American Psychoanalytic Association meetings on "Psychoanalytic Diagnosis and Treatment Planning: Application of the Shedler-Westen Assessment Procedure (SWAP)"
- Bonnie Buchele, Ph.D. spoke at University of Missouri at Kansas City Grand Rounds on November 15, 2007; the title of the lecture was "Theory and Treatment of Trauma".
- Cristina Davila, M.D.
  - Appointed Finance Committee Chair for the Greater Kansas City Psychoanalytic Institute.
  - Elected a member of the Kansas City Psychoanalytic Foundation Board.
- Gaye Henderson, LPC will be the clinical presenter at the winter meetings of the American Psychoanalytic Association in New York City discussion group on Psychoanalytic Family Therapy.

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In Focus (Continued)

- Bruce Hopkins, J.D. has been named the 2007 recipient of the *Outstanding Nonprofit Lawyer – Vanguard/Lifetime Achievement Award* by the Nonprofit Corporation's Committee of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association.
- Martin Maldonado-Duran, M.D.
  - Appointed to the faculty of the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Medicine as Associate Professor in Psychiatry.
  - Plans are progressing toward the opening of a perinatal and early childhood mental health clinic at Truman Medical Center Behavioral Health.
- Julia Murphy is submitting an application for an educational grant for the 208 film series to the Lilly Grants Office in January and plans to submit an application for a grant from the American Psychoanalytic Association for videoconferencing equipment.
- Irwin Rosen, Ph.D.
  - Discussant for Jessamyn Hatcher, Ph.D.'s paper "Dear Dr. Menninger – Karl Menninger, the Readers of the Ladies Home Journal, and the Invention of Psychoanalysis" presented July 20, 2007 a program sponsored by the Alonso Center for Psychodynamic Studies at Fielding Graduate University.
  - Featured speaker at the Founder's Day for the Dallas Psychoanalytic Institute. He spoke on "The Atoner-Forgiver Dyad: Identification with the Aggressed".
- Pam Seator, M.D. was appointed Chair of the Film Series Committee of the Greater Kansas City-Topeka Psychoanalytic Center.
- Sallye Wilkinson, Ph.D. went with a People to People delegation of psychologists and psychiatrists as a Goodwill Ambassador to China and Tibet. Watch for more details in the next newsletter.
- Richard Zeitner, Ph.D.
  - Co-chair with David Scharff, M.D. at the winter meetings of the American Psychoanalytic Association in New York City discussion group on Psychoanalytic Family Therapy.
  - Guest lecturer in December for the Master Speaker Seminars of the International Psychotherapy Institute—Salt Lake City Chapter. He spoke to the Salt Lake group as well as several other chapters via video-conference technology on a topic that is central to his current book in progress—To Be a Self While Being in a Couple.

Publications

- Irwin Rosen, Ph.D.
  - "Revenge – The Hate That Dare Not Speak Its Name: A Psychoanalytic Perspective" in the Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association (2007: Vol. 55, No. 2, pp. 595-620).
  - "The Atonement/Forgiveness Dyad: Identification with the Aggressed" has been accepted for publication by Psychoanalytic Inquiry (date to be determined).
- Richard Zeitner, Ph.D. "Penis Envy, Mockery, and Power as Central Ingredients in a Sadomasochistic Transference—the Psychoanalyst's Contribution to Perverse Enactments" accepted for publication in the Psychoanalytic Quarterly (date to be determined).

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As highlighted in this issue, the Institute is thriving and doing well. However, in order to continue to grow and make our dreams come true, we need your help. Please join in making a gift to the Kansas City Psychoanalytic Foundation. Our only regular income is from tuition. Please help us – your gift is tax deductible.

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In Remembrance

We are saddened by the loss of our dear friend and colleague, June Horwitz, MSW, who died on August 19, 2007. Her elegance, creativity, curiosity, and energizing spirit will be missed by all of us.