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Met Chapter

COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE CHAIRS

SUSAN APPELMAN, LCSW, ACSW, CASAC – CHAIR EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Our Education Committee is made up of hard-working volunteers who plan and facilitate three brunch events per season. A highlight of the Education Brunch is the performance of a monologue by Chair, Susan Appelman that never fails to delight. The last event of the season was facilitated by Libby Kessman, LCSW on the topic "Are You Lonesome Tonight." Her clinical and didactic exploration of loneliness was well received. The event hosted 40 people. In addition, this Committee will meet on June 10th, to review applications for events for the 2016-2017 season.

HENNI FISHER, LCSW AND HELEN HINKLEY KRACKOW, LCSW – CHAIRS Aging Client/Aging Therapist Committee

This dynamic committee had four meetings, during the 2015-16 season. We mainly focused on end of life issues and read the book, *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande, MD, at our March 20th meeting, at the home of Ellen Weber, LCSW. On May 22nd, the group discussed the book, "How We Die," by Steven Nuland, MD. Both books focused on how the process of terminal illness and dying is handled institutionally by the medical profession. On a different note, our next meeting, on October 9th, will focus on flourishing with age and we will read the book "Fountain of Age," by Betty Friedan, author of "The Woman's Room."

RICHARD JOELSON, DSW, LCSW – CHAIR Membership and Public Affairs Committee

On June 3rd, the Membership Committee hosted a very successful Membership Reception, with a large, diverse group of youthful, new and potential members, as well as established members and MET chapter board members. The next meeting will be the Happy Hour on Friday, Sept 16th, followed by another new Member Reception, on Friday, October 15th. The well-received Student Writing Contest Reception will take place

on Wednesday, November 4th and a, Student Licensing Event, in early February.

**BARBARA LIDSKY, LCSW AND JANICE MICHAELSON, LCSW –CHAIRS
Committee on Psychoanalysis**

This year, we had two programs. In March, Inna Rozensveld, MD spoke on Neuropsychiatry and Mother and Child Attachment. This program offered 3 CEUs. The Committee also hosted a, Movie Night, on April 15th, where members watched "FRIDA," and listened to a talk by Dr. William Friend. The Committee is discussing new programs for next season. Dr. Rozensveld will be happy to offer Part Two of her workshop, on Neuropsychiatry and Treatment.

**EVE BLATT, LCSW AND HARVEY WEISSMAN, LCSW – CHAIRS
Committee on Substance Use Disorders and Behavioral and Addictions**

The newly forming Committee met on May 20th. A core group of members of the Committee, will be on the Steering Committee. The Committee will meet every other month, from 6:15 pm until 7:00 pm reserved for Steering Committee, and 7:15 – 8:30 pm for, but not limited to, clinical discussions, case presentations, case consultations and other presentations. Next meeting will tentatively be for July 15th and will be a case presentation.

**GWENN A.NUSBAUM, LCSW, BCD ,CGP –CHAIR
Trauma Studies and Treatment Committee**

For Fall 2016 through Spring 2017, The Trauma Studies and Treatment Committee Dialogue Series will include presentations on neurobiology of trauma and shame, intergenerational trauma, narrative social work, military trauma, and climate change. Meetings will be held on October 14, 2016; November 11th, 2016; January 20, 2017; February 24th, 2017; March 24th, 2017; April 21, 2017; and May 19th, 2017.

All meetings will be held on Fridays, from 6:15pm – 7:45pm, at the National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis, at 40 West 13th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenue, Room 1, Bell #216. CEU's will not be offered. For information, please contact Gwenn Nusbaum, LCSW, at gwennnusbaum@verizon.net.