

CIRCULAR LETTER #599

Pre-Meeting Fall

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Colleagues:

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and a good holiday. Now that we are back in the grind, it's time to think about GAP and our work in the organization.

I am looking forward to our upcoming meeting of GAP. It will be an interesting and, hopefully, exciting meeting. We have a number of committees that are working on curricular issues which may seem like a dead end effort because currently GAP has no real access to the decision makers at the RRC and the ACGME. Although there are GAP members on the RRC, they have assured me that we are outside the usual and customary avenue available for input. What I have learned is that we need to work with AADPRT and AAP and raise discussions of curriculum in those organizations as a first step if we are truly interested in pursuing this area of interest. Hopefully, the committees involved will discuss these issues and bring their ideas to the Steering Committee.

As a vigorous group of dedicated psychiatrists, our plenary sessions are really interesting and the committee work has taken off with all the new products that we have developed. We have to give a great deal of thought to our fiscal stability and our potential to create products on contracts without sacrificing our autonomy or our ethical standards that guide each committee in doing its work.

There are other areas that the Board and Steering Committee will be exploring to continue our growth and development and our efforts to reach more psychiatrists and other mental health specialists with our ideas and our products. Our efforts to make the organization more relevant to our members and useful to the field are paying off.

See you soon!



Sincerely,
Paul

Announcements:

GAP has many long time members that have been instrumental in what GAP has become since the beginning in 1946. We have two members who are celebrating very important birthdays this year and we would like to ask each of you to join us in congratulating these outstanding GAP Members.

Bertram H. Schaffner, M.D.

Dr. Bertram Schaffner celebrates his 94th birthday this November. Dr. Schaffner has been a member of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry since 1950, and was the founding chairperson of GAP's Committee on Human Sexuality, which published its monograph, "Homosexuality & the Mental Health Professions: the Impact of Bias" (The Analytic Press, 2000). He is also a Life Fellow of the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, and the American Academy of Psychoanalysis, where he also served on the Executive Council. Astonishingly, with a life full of achievements as outlined above, Dr. Schaffner remains a low-key and modest individual. Indeed, one may "know" him for many years and yet still be amazed to learn how much more there is to learn about this remarkably multifaceted man.

His career continues to be a rich and remarkable one. From the onset of the AIDS epidemic, Dr. Schaffner has been on the front lines caring for patients and caregivers. He was instrumental in providing group psychotherapy for physicians with AIDS, along with his colleague Dr. Stuart Nichols, from 1985 until the present time.

Dr. Schaffner has conducted his private practice for over 46 years, travels extensively throughout the world, has collected art primarily from Asia, is a supporter of the Asian Art Department of the Brooklyn Museum of Art, and is a member of the Museum's Acquisition Committee.

Dr. Schaffner has produced numerous publications to date on topics from "AIDS" to "working abroad", and has more in the works. His latest paper, published in the Journal of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis & Dynamic Psychiatry, is entitled, Androgyny in Indian Culture and Art: Psychoanalytic Implications. He has also completed a genealogical history of his family which was published upon his 80th birthday.

Bert stays current and up-to-date on GAP activities as well as events in Psychiatry and world affairs by actively engaging his visitors whom he welcomes to his Manhattan home at 220 Central Park South.

Henry H. Work, M.D.

Doctor Work celebrates his 95th birthday on November 11!

GAP was fifteen years old when I was admitted to membership in 1961. The stormy days of its beginning were past and it was in a period of stability when my colleague at UCLA, George Tarjan, M.D., persuaded the Committee on Mental Retardation to invite me to become a member. The Committee at that time was headed by Stuart Finch and included Howard Bair, Peter Bowman, Lennie Duhl, George Tarjan, Cecil Wittson and Warren Vaughan and was concerned about a broad range of problems of the retarded both in the hospital and in the community.

I had had the good fortune of attending GAP much earlier when the members had been invited by the makers of the film "The Snake Pit" to a showing of that very strong expose of a State Hospital. I was working for the US Children's Bureau in Washington and went to Asbury Park, NJ, the early home of GAP, for the film. As a youngster, invited to the showing, I could barely see the film for the awe of being among these giants of psychiatry who had conceived and were establishing GAP on the American scene.

By the time I became a member, the organization was in its last days in Asbury Park and was making its move to

the Marriott in Philadelphia. Ten years later it was to move to Cherry Hill and then to the Sheraton-Poste, also in New Jersey. It would be there another ten years before it began to hold its twice yearly, Fall and Spring, meetings at the Stouffer Westchester Hotel. All of these venues hold their own memories.

The MR Committee was most active not only, did we meet with the parent group, but Stuart Finch invited us to come to Ann Arbor for mid-meetings wherein we hammered out a series of reports which were published by GAP. Our emphasis was on non-hospitalized individuals and societies' role in the best care of them. Our drafts and corollary writing went on continuously to fulfill GAP's charge for the dissemination of knowledge in the field. Leo Madow became our chairman and steered us to even broader views of the field.

Henry Brosin, one of the Founders, was President when I was admitted into membership and I enjoyed the panoply of leaders who followed him. As time went on, I became involved in the administrative aspects of the organization and, with my move to Washington to work for the APA, I took an increasingly active role in governance. After a stint as Secretary. I advanced to President-Elect under Jack Weinberg in 1981. That Fall, he went on an official visit to China and I filled in for him and, unfortunately, in March of 1982, he died before he could assume his duties for GAP. That left me with three years of service, and included our move to Westchester. The APA kindly supplied secretarial services to GAP during that period.

Elsewhere I have said that the members were: wise, courageous, brilliant, creative, and dedicated to changing the format and practice of psychiatry. We were damned by the establishment for our rebellion, and called iconoclasts, determined to upset that which had existed. And in many styles and fashions, eccentric! Many bore that sobriquet with pride and have remained so to this day. We were men and women under the banner of "Invictus" and bearing Milton's "bows of burning gold."

But, did we advance? When I ceased to be active, we were facing the great onslaught of medications which have changed the national picture. We were improving our publications and from time-to-time we reviewed our entire program. The wonderful committee structure seemed at times to isolate the members but our symposia pulled us back together. One can only hope that we have fulfilled the promise of our founders.

FALL 2006 MEETING
120th MEETING OF
GROUP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2006

10:00 a.m.	GAP Office Opens Masfield A Room
10:00 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting Masfield B Room
11:00 a.m.	Contributions Committee Masfield B Room
12:00 noon	Publications Board Hutchinson A Room
2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Cooper B Room
4:00 p.m.	Fellows Meeting Cooper A Room
4:00 p.m.	Fellows Selection Committee Masfield B Room
4:00 p.m.	Work Group Consultation Hutchinson B Room
5:30 p.m.	Reception of the Board of Directors Room 688
6:30 p.m.	Fellows Dinner Cooper A Room
9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Irving A and B Rooms Hosted by: Adolescence Committee

Thursday Committee Meetings

Child	8:00 p.m.	Library Room
College Student	6:30 p.m.	Studio
Family	8:00 p.m.	Hutchinson B
Psychopathology	3:00 p.m.	Gallery Room
Terrorism & Disasters		Room 217
Therapeutic Care	6:30 p.m.	Zenger Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2006

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Cooper-Greeley Rooms
8:30 a.m.	General Membership Meeting Cooper-Greeley Rooms
9:30 a.m.	Committee Meetings
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
12:00 noon	Luncheon Cooper-Greeley Rooms
	Steering Committee Meeting Irving A Room
1:00 p.m.	Fellows Meeting Irving B Room
2:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings
3:00 p.m.	Coffee Break
5:00 p.m.	Poster Session and Juice Break Foyer – Cooper-Greeley Rooms
5:30 p.m.	Plenary Session: GAP Fellows
	Poster Presentations: LGBT, Gender Issues, Psychopharmacology, Aging, Family
6:30 p.m.	Cocktail Reception Red Oak Terrace

7:30 p.m.

Dinner
Cooper-Greeley Rooms

9:00 p.m.

Hospitality
Foyer - Cooper-Greeley Rooms
Hosted by: Aging Committee

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2006

7:30 a.m.

Breakfast
Cooper-Greeley Rooms

Steering Committee Meeting
Irving B Room

Fellows Breakfast Meeting
Irving A Room

9:00 a.m.

Committee Meetings

11:30 a.m.

Luncheon
Cooper-Greeley Rooms

12:00 noon

Board of Directors Wrap Up Meeting
Cooper B Room

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ADOLESCENCE
AGING
ADDICTIONS
CHILD PSYCHIATRY
COLLEGE STUDENT
CULTURAL PSYCHIATRY
DISABILITIES
DISASTERS AND TERRORISM
FAMILY
GENDER ISSUES AND MENTAL HEALTH
HUMAN SEXUALITY
IMG
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
LGBT
MEDICAL EDUCATION
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
PLANNING, MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS
PREVENTIVE PSYCHIATRY
PSYCHIATRY AND THE COMMUNITY
PSYCHIATRY AND THE LAW
PSYCHIATRY AND RELIGION
PSYCHOPATHOLOGY
PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY
RESEARCH
SOCIAL ISSUES
TERRORISM and POLITICAL VIOLENCE
THERAPEUTIC CARE
PSYCHOTHERAPY
WORK AND ORGANIZATIONS

JOHN JAY SUITE/ROOM 102
MASEFIELD B ROOM
VANDERBILT SUITE/ROOM 107
LIBRARY ROOM
STUDIO ROOM
ROOM 219
LYNDHURST SUITE/ROOM 104
ROOM 217
HUTCHINSON B ROOM
HUTCHINSON A ROOM
ROOM 205
JOHN CARRERE SUITE 101
VERANDA ROOM
ROOM 207
PARLOR ROOM
ROOM 201
PRESIDENTIAL SUITE/ROOM 688
ROOM 215
KYKUIT SUITE/ROOM 103
SLEEPY HOLLOW/ROOM 105
ROOM 209
GALLERY ROOM
PORTICO ROOM
ROOM 203
ROOM 211
ROOM 223
ZENGER
ROOM 221
VAN CORTLANDT/ROOM 106

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GAP MEETINGS**

**2006
NOVEMBER 9-11**

**2007
MARCH 29-31
NOVEMBER 8-10**

**2008
APRIL 10-12
NOVEMBER 13-15**

**2009
APRIL 16-18
NOVEMBER 12-14**

**2010
APRIL 15-17
NOVEMBER 11-13**