Message From the President

As many of you in the rest of the Country are freezing, those of us in Los Angeles are shivering under a chilly 60 degrees and complaining about a much needed rainfall……but we look forward to the forsythia being in bloom when we join together in Westchester during our meeting the first part of April.

This has been a vigorous winter with many working on forming new committees and papers. In my travels across the country I have seen that the problems associated with incarceration of the mentally ill in the jail system has affected many of you. Here in Los Angeles the jail system, Twin Towers, is the largest mental hospital in the country. The overcrowding has reached such a high point that there is serious consideration to building a new jail i.e. an additional jail! I have written to a couple of connected members of our City Council urging them to put on the agenda a motion to provide housing and diversion to Community-Based Treatment programs instead of a billion dollars for a new Jail. Our own Dick Lamb., MD did a study in the Twin Towers Jail and found that 95% of the men with severe mental illness had been there before i.e they contribute to the severe recidivism rate that exists across the country. If you have had similar experiences I urge you to communicate with me.

Health Care Reform is on many people’s minds and to that end our Steve Sharfstein, M.D., President-Elect, has organized a program during the Plenary entitled “Is Health Reform Good for Psychiatry?” He will Chair the panel and lead off, followed by Meriam Bendat J.D. who is Director of Psych-Appeal Inc. in L.A. that helps psychiatrists with insurance problems all across the country and is a consultant to the Psychotherapy Committee. He met him through Susan Lazar. Then Jack Drescher will talk about private practice, Fred Stoddard about child psychiatry, Ben Liptzin about geriatric psychiatry, and finally Gail Robinson on a Canadian’s view of American insurance insanity.

In case you haven’t seen the following it is good to know………

APA Sets Record Straight on “HIPAA” Compliance of DSM Code Sets

In response to misinformation circulating on the Internet indicating that DSM-IV and DSM-5 do not provide “HIPAA”-compliant code sets and may not be used in “HIPAA” standard transactions, APA has issued a statement correcting those claims.

As DSM-5 was being developed, the authors were aware that ICD-10-CM would be implemented as the standard medical coding system for use in the United States beginning October 1, 2014. Because DSM-5 was released in May 2013, APA included both the valid and “HIPAA”-compliant ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM codes associated with each disorder so that the diagnostic criteria and the “HIPAA”-compliant ICD codes could be found in one place.

Accordingly, ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes are the only codes in DSM-5 and both are “HIPAA” compliant. Thus we know where we stand………

Finally, included here is a link to our member, Steve Moffic’s blog on retirement. It is a very cogent process for all to think about. www.psychiatrictimes.com, click on blogs.

As always I look forward to seeing you this coming April……
Best wishes,
Marcia

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Knight Aldrich will celebrate his 100th birthday on Saturday, April 12. Knight has been a GAP member for more than 60 years! We will honor him in a reception on Thursday at 7 p.m. Please let Frances know if you can attend. 972-613-0985 or frdal@airmail.net

The nominees for the Spring election for two members of the Board of Directors are:

Stewart Adelson  Aaron Krasner
Barbara Schildkrout  Dorothy Stubbe

SPRING 2014 MEETING
135th MEETING OF
GROUP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

10:00 a.m.  GAP Office Opens  Masefield A Room
10:00 a.m.  Finance Committee Meeting  Masefield B Room
12:30 p.m.  Publications Board  Hutchinson A Room
2:00 p.m.  Board of Directors  Cooper B Room
4:00 p.m.  Fellows Meeting with Selection Committee  Cooper A Room
4:30 p.m.  Fellowship Selection Committee  Masefield B Room
5:30 p.m.  Reception of the Board of Directors with Fellows  Room 634
6:30 p.m.  Fellows Dinner  Cooper A Room
7:00 p.m.  Reception honoring Knight Aldrich  TBA
9:00 p.m. -  Hospitality Room  Hosted by: College Student
  11:00 p.m.  Irving A and B Rooms

Thursday Committee Meetings:

Administration and Leadership  7:00 p.m.  Restaurant (5 – Merlino)
Child  7:00 p.m.  Library Room
Family  8:00 p.m.  Restaurant (6 – Heru)
Neuropsychiatry  1:00 p.m.  Room 201
Preventive  2:00 p.m.  Room 215
Professionalism & Ethics  7:30 p.m.  Restaurant (6 – Hafter-Gray)
Psychiatry & Community  7 p.m.  Restaurant (7 – Osher)

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FRIDAY, APRIL 11

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. General Membership Meeting
9:30 a.m. Committee Meetings
10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
12:00 noon Luncheon
Steering Committee Meeting
Fellows Meeting
2:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
3:00 p.m. Coffee Break
5:00 p.m. Plenary Session:
“Is the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) Good for Psychiatry?” Meriam Bendat, Jack Drescher, Ben Liptzin, Gail Robinson, Steve Sharfstein, Fred Stoddard
6:30 pm. Cocktail Reception
7:30 p.m. Dinner
9:00 p.m. Hospitality
Hosted by: Child Psychiatry

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

8:00 a.m. Breakfast
Steering Committee Meeting
Fellows Breakfast Meeting
9:00 a.m. Committee Meetings
11:30 a.m. Lunch/Cooper Room

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ADOLESCENCE ROOM 305
AGING MASEFIELD B ROOM
ADDITIONS ROOM 203
ADMINISTRATION & LEADERSHIP ZENGER ROOM
CHILD PSYCHIATRY LIBRARY ROOM
COLLEGE STUDENT VERANDA ROOM
CRITICAL THINKING IN PSYCHIATRY ROOM 211
CULTURAL PSYCHIATRY PORTICO ROOM
DISASTERS AND THE WORLD KYKUIT SUITE/ROOM 103
FAMILY HUTCHINSON B ROOM
GENDER ISSUES AND MENTAL HEALTH HUTCHINSON A ROOM
GLOBAL PSYCHIATRY VANDERBILT/ROOM 107
HISTORY AND PSYCHIATRY JOHN JAY SUITE/ROOM 102
HUMAN SEXUALITY ROOM 207

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PROFESSIONALISM AND ETHICS
PSYCHIATRY AND THE ARTS
PSYCHIATRY AND THE COMMUNITY
PSYCHIATRY AND THE LAW
PSYCHIATRY AND THE MEDIA
PSYCHIATRY AND RELIGION
PSYCHOPATHOLOGY
PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY
PSYCHOSOMATIC MEDICINE
PSYCHOTHERAPY
RESEARCH
TERRORISM and POLITICAL VIOLENCE
WORK AND ORGANIZATIONS
ROOM 205
PARLOR ROOM
HUDSON A
ROOM 223
ROOM 201
ROOM 434
ROOM 215
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LYNDHURST/ROOM 104
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GALLERY ROOM
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ROOM 225
HUDSON B
ROOM 217
RED OAK TERRACE
VAN CORTLANDT/ROOM 106

DATES OF FUTURE GAP MEETINGS

2014
April 10-12
November 13-15

2015
April 16-18
November 12-14

2016
April 14-16
November 10-12

2017
April 6-8
November 9-11

2018
April 12-14
November 8-10

2019
April 11-13
November 7-9

2020
April 2-4
November 12-14

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