"Spring Parade in New York", an oil painting by Robert Quackenbush

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This is my last President’s Report. It has been my extreme pleasure to serve these past years as president of NAAP. I want to thank the members of the Executive Committee, Jennifer Harper, Gene Guberman, Denise Lanes, Jessica Mitchell, Farrell Silverberg, and Patricia Bratt for their support and tireless contributions toward bettering our profession. In addition, I thank all of the members of the board who have served during my administration. Your support and affirmation have been invaluable. I would also like to acknowledge Margery Quackenbush, our Executive Director, without whom the organization would not be the same or function with such efficiency.

I’d like to congratulate my successor, Patricia Bratt. For the last several years, Pat has distinguished herself as conference chair at NAAP. Our annual conferences have greatly added and contributed to the important dialogues advancing psychoanalysis. In addition, for years Pat has been a major force in the leadership at the Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis in New Jersey. We are fortunate to have her carry on with the important work NAAP does to perpetuate and promote independent psychoanalysis.

A Conversation with Adam Phillips
by Marcus M. Silverman

Over 300 people waited breathlessly at 10 AM on Saturday,
March 12, for CMPS’s 2016 annual conference. Adam Phillips, the well-regarded writer, analyst, and thinker, was to be the focal point of the conference, the subject of which was an early, unpublished chapter of his (as yet unwritten) book. The theme was “conversion”—as an ontological idea, a process, potentially a facet of psychoanalysis. More.

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**Sexuality and Its Discontents**

**Symposium 2016**

by Merle Molofsky

This year’s Symposium offered a rich day of presentations on the theme “Sexuality and its Discontents” at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City.

The intense and intriguing program was divided into three sections: 1) Transgender, 2) Boundary Violations, and 3) Sexuality. More.

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**Illusions of Immortality**

by Rachel Bean

The National Institute for the Psychotherapies’ 27th Annual Conference was held on March 12 in NYU’s Kimmel Center. Many attended to hear and share perspectives on this year’s theme, “Illusions of Immortality: Psychoanalytic Engagement with the Human Condition.” In her opening remarks, Susan Obrecht, LCSW, conference co-chair, pointed out the popularity of recent publications, particularly memoirs, on living with mortality. More.

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**Return to Cuba**

by Jack Wiener

Last December I visited Cuba. It was five
days shy of my 82nd birthday, and 72 years after leaving the country on March 27, 1944, aged ten.

I was born at 571 Calle Aguiar, in what is now referred to as Habana Vieja. My sister, almost four years older, was also born there. We lived in two large rooms.

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**Remembering Dr. Gerry Lucas**

*by Mark Sehl*

On Mother’s Day I received a package. It was a box of edible chocolates just like the one I received on the day of Dr. Gerry Lucas’s death one year ago, on May 8, 2015. Although I had been thinking about Gerry the day before, only upon receiving this package did it dawn on me what day it was and I broke into tears. The box of chocolate covered strawberries was from a patient whom I have worked with for many years.
Membership Committee Report, June 2016

Recently, on a windy, rainy Sunday, board member Robert Cuccioli, board member, Warren Holt, chair of the Analyst-in-Training Committee, joined NAAP Executive Director Margery Quackenbush on a visit to meet with faculty and students from the Institute for Expressive Analysis.

They were invited by Cenk Cokuslu, the current Executive Director at IEA. NAAP brought posters touting the benefits of membership, as well as handouts and membership applications. After everyone had enjoyed a lovely lunch, Cokuslu introduced Quackenbush, who spoke briefly about the history of NAAP and the benefits that membership offers. She then introduced Warren Holt, who talked about the AIT committee and the camaraderie that students from various institutes enjoy while serving on it. Robert Cuccioli described how hard NAAP had worked to obtain the LP license and how the organization continues to work to maintain and improve the license, among other issues.

When the floor was opened up for questions, one student wanted to know about insurance reimbursement, a frequent question received at the NAAP office. Both Warren and Kristin Long, a NAAP member and IEA faculty member, were able to tell the student that those who hold the LP license are being reimbursed by insurance companies.

PLEASE NOTE:

The new NAAP Membership Committee is available to come to your institute! Email mq@naap.org or calling 212-741-0515 to arrange a visit.

What's on?

JULY

3 - Wagner's Parsifal and the Challenge to Psychoanalysis
AUGUST

1-5 - Creativity and Madness Conference

8-12 - Clinical Applications of the Polyvagal Theory: The Transformative Power of Feeling Safe

9 - Facilitating Group Therapy: Skills for the Clinician Treating both Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders

12-13 - Eating Disorder Research, Trends, & Best Practices Conference

18-21 - National Conference on Addiction Disorders

25-31 - 21st International Summit on Violence, Abuse & Trauma

Institute News

BGSP recently set up new Addictions Counseling programs, led by Eugene Goldwater, MD, and Sherry Ceridan, PsyD. They teach counselors to go above and beyond traditional help with addictions.

Dr. Goldwater, Program Director for the new programs, first began counseling people with addictions during the Vietnam War, when drafted to a military base in Arizona during his psychiatric residency. He worked with Vietnam veterans who had come home suffering from heroin addiction or alcoholism. New to the addictions field, the staff gave him a crash course in addictions counseling. He contributed by asking good questions and by listening.

Visit BGSP to learn more about their exciting initiative.
Renée Obstfeld, PhD, and Inna Rozentsvit, MD, PhD, presented at the second Problem Gambling Training Partnership conference, held on June 23 in Uniondale, NY. Dr. Obstfeld was presenting on "The Psychoanalytic Treatment of Problem Gambling" and Dr. Rozentsvit was presenting on the "Neurobiology of Problem Gambling/Gambling Addiction."

Susan Kavaler-Adler, PhD, ABBP, DLitt, took part in the panel on Literature and Violence, Terror and Terrorism at the 19th International Forum held by IFPS in NYC, May 12-16, titled Violence, Terror, and Terrorism Today: Psychoanalytic Perspectives. Dr. Kavaler-Adler was presenting "Swallowed Up by Internal Terror: ‘Birds’ in the Work of Virginia Woolf, and Echoing Images of Terror in the Internal World of Patients: Dissociated Links to Childhood." Also presenting at the same conference, on the panel Terror in the Consulting Room, were Ruth Lijtmaer, PhD, with "Who are the Torturers and Suicide Bombers?" and Patricia Harte Bratt, PhD, on the panel Resilience, Reciprocity, The Analyst as Witness, presenting on "Reciprocal Resilience: Benefits for Clinicians of Listening Stories of Traumatic Experiences."

Charles Strozier, PhD, author of Your Friend Forever, A. Lincoln: The Enduring Friendship of Abraham Lincoln and Joshua Speed, will be taking part in a Meet the Author session on October 21 at the IAPSP conference on October 21 in San Diego, CA.

Congratulations to Janet Rotter, LP, Head of The Studio School, Manhattan. The Studio School was named as one of the 50 Best US Private Elementary Schools by The Best Schools. The Studio School has the distinction of being one of only two schools in New York City to make the list.

Late 86th birthday wishes to former NAAP president Maurice Lovell, PhD! ACAP’s current administrative director, and faculty member and supervisor, is making up for lost vacation time by visiting Athens, Vienna, Madrid, Granada, and Barcelona this year. When not jetting off to far-flung places he contemplates his new and ambivalent relationship with religion.

Mary Powell, LCSW-R, NCPsyA, is conducting Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) skills training groups at her private practice in Staten Island and is currently accepting new referrals. The group focuses on borderline personality disorder, depression and bipolar disorder, substance abuse, and other disorders that cause emotional dysregulation and problem behaviors. Specifically, group members will learn how to recognize when moods and emotions are problematic, select appropriate coping skills for these emotional states, reduce vulnerability to engaging in destructive behaviors, interact effectively in relationships, and understand how moods and problematic behaviors can affect the quality of one’s life.

The group consists of four chapters: Mindfulness (4 sessions), Distress Tolerance (7 sessions), Emotion Regulation (8 sessions), and Interpersonal Effectiveness (6 sessions). Members may join the group at the beginning of any of these four chapters, may cease their participation at the end of any chapter, and may repeat chapters if they choose. The fee for group sessions is $50.00. Members will be reimbursed for group therapy if they are eligible for this benefit in their insurance plan.

For more information, contact Mary at marypowellcsrw@aol.com and 347-628-0850.
Authors in our Midst

New books by NAAP members.

Your Friend Forever, A. Lincoln: The Enduring Friendship of Abraham Lincoln and Joshua Speed, Charles B. Strozier

Surviving the Early Years: The Importance of Early Intervention with Babies at Risk, Stella Acquarone, Editor

Under the Totem: In Search of a Path, by Michael Eigen


Ethics of Evil: Psychoanalytic Investigations, Ronald C. Naso and Jon Mills, editors
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