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# President's Column— The Power of Myth to Shape Community

The aphorism, "Everything will be fine in the end. If it's not fine, then it's not the end," tells a story about how the world works. Some people call this a myth — a belief whose truth is simply accepted (if you do). It may be true or may not. What makes it powerful is that it contains meaning that shapes how we view the present and how we may shape our future.

The stories we tell ourselves are immeasurably powerful. Knowing that we can make of our lives what we want them to be through our stories opens the door to a breathtaking freedom. And, as always, with that freedom comes the responsibility for what we have created.



Pamela Eaken, LMFT President, SCV-CAMFT

How do we build our community through our stories? And what does it mean to build community? It has been said that happiness is only attained by not making it the *direct* goal; happiness is a byproduct of doing activities that lead to happiness and how we perceive the world. The same can be said of community.

Community is not a direct goal. Community arises when people are working together toward common goals that are larger than themselves.

What are these common goals that tie us together? Some say it has to do with being a community of "likeminded" people. So I had to ask myself, what does that mean? My husband tells me that he sees people as "likeminded" if they're willing to put up with him. He's joking, but he makes a good point because community is made up of people who accept us in service to a set of shared goals or ideals.

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# Community Focus—Interview with Michal Sadoff, MFT Intern

As a part of our efforts to create community, the newsletter editorial committee launched a new series of articles to help our members increase their visibility and provide a means to network and connect with others.



This month we interviewed Michal Sadoff, North Region Luncheon Program Manager. Michal has been volunteering for a few years now, helping with various events, including Movie Night, Luncheons, and Special Events. You've probably seen her at the registration tables.

**Interviewer:** What did you do before you decided to become a therapist?

**Michal**: I worked for a healthcare technology company, managing large projects at hospitals in Southern California. More recently, I worked at Santa Clara County's safety net hospital, Valley Medical Center, as a healthcare technology manager. My greatest joy and satisfaction came from building teams and mentoring my staff -- in other words, from the relationship side of technology. I began my counseling psychology master's degree program at Santa Clara University in March 2010, while continuing to work fulltime. This past June, I left Cont'd on Pg 18

# Santa Clara Valley Chapter of California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists Board of Directors

# SCV-CAMFT Calendar

#### **SEPTEMBER**

15 Newsletter Submission Deadline

20-21 **SCV-CAMFT Workshop** Santa Clara

27 Chapter Luncheon Mid Region; Mtn. View

#### **OCTOBER**

18 Law & Ethics Workshop
Mountain View

25 **Chapter Luncheon** South Region; Los Gatos

#### **NOVEMBER**

8 Annual Meeting
Mountain View

22 Chapter Luncheon Mid Region; Mtn. View

15 Newsletter Submission Deadline

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Unsolicited articles are welcome, but the Editorial Committee accepts no responsibility for their return. We reserve the right to edit all articles. Opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent views of SCV-CAMFT.

# Note From The Editor

#### Joanne Shurter, LMFT

"We are on the lookout for article writers! If you can think, you can write! What have you been thinking about lately? We want to hear about





Fall greetings from the editor's desk to all you **SCV-CAMFT** chapter members! As the days of summer yield to change, I'm remembering what fall meant for me as a child. Summer meant freedom and adventure. The day after school let out, my mom and dad and we four kids drove 300 miles from San Jose to spend the summer at our cabin on Lake Almanor. For those three months of summer, I pretty much lived outdoors. I wore a swimsuit, flip flops, and a red hooded sweatshirt - that's it. We swam, fished, collected bugs, ate gooseberries. chased chipmunks, and watched the stars pass over us at night.

Fall meant change, a return to life as normal. The change began one week before school started, when we would leave Lake Almanor to return home to San Jose. My mom timed our return purposefully, to give our feet

seven days to acclimate to wearing shoes again!

Here on the newsletter committee, as summer gives way to autumn, we are thinking about change also. This is where you come in. We aspire for the newsletter to be exciting and pertinent and engaging. We want it to be a publication you look forward to. And toward this goal, we hope to draw on the depth of diversity and capacity and ingenuity of our chapter population.

We are on the lookout for article writers! If you can think, you can write! What have you been thinking about lately? We want to hear about it.

"Oh, I am not sure I write well enough".....well, this is where WE come in. The newsletter committee is offering to help aspiring writers with common hurdles that interfere in seeing an article to fruition. We will make ourselves available to brainstorm ideas, to pre-read your articles, to coach you in your writing. We want to encourage you to try!!

We want you – yes, we mean you - to consider sharing those thoughts and feelings and experiences. We believe there is a robust potential amongst us for interesting and creative and informative writings. We believe

there are writers amongst us waiting to be tapped. And the funny thing is, some of you don't even know that it's you – that you are a person who could write.

Again, what has been in your mind lately? We want you to consider sharing some of those thoughts in an article for the newsletter. Here are ideas to jump-start your thinking:

- Trends in the field
- Case studies
- Clinical interventions and techniques
- Book reviews
- Opinion articles
- Movie or television reviews
- Educational or informational articles
- Popular socioeconomic/cultural trends and how they affect our clients
- Reflections on your experiences as a therapist
- Business practices
- Workshop reviews
   And so on

Are you interested? Consider it! You can find our contact information on page 2. We would love to see what happens as we put our heads together! The best to you all in the coming fall!

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## In Practice with Howard Scott Warshaw:

# Adjusting the Engineer Lens



Howard Scott Warshaw, MFT calls himself The Silicon Valley therapist. He received his Master of Arts degree from John F. Kennedy University and his master of engineering degree from Tulane University. After decades as a distinguished software engineer/manager, award winning film maker, celebrated video game developer, photographer, author and teacher. Howard integrates his eclectic skill set in the service of others as a psychotherapist. He is currently in private practice in Los Altos where he focuses on the unique needs of Silicon Valley's Hi-Tech community. Howard's details and blog can be found at www.hswarshaw.com.

Many people see Engineers and Therapists as remarkably different. This always tickles me because I'm intrigued by the similarities. After all, we do the same kind of work. Couples and computer programs are both examples of systems, and we are all systems analysts. When seen through this lens, one very significant difference emerges: Therapists work to facilitate systems while Engineers focus on controlling them.

[CLARIFYING CAVEAT: As promised last column, I will share some theoretical formulations about Engineers. These are my opinions and observations, nothing more. The Engineers and Therapists of which I speak are the exceptions, not the rule. They are, however, people I have experienced enough to warrant discussion. Of late, I've discovered this is a very sensitive and controversial topic for many. So before we begin this journey, I want to be clear: I am not pathologizing engineers. I am not making light of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) nor am I impugning therapists at large. I'm simply offering some ideas and possible insights for your consideration. Thank you.]

As I've said before, Engineers are people too. As clients, they present with a variety of issues much like any sizable population. Occasionally they present with the kinds of social/relational challenges that suggest an ASD: lacking empathy for (or awareness of) others, diminished interpersonal skills and monotonic focus. But "Socially Challenged" comes in two flavors: trait and choice. For people genuinely on the spectrum, this is organic; this is how they process the world. But you may also see these symptoms in clients who have no Pervasive Developmental Disorder. For them this is a behavioral choice -- a difficult choice to comprehend perhaps, but a choice nonetheless.

A client who presents like ASD but isn't? This makes for a challenging assessment. I must ask myself the question: Can I tell my Asperger's from a hole in the ground?

By way of illustration I offer two theoretical formulations for your consideration: Political Deactivists and Social Trauma Avengers.

Political Deactivists (PDs) seem to believe

the world would be a better place if people just acted sensibly (read: like me). PDs are deeply triggered by hidden agendas, once bitten twice shy. When charm or politics "hijack" a decision, PDs feel it's their duty to rail against the process and its participants, on and on and on. Interestingly, PD can also stand for Personality Disorder.

In contrast is the Social Trauma Avenger.
Abused by some and ostracized by many throughout childhood/adolescence, the nerd has now (through diligent nerdly pursuits) achieved significant resources and status. For many, this newfound power and desirability is a wonderful gift for which they feel gratitude and joy. But for some, this fateful swing of the pendulum can mean "payback time." They're exacting a toll for years of suffering. They read faces and cues just fine, but only in assessing the damage they're doing.

Wow, this sounds pretty dark... but there's a bright spot: Political Deactivists and Social Trauma Avengers are choosing their behaviors. This means they can choose to change.

Another thing to bear in mind with engineers: The Intellectual Gold Rush of the late 20th century finds us working in a community with possibly the highest per capita IQ in human history. The denizens of Silicon Valley are smart (sometimes smarter than we are). And some have agendas! But worry not, think Winnicott! Much like Winnicot's concept of the goodenough parent, we need only be the smartenough therapist. I don't have to be a genius to help one. When they research your theory and criticize your techniques, don't be distracted. Focus on process. Join the resistance. Note evasions. Be the smartenough therapist.

Actually, I think it's fun working with the super-intelligent. They may want control and believe they can take it. They're welcome to it. I remain authentic and simply point out: "Intelligence is a tool, not a character trait. Smarter people achieve goals more effectively than their counterparts.

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If you have a topic you'd like to see addressed, or comments and questions about this column, feel free to reach me at (408) 357-3486 or dina@ffmediation.com.

# Broken Love: The Intersection of Divorce and Therapy

## A Legal Perspective by Dina Haddad, Esq., LL.M

Sally has been seeing you for individual counseling. She is struggling in her marriage of eight years, and feels abandoned by her She's husband. Darrell. been left alone to raise the couple's three children, who are all under the age of seven. Although Darrell has been a wonderful financial provider, he has failed to provide emotional support to Sally and their children.

Sally is exhausted and contemplating divorce. She married right out of high school, and the only job she held was as a waitress in her senior year of high Darrell had just school. graduated from a university and took a job in finance. In the last eight years, he did well and climbed the corporate ladder. The couple agreed that Sally would stay home and raise their children.

Now Sally is very afraid. With no work experience and three young children, how will she support herself? Sally shares that everything she and Darrell have was earned during the marriage. She assumes she should be okay financially after the divorce. Even though she heard that she would be entitled to permanent spousal and child support, her real concern is how she will support herself before the divorce is completed. Can she receive some of Darrell's income during the divorce process? If not, she is afraid she would have to stay in the same home as Darrell during the divorce. Once Darrell finds out about the divorce, she believes he will be outraged. He would make it even harder for them to live together, and if she moved out, he might prevent her from accessing any funds, including his salary.

Sally's situation is similar to many others starting the divorce process. For that reason, California provides out-spouse (the spouse without the financial control) a right to temporary spousal support. This support is ordered so that those like Sally can pay for their living expenses during the divorce process. (Sally could also receive temporary child support, which will be discussed in a future column).

Each county may have guidelines to determine temporary support. However, in general, the court will evaluate the applicant's need for support and the other party's ability to pay. In our example, Sally obviously has a need for support because she has no income or work experience, and Darrell has the ability to pay. The intention of temporary spousal support is to en-

able the supported spouse to live in his or her accustomed manner pending the divorce. Courts do recognize that incomes are often insufficient to support two separate households, and still maintain the same standard of living during the divorce. Thus, support is limited by the income that is available. Sally cannot receive more support than Darrell's income: he will also need money for his own support.

Now, how can Sally receive temporary spousal support? She can do so in two ways. First, would be through a court-issued order. Sally would file a motion with the court to request temporary support. She can do so with the help of an attorney or as a self-represented litigant. Alternatively, she can reach an agreement with Darrell. She can do this directly with Darrell, with the assistance of attorneys, or through other dispute resolutions means such as mediation. This agreement can be filed with the court to have the same legal authority as a court-issued order. Sally and Darrell do have another option. Rather than have a formal support agreement, they can continue the status quo as they work through the Cont'd on Pg. 20

# ONGOING PSYCHOTHERAPY GROUPS

In this dynamic psychotherapy group experience, clients explore relationship patterns and learn about healthy connection with others. Issues such as depression, dating, shyness, codependency, ACOA, and self-esteem, are explored with the support and feedback of peers.



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# Innovative Programs

was started in response to feedback from the community on the need for programs that are NOT held on Friday at lunch time, that are FREE, and where CEUs are available (for a small fee). Prior Innovative Programs have been held on Saturday mornings and featured a presentation. We've had speakers on topics such as professional wills and working with resistance in the therapeutic setting. Elizabeth Basile is the program director and works with Dana Backstrom, who heads the volunteer committee. You can be a part of this effort by contributing ideas and volunteering to help Dana. Contact Dana or Elizabeth for more information.

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# **President's Column**

### The Power of Myth to Shape Community—Pamela Eaken, LMFT

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In SCV-CAMFT, we have a written set of goals as a community. They are on the web if you want to read them. The categories are Ethics, Activities/Programs, and Visibility. And yet there are many unspoken goals that bring us together as a community even more than our stated goals. For me, some of the most important goals are activities such as making friends with people who share a common value system ("like-minded"), who are making the world a better place, who want to alleviate the suffering in the world, and who have a perspective about life that acknowledges the "full catastrophe" (as Zorba the Greek says). Then there is the more self-serving goal

of making a livelihood with the understanding that we depend on each other and support each other with an attitude of abundance. And, for me, ultimately, community grows out of having the shared goal of creating meaning in my life through my story of community— sharing a sense that those in this profession are in it because it brings a deep meaning from which our happiness arises. We realize that the most efficient way to pursue happiness is to promote the happiness of someone else.

And what better way to pursue happiness *and* community than to watch

a good movie together? Networking is a key to creating community, and Movie Night is a great way to network and have fun. Our Innovative Programs' free Movie Night on June 28<sup>th</sup> had a big turn out. The featured film was about Freud and Jung in *A Dangerous Method*.

Feedback from the attendees highlighted moving the and stimulating discussion afterwards. An idea that got some traction was the creation of a "talking cure" as opposed to a strictly "clinical/medical" treatment. Freud cautioned Jung not to go

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#### SCV-CAMFT Innovative Programs Movie Night Discussion – June 28<sup>th</sup>



# **SCV-CAMFT Presents**

## A Two Day Workshop—September 20 and 21 Therapy Skills for Trauma Response

Presented by Gregory A. Childs, MA & Leslie K. Fadem, MA,

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists

Mental health professionals have much to offer when assisting in the aftermath of tragic events, both in the field and in the office. Participants will learn about using therapy skills in trauma response and using crisis intervention skills in therapy to provide safer and more effective service to the public and their clients.

Topics to be covered:

- Crisis Response: Management & Intervention
- Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)
- Using Therapy Modalities for Crisis Response
- Using Crisis Intervention Strategies in Therapy
- Psycho-education for Parents and Children
- Community Service: Responsibilities and Rewards

More About the Presenter: Gregory A. Childs, MA consults with education and business in designing crisis management and response systems, developing critical incident stress management programs, training crisis response teams, and providing direct crisis intervention and counseling services. He has extensive training and experience in the field of mental health as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in private practice and in public education as a school counselor, principal and teacher. He is the current President and Clinical Director of the San Diego County CISM Team, serves on the of the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapist (CAMFT) Crisis Response Education and Resource Committee, and he is an Approved Instructor for the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc.

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September 20 & 21, 2013, 8:30am-4:30pm (Workshop Begins at 9:00 AM) Continental Breakfast and 12 CEUs Included

#### SCV-CAMFT Members

Student/Intern \$120, Regular Member \$275

#### **Non-Members**

Student/Intern \$120, Regular Non-Member \$300

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For more information on CE and our Refund Policy,
please view the registration page at www.scv-camft.org.

# SCV-CAMFT 2013 Calendar of Events

September 15, 2013, Sunday

November / December Newsletter Deadline

September 20-21, 2013, Fri. & Sat.

SCV-CAMFT Two-Day Workshop -Therapy Skills for Trauma Response

September 27, 2013, Friday

**SCV-CAMFT Mid Region Luncheon & Board Meeting** 

October 18, 2013, Friday

**SCV-CAMFT Law and Ethics Workshop** 

October 25, 2013, Friday

SCV-CAMFT South Region Luncheon & Board Meeting

November 8, 2013, Friday

**SCV-CAMFT Annual Meeting** 

November 22, 2013, Friday

**SCV-CAMFT Mid Region Luncheon & Board Meeting** 

For more information and to register for upcoming SCV-CAMFT events, please visit our website at www.scv-camft.org.

#### Please Note Newsletter Deadlines:

THE DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS IS SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

(THE DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2013 ISSUE IS SEPTEMBER 15.)

IN ORDER TO GET THE NEWSLETTER TO YOU ON TIME, WE MUST STRICTLY ADHERE TO THIS TIME FRAME.

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# **Change of Status**

SCV-CAMFT would like to acknowledge those members who recently negotiated the difficult task of completing the MFT licensing process.

If you have recently completed licensure, let us know so we print our congratulations to you in SCV-CAMFT News!

If you have received your notice of licensure, it is important to remember to inform your local chapter as well as the state organization of CAMFT. Please inform our chapter coordinator of any status change as soon as possible by telephone, 408/235-0210, or by e-mail, <a href="mail@scv-camft.org">mail@scv-camft.org</a>.

# What Does the Law Expect of Me? Part II

# An SCV-CAMFT Offering Presented by David Jensen, J.D.

Friday, October 18 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM at Michael's at Shoreline in Mountain View

(This is a lecture-format course that will satisfy the BBS's on-going requirement of six (6) CEUs in law and ethics.)

As a psychotherapist you have probably heard references to the "standard of care" or the "reasonably competent therapist," but you may not have a clear understanding of how such concepts affect you on a day-to-day basis. Consequently, you may not have an accurate understanding of what the law expects of you as a psychotherapist. In this six hour workshop, which is Part II of a multi-course series on this subject, you will learn about what the law expects of you regarding advertising, scope of competence, scope of practice, confidentiality, child abuse reporting, termination of the therapist-patient relationship, and forms of business practice.



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- To help practitioners advertise correctly.
- To help practitioners understand the laws pertaining to scope of competence.
- To help practitioners understand the laws pertaining to scope of practice.
- To help practitioners understand the laws pertaining to patient confidentiality. To help practitioners understand the laws pertaining to child abuse reporting.
- To help practitioners understand the laws pertaining to valid terminations of the therapist-patient relationship.
- To help practitioners understand the laws pertaining to valid business organizations.



David Jensen, J.D., is a CAMFT Attorney and regular contributor to *The Therapist magazine* 

#### Register Online at www.SCV-CAMFT.org

#### Register Early and Save

The registration fee includes 6 CEUs (PCE1134), continental breakfast, and a buffet lunch.

Before September 16
Members: \$115
Non-members: \$130

After September 16

Members: \$125 Non-members: \$145

CEU and Refund Policy is available on the registration page.

# **SCV-CAMFT September Mid Region Luncheon**

(1.5 CEU hrs. available, PCE 1134)

#### **EXPLORING CULTURE IN GROUP:** SEXUAL ORIENTATION IDENTITIES

#### Presented by Jamie Moran, LCSW, CGP

Time: 11:15 am—1:30pm Date: Friday, September 27 Place: Michael's at Shoreline, 2960 Shoreline Blvd., Mtn. View Menu: Buffet Lunch Register: At www.scv-camft.org, or mail your payment to Members-\$26 + SCV-CAMFT, PO Box 60814, Palo Alto, CA 94306

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Register: Please make your payment by Monday, September 23 for the early registration fee, or just show up and pay the higher "walk-in" fee. Lunch is not guaranteed for walk-ins, but is available on a first-come, firstbasis. Please visit our website at www.scv-camft.org to review detailed CE info and Refund Policy.

This workshop will focus on understanding goals, clinical rationale and assessment issues for the clinician working with LGBTQQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning) clients in group.

#### Exploration will focus on:

- the "exclusive" LGBTQQ group and
- those therapy process groups that have one or more members in a predominantly heterosexual group.

#### Exploration will include:

- client preferences,
- perceived/actual homophobia,
- desire for community.
- avoidance of shame,
- gender issues
- motivation to join group.

Parallels with working with LGBTQQ clients in individual and couples therapy will be noted.

Suggestions of viable questions in the screening process for these groups will also be explored.



#### More About the Presenter

Jamie Moran, LCSW, CGP is in private practice in Menlo Park and San Francisco. He specializes in psychodynamic group work with gay and bisexual mean and currently leads six long-term groups weekly. Jamie has extensive experience in working with the LBGTQQ communities in health care, mental health, and training. Other areas of specialization include grief and loss, HIV/AIDS, caregiving, burnout, and dating issues. He has presented numerous workshops on a variety of mental health topics.

- Chapter board meetings are generally held on the fourth Friday of each month (some major holidays and other chapter functions move the date) from 9:00AM to 11:15AM at the same location as, and immediately prior to, the chapter's monthly luncheon event.
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Place:

# SCV-CAMFT October South Region Luncheon

(1.5 CEU hrs. available, PCE 1134)

# WORKING WITH HIGH CONFLICT COUPLES IN DIVORCE AND CUSTODY SITUATIONS

#### Presented by Larry Stone, LMFT

**Date:** Friday, October 25

Los Gatos Lodge, 50 Los Gatos Saratoga Blvd., Los Gatos

Register: At <u>www.scv-camft.org</u>, or mail your payment to

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Menu: Buffet Lunch Fee: Members—\$26

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1.5 CEUs—\$7

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A discussion of the dynamics of the divorcing couple, with an emphasis on understanding the intensity of their reactions, exploring the ways that we, as therapists, can actually make the situation worse, and looking at the consequences for the family of a high conflict divorce. The therapist will learn skills that we can use with these couples to reduce the conflict.

This presentation will focus on the dynamics of divorcing couples. It will also emphasize the need for the therapist to have information on the backgrounds of the individuals, on the issues that brought them to this point, and on the intensity of their reactions at the divorcing stage.

#### More about the Presenter



Larry Stone, LMFT, has been licensed since 1996 and has been in private practice since 2003. He is a trained mediator and has been a "730 expert" child custody evaluator since 2003. Larry trained in mediation with the Northern California Mediation Center in San Rafael. He has additional training in collaborative divorce as a divorce coach and child specialist. Larry is experienced in working with high conflict couples, both in coparenting counseling after divorce (including court-mandated), and those working to repair their relationship. He works with the courts in multiple counties, and is author of the book, *Divorcing Peacefully: Why It's Essential and How to Do It.*. Larry is a member of three CAMFT chapters, including SCV, East Bay, and Santa Cruz. He has offices in San Jose, Santa Cruz and Fremont.

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# Support Group Calendar

A great way to create your long-term support network....

North Region Newly Licensed— September 7 and October 5
South Region Newly Licensed— September 21 and October 19
North Region / Peninsula Pre-Licensed— September 13 and October 11
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# Free Newly Licensed (within 3 years) Support Groups

North Region—The purpose of this group, which meets monthly, is to provide support to members who have recently become licensed within the last three years. This support group meets the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

Jamie Moran, LCSW, is the current group facilitator. The location is 661 Live Oak Avenue, Suite One, Menlo Park, CA 94025. To RSVP, and for further information about upcoming meeting dates and times, please contact Jamie Moran at <u>Jammoran@aol.com</u> or (650)598-8877.

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**South** Region—This support group meets monthly from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The purpose of this group is to provide support to mem-

bers who have recently become licensed within the last three years. Verna Nelson, MFT, is the current group facilitator and meetings are held on the border of Campbell and Los Gatos, close to the intersection of 85 and 880. To RSVP, and for further information, please contact Verna Nelson at (408)379-7747 or email her

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Debra's group meets the second Friday of each month from 10:00am to 12 Noon, at Debra's home in Menlo Park.

For more information or to add your name to the email list for this group, please email Debra at debra@debrarojasmft.com

South Region —
Janis Seiberlich,
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# Delighting in the Ordinary:

## A Reflection by Elaine Gee-Wong



When I tell people that I am an intern at a hospice, the response is usually along the lines of "Isn't that depressing? How do you handle that?" When I first started this internship, I didn't have good answers to these questions because I had no idea what it would be like or how I would handle it. A year later, I've figured out my own answers to these questions.

The clients I see are grieving the death of a spouse, parent, or child. I hear about cancer diagnoses, medical treatments, decline in health, and circumstances of sudden death. I also hear about emotional roller coaster of grief that comes after a loved one's death. Sometimes there are regrets about trips not taken, words spoken or not spoken, and grudges that were never forgiven.

Part of my internship involves co-facilitating a spouse loss support group. The discussion among the group members ranges from facing the holidays alone to the challenges of locating important papers or passwords. What really

strikes me during these groups is how often I hear someone remark how lovely it would be to hear her husband's voice just one more time. Or to listen to his wife laugh. Or to dance together just one last time.

I've learned a lot about dying, death, and grief this past year. However, I've also learned a lot about living. Mostly, I've come to realize more that the ordinary day is precious. The

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ordinary day is one in which we feel no physical pain because our bodies are doing everything they're supposed to be doing. The ordinary day is also one in which nothing spectacular happens, but nothing devastating happens either. During this past year, I have learned more fully that the ordinary

day is special, if only I can slow down enough to notice and enjoy it.

And so this year, I've found myself slowing down more to appreciate the ordinary. Like the sweetness of a strawberry, a chat with a neighbor, and the hummingbirds that visit the feeder outside the window. Like walking to the farmer's market, and sitting on the porch to rest for a moment. I've called my sister more often just to say hello.

Now when I tell people that I'm staying for another year at my hospice internship and they say, "Isn't that depressing? How do you handle that?" I have an answer for them. I do acknowledge that it can be emotionally heavy work. However, I also add that it's meaningful work to support someone during a very vulnerable time in their life. Furthermore, being aware of the pain,

sadness, and heartache that exist in the world makes me much more attentive to the beauty in the world, and the beauty of the ordinary. Remembering this, along with practicing good self-care, allows me to not just handle this work, but to enjoy it.

May you enjoy the gift of a very ordinary day. ■



Elaine Gee-Wong, MA, is a MFT registered intern at Pathways Home Health & Hospice in Sunnyvale. She is also an intern in private practice working under the supervision of Judy Hanf, MFT in Santa Clara. She can be reached at elaine.geewong @gmail.com.

#### Michal Sadoff

Michal Ruth Sadoff is a graduate student in counseling psychology at Santa Clara University. She is excited to be making a change from a long-time career in the healthcare technology field. She is interested in working with adults' concerns arising from life transitions, parenting, relationships, work, and family issues.

# Community Focus—Interview with Michal Sadoff, MFT Intern

Cont'd from Page 1

Valley Medical Center so I could start my practicum at Pathways Hospice in Sunnyvale.

**Interviewer:** What is your role at Pathways?

Michal: I am doing bereavement counseling and will be co-facilitating a grief support group. Interns at Pathways also go to hospice patients' homes to do HeARTful Memories art projects with the family members and the patient as a way to help them be together and discuss feelings as they arise.

Interviewer: What was your most difficult challenge with a client?

Michal: Well, keeping in mind that I'm just starting my practicum, I would say my most difficult challenge with a client was seeing my first one, which was just last week! The session itself seemed to go fine. It was the attempt to prepare beforehand that was challenging and I knew even as I was worrying about it that the attempt was mostly beside the point because actually, all that I had been learning, doing, and being up to that point was the preparation, for better or otherwise.

**Interviewer**: What do you do to take care of yourself?

Michal: Swimming is my goto method of exercise, although it wreaks havoc with my hair. Still, I can't give it up so I have to live with the consequences. Also, when I first began graduate school, the professor in my first class gave us "tips for the stressed"

-out graduate student". One of them was just to remember to take time out to breathe as we studied. This was good advice for me in general, and I used it often during the many hours of reading and writing required in our program. Very simple advice, but I find it continues to be important for me as I go through my day to remind myself to stop, take a few moments, and breathe. Lastly, becoming a therapist is a way I am taking care of myself. It gives me a reason and a path to become the person I want to become, through learning how to do this work and how to be more present and authentic with people.



"I would say my most difficult challenge with a client was seeing my first one, which was just last week!"

**Interviewer**: Other activities outside of work?

**Michal**: Keeping up with friends is important to me. When I first began my program and was also working full-time, a new friend who

was already a therapist told me that at the beginning of her program, she threw a party to say goodbye to her friends, telling them that the next time she would see them was when she finished. I could not guite believe that but found it to be true. The one activity I did keep with my friends was my monthly book club meeting. At that time. I was a member of three book clubs simultaneously, but I cut back to just one, the book club I cofounded in 2002. When time permits. I would like to start an additional book club with a membership comprised of therapists, and focusing on books of special interest to therapists, but not professional texts. I've already started a list of possible titles!

Interviewer: Where have you been on vacation that was especially wonderful for you?

Michal: The vacation that comes to mind is a 10th anniversary trip -- quite a while ago! -- that my husband Breht and I took to Vancouver, British Columbia. We stayed near the entrance to Stanley Park, a large and beautiful city park which has been compared to Central Park or Golden Gate Park. We walked for hours every day, either into the park, or along the city streets. My favorite discovery was the huge swimming pool in the park, open to the public, built onto a hill and overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Not only was it a beautiful pool and beautiful setting, but it had adult-size slides, of which I took full advantage! Cont'd on Pg 20



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#### More about the Presenter:

Elaine Brady, Ph.D., MFT, CAS, CSAT-S is the founder and Director of *Net Worth Recovery, Inc.*- a treatment and training center for Internet addictions, located in San Jose. She is a Certified Addiction Specialist as well as a Certified Sex Addiction Therapist Supervisor. She has published a number of articles on addiction and Internet related issues, served as an expert on these topics both on television and in numerous court cases, teaches at several local colleges, and is a frequent presenter at professional conferences.

# Adjusting the Engineer Lens Cont'd from Pg. 3

Intelligence helps you reach goals but it doesn't help you select them. When the goal is deceiving yourself, intelligent people do that better, too." This is usually followed by a quiet moment of contemplation.

When engineers present with social challenges, it's tempting to think ASDs. However, when I'm mindful that different etiologies can have similar presentations, it encourages me to dig deeper in ascertaining the best course of treatment. Engineers and Therapists: our similarities make the difference.

# Legal Perspective Cont'd from Pg. 4

divorce process. For example, Darrell might continue to deposit his salary checks in the joint account and continue to give Sally 100% access to those funds.

To help Sally choose among the methods available to her, she might ask herself:

How should I introduce the divorce to Darrell? How she approaches the divorce will set the tone for the case, and the ease for receiving temporary support from Darrell. If Darrell's perception of the divorce is amicable, he will be more open to providing Sally support or using alternative dispute resolution methods such as mediation to resolve the support issue.

What divorce process will meet my needs? Sally should think about the various forums available to her: litigation, collaborative law, mediation and kitchen-table divorce. If she is concerned about immediate support, which of these will provide her support in the quickest way? To which method will Darrell be more responsive?

As Sally works through these issues, she can rest assured that there are viable options for her and the right professionals to assist her.

#### President's Column Cont'd from Pg. 6

too far with this new idea. Freud's concern was that it might not be accepted by the larger community, in part because he was Jewish. He worried about his reputation, and whether or not he'd be ostracized. The movie also discussed the obvious dangers involved in having sex with one's client. Jung's relationship with one of his clients threatened many things, including his marriage, which was important to him partly because his wife had the money. Yet Jung's relationship with his client lasted for years, which presented a danger to both of them because he needed her emotionally. and was depressed during separations. Also discussed were the risks the female patient took by being with Jung. Her reputation was at risk because he had great ambition, and eventually broke into the world as a physician and respected psychotherapist. And, she risked her relationship with Freud, whom she valued as a mentor and with whom she was aligned theoretically.

The discussion group also talked about how little power women had during that period in history. The patient was strong and assertive; yet she had to depend on Freud and Jung to help her become successful. There was some debate about the patient's real power. Some believed she broke through the barriers keeping women out of the profession, and therefore had a great deal of power and independence. Others saw her choices as quite limited, and that she didn't have power to fulfill her ambitions on her own.

The group had a rewarding experience in viewing the movie and sharing ideas during the discussion afterwards. CEU's were available for the discussion.

Last month we introduced a new series, *Community Focus*. This month we're highlighting Michal Sadoff, who runs the North Region Programs. I hope you enjoy our interview with her

# Michal Sadoff Interview Cont'd from Pg. 18

**Interviewer**: Why did you decide to join SCV-CAMFT?

**Michal**: I started attending SCV-CAMFT luncheons fairly early in my program because I wanted to talk to people who are already doing the work I was preparing to do.

As a side note, I think it's worthwhile to point out that every single student at Santa Clara takes Ethics from Don St. Louis, and that he comments to each class how important CAMFT is to our profession and directs all his students to join. By the time I took his class, I may have already joined, but if not, I certainly joined when he gave us his "strong recommendation".

**Interviewer**: Why do you volunteer for SCV-CAMFT?

Michal: Being active with SCV-CAMFT is the best way to get to know people and benefit the most from my membership. It's tried and true: the more you put into something, the more you get back from it. Since attending luncheons was how I got started with the chapter, that was a natural place for me to volun-Elizabeth Basile, Director of Programs needed help with the North Region luncheons, so that's where I became active. Soon it will be time to plan for the 2014 luncheons. I've been in contact with a number of members in the North Region who are interested in helping with that — finding speakers, working the registration table, and so forth. We'll be having a meeting in the next month or so to start planning. Anyone else who may be interested should please contact me at my email address: michalsadoff@sbcglobal.net.

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Process Therapy Institute offers a personal therapy group for MFT interns, trainees and students

#### **FOR INTERNS**

(\$30.00 a session, times and dates determined by demand). Contact me at carmackbeth@gmail.com.

#### FORENSIC CLINICIAN

#### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

SHARPER FUTURE, an established forensic mental health agency, seeks experienced licensed clinicians to prevent sexual victimization as part of a team providing outpatient sex offender treatment. Learn more at www.SHARPERFUTURE.com . EEO

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#### **OFFICE SPACE**

Small private office with small waiting area. 100 sq ft is \$375.00 full service. walk to all resturants and parking on site. Contact gene to see at 408-966-5052

# Cupertino - Great Office available for sublet

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#### San Jose/Campbell

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# Exploring Culture in Group: Sexual Orientation Identities

Presented by: Jamie Moran, LCSW, CGP

Michaels at Shoreline 2960 Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View

# **Chapter Events**

#### **Dates to Remember**

September 20 & 21 — Special Two Day Workshop

October 18—Law and Ethics Workshop

November 8—SCV-CAMFT Annual Meeting

November 22—Mid Region Luncheon

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Presented by: Larry Stone

Los Gatos Lodge 50 Los Gatos-Saratoga Blvd Los Gatos

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