

Welcome to SCAPT 's first on line newsletter. This has been a long time in the works. After much planning and assistance from a couple of 12 year olds, the newsletter is complete.

There are several reasons for an "E- Newsletter." This is an easier way to stay in touch. We can communicate more often, save money and offer more articles and photos.

We have the ability to include articles from other state chapters and let you know what is going on around the country in play therapy.

At the national conference ,I spoke with several other branches and got a lot of information about how they did their newsletter and what they found worked and what didn't . They also informed me about the legalities of having on line communications with the membership.

Most branches have gone to an online format for the reasons mentioned before. They all said it had been a very positive step and the membership was overall pleased. Hopefully you all will be ,too.

Please let us know what you like and don't like about the newsletter. Send your comments to Donna at the address below.

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Phyllis Booth leading an activity at last year's conference on Theraplay.

Welcome to SCAPT On Line New Conference Format

This conference will have a different format. Instead of one speaker ,there will be several local therapists presenting on a variety of topics. Each topic will give you hands on techniques to use immediately in your work setting.

Several new topics will be presented including adventure based counseling and somatic experiencing.

We are very excited about this different format because we feel it will offer a variety of techniques with out long term training.

We look forward to seeing you in March.

Conference Information

Hands on Techniques: Learn Today, Play Tomorrow

- Columbia Convention Center in the Vista
- March 3&4

- 12 hours of CE
- A variety of techniques by local play therapists
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Play Times

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I recently had a call from a lawyer asking me to begin seeing a 6 year old female. I had seen her 2 years previously as a referral from DSS. The girl had made allegations of sexual abuse against her biological father. During the 3rd session, the girl stated her mother made her make the allegations against her father and it was all a lie. I reported this to DSS and then it was reported to law enforcement. The current concern is grief issues. The teenage half sister of the client recently died from a long battle with cancer. Here is the concern about seeing her again. Her biological father is now the one that would bring her to counseling. All the charges against him were dismissed and a warrant was issued of the mother. He doesn't want her mother to know she is coming because he believes she will try to sabotage the counseling. There is a custody case pending and both want full custody. I have asked for a copy of the custody agreement and documentation that the father can bring her to counseling.

The questions: Can I see the child with out her mother's knowledge? Is there an ethical concern because her father was once accused of sexually abusing her?

Send me your answers and comments

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I was working with a 8 year old female and had been seeing her for quite some time. I am client centered and at

times it would really get on her nerves and she would tell me to stop and talk normal. During those times she would give details about her life with her abusive parents. Sometime she would get very frustrated and I would help her express her thoughts. Recently we had one of those sessions and she wanted to talk and she was very upset and began to stammer and couldn't say what she wanted. That is when she looked at me and said, "Do that thing you do. You know when you pull the words out of my head."

Please send your stories to

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FYI

Ethical Dilemmas : What would you do? Heard in the Play Room

Caption describing picture or graphic.

It was discussed at the national conference that there was a need for dues to increase. It now costs APT \$93 a year for member services . Dues have not been raised since the mid-90's and costs of providing services have. APT dues were compared to other professional associations –APA \$253,ACA \$145,AAMFT \$173 ASCA \$90.

It was discussed that some branches might decrease there state dues to off set the increase. It has recently been decided that there will be uniform dues as it would be confusing to have different fees for each chapter.

Dues will increase beginning April 1,2006

Professional Dues - \$80APT + \$15 Branch = \$95 a year

Affiliate Dues— \$45 Apt + \$5 Branch = \$50 a year

This year the conference will be at the Columbia Conference Center. It is located just down from the State House in the Vista.

It costs approximately \$5000.00 for the annual conference. We received several comments last year about the increased cost for the conference .In an effort to keep our costs down, the conference site has been moved.

Larue Bettis, President Elect and Conference Chair has done a fabulous job finding an affordable and comfortable place for the conference.

Larue is finalizing all the details and the Convention Center is very glad to have us and they are doing everything they can to make us comfortable. You will have more details with your conference registration.

There will still be great door prizes and a basket full of free toys looking for a free home. If you would like to bring toys that you are no longer using or have extras, bring them to add to the basket.

We hope to see you all there on March 3& 4.

SCAPT is only as good as its membership. We need to know how we can make this an organization you want to

be a part of and a strong professional resource.

There are many ways work with SCAPT. Rebecca Moise is always looking for help with the newsletter whether it be with writing articles or keeping the mailing list current. We have a reputation of having great door prizes at the conference and anything you can have donated or bring yourself would be greatly appreciated.

Officers serve two year terms. The board meets quarterly and works on the conference and promoting play therapy.

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Book Review: Squeakers Membership

Squeakers by Stephen Cosgrove

“ A Serendipity Book”

This is a story of a squirrel, Squeakers, who learns it is ok to say “no”.

It is great to use with children that have been sexually abused. It goes through the steps of seduction ,feelings of fear and then disclosure. It is told in a non threatening way that would make it appropriate to use with children 3 to 10. Older than 10 I would let read for themselves . This is good for use in schools along with a lesson on Good Touch and Bad Touch.

This story allows for a great deal of discussion for parents also. It shows how an innocent comment,” remember always do what your elders say”, can be used by others to manipulate a child.

It is a great addition to any mental health workers play room.

Squeakers learns it is important to say “No!” to situations that make you uncomfortable

New Location for Conference

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South Carolina Association for Play Therapy Mission Statement

Our mission in SCAPT is to advance the psychosocial development and mental health of all people through play and play therapy by promoting

- *the understanding and valuing of play and play therapy
- *the effective practice of play therapy through training ,research and support
- *the recognition ,incorporation and preservation of diversity in play and play therapy
- *the development and maintenance of a strong professional organization to accomplish these objectives.

South Carolina Association for Play Therapy

APT is sponsoring a "Member -

Get - A -Member Campaign." The goal is to increase membership to 5000. The campaign period runs from January 1,2006 to December 31,2006.

To participate all you have to do is bring in new members. You earn "APT Bucks" for each new member.

5 APT Bucks for new Affiliate members and 10 APT Bucks for new professional members.

The member that earns the most APT Bucks between now and March 31,2006 ,will receive a set of 2005 conference audio CDs, valued at \$569.00

The one member in good standing who earns the most APT Bucks between January 1 and June 30,2006 will receive a cash award equal to 3 days interest on 1 million Dollars invested in a Growth Savings Account at Wells Fargo Bank, Fashion Fair Branch ,Fresno California, on November 30,December 1 and December 2,2006.

The winning individuals will be recognized during the Annual Meeting at the 2006 Conference.

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Win Interest on \$1 Million

Play is the language of children