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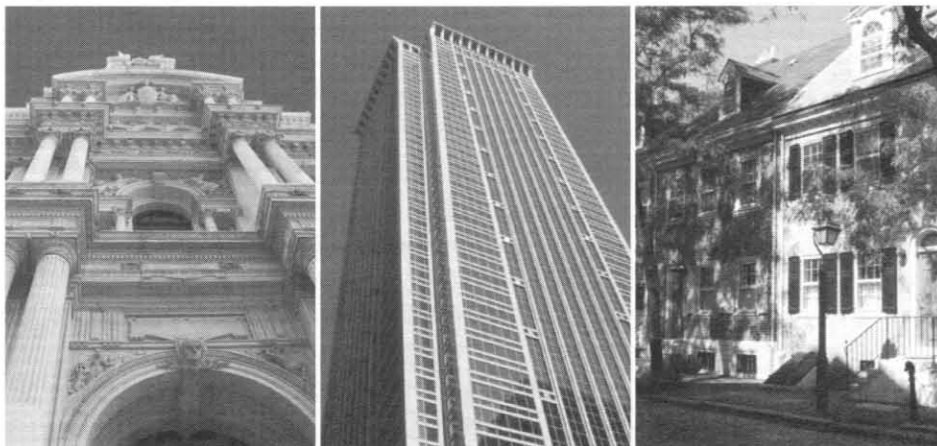
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Scenes of Philadelphia – site of the upcoming AGLP Annual Meeting

AGLP Annual Meeting - Philadelphia 2002! May 17 through 22, 2002

David G. Krefetz, Local Arrangements Committee Chair

The Philadelphia Local Arrangements Committee welcomes you to this year's APA Annual Meeting in the City of Brotherly (and Sisterly) Love on May 18-23, 2002.

Philadelphia, over the last decade, has reinvented itself into a world-class convention town culminating in its hosting of the Republican National Convention last year. Finding hotels and taxis are no longer a problem and the city is in the midst of its second restaurant renaissance (The first being in the 1970's). In addition to the well-known daytime cultural and historic sites, the city offers a more active nightlife.

The AGLP host hotel, The Doubletree, is located on South Broad Street (renamed "The Avenue of the Arts), the home of many of the city's performing arts venues. The hotel faces the Academy of Music, the old home of the Philadelphia Orchestra and sits one block from the Kimmel Center, the orchestra's new home opening in December.

Our hotel also sits on the western border of Washington Square West, Philadelphia's "gayborhood" with the usual assortments of bars, bookstores, gyms, coffee shops, and restaurants all within 3-4 blocks. The convention center sits at the northern edge of the neighborhood 7 blocks away from the hotel.

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Editor's Column

Cheryl Chessick M.D.

I have not thought of much since September 11th except about the changes in our country and knowing that life will never be the same. I have thought of Columbine that happened not so long ago; of that numb feeling of "it's okay, just keep moving forward". I remember helping the residents that I work with on September 11th get through that day. I remember thinking that I was grateful for the skills I had learned around Columbine that I could put into use that day without a lot of thinking.

I have been quite concerned and worried about our members, patients, and families. I feel much for our members and society in general in New York City and Washington DC. I think of meeting Christine and John in Provincetown a couple years ago for dinner and wish that I could turn the clocks and it would be that same, warm, safe night of enjoying a dinner together.

I realize that I really do not know what to do other than to keep living my life and to be a little more careful. I cannot just lie down and give up; otherwise, they would win. I feel great respect for our country and the freedoms that we have had. I also feel uncomfortable ness that many others outside our country do not have those same warm feelings about our country that we do. I hope over time to understand what this has been about and how I can be part of a solution.

I hope that this edition of the newsletter can be a tribute to those who have died and suffered as a result of the September 11th tragedy. I hope we can all take a moment of silence as each of us reads this column to remember those folks.

Thanks,

Cheryl Chessick MD



President's Column

Mary Barber, MD

I work at a community mental health center in the Hudson Valley, about two hours north of NYC. When the second plane hit the World Trade Center on September 11, I was in a large meeting about HIPAA compliance and treatment plans. As the seriousness of the events became known, the meeting was disbanded. Many staff had family and close friends working in NYC, and were trying frantically to phone them. Some staff left work early because they live near reservoirs serving NYC, which were being closed off for security reasons. I went around the building enlisting people to work overtime taking any crisis phone calls that might come in that night.

Meanwhile, my partner was scrubbed in surgery while her hospital was being systematically emptied and searched due to a bomb scare. I remember stopping at the co-op farm where I get my vegetable share every Tuesday after work, and seeing other members availing themselves of the "pick-your-own" raspberries. How can they pick raspberries at a time like this? I wondered. I went home, hugged my partner and daughter, and saw the horrible footage for the first time, then over and over. We live near an Air National Guard base, and military planes were flying overhead most of the night.

AGLP members were affected in many ways by the attacks. We have members in NYC who have been intimately involved in the psychiatric response to the crisis. At least one member was stranded in Denver, having gone there to take the Psychiatry Oral Boards, which were cancelled due to the

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attacks. Doubtless, some of us knew people who died in one of the Towers, the Pentagon, or the hijacked planes. Most of us are dealing with a spectrum of patient responses to the events, from those who have suffered family losses or direct exposure to the attacks, to those whose pre-existing PTSD symptoms, substance use problems, or paranoia have been triggered.

We have a gay hero out of the tragedy: Mark Bingham, a passenger on the plane that eventually crashed into a field in Pennsylvania, is thought to be one of the people who jumped the hijackers, thwarting their plan to crash into the assumed target of the White House. We also have the senseless comments of Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson in the wake of the tragedy, intimating that the attacks were God's wrath against the US, for allowing gay people to have civil rights.

Still, more than as LGBT people or as psychiatrists, this tragedy has touched us all on a human level. Late in the morning of September 11, I saw a 50-year-old patient with schizophrenia for his regularly-scheduled appointment. He told me that he had been unable to reach his daughter, who works in the WTC complex, by phone. He made another try from my office, and got through to her cell phone to find out she was safe. Usually impoverished in his thinking and speech, that day he spoke at length of a daughter I had barely heard about before. For several days after the attacks, I was unable to speak to my sister, who lives downtown in NYC, as the phone circuits were continuously busy. Although my mother was able to reach her and give me reports, not hearing her voice myself was painful.

The New York Times reported that following the 9-11 tragedy, ex-spouses, estranged friends and family and old acquaintances reached out to people in NYC they hadn't spoken to in years. The

Committee on Psychoanalysis

Ubaldo Leli, Chair

Cheryl made a point of reminding us of the next deadline for the submission of manuscripts for the Newsletter which was today. Nonetheless, I woke up this morning and suddenly realized that the following little comment, which I have been brooding over for a while need be written immediately. Then, as I wrote, it struck me that our Fall meeting had been held two days before the World Trade Center attack.

I am impressed again and again by the manner in which emotions distort our sense of time. It seems that the meeting, and all the events prior to the attack, happened centuries ago. In my mind, at a deep emotional level, there is a distortion in the sense of time surrounding the terrorist attack. What happened after is different in quality from what happened prior. My memories and perceptions will always, forever, be different after that day.

This is an occasion to learn about severe trauma, but, more than that, it is a situation in which we are all challenged by the exposure of our inner mental mechanisms brought about by the terrorist attack. It made me think of the fire of the Coconut Grove in Boston, when intensive, anxiety-provoking brief psychotherapy was

Now, under siege, we feel the constant presence of the police and the military at least here in New York. The structure that this situation provides is paradoxically helpful, at least for the moment, because it reassures us in the face of having lost the basic securities of our peaceful existence within United States. For the first time in 140 years we have war in our territory. We had all forgotten what it feels like to have no certainty, to be an open country, the target of attacks and acts of war.

invented because a small group of psychiatrists counseling the survivors discovered that under conditions of high anxiety one has access not otherwise possible to deep layers of the mind.

I will not detail my experience of the attack, except to mention the unforgettable angst I felt while witnessing live on TV the fall of the first tower. With my lover and a patient whose session we had interrupted to run to the TV, I waited for the cloud of dust to dissipate, barely daring to suspect that the structure might not still be erect despite the explosion. To our horror we saw the blue sky come seeping through the smoke. I remember the people I saw jumping eighty floors from the north tower in front of my eyes, while I remained paralyzed in front of the small screen trying to make real what seemed a science fiction scenario.

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It seems, therefore, that our efforts at this point must be to keep everything running as normally as possible, our help to people ongoing, our inner stability intact, if not for ourselves, at least for the sake of our patients. I mean not only for the traumatized, new people who will seek help, but for our ordinary depressed, borderline, schizophrenic, narcissistic patients, whose capacity to cope may need to be boosted under the present circumstances. My patients have invariably displayed more of their usual problems. That is it.

The Fall meeting of AGLP in Washington, held on September 8, was very fruitful and pleasant. Thinking of it in hindsight, I cannot imagine any longer that kind of serenity, the sense of positive, constructive effort we

AGLP Fall Business Meeting Saturday, September 8, 2001

Welcome and Announcements: Meeting was called to order at 9:25 AM by Mary Barber, President. Mary thanked everyone who made time and traveled to the mtg. In turn, Mary was thanked for organizing the media training yesterday. Members universally found the training to be very helpful.

AGLP has a new brochure with a tear-off sheet for membership. Mary has re-written the material such that it lists membership benefits prominently. People were invited to bring stacks of the brochure back with them to disseminate among colleagues.

Minutes from May, 2001 Annual Meeting were approved with correction of adding Rick Hire's name as having submitted the minutes.

I. Report on future Annual meetings

A. Philadelphia May 18-23, 2002

Local Arrangements Committee—Roy Harker. 14 people on committee which has been meeting all summer. Committee is being led by David Krefetz. Opening reception will be at the Pyramid Club.

1. Hotel-Double Tree Hotel will be official AGLP hotel; it's located in the center of town and is within walking distance from Convention Center (100 rooms will be held for the AGLP block)

2. Committee is meeting with local business and community leaders to arrange for special perks and events; welcome packets will be avail for members who stay at the Double Tree including local press, maps, free tickets, and coupons to local businesses!

3. Michael George and Bob Ranando of SO Group are planning to organize 2 events

4. Booth-not discussed

5. Brochure-David Johnson will edit guidebook

6. Women's events—No woman on the local arrangements committee; recommendation made to contact female physicians through GLMA; if AGLP members know of any lesbian MDs in Philadelphia area, they were invited to contact Roy with suggestions

7. Early Career Psychiatrists—Rick Imiowicz

8. Medical students—National AMSA LGBP in medicine is centered in Philadelphia; Andy Tompkins MS2 will work with local arrangements committee and Dan Karasic regarding planning events for students and residents

9. Minority Outreach—Ken Campos-no report

10. Awards—Phil Bailer. Preliminary conversations have occurred; no decisions to date. Discussion was held regarding various suggested nominees

11. Closing party-Will be held at the American College of Physicians, a turn of century building with medicinal herb garden. Discussion was held about Blue Laws in Pennsylvania, and need to decide about open bar or not (non host bar not allowed under the law and also about having a new format with a more fluid arrangement to stimulate conversation. Decision was made to have a champagne reception prior to dinner but not to have an open bar. Discussion was also held about having jazz as entertainment.

12. Educational Program and hospitality suite—Dan Karasic.

· Educational Program: Topic of Saturday conference plan will be a series of presentations on LGBT mental health issues related to ethnicity and race. Suggestion was also made to have a Saturday afternoon brainstorming meeting regarding future goals and plans of the organization

· Dan is working on scheduling events in the hospitality suite; he's gathering info about last year's events from participants. People will be asked for feedback about topics and times of meetings. Any members with suggestions about programming for the hospitality suite are welcome to contact Dan

B. San Francisco May 17-22, 2003

Local Arrangements Committee—Dan Karasic, Ellen Haller

1. Hotel will be the Courtyard Marriott which is in the process of final construction.

2. Dan suggested that the Saturday program be a larger event than traditionally. Ideas include coordinating a conference with the UCSF coordinator for LGBT issues and LGBT psychologists and other MH practitioners.

3. Gene Nakagima may plan a trip to Yosemite, Monterey or some other nearby California site to add on to the APA meeting week (the wknd after APA is Memorial Day wknd)

C. New York May 1-6, 2004—Phil Bialer

Local Arrangements Committee—Phil has begun having preliminary contact with hotels in NY area. Sheraton may be the official host hotel. Official committee has not been formed, however, prior years when APA was held in NYC, a large and active committee worked well together.

D. Atlanta May 21-26, 2005

Local Arrangements Committee—No committee has been formed yet; names of local psychiatrists were suggested and will be contacted.

II. Board and Committee Reports

A. National Office Director—Roy Harker

Membership:

	1998	1999	2000	2001	
Associate	31	29	28	29	
Founder	1	1	2	2	
Full	358	350	340	318	6%
International	30	39	43	36	
Medical Student	23	19	16	20	
Newsletter Only	66	63	66	61	
Patron	1	2	1	3	
Resident	108	98	87	69	21%
Sponsor	14	21	24	31	
Totals	632	622	607	569	6%

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- 508 Members, excluding Newsletter Only
- 6% Attrition anticipated at the end of this year
- Current membership is 508 (lowest in many years). Suggestion was made that every committee should focus on membership (not just the membership committee). Discussion was held about different membership categories. Proposal was made to consider changing requirement that non APA members have to join as Associate rather than full members. Suggestions were discussed for raising membership including graduated fees for early career psychiatrists, increasing visibility of the organization within district branches, and recruiting of residents and medical students through holding events locally. Council voted to approve membership rate of \$95 for the first three years out of training and to add all members of the AGLP council to the membership committee.
- National office is being audited as required by law in Pennsylvania. Final report is not yet finished. To date, Roy has spent 32 hrs preparing material for auditor
- Cash flow: Generally we can expect to collect 49% of the total membership revenue for FY2002 in the months between September and December. Using this figure, we should see a total receipt of \$75,500 in membership fees received in FY2001 by year-end. Adding this to anticipated receipts for Student Travel and current receipts for grants, Roy expects the total receipts for the year to be \$104,955.00. Roy calculates disbursements based on dedicated contract amounts for the remainder of the year and expected monthly expenses. Using these methods, he expects a total disbursement of \$100,790.00 which will result in a cash surplus of \$4,165 for FY2001
- No major expenses this year, expenses should run under budgeted amount
- Current bank has been bought by another; Roy will work with new bank and will therefore now have online access.
- Upgrading website:
 - Phase 2 would introduce the interactive elements of the site, i.e.:
 - o Password protected areas,
 - o AGLP Newsletter Online,
 - o Membership Directory,
 - o Online Membership Renewal with credit card payment option

Hosting:

We currently use VERIO (a division of America Online (AOL)) for hosting. To provide the level of service required for full implementation of the AGLP Site (Phase 2), VERIO suggests a "Silver" level of service which includes:

- 60 MB of Ram Space
- 4 GB of Data Transfer space
- 20 email accounts
- Built-in CGI Scripting
- Password protected Membership-Only areas (for Directories, Newsletter Online)
- Secure Manual Credit Card Processing

The monthly cost for this level of service is \$49.95. A one-time setup fee of \$50 is required (which applies to all levels of service). \$68 every two years for URL registration (required regardless of level of service chosen). Some additional scripting software would need to be purchased. Council approved this upgrade after discussion.

B. President—Mary Barber

- Presentation of a plaque to Phil for thanks for his hard work and excellent contributions as President of AGLP
- Adding value to membership of AGLP
 - o Question raised of how we can demonstrate value to those AGLP members who don't attend the annual meetings
 - o What to do with people who drop membership; decided to have members of membership committee (i.e. the AGLP council) contact individuals they know or who live in their geographic area who have dropped. Roy will email list of dropped members to all council members
 - o Mary has been invited to be part of APA round table in 11/01; she will meet with president and assembly leadership. The Round Table's goals are to specifically focus on under-represented minority issues
 - o Reported suggestion to have more psychiatry content on the AGLP web site. LAGCAP representatives (Rob Pinney and Bill Womack) have been asked to prepare material about LGBT youth suicide.
 - o Human Rights Campaign has a section called "family net" on their web site with info about gay families. It includes an "ask the expert" section including lawyers, pediatricians, internists, etc but no psychiatry. Mary is now the psychiatrist available to answer questions sent by email by members of the public

C. Vice-president—Dan Karasic (reported earlier on Annual Meeting issues)

D. Secretary—Ellen Haller (no report)

E. Treasurer—Jim Lettenberger

- Jim will work closely with Rick Hire regarding development
- Budget was reported

F. Ad hoc Development Committee—Rick Hire

- Rick is working on developing system of fundraising for AGLP. To date, external funds have come mostly from pharmaceutical organizations. Rick is available to help coordinate funds coming from AGLP members' local contacts with pharm reps. A plan for the future will be to seek foundation grants. Plan will be for Rick and Roy to work together on this development of these new sources of funding

- Mary officially appointed a standing committee on development with Rick Hire as the current chair

G. Newsletter—Cheryl Chessick

- First newsletter edited by Cheryl came out last month
- Cheryl would welcome profiles from AGLP members and also articles on a variety of subjects and book reviews
- Deadline is October 15th for next issue

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- Discussion held about books for sale via our newsletter and/or website
- H. Journal**—Jack Drescher
- Two issues completed and at publishers currently
 - Next issue is almost done
 - Jack already has guest editors lined up for first few issues of next volume as well
- I. Women**—Chris Sekaer
- No report from Chris; general discussion held about ways to increase numbers of women in the organization and to avoid scheduling conflicts with women's events at APA (Monday, 5-6:30 is the meeting time for the Association for Women Psychiatrists and the APA women's caucus). Decision was made to move AGLP annual mtg time up by 30 minutes so that women members can attend both AWP and AGLP meetings
 - Mary will send email to all women in AGLP asking for add'l suggestions
- J. Minority outreach**—Ken Campos
- No report
- K. Early Career**—Rick Imirowicz
- No report
- L. Residents**—David Spiggle
- No report. Suggestion made for Greg Hannahs to be asked to serve. Ellen Haller will ask women residents at UCSF for a volunteer to serve
- M. Medical Students**—Andy Tompkins and Joe Henry
- Andy and Joe will attempt to increase medical student membership (through GLMA and AMSA)
 - Joe raised idea of local arrangements committees identifying places for med students to stay during the annual meeting early in the planning process
 - Joe also suggested that AGLP web site list LGBT faculty at residency programs who would be willing to speak with students about their programs or as a mentor
 - Suggestion made to link AGLP website to AMSA site; Andy will follow up
- N. Membership**—Craig Buchholz, Julie Schulman
- No report (issue discussed earlier by council)
- O. International**—Ken Ashley, Gene Nakajima
- No report
- P. Psychoanalysis**—Ubaldo Leli
- The American Psychoanalytic has dramatically changed attitudes towards LGBT issues. The international association, however, remains quite negative; for past three years, the international association has voted down proposals to de-pathologize homosexuality.
 - Three foci of committee:
 - o Internal stigma about analysis- Ubaldo will continue to organize an annual workshop on shame
 - o Educating analysts
 - o Educating membership at large and exposing them to the pertinent issues; plan to present panel discussion with a case presentation of a heterosexual male transvestite in psychoanalysis with a gay psychoanalytic candidate supervised by a heterosexual analyst

Q. LAGCAP—Rob Pinney

- LAGCAP is encouraging its own membership to join AGLP (and APA)
- Next meeting of Child Academy is in Hawaii October, 2001
- Special Sex: Sexuality in Special Populations will be an institute held at the annual meeting of the child academy. Topics include: 1) Sexuality in Adolescents with Psychiatric d/o, Mark DeAntonio; 2) Sexuality in Youths with Developmental Delay and/or Autistic Spectrum D/O, Kaan Ozbayrak; 3) Runaway and Homeless Teens in "Paradise": The Sexual Dimension, Robert Bidwell; 4) Contemporary Profiles of Incarcerated Juvenile Sex Offenders, Bill Womack; 5) Sexual Development and Chronic Illness, Jim Lock; 6) Transgendered Adolescents in Multicultural Hawaii, P. Jayne Bopp; 7) Sexuality in Children and Adolescents with Sexual Differentiation Disorders, Sally Herbert; 8) The Sex Lives and troubles of Juvenile Prostitutes, Richard Pleak

R. HIV-affected—Marshall Stiles

- No report; discussion was held of ways to increase participation in HIV-affected discussion group at May meeting and about some of the pertinent issues

S. Ad hoc Committee on Transgender Issues—David Seil

- No report

III. Report from Committee—Jack Drescher

- A. Committee met with Darryl Rugare, Assis Medical Director of APA who's overseeing development of DSM-V. Preliminary work grps already set up. No sexual minority representation on work grp looking at cultural issues. Council on National Affairs will be contacted about including sexual minority representation in the future. Work will be starting in detail in DSM-V in 2006
- B. Petros Luvonus had suggested that APA have a minority fellowship specifically for LGBT residents (like the other fellowships already existing). Funding has already been arranged through Pfizer. APA staff time would need to be set aside by APA to administrate the fellowship. Alternative would be a "travel fellowship" funneled through AGLP rather than APA. Fellow would be assigned to an APA committee and some of the money from the fellowship would go towards supporting Roy's time for administrating the fellowship
- C. Component workshop submitted
- D. Amer Family Assoc "It's not gay" video was reviewed. Committee discussed strategies to combat such anti-gay, stigmatized material.

IV. Report from Caucus—Margie Sved, Mark Townsend (Mark reported for the caucus as Margie was unable to attend)

- A. Assembly committee on minority issues met yesterday. Nada Stotland (Speaker of the Assembly) wants names and bios of people interested in serving on committees and components. Terms on committees last 3 years.

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MUR committee is focused on raising numbers of MURs in positions on official APA components

B. Membership committee has decision-making power over adding a box about sexual orientation on the APA membership form; council recommended this change

C. Membership in APA was discussed in MUR committee; one roadblock identified was need to be member of DB before being put forward for membership to the APA

D. Mark also reported that the way we choose representatives to the assembly can be done anyway we choose; there are no specific rules for how to do it

V. Nominating Committee—Phil Bailer

A. Need to nominate the president-elect this coming year

B. Suggestions were made for additional members of the nominating committee to work with Phil

VI. New Business

A. Dan Hick's presented a symposium proposal for APA

· Title = "Homosexuality and Religion: Healing the wound"

· Idea is to focus on history of religion's stand on homosexuality and its effects on gay men and lesbians and have presentations by individuals about their own experiences

· Whether to submit as a symposium or a workshop was discussed. AGLP will endorse this presentation (in whatever format it may get accepted)

B. Adding value to AGLP membership; discussed under President's report

C. The Associate/Full member issue will discuss further at May Annual Meeting

D. Enhancing the web site—discussed earlier

E. Dan raised idea of having a 1-2 day Fall retreat for the AGLP membership in the future possibly at a site different from Washington DC. Issue will be further discussed at May meeting

F. LGBT psychologists recently put on an international meeting on LBG issues. Dan attended this meeting in August, 2001. Meeting focused on developing an agenda for LGBT health internationally for coming years. He discussed the NIH initiative about research in LGBT health; discussion was held about potential future projects for AGLP along similar lines

G. Mary closed with thanking Roy for all of the incredible hard work that he's done for the organization

VII. Personal updates

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Haller, MD

President's Column

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importance of connecting with our friends and loved-ones has been underscored, as we have all been given a graphic illustration of the fragility and uncertainty of life.

For our AGLP family, the lesson is the same. Now more than ever, we need to make an effort to keep in touch with each other in between meetings.

I'm asking everyone reading this article to take the time to call an AGLP member you haven't spoken to in a while, just to catch up. We need to help care for each other, so we will have the strength to continue to care for our patients during these difficult times.

I'd like to extend my thanks to everyone who participated in the fall business meeting on 9-8 in DC, as well as those who attended the media training session and evening reception the day before. The fall meeting events were a great success because of all of you. For those of you who weren't at the fall meeting, here are some highlights: We voted to develop an enhanced web site, with the ability to renew membership online and do bulletin board postings. We created a new membership category for early career psychiatrists, \$95 a year for the first three years out of training.

We are planning a mini-retreat, to be held the Saturday afternoon of the May AGLP meetings in Philadelphia, to strategize and envision the organization's future. We have two new committees ? a development committee, to work on the all-important issue of funding to keep the work of AGLP going, and a transgender issues committee, to reflect the adopted change in our bylaws making AGLP more transgender-inclusive. For more on the fall meeting, you can read the minutes included in this newsletter.

As always, feel free to call or email me with your ideas, questions, and concerns.

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SCENES FROM THIS YEARS ANNUAL FALL MEETING



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Mary Barber, MD and Ellen Haller, MD, at this year's Dinner Reception at the home of Dan Hicks and John McCall



Group shots at the Dinner Reception



l to r. Andy Thompkins, Jim Lettenberger, MD, Ellen Haller, MD, Mary Barber, MD, Dan Karasic, MD, and Roy Harker

AGLP Fall Meeting

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The "Medicinal" Herb Garden at the College of Physicians...

In addition, South Broad Street serves as the eastern border of the Rittenhouse Square area with its outdoor dining, four and five star restaurants, and upscale shopping. All of Philadelphia's downtown, "Center City," is walkable from the hotel and it will be easy to explore other neighborhoods like Old City, the gallery district, and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, home to the Philadelphia Museum of Art (Yo Rocky!).

To showcase Philadelphia, the committee has selected two diverse sites for the opening and closing reception. The opening reception will be held at the Pyramid Club (www.pyramidclub.com) on the top of one of the city's newer skyscrapers, the Mellon Bank Center. The 52nd floor location offers breathtaking views of the city skyline and beyond. The closing reception will be held at the College of Physicians (www.collphyphil.org), the oldest honorary medical facility in the country, established in 1787. The present home of the College, designed by Capehart and Scattergood, was built in 1909 and is an elegant Beaux Arts Georgian-style building.

The committee is still planning for the AGLP membership. If you have any suggestions or comments, please direct them to David Krefetz at krefetdg@umdj.edu or through the National Office.

It is not too soon to make your hotel reservations at the Doubletree Hotel. You can reserve your hotel room online in real-time 24/7 at www.tphousing.com/aglp. If work or travel plans change, you can even update or cancel your reservations online. You may also make reservations by phone. Call Travel Planners, Inc. at 800-221-3531 and identify yourself as AGLP. The number of rooms available is limited this year to 100, so make your reservations soon.

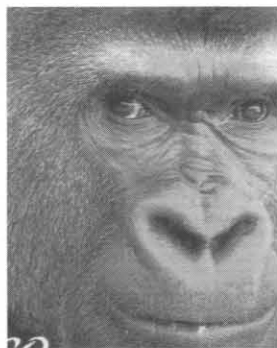
David G. Krefetz



An unparalleled collection of art and artifacts awaits you...



The College of Physicians, site of the AGLP Closing Banquet



The Nation's first Zoo is here in Fairmount Park



The Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, The Constitution Center—History abounds!



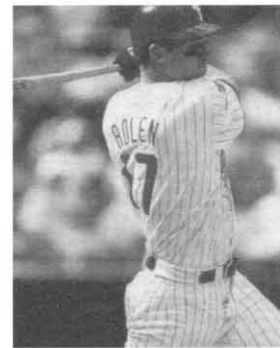
The Pyramid Club atop the Mellon Bank Building - site of the AGLP Opening Reception



Lord & Taylor Department Store in the renowned John Wanamaker Building



The new Kimmel Center - home to the Philadelphia Orchestra



The Phillies will be playing at home during the AGLP Meeting.

Nominations Sought

As chair of the nominating committee for AGLP, I am currently seeking a candidate for the office of Vice President. The VP's main duties consist of coordinating all of the activities that take place in the hospitality suite during the annual meeting. More importantly, the VP is also in charge of the educational program at the annual meeting which includes the Saturday morning symposium as well as other educational activities taking place during the week. The VP serves on the executive board of AGLP and fills in for the president when she/he is not available. Anyone interested in the position or who has a suggestion for a suitable candidate should contact me.

Although candidates have already been selected for the other offices (president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and newsletter editor), nominations remain officially open until the business meetings in May.

As past-president, I am also seeking nominations for the annual AGLP Distinguished Service Award and the James Paulsen Award. The Distinguished Service Award was first presented in 1986 to Barney Frank for his tremendous contribution to the gay and lesbian community as the first openly gay congressman. Other honorees have included Dr. Judd Marmor, Emery Hetrick, Dr. Evelyn Hooker, Paulette Godard (founder of PFLAG) Uvrashi Vaid, Marlon Riggs, Frank Kameny and Barbara Gittings, Dr. Carolyn Rabinowitz, Martin Duberman, Mel Sabshin, Sven Robinson, Dick Isay, and Larry Hartman.

The James Paulsen Award has been sponsored in years past by Janssen Pharmaceutica and is intended for honoring one of AGLP's own. Dr. Paulsen was one of the founders of an underground gay physicians group that predated AGLP, and was then instrumental in the founding of AGLP as one of its largest contributors. Past winners of this award have included Frank Rundle, Bert Schaffner, Jim Krajewski, Peggy Hanley Hackenbruck, David Scasta, and Marshall Forstein.

Please forward your nominations to me by Dec. 31.

Contact information:

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Note: I wish to thank David Scasta for his help in providing some of the background information for this article.

Where do we go from here?

Vice president's column

Dan Karasic, MD

Saturday, October 13, 2001. I'm writing this column miserably sick with a chest cold. Oh well. As least it's not anthrax. Well, that would be extremely unlikely. That is, I don't think I've opened any powder-filled envelopes lately.

Yes, it's a crazy new world. Our leaders say to lead our lives exactly as we would before. Except be hypervigilant of our surroundings at all times because the suicide attackers could be anywhere and strike anytime.

It's been a trying month, as we tried to maintain ourselves emotionally so we could be of benefit to our patients. I have noticed that many of my patients seem to be taking the events of the last month in stride, but for others, the terrorist attacks have brought back past grief and trauma. As people living with HIV, my patients already have been living with the threat of sudden death, scary pathogens, and the loss of loved ones.

The AGLP Fall Meeting in Washington D.C. seems long distant, but it was only five weeks ago, three days before the terrorist attacks. We discussed the AGLP Saturday conference in Philadelphia, in May 2002. We are pleased to have Debbie Carter, MD coordinating the Saturday Symposium, on issues of race, ethnicity and culture in our LGBT patients. These issues remain as critical as ever in our clinical work.

At the Fall meeting, we discussed having an afternoon mini-retreat, which would follow the Saturday morning symposium. We'd like to involve the members of AGLP in shaping our future priorities as an organization and in LGBT mental health advocacy. In August, I went to a three-day meeting of an international group of LGB psychologists to plan an agenda on sexual orientation and mental health. I found it inspiring to think of how we can make positive impacts as LGBT mental health professionals, beyond planning for the next symposium or reception. Thirty years ago, a gay psychiatrist felt the need to wear a mask to protect his identity, in order to speak at APA. Now, the APA follows our lead on issues such as reparative therapy and same sex unions. Where do we go from here? Has our very success lessened the need for an AGLP? How do we stay relevant in the coming years? Let's start this dialogue.

I'd like to hear your ideas about the Saturday symposium, the possible mini-retreat, and programming for the AGLP Hospitality Suite. If you're interested in speaking, leading a meeting, helping to plan, or just want to give input, please email me at karasic@itsa.ucsf.edu.

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A Special Interest Group in Gay and Lesbian Mental Health of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in the United Kingdom has just been established. This is one of a few gay and lesbian psychiatrist groups outside of the United States. Like the APA, the Royal College of Psychiatrists has an annual meeting. This year it is in Cardiff, Wales, (about a 2 hour train ride from London) and June 24-27, 2002. The group would like to collaborate with the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists in jointly organizing a workshop or seminar. Possible topics could be domestic partnership registration, sexuality, youth, suicide/depression, coming out, or stigma. If you have an interest in presenting at the meeting, please contact Professor Michael King at m.king@rfc.ucl.ac.uk or 011 44 20 7830 2397 (tell) or Fax 44 20.

Submitted by Gene Nakajima MD

There are two concerts of interest at Verizon Hall/Kimmel Center (the new home of the Philadelphia Orchestra) during the APA conference. This may require advance ticket purchase. On Friday May 17th, 2002, the NY Philharmonic under conductor Kurt Masur will perform Leonard Bernstein's Serenade and Mahler's 1st Symphony "Titan". For tickets call (215) 790-5800 or go to www.kimmelcenter.org. On Saturday evening May 18th, the Philadelphia Orchestra under Wolfgang Sawallisch will perform Mozart's Piano Concerto #27 (with Pollini) and Schmidt's Symphony #2. For tickets call (215) 893-1999 or www.philorch.org.

Submitted by Gene Nakajima

SUPERVISING, STAFF, AND CONSULTING PSYCHIATRISTS SOUGHT

San Francisco Community Mental Health Services (the public sector arm of psychiatric services for the City and County of San Francisco) has several exciting and challenging opportunities for psychiatrists interested in Community Psychiatry. Positions are available at various sites throughout San Francisco including the Mission Mental Health, Chinatown/North Beach, and Center for Special Problems from full-time to part-time, for both Adult and Child Psychiatrists. Psychiatric care is provided at comprehensive mental Health centers using rehabilitation and recovery models. Positions for Board-eligible and Board-certified psychiatrists are both

civil service with excellent benefits, competitive salaries as well as consultative fee-for-service. Bilingual psychiatrists are encouraged to apply. EOE. For further information, please contact: Robert P. Cabal, MD, Medical Director, Community Mental Health Services, 1380 Howard Street, 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103, 415-255-3447, fax 415-252-3015, email: bob_cabal@dph.sf.ca.us

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Committee on Psychoanalysis

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put into action by participating in running an organization like AGLP. As the Psychoanalytic Committee chair I reported about the psychoanalytically relevant events that occurred during the Spring meeting, and I asked and obtained spots in the schedule for the three main events that the Committee will organize. They will be the Committee administrative meeting, for which I hope to see a higher participation of the membership; the workshop on shame, very successful in the past years, which will hopefully continue to be so in the future; and a new event I am trying to organize for the next Spring Meeting.

For this new event, a gay candidate in training at a psychoanalytic institute sponsored by the American Psychoanalytic Association will present psychoanalytic material from a supervised training case of a heterosexually oriented, married man who cross dresses. I will ask two or three people who can contribute relevant and stimulating comments to form a discussion panel and report their thoughts about the case, in panel discussion format in the Hospitality Suite. I think this event will be extremely exciting because it places itself at the interface between gender and sexual orientation, as well as between the issue of psychopathology versus acceptance of human behaviors from the perspective of the personal subjective experience. It should also demonstrate the nature of traditional and of less traditional approaches to treatment in different cases and varying circumstances.

I will brief the membership more about this event, with a more precise schedule and with specific names, in the next Newsletter column, when the Spring Meeting agenda will be more finalized.

Meanwhile, my heart and soul bond with each and every one of you, as we cope together with the terrible challenge that the undermining of our ordinary tenets by this 21st century style war has brought upon us.

Ubaldo Leli, M.D.

Chair, Committee on Psychoanalysis

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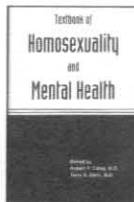
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TEXTBOOKS AVAILABLE FROM AGLP

This month's Highlighted Reading...

Textbook of Homosexuality and Mental Health

Edited by Robert P. Cabaj, M.D., and Terry S. Stein, M.D.
American Psychiatric Press



Textbook of Homosexuality and Mental Health brings together in one volume the entire range of material and variety of perspectives concerning homosexuality and mental health. With more than 50 chapters written by leaders in the field, this book is the most complete review of the topics of homosexuality and mental health and treatment of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transsexuals to date.

Starting from the belief that homosexuality is a normal variation of human sexuality and not a mental illness, this revolutionary book presents current information on homosexuality from a mental health and medical perspective. Sections focus on demographic, cultural, genetic, biological, and psychological perspectives; development throughout the life cycle; relationships and families; psychotherapy; multi-cultural identities and communities; professional education; and medical care. A variety of special issues, such as sexuality, substance abuse, violence, suicide, religion, and HIV/AIDS are discussed. Also included are several unique chapters that cover material not readily available elsewhere, among them transsexuality, minority gay, lesbian, or bisexual people, the impact of the sexual orientation of the therapist, latency development in prehomosexual boys, and clinical issues specific to psychotherapy with gay, lesbian, and bisexual patients.

AGLPB001-1996/1016 pages/ISBN 0-88048-716-X/hardcover/\$89.95

Lesbian Lives; Psychoanalytic Narratives

Old & New

Maggie Magee and Diana C. Miller
Analytic Press

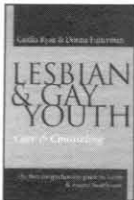


In this groundbreaking revisioning of lesbianism, Magee and Miller transcend a literature that, for decades, has focused on the timeworn and misconceived task of formulating a lesbian-specific psychology. Rather, they focus on a set of interrelated issues of far greater salience in our time; the developmental and psychological consequences of identifying as homosexual and of having lesbian relations. *Lesbian Lives* is a heartening sign of the generous scholarship and humane impulse that are transforming psychoanalysis in our time.

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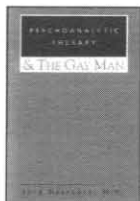
Lesbian & Gay Youth; Care & Counseling

Caitlin Ryan & Donna Futterman
Columbia University Press



Here at last is the first handbook on the care, counseling, and support needs of lesbian and gay youth for providers, advocates, parents, and interested readers. This book includes guidelines for assessment, treatment, prevention, and referral along with the latest research, knowledge, and practice wisdom on lesbian and gay youth by leading experts.

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Psychoanalytic Therapy and the Gay Man

Jack Drescher, M.D.
Analytic Press

"Jack Drescher has comprehensively gathered and usefully interpreted a vast amount of material relating to psychoanalytic therapy and gay men. His book is a measure of the huge distance the therapeutic community has come over the past several decades in its compassionate understanding of same-gender relationships - and is itself a significant contribution to further progress."

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Ken Sladkin, MD and Alberto Sabater, MD, were representing AGLP at the Stonewall Festival and Parade in Wilton Manors (Florida) to provide organization info, referral information, and other community resources.