

Mental Health Professionals Association

NEWSLETTER

YOUR GUIDE TO GAMHPA NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS April May June 2014

A Note from the Editor



Spring is here! It's a time for renewal and growth, and maybe some reorganization. And I'm not talking about the garage, but instead our values and priorities. It is important for each of us to take some time not that the New Year rush is over to reflect on our own needs and how we can be our own best self. I strive to mindful each day by remembering what Thich Nhat Hahn said, *"The present moment is filled with joy and happiness. If you are attentive, you will see it."*

Suzette

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Five Questions with Susan Chakmakian, MA, MFT By Jessica Davis, MFTi

1. If you weren't a therapist, what would you be?

I spend half my time being a music teacher and singer, so I would do that full-time. Music is my first love and I love teaching singing and piano to kids. I think it's important to have balance of all our identities. For many therapists, this is a second career. For others, we have a vocation that we really enjoy besides loving psychology. I encourage my interns and fellow therapists to honor all the parts of themselves.

2. What is the one thing in your bag of therapeutic tricks you could not live without?

That would be my intuition. I rely most on my intuitive sensations and thoughts. I use myself as a barometer for the emotional experiences of my client and to check-in for counter-transference.

3. What is the best advice you have ever been given?

As a teenager, I was in a concert and apologized to the audience for being sick. A wonderful lady told me afterwards, "Don't ever apologize..." I knew she was



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saying, "you are okay just as you are". It stuck with me that no matter what the circumstance, to hold my head up high and do my best and that was good enough and would always be well-received.

4. What do you do to reenergize yourself?

I need time alone for sure, since I am a bit of an introvert. I reconnect with myself in silence, prayer, and listening to music and enjoying time with good friends. Also, since therapists are engaged to hold emotions and experiences of the client, I use my singing to let go of everything that is stored up. It's a great release!

5. What is your favorite book?

I don't actually have a favorite book. I read mostly for learning and inspiration. The Bible would be the most important on the list. I love "The Giving Tree" and "The Missing Piece Meets the Big O", by Shel Silverstein, "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" by CS Lewis and "Think and Grow Rich" by Napoleon Hill.

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Calendar of Events

BOARD MEETINGS 2014 Shakers Restaurant 801 Central Ave Glendale, CA 91203

Friday, July 11 Friday, September 12 Friday, November 14 All meetings 9:15 - 11 am All are welcome.

LUNCHEONS 2014 Fortune Inn Mandarin Restaurant 117 East Broadway, Glendale, CA 91205

Friday, April 18 Friday, July 18 Friday, October 3

All lunches 12 to 1:30 p.m. All are welcome. Each person pays their own.

CEU Event

Introduction to Energy Psychology Thursday, May 8 from 9:30 - Noon (network/continental breakfast at 9:30 and 10-Noon workshop).



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A Must-Read Book by Local Psychologist Dr. Enrico Gnaulati

"Back to Normal is outstanding. Careful, measured, wise, compassionate, and powerful. Finally, someone is suggesting that lots of awkward, angry, tuned-out, defiant kids are not suffering from mental illness but, rather, are coming to terms with the human condition. And they shouldn't be medicated for it."

—**PEG TYRE**, author of *The Trouble with Boys*

"Provides a compelling, insightful, and timely explanation of the multiple forces that lead to overdiagnosis and misdiagnosis of our children. It offers parents a much-needed guide to help distinguish behaviors that truly warrant medical intervention from those that may stem from other issues and require different approaches. Well done, Dr. Gnaulati!"

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"A valuable guide for parents and educators that includes tips on choosing a therapist and parenting strategies." —Kirkus Reviews

"A welcome antidote to an alarming trend."

—Publishers Weekly

"Highly recommended for parents, caregivers, educators, physicians, and specialists working with children of all ages."

-Library Journal

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Why Ordinary Childhood Behavior Is Mistaken for ADHD, Bipolar Disorder, and Autism Spectrum Disorder

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The Raging Bull of Van Nuys

By Ron Supancic, CFLS

I had an interesting nickname for the first 20 years of my law practice, and I'll occasionally meet an attorney who may reference my original, aggressive style of litigation. The following anecdote should bring some clarity.

Years ago, I appeared on an initial Request for Orders in the Van Nuys Superior Court. A typical Request for Orders involves custody, visitation, interim child and spousal support, attorneys fees, and temporary restraining orders.

The attorney on behalf of the responding party was from Orange County, and introduced himself to me. He was cordial and polite. I invited him to go to the cafeteria to talk about an interim settlement. He agreed, and we asked the court to put the matter on second call. We went to the cafeteria, and, with the help of our clients, settled the entire case. We then returned to the Northwest Department to declare that we had completed the matter: in those few hours in the cafeteria we had worked out a Co-Parenting Plan, an equitable division of assets and liabilities, and permanent support orders to complete the case.

As we waited for the court to take the bench to hear the stipulation, the attorney remarked that he was very surprised. I asked why. He told me, "I've never appeared in Van Nuys before. I wanted to get a line on you and your reputation, so I called a friend of mine from law school. He told me you were called 'the Raging Bull of Van Nuys.' Imagine my surprise when you extended your hand and invited me to the cafeteria; even more so when we proceeded to settle the entire case." I responded, "You're reasonable, intelligent, and you didn't demand anything to which your client was not entitled. You made a case for your client, and it was reasonable and fair. That's the best we can ever hope for our clients."

I've thought many times since about that dubious reputation for being a "Raging Bull." I had certainly never intended to be a raging bull, but I was passionate, and vigorous in my advocacy on behalf of my client. I practiced "take no prisoners" litigation for the first 25 years of my career because, at the time, that's what law schools taught. However, I was always aware of the damage and destruction caused by the traditional litigation approach, to the families, the clients, and especially their children. I was a child of divorce, so am very aware of the pain that children feel.

I served on the Executive Committee for the San Fernando Bar Association Family Law Committee. The cases in Superior Court were backlogged for up to two years at the time, so we put together a volunteer attorney pro tem program, in order to give relief to the courts. We planned to do small claims appeals, default judgments, and much of the administrative work that prevents judges from hearing trials in a timely manner.

Our committee approached the supervising judge in 1976, the Honorable Charlie Hughes, who listened patiently to our pitch for a volunteer attorney pro tem program. His response: "No. But I'll tell you what we do need. We need you to create a volunteer mediation project." Our reaction? "What's mediation?" It was the first time

any of us had heard the word used. (At that time I'd been practicing law for six years.) He explained the process, and we, in turn, created the project. Mediation proved to be so successful in that community that our program was copied in Santa Monica, where it proved equally successful. The supervising judge in the Central Department got wind of the success in Van Nuys and Santa Monica, and wanted to know more. Thus the program was extended to Central, and then to all of the 14 branch courts in L.A. County. That Volunteer Attorney Mediator Program is still in existence today.

I liked what I learned about mediation, because consensual, cooperative problem solving is a kinder, gentler way to solve disputes like divorce. I originally trained as a mediator in 1981, at a California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists conference in San Diego. In 1997, while attending an International Alliance for Holistic Lawyers conference in Santa Fe, I had the opportunity to meet lawyer Stu Webb. He told me about the work that he was doing in Minneapolis through the foundation of the Institute for Collaborative Law. I brought the message of Collaborative Law back to Los Angeles County and I, as well as my clients, have been reaping the benefits of consensual dispute resolution ever since.

Subsequently, I've attended many Advanced Professional Skills Programs, such as those held by the Pepperdine University Law School, Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution, as well as spending several summers training with the Harvard Insight Initiative Project. I believe that Mediation education will never be complete– –there are always new skills to learn.

I respect and trust the collaborative approach, cooperative problem solving, and alternative dispute resolution, consensual dispute resolution, interest based bargaining, principal negotiation, and teaching lawyers all of the skills that have been developed through the Harvard Programs of Negotiation: "Getting to Yes," "Getting Past No," and "Difficult Conversations."

In my own practice, we approach every case by first reaching out to adverse counsel, to invite him or her to sit down to talk solutions. Sadly, and too often, some lawyers are so caught up in their own personal agendas, that they use their client's case to attempt to solve their own emotional strife. On those occasions, I may have to let the Bull out of his pen. We can still do it the hard way, but only when it's in the clients' best interests.

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Introduction to Energy Psychology

CEU Workshop on Thursday, May 8

In this workshop you will learn basic energy hygiene, energy psychology methods, and how to use these methods in your practice and with yourself. You will have opportunities throughout the workshop to observe, practice and experience the use of basic energy psychology methods. This course meets the qualifications for 2.0 hours of continuing education credit for MFTs and LCSWs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (PCE 5187).

About Energy Psychology

Energy Psychology is a family of healing methods that blend contemporary and ancient healing traditions to provide relief from mind-body The approaches used in Energy distress. *Psychology balance energy pathways to rapidly* diminish disturbances in the thought and emotion. Energy Psychology provides tools that have been shown to quickly assess unconscious beliefs and resistances, release limiting beliefs and blocked emotions, promote readiness to change and strengthen positive attitudes. Energy *Psychology healing methods have helped clients* reduce stress; resolve trauma; let go of anger, guilt and other limiting emotions and beliefs; eliminate phobias, fears and panic attacks; reduce anxiety and depression; remove selfsabotaging behaviors; and resolve grief.

Presenters:

Diann Wingert, LCSW, BCD is a licensed psychotherapist specializing in integrative mental health, combining traditional and alternative techniques. In addition to energy psychology, Diann practices neurofeedback, biofeedback, mind-body methods and cognitive therapy. Diann Wingert, can be reached



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Thursday, May 8, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Registration & Networking (bring business cards) 10:00 a.m. Workshop Presentation

The Gooden Center 54 N. Oakland Avenue (2nd Floor) Pasadena, CA 91101 626-356-0078 Parking available for \$10 at nearby lot at 473 E. Union

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The Gooden Center

Register online at <u>www.gamhpa.org/events</u> or contact Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW at (626) 260-1356, or Rachel Thomasian, MFT at <u>rachelthomasian@gmail.com</u> for more information.

NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS

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LANGUAGES FLUENT in: English, Armenian, Farsi

- Neuropsychological assessment of all types of neurological disturbance (e.g. strokes, seizure disorder, traumatic brain injury, infectious disease, brain tumor)
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- Head injuries (e.g., motor vehicle accidents, falls)
- Psychodiagnostic assessments (e.g., mood disorders, personality disorder)
- Cognitive deficits possibly associated with toxic exposures (e.g., mold, pesticides)
- School performance difficulties (e.g., ADD/ADHD, learning disabilities)
- Intelligence testing (e.g., formal IQ tests)
- Competency evaluations (e.g., medical & financial decisionmaking capacity)
- Work related injury for both cognitive and emotional injuries (e.g. Worker's Compensation claims)
- ③ Disability assessment (e.g., Social Security)

Classified Advertising GROUPS

Dialectical Behavior Therapy Skills Training Groups for teens and adults who have difficulty with emotional regulation. We are comprehensive DBT program in Burbank. Please contact Suzette Bray, MFT, MFC37518, Executive Director of Village Counseling and Wellness, (818) 238-9895 or suzette@villagecounselingandwellness.com.

Co-ed Adult Personal Development Group. Growth group for high achievers who want more out of life – to find lasting intimacy, achieve career satisfaction, and expand friendships. Uses here-and-now interaction to increase self-awareness. Complements concurrent individual or conjoint psychotherapy. Wednesday, 6-7:30pm. Glendale. Jim De Santis, Ph.D., C.G.P., Lic # PSY10315, (818) 551-1714

jjdesantis@aol.com.

Gay Men's Personal Development

Group. Growth and insight-oriented group addresses dating and relationships, career issues, life-enrichment. Uses here-and-now interactiontoincreaseself-awareness.Complement concurrent individual or conjoint psychotherapy. Thursday, 7-9 pm. Glendale. Jim De Santis, Ph.D., C.G.P., Lic # PSY10315, (818)551-1714 jjdesantis@aol.com.

Moving Through Bereavement. On-going supportive and educational group uses hereand-now discussion, as well as cognitive, psychodynamic,and biopsychosocial perspectives to optimize self-care and coping. Complements concurrent individual or conjoint psychotherapy for your clients. Consultation about a case, call Bonnie Cesak, LCSW, RN, Lic # LCS18570. Glendale, (818) 2 4 0 -1355.

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Post Traumatic Stress Disorder / Trauma / Sexual Abuse Survivors Process Group for Women. This group will allow survivors to share their abuse and recovery experiences, while providing a safe space for healing and to try out new, healthy coping skills. This group is targeted to sexual abuse, incest, assault, and rape issues. This is held every other Wednesday morning in Pasadena, CA. Please contact Cristina Mardirossian, LMFT at (818)434-6051 for more information.

Men's Separation and Divorce Support Group. For men either contemplating separation or divorce, going through it, or recovering from it. Communication with an estranged spouse, co-parenting, building a new circle of friends, dating, maintaining productivity at work, and achieving personal satisfaction with life. Wednesdays, 7:45-9:15 p.m., Glendale. Jim De Santis, Ph.D., C.G.P., Lic # PSY10315, (818)551-1714, jjdesantis@aol.com.

Teen Talk Support Group. This co-ed support group is a safe place for teens to talk about everyday challenges with school, parents, relationships, and to get support from other teens. Increase self-esteem, healthy decisionmaking and self-awareness. Weds, 6-730pm. Glendale. Susan Chakmakian,MA, MFT, MFC41817 contact by 818-839-0390 or susan@susanchakmakian.com.

Write Your Life to "Right" Your Life. Writing group in Toluca Lake. This group meets once per week for 10 weeks; anyone can join any week as this is not a "chronological" process. Help your clients augment their therapy process by journaling and writing, even fictionalizing the stories of their lives into publishable works. I am both a licensed MFT in California and a professional writer and teacher of creative writing. Vickie.saxon@gmail.com or 818-640-3789.

Men and Women's Interpersonal

Therapy Group - A safe environment for adults to explore their issues and gain the support and feedback of other men and women. Members learn how to connect past experiences with present circumstances, to gain self-awareness and find new ways to cope and relate to others and find overall well-being. Thurs, 630-8pm. Glendale. Susan Chakmakian, MA, MFT. MFC41817. For more information: <u>susan@susanchakmakian.com</u> or 818-839-0390.

GROUPS FOR PROFESSIONALS Consultation Group.

For experienced licensed therapists who are interested in contemporary psychoanalytic theory. The goal of this small group (limited to 5) is to provide a place for open, creative discussion of case material with the objectives of deepening one's therapeutic work, enhancing one's clinical understanding, refining one's ability to apply theory to practice, and more effectively using one's self in the clinical encounter. Tuesdays 12:00 – 1:45. For more information contact Larry Brooks, Ph.D., Lic. # PSY8161 (818) 243-0839 or drlarrybrooks.com

Consultation Group for therapists starting out in private practice. Targeted to clinicians with less than 5 years of post licensure experience. This small group (limited to 5) will provide a setting to strengthen clinical skills as well as deal with the personal/professional challenges of being in private practice. It will utilize a contemporary psychoanalytic

framework to discuss clinical material with objectives of deepening one's therapeutic work, enhancing one's clinical understanding, refining one's application of theory to practice, and more effectively use in one's self in the clinical encounter. Fridays 3:15 – 5:00 For more information contact Larry Brooks, Ph.D., Lic. # PSY8161 (818) 243-0839 or <u>drlarrybrooks.com</u>.

SERVICES

INTERN/TRAINEE Process Group Being an intern/trainee can be emotionally stimulating at the least! And while it's important to work through your counter-transference with clients, and learn more about your own relationships, it may be an expensive prospect while you are interning. A group may be just what you need. Get support from your peers and guidance from someone whose been there. 300 hours in 100 hours! Led by Susan Chakmakian, MA, MFT. MFC41817. For info: 818-839-0390. susan@susanchakmakian.com

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PUBLICATIONS

Child Psychiatrist Directory. Concise list of 440 physicians who provide psychiatric services to children and adolescents throughout Los Angeles County available on the internet at <u>JJDeSantis.com</u>.

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Diagnostic Testing Directory. Free directory of 350 licensed psychologists throughout Los Angeles County who offer psychological assessment services: educational. neuropsychological, forensic vocational, custody, and general psychiatric differential diagnosis. View or download from www.JJDeSantis.com.

East San Gabriel Valley Directory.

Freedirectory of 156 mental health professionals east of the 605 freeway from Azusa to Pomona, cross-indexed by specialties, services, second languages, and insurance accepted. View or download at www.JJDeSantis.com.

GAMHPA Members Directory.

117 licensed mental health professionals in the Glendale area, cross-indexed by specialties, services, second languages, and insurance accepted. This 65-page is available free at the GAMHPA website: gamhpa.org.

Group Therapy Directory. Free, up-to-date directory of outpatient psychotherapy groups in Los Angeles County. 500 facilitators and 1,250 groups. Directory has received over 25,000 visits on the internet. View or download from www.TheGroupList.org.

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Friday, April 25, 2014, 3:00pm – 5:30pm Office of Gale Rapallo

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Join us

Come any time, stay as long as you wish. Meet your neighbor clinician and find out who we are, what we offer, Psychoanalytic training, case consultations and CEU programs Wine and cheese will be served!

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> > Where does it lead?

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GAMHPA

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MISSION

GAMHPA was founded in 1992 by a few local area mental health professionals in private practice. Within several years, it grew to over 100 members. Our mission is to advance professional development through networking, continuing education, and public awareness. We offer equal membership to all licensed mental health professionals regardless of discipline, reflecting real patterns of professional referral. We are an interest group only and do not provide referrals to the community. We are not a profit making organization.

MEMBERSHIP

Download an application form from our website. Full member dues for licensed mental health professionals, \$60 per year. Associate Member dues for students, interns and others, \$35 per year. Organizations, \$125 per year. Dues may be deducted as an ordinary and necessary business expense but not as a charitable contribution.

BENEFITS

Members receive a number of exclusive benefits. Members can present a talk or publish an article on a professional topic. They are listed in the annual membership directory, distributed to the local professional mental health community and posted on our website. They have access to our internet discussion group.

Members can place free classified ads and receive discounted rates for display ads and inserts, and mailing list labels. Members are automatically entered for free newsletter advertising. They receive reduced rates for continuing education. New members can submit a brief professional biography for publication in the newsletter.



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All advertising questions should be directed to Suzette Bray at <u>suzettebraymft@sbcglobal.net</u>. Classified and display ads run for one issue. Advertising for services by psychologists or psychological assistants must include the license number of the psychologist. Advertising is accepted up to one week before publication.

Advertising Rates:

Item	Member No	n-Member
Classified Ad	Free	\$25
1/8-page displa	ay ad \$25	\$50
1/4-page displa	ay ad \$50	\$75
1/2-page displa	ay ad \$65	\$90
Full-page displ	ay ad \$100	\$150

Mailing lists are available. Contact Jim De Santis at:

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Rates: Mer	Member Non-Mem			
Mailing list, printed	\$25	\$25		
Mailing list on labels	\$30	\$40		
Mailing list on disk	\$70	\$80		
Member e-mail list	\$20	\$30		