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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your patience in awaiting the February Newsletter, which you may notice is now the February/March Newsletter (where does the time go?). I am just this moment deciding that I like the idea of a newsletter that covers a two-month period; we are all so busy, I'm suspicious we read online items (including newsletters) every couple of months. I hope my "type A" friends and colleagues will forgive me.

We are off to a great start this year and have welcomed many new members. We enjoyed a wonderful presentation in February on Family Mediation and Collaborative Family Law, given by Diana Dale. We will not have a program in March, as we welcome the TAMFT annual Conference in Galveston. Information on the conference and hotel rooms is available on our website and also on the TAMFT website. Don't delay registering and booking your rooms. This will be a fantastic opportunity to hear from the creator of Narrative Therapy, Michael White. To learn more about Narrative Therapy you can visit his website at www.dulwichcentre.com. This website has a wealth of information to prepare you for the conference.

Please note that we will move our board meetings back to the Council on Alcohol and Drugs Houston at 303 Jackson Hlll, Houston, 77007. The next board meeting is on March 14th from 1pm to 2:30pm. The April presentation will remain at the United Way Building on Waugh Dr., however most of the monthly presentations will also return to the Council beginning in May. We will provide details on each presentation in the corresponding newsletters and on the front page of the website. We will also continue to email reminders ahead of time.

Mark you calendars for the following dates for upcoming HAMFT programs (more information to be provided in future newsletters).

- 4/16 at 7pm, at the United Way Building: Sue Levin will present on HGI's "Rolling Conversations"
- 5/16, 11am: Steve and Judith Katzman will present on *Enneagrams*
- 6/20, 6pm: the Film: *51 Birch Street*, board meeting to be at 4:30
- 7/18, 1-4pm: Multicultural Program
- 8/15: 1:30-3 Board Meeting, 3-4:40 Jerrod Dupree, 5-7 Student Reception
- September & October to be announced
- 11/21: 11:30-1 Board Meeting, 1-4 Ethics Program
- 12/6: HAMFT Holiday Party

HAMFT WELCOMES:

**Susan B. Levin, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Houston Galveston Institute**

Thirty Years & Rolling: Collaborative Practices at the Houston Galveston Institute

After thirty years, the Houston Galveston Institute continues to be a learning and collaborative organization. New challenges and opportunities in the community give our team hands-on experiences that expand creativity and practice models. The Rolling Conversations Project and other community projects will be discussed, including theoretical and practical implications. The mobile unit, which is home of the Rolling Conversations Project, will be available for tours!

Wednesday, April 16th, 2008

7pm to 8:30 pm.

(Remember to arrive at 6:30pm for snacks and socializing)

***The United Way Building
50 Waugh Drive
Houston, Texas 77007***

***CEU's are available through HAMFT
Free to HAMFT members and student members***

We have some wonderful learning opportunities posted on the home page of the website. If you or your organization have training opportunities that you believe could benefit other members, please contact us at info@hamft.org to inquire about getting your training opportunity posted on the Featured Resources column of our home page.

Warm Hearth Fund

Remember, if anyone needs financial assistance with HAMFT membership, student membership or attendance at any training opportunity, scholarships are available for members through the Warm Hearth Fund. The Warm Hearth Fund was established by Bob Stecker and Joan McKirachan in memory of Joan's husband, the Rev. Fred McKirachan, who was a firm believer in the personal growth component of professional development. The Warm Hearth Fund is accessible to all HAMFT members, including students, whose application for assistance needs meets the following criteria:

1. The scholarship is applied toward expenses for attendance at a professional development experience.
2. The applicant manages whatever expenses they are able to pay and requests a Warm Hearth Scholarship to supplement that cost.
3. The applicant agrees to write, following attendance at the professional development experience, a brief description of the workshop and the meaning that it had for the participant, and offer the description for inclusion in the HAMFT Newsletter.

Applications should be submitted via email to info@hamft.org.

A special **thank you** to **Brandon Wheeler** for “revamping” the Warm Hearth Application form and for reminding students and colleagues that we want to make continuing education possible for all.

Warm Regards,

Charla Smith
Brandon Wheeler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Art of Science and Love, A Workshop for Couples

The Art of Science and Love, A Workshop for Couples, will be presented on April 5th and 6th at 3221 Houston Ave N, Houston (NIA-Moves, (a healing center). This workshop is the one John and Julie Gottman have developed over the past ten years and is co-presented by Rich Hammons and Joy Allen.

Dr John Gottman is considered to be the pre-eminent scientific researcher in the field of couples and relationships. Last year, Networker magazine selected him as one of the top ten therapists for his research in this field. He has published 39 books and almost 200 professional articles. For more info contact Rich at 713-863-9420 or kaeyah@sbcglobal.net. HAMFT members receive \$50 off the price of the workshop.

Saturday April 5th Workshop Hours 10-6:30
Sunday April 6th Workshop Hours 8:30 – 5 pm
Register by March 10th – Price is \$450
After March 10th – Price is \$500

John Gottman



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