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Newsletter

Paris Goodyear-Brown was the keynote speaker at this year's 16th annual TAPT conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Paris' workshop titled Play Therapy with Traumatized Children: Glimpses into the Child's Heart, brought in a large crowd. Her combination of didactic teaching and video case vignettes of her model for assessment and treatment of children, who have experienced trauma, made for an

insightful learning opportunity. Additionally, Paris wowed the audience with fun, experiential activities that gave everyone an opportunity to play.

Conference participants walked away with a plethora of ideas, tested interventions that can be beneficial for play therapists and their clients.

"Every time I come to a TAPT conference I leave energized and with great play therapy ideas"

Velma Schmidt, Edinburg, Tx.



Keynote Speaker:
Paris Goodyear-Brown



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News for you . . .

- *Save the date: 17th Annual Conference Houston, TX. March 26-28, 2010.*
- *Mary Engle from Houston, TX. is elected to serve on the TAPT Board as President-Elect. Welcome Mary!*
- *Chances of Gold Branch Status is looking good for TAPT. Formal applications due late May. We'll keep you posted.*

Newsletter Editor:
Yvonne Garza,
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Nancy Guillory Award

The Nancy Guillory award is awarded each spring at the annual meeting to a mental health professional who has made a substantial impact on the lives of children and who has been instrumental in the promotion of play therapy. Nominations are member submitted and committee reviewed.

This award honors the memory of a graduate student who was completing her work in counseling and play therapy at the time of her death.

This year's recipient of the Nancy Guillory Award was Kelly Webb Ferebee of the North Texas Chapter for Play Therapy.

Dr. Ferebee was nominated for her years of service and dedication to the promotion and advancement of the field of play therapy. Particularly, Kelly has worked



Kelly Webb Ferebee, Ph.D., LPC-S, RPT-S, NCC

on the fundraising committee and in the past two years of service at the preconference auction has helped TAPT raise nearly \$10,000. These funds are specifically for quality keynote speakers. Seen in the above photo is Past-president Leah Miller presenting Kelly with the award. *Congratulations Kelly!*



Dee Ray, Linda Homeyer and Sue Bratton, all past recipients of the Nancy Guillory Award, were present to witness the award ceremony.

Advocacy Day at the Capitol: Legislative Session 2009-2010

This year Advocacy Day is scheduled for May 5th, 2009 at the Capital Building in Austin Texas.

Hot topics on the Public Policy Agenda are as follows:

School Counselor Issues

- Senate Bill 568 would mandate schools to notify parents when a the school does not have a counselor on staff.

- House Bill 3 would support the counselor's role in actual counseling duties and limit the amount of time spent conducting testing duties.

Licensed Professional Counselor Issues

- HB 4401 would reduce archaic language and would not allow insurance companies to require a physicians order for a client to be seen by an LPC.

*One day can change your life.
Attend Advocacy Day!*

Fun for the play therapist

Play Dough Recipe

- 2 Cups Flour
- 1-Cup Salt
- 6 Tablespoons oil
- 2 Packages Kool-Aid (no sugar)
- 2 Cups Boiling Water



Play Dough Animals



ALAMO CHAPTER OF APT: NEWS

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The Alamo chapter has been going full swing ahead this year with the new board, making it their mission to increase membership and obtain more training. We extended last year to present 2 hour trainings (LPC,LMSW,RPT,LPA,LMFT) and hold our meeting right before the training on the same day. We continue to meet at the Jewish Community Center at 12500 N.W. HWY, where they provide us with the space to hold our meetings. We have been cleaning house starting with our membership list and have attempted to get technology "savvy", with using the email as the best way to communicate with our members, stored our information on thumb drives and who knows what else. We have had many invitations to speak for the community, Nancy Franklyn spoke to 75 UTSA counseling trainees about play therapy, Marlene Graf spoke to Laurel ridge in February for their third Friday of every month presentations. Marlene had about 150 practitioners and fellow therapist from the community. As far as our training, we started our training this year with Dr. John Beach with The effects of Grief in October, Christina Villarreal presented on "Sombreros y Maracas, working with Hispanic families" in December, Dr. Soad Michelsen presented on Psychotropic drugs and what play therapist need to know, in February of 2009. The chapter has been busy with the future presentations of April 13, 2009 "Easter eggs and the play room" with Vickie Williams-Patterson LPC, in June 8, 2009 we will welcome our new board members and have Nancy Franklyn LPC, present on anger issues and play therapy, August 8, 2009, will be Mellissa Dilworth on Art and play therapy. So our schedule is full for the year. We continue to be hosted by Laurel ridge Hospital for our monthly chapter meetings on the first Monday of the month. The catered a small dinner for us and drinks for our board. Thank you Laurel ridge for sponsoring our board meetings. Membership is now \$20 for the year and \$15 for students, agencies can have 3 members for \$40 for the year. The Year starts in January.

We are also excited to announce the news that, **Gary Landreth PhD, RPTS** has accepted to present for us a full day workshop on **August 8, 2009**, from 8:30-4:30pm at the Ecumenical Council, 8310 Ewing Halsell Dr., SA, TX 78229. Breakfast and lunch will be provided and this presentation has limited space available, so register early. His topic will be "**The Play Therapy Relationship**", \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members and \$75 for students, if register by July 20th, 2009! Registrations after July 21 will be \$145 for everybody. 6 CE's for LPC,LMFT,LPA,RPT,LMSW will be provided. Come and join us in San Antonio!

COASTAL BEND CHAPTER OF APT: NEWS

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Chapter Events:

Past presentations/ Events:

We meet the 4th week of each month, and still offer an hour of CEUs to our members after the general meeting. On Feb. 28th, at our yearly Membership event, we offered a 3 hour training - The Play Therapist Goes to Court: What therapists need to know when counseling child victims of sexual abuse. Presenters included the DA, from the child abuse unit, the director of Children's Advocacy as well as well as a therapist with 20+ years experience as a therapist/ advocate/ expert witness working with child victims of sexual abuse. We learned valuable information & brought in several brand new members! It was a fantastic success!

March 27 & 28 we sponsored a booth at the city's annual Festival of Arts. We had a booth where we offered families an opportunity to create a "family kite" together. We included a hand out which suggested "75 other Family Activities for FUN," and information about Play Therapy with a list of members practicing in the area. We noticed several people approached us asking about Play Therapy. (i.e. school counselors, attorneys, counselors in our community and other curious adults.) We made close to 200 kites & handed out over 225 fliers. PLUS, it was a lot of FUN!!!

Future Presentations:

We are planning our 6th annual Summer Workshop this June or July. Our plan is to organize a problem which features Autism. We have asked Coastal Bend Autism Advocacy Association if they will help us organize or even cosponsor the event.

The professor who teaches the new Play Therapy class at TAMU-CC has excitedly agreed to help us prepare 2 hours of ethics before the end of the year.

We are also looking at several presentations that would continue the collaborative/ multidiscipline approach.

Comments:

Our membership has grown to 41 members, including several students from the University. We have also noticed an interest from 'non' therapists in the community. We look forward to a great year!

HILL COUNTRY CHAPTER OF APT: NEWS

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Chapter Events:

The annual Mid-Winter Retreat was held in January at Rocky River Ranch in Wimberly. Friday night was a presentation on play therapy with changing families by Tamara Linseisen of the UT School of Social Work. Saturday was a presentation on Play Therapy and Collaborative Law by Tammy Corrales, Kelly Baker, and Sally Ray. Aside from gaining wonderful knowledge and skills, attendees enjoyed the camp atmosphere including bunk beds, a roaring fire, and late night s'mores, singing and games.

Past Presentations:

November 08 — Dr. Michael Reardon, a pediatric neurologist spoke at our meeting about his field and how it interacts with play therapy.

The December meeting program was facilitated by Nelda Carpenter, LCSW and the Hill Country Chapter members shared some of the more unusual family situations they had encountered and what made the most impact with them. We try to have at least one meeting a year where the members can share their knowledge and experience with each other.

The January meeting program was Art Therapy by Bess Green.

There was no meeting in February as the normal meeting date followed so closely on the heels of the Mid Winter Retreat.

The March meeting program was Somatic Experiencing by Kris Downing, LCSW.

Future Presentations:

A peer discussion on adolescent play therapy facilitated by JoAnn Olson, LPC is scheduled for the May meeting.

Donna Moncrief, LPC will be our July meeting speaker.

Comments:

We are establishing a Tom Hoeffner Scholarship in honor of Tom Hoeffner who contributed so much to the field of play therapy both locally and on a statewide basis. Tom was the editor of the TAPT newsletter for some time and several times presented at the TAPT conference.

We have decided to pursue non-profit status as a chapter so that we can provide tax receipts for donations to the scholarship fund that is being established. We hope to be able to receive tax deductible donations by mid summer.

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER OF APT: NEWS

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Chapter Events: Our members have been involved in preparing for the Second Annual Play Therapy Auction. Kelly Webb Ferebee will accept auction items through Friday. We had our annual Holiday Brunch in December host by Kelly Webb Ferebee. Check us out at <http://www.texasplaytherapy.org/>

Past presentations: We have had amazing presentations this year. Dr. Kelly Webb Ferebee facilitated peer review and case consultation in September. In October, Dr. Lila Morrisee presented "Play Therapy for the Play Therapist." TAPT past president Leah Miller shared "Looking at Spontaneous Art: A Developmental Approach" in November. January brought our best attended session with Linda Manning guiding us through "Ethical Practice Codes and Play Therapy." We were excited to hear from Jo Burleson on "EMDR and Various Techniques in Play Therapy" at our February meeting. DiannaLynn Rumsey had us shaking in our boots as she playfully presented "Ethical and Effective Courtroom Testimony" in March.

Future Presentations: In support of TAPT, we are forgoing our April meeting.

May 9, 2009	Katrina Hart
June 13, 2009	Molly Kuzmich
August 8, 2009	Installation of Officers 2009-2010

Comments: I have been submitting our flyers and the paperwork from the presenters to APT so that our meetings can be advertised on the APT website. This form (from the APT website) can be emailed to the presenter, filled in, emailed back and forwarded to Pam Bradshaw or her replacement at APT. Besides promoting our programs, this process assures that we have the proper paper work so that we can continue to be APT approved providers and our CEU's will be accepted. Pam has asked for clarification and sometimes alteration to our titles, objectives etc to comply with APT guidelines

We are currently transitioning to using the new chapter logo by adding it to our headings along with the old logo. We are putting all the merchandise with the old logo on half price. We are making name tags with the new logo.

I extracted all TAPT/APT members from the website who were within our chapter area. We decided to include non NTCTAPT in our email notification of our meetings. Since then, our attendance has quadrupled. The last count of our membership is 37 though I know several others have joined since that count.

I hope to meet with some the counseling directors in the school districts in the region to acquaint them with play therapy and our chapter. I hope to share the Mining Report from APT on Play Therapy in Schools. We are also creating a brochure to hand out to the college in our area.

We are having a great year!

RIO GRANDE VALLEY CHAPTER OF APT: NEWS

Alfred Crixell, Jr.

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RGVCTAPT Events: The chapter has continued to grow its membership with meetings every other month. (September, November, January, March, May, July) The executive board meets in between general meetings. The chapter plans to continue meetings, providing networking opportunities, as well as presentations for our members.

Past Presentations: At our November meeting, Yvonne Garza gave a presentation on Play Therapy to those in attendance. The March meeting had Alfred Crixell, Jr., M.Ed., LPC, give a presentation on Play Therapy in Private Practice.

Future Presentations: Presentations scheduled for upcoming meetings are being considered at this time.

Comments: Current local membership is deteriorating. Upon discussion with the chapter officers, the chapter struggles to maintain APT/TAPT membership with its members and is considering closing at the present time.

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER OF APT: NEWS

Wendy Stackel

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Chapter Events:

February Winter Workshop, Linda Homeyer presents on Sand Play for the Play Therapist

Past presentations:

August Meeting — Wendy Stackel presented on Play Therapy in a PreK Setting

November Meeting — Sarah Kinsworthy presented Effects of Child-Parent Relationship Therapy When Working with Victims of Family Violence

March Meeting — Dr. Yvonne Garza presented on Adlerian Group Therapy

Future presentations:

May Meeting — Dr. Robert Schindler presents on Attachment Issues in Play Therapy

Comments:

Currently accepting nominations for officers 2009-2010

Approved donation of \$2000 to TAPT for conference budget

Looking forward to hosting TAPT 2010 in Houston.