

# Newsletter

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**Let the Institute know if you have items or information (about programs, people, publications, achievements, problems, etc.) that are of interest and could be included in the newsletter.**

## Classes Begin

Fall classes have begun and the Institute is booming! The Candidate class, meeting weekly, is in its fourth and final year of classes. Eleven students are beginning the first year of the two-year psychotherapy training program. Completing the picture, members of the recently graduated first class of the psychotherapy training program meet as a study group twice a month. In the background, plans are underway for a new candidate class beginning in September, 2006. In short, Saturday mornings are busy at the Institute.

## Congratulations

Jorden Weiss, D.O., graduated from the Institute and completion of his candidacy was recognized at the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Greater Kansas City-Topeka Psychoanalytic Society where he was the featured speaker; his presentation was entitled, "The Covert Psychoanalyst in the Land of Biological Psychiatry". Bonnie Buchele, Institute Director, told the audience that it was with considerable pride and respect that the Institute recognized this achievement. Jorden's motivation was extraordinary; he commuted from out-of-state for his training over an extended period of time and did it with enthusiasm and excellence. Congratulations, Jorden!

### **COMING EVENTS:**

- Oct. 29 – *Public Relations 101 Workshop: Sophie McCarthy (Townsend Place)*
- Nov. 1 – *Society meeting – Sharon Loewenstein (Plaza Public Library - 4801 Main St.)*
- Nov. 5 & 13 – *Diagnosis & Ethics Discussion Groups (St. Joseph Community Health Center)*
- Nov. 12 & 13 – *Institute Retreat (Hotel Phillips)*
- Nov. 16 – *Foundation Board meeting*

## Director's Report

Three significant developments have been undertaken and accomplished by the Education Committee.

- With all members in attendance, the Education Committee gathered for an extended meeting to reflect upon and process its internal functioning. Everyone was forthcoming and thoughtful so that the concluding consensus was that significant work had occurred in regard to improving our relationships so that we can continue to grow and accomplish our goals in a more enjoyable and efficient way going forward.
- The requirement for graduation from the Institute for a terminated case was changed to the following: "Recognizing the importance of termination, it is expected that one case will be supervised or under review in consultation through its termination; this may occur before or after graduation. All cases will have progressed to mid-phase (a minimum requirement of two years) to meet the graduation requirement. The supervised cases must include patients of both sexes."
- A "Truth Speaker" system, recommended by the Colleague Assistance Committee, was adopted as the first step in developing a colleague assistance program for psychoanalysts who develop impairments that impact their functioning as analysts. In this system, each member of the psychoanalytic community chooses a colleague who agrees to "speak the truth" to the analyst in the event that a problem arises.

## Our Organizations

In our psychoanalytic community we have three organizations and I have noticed that this can be confusing; so I will attempt to clarify their identities and functions. The Greater Kansas City-Topeka Psychoanalytic Center (formerly the Society) is a professional membership organization which provides benefits and programs of interest regarding psychoanalysis for its members and the public; it is a tax-exempt, or a 501C(3) organization. The Greater Kansas City Psychoanalytic Institute is an APsA-affiliated Institute providing various types of training, including training to become a psychoanalyst, for mental health professions; it is a program of the Center, thereby maintaining its tax-exempt status through the Center. The purpose of the third organization, the Kansas City Psychoanalytic Foundation, is to promote psychoanalysis and support the Institute by raising funds for those causes; it has its own tax-exempt, 501C(3) status, and therefore is a second tax-exempt organization within our structure. The governing board of each organization is routinely sent the minutes of the other two to facilitate communication, collaboration, and differentiation.

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### Announcements

- The Greater Kansas City-Topeka Psychoanalytic Center in collaboration with the Kansas City Art Institute and the University of Missouri at Kansas City Department of Communications will be offering a film series beginning on January 29, 2006. Each film will be followed by a discussant, discussion by the audience, and a wine reception. Films will be announced soon.
- Upcoming monthly scientific meetings of the Greater Kansas City-Topeka Psychoanalytic Center include:
  - January 3 – Martin Leichtman, Ph.D. – “The Shutdown: Crisis Management in Residential Treatment”
  - February 7 – John Whipple, M.D. – “A Psychoanalyst’s Geriatric Practice”
  - March 7 – Walter Ricci, M.D. – “Shame as a State of the Self, and its Implications for Technique”
  - May 6 – Charles Parks, Ph.D.
- Please note that the name of the Greater Kansas City-Topeka Psychoanalytic Society has been changed to the Greater Kansas City-Topeka Psychoanalytic Center as of October 9, 2005.
- New committee chair appointments: Richard Zeitner Ph.D., Admissions Committee chair; Sallye Wilkinson, Ph.D., Curriculum & Faculty Committee co-chair; and Mel Berg, Ph.D., Progression Committee chair.
- The Kansas City Psychoanalytic Foundation sponsored a fundraiser on June 26<sup>th</sup> with a performance of “Tuesdays with Morrie” at the American Heartland Theatre. The event included a reception prior to the performance and following the performance remarks by a discussant, training and supervising analyst, Irv Rosen, Ph.D., and the actors. Dr. Rosen’s interesting and thought provoking comments are available for review on our website ([www.gkcpsa.org](http://www.gkcpsa.org)).

### Our Loss

We sadly mourn the unexpected death of our beloved friend and colleague, Sidney Emas, Ph.D. Sidney died following heart surgery on October 9, 2005, one week before her 58<sup>th</sup> birthday. We were the lucky beneficiaries of many gifts from Sidney. She was the immediate past president of the Society, she taught classes within the Institute, and she nurtured the plants that populate our classrooms. But, maybe the most precious gift of all was her welcoming warmth and thoughtful kindness that often helped us better greet newcomers and be gentler with one another. A memorial lectureship is being established in honor of her by the Foundation and contributions may be made to the Kansas City Psychoanalytic Foundation (8000 Lee Blvd., Leawood, KS 66206) and earmarked for Sidney Emas Memorial Lectureship Fund. We miss her very much.



### In Focus

Our faculty, graduates, candidates, and students continue to make public presentations that advance psychoanalytic ideas and bring favorable notice to the Institute. In recent weeks:

- Theresa Coddington, Ph.D. presented a workshop on “Interventions with Children of all Ages” with the Greater Kansas City Psychological Association.
- Don Colson, Ph.D. was a guest speaker at Grace United Methodist Church on the topic of “How ADD/ADHD Effects Every Aspect of Your Life”.
- Bonnie Buchele, Ph.D. was quoted extensively in the Wichita Eagle based on her expert witness testimony at the Alan & Linda Kaufman trial ([http://www.kansas.com/mld/kansas/news/local/crime\\_courts/12907297.htm](http://www.kansas.com/mld/kansas/news/local/crime_courts/12907297.htm)).
- Bonnie Buchele, Ph.D., DFAGPA, was the discussant at the American Psychological 2005 convention on August 21, 2005 in Washington, D.C.; the panel was entitled “Culturally Competent Mental Health Services for Arab Patients”.

### Publications

- Stephen Sirridge, Ph.D. “The Land of Odds: Parenting the Teen Tornado”, Leathers Publishing.

Please help us keep your colleagues informed by letting the Institute office know about your publications, speeches, and projects.