

# Committee Reports From the Chairs

## **Susan Appelman, LCSW, ACSW, CASAC - Chair**

### **Education Committee**

The Education Committee is made up of 6 hard-working volunteers who plan and facilitate three brunch events per season. We have been renting the same comfortable and convenient space for several years. It is our goal to provide an educational yet fun time for our society members as part of their annual dues. A highlight of these events is the monologue or "warm up" by the Committee chair, who has had many years to perfect it. Our next event will be at the usual venue on May 1st. It's focus will be announced.

## **Henni Fisher, LCSW and Helen Hinkley Krackow, LCSW - Chairs**

### **The Aging Client & the Aging Therapist Committee**

The Aging Client/Aging Therapist Committee has been exploring end-of-life issues relevant for both ourselves and our clients. This Fall, our Committee discussed Irvin Yalom's "Staring at the Sun," which focuses on fears of death and end of life issues. On Jan 24th, we met at the home of Ellen Weber for a workshop entitled, "The Anatomy of an Accident: the Psychodynamics of Rehabilitation." Our lively discussion focused on the impact of dysfunctional systems and the care of the physical and psychic resiliency of patients in rehab, and was facilitated by Betsy Robin Spiegel LCSW. On March 20th, we will be discussing medical and psychological care at the end of life and reading a book by Atul Gawande, "Being Mortal."

## **Richard Joelson, DSW, LCSW - Chair**

### **Membership and Public Relations Committee**

Co-chair Nominating Committee

This lively and active Committee is busy this quarter. On Friday, February 5th, they held a Meet and Greet event at the Headless Horseman, 119 East 15th Street which was organized by Amy Meyers, a member of the Committee and VP of the Met Board.

On Saturday, February 20th, 10am - 12pm, at Fordham University, Lincoln Center Campus, 113 West 60th Street 12th Floor, there was a presentation on "Learning About LMSW and LCSW Licensure: Understanding the distinction and Eligibility

Requirements: given by Marsha Wineburgh. Finally, we are looking forward to our next Membership Committee's Member Reception, on Friday, June 3rd, 7-9 p.m., at the home of Membership Chair, Richard Joelson. 115 East 87th Street - Apt 27D (between Lex & Park Aves) for New, Current, and Prospective members. RSVP: Richard at 212 369-1239 or [rjjoelson@aol.com](mailto:rjjoelson@aol.com).

## **Barbara Lidsky, LCSW, BCD and Janice Michaelson, LCSW - Chairs**

### **Committee on Psychoanalysis**

The Committee will host a presentation, on Sunday, April 3, at 9:45 AM, on NeuroPsychiatry, by presenter Dr. Inna Rosentsvit. 3 CEU's will be offered for this event. On April 15th, the Committee will be hosting another one of our successful Movie

Nights, showing “FRIDA,” with discussant William K. Friend PhD. Hopefully, we will give 1 CEU for this event.

**Eve Blatt, LCSW and Harvey Weissman, LCSW - Chairs**  
**Committee on Substance Use Disorders and Behavioral Addictions**

This Committee was expanded upon from what was formerly known as the Addictions Committee. The new name is intended to reflect a spectrum of substance related disorders and expand the scope to include addiction to activities or processes (i.e. sex, shopping, gaming, internet). Our first Committee meeting will be held at the home of Eve Blatt LCSW; from 6:30 – 7:45 PM, on March 25th. Details to follow.

**Gwenn A. Nusbaum, LCSW, BCD, CGP - Chair**  
**Trauma Studies and Treatment Committee**

The Trauma Studies and Treatment Committee had its first meeting on Friday Feb 12th from 6:15 - 7:45 at our new venue National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis at 40 West 13th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues. This new space offers more room for members of the NYSSCSW to benefit from Committee presentations. On Friday March 11th from 6:15 - 7:45 there will be an Open Forum on Trauma facilitated by Gwenn Nusbaum LCSW. On Friday April 8th Shelly Messing LCSW will be presenting: A Sensorimotor-informed Toolbox for Working with Trauma. Finally on May 6th, Gwenn Nusbaum LCSW will be presenting: States of Forgiving and Not Forgiving in Healing from Incest: A view from individual and group treatment with woman survivors.