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AGLP PHILADELPHIA 2002

Convention Issue

Philadelphia is ready to welcome the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists and the American Psychiatric Association to the Annual Meeting on May 17th through May 23rd.

Many changes have occurred since the APA met last in the city.

There is a growing arts scene, many new hotels, a restaurant renaissance, and increasing GLBT presence. Philadelphia is easy to navigate in that the downtown is relatively compact and easily accessed by foot, bus, or cab.

Philadelphia offers visitors the obvious historic sites. The Liberty Bell and Independence Hall are still open to visitors with a slight increase in security. In addition, the city offers some grand and some unique museums, shopping, and outdoor recreation. For the adventurous, there are many easy excursions outside the city (see our guide book).

Most notably, the opening of the Kimmel Center in December, the new home of the Philadelphia Orchestra has stimulated this season's arts schedule. During the convention week, both the Philadelphia Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic will be performing. Other activities for the week include Phillies Baseball, several plays, and the very-popular Gay Bingo.

The Local Arrangements Committee has planned some "new" events in addition to the all of the usual events, AGLP members enjoy. Highlights of the week include.

- Welcoming Reception on Friday night at the AGLP National Office. A good way to say hello.
- Preconvention Reception on Saturday Evening at a high-rise condominium across from our host hotel. This will be a good way to "meet up" for the

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PAGE 12.**

The Newsletter of the
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Editor, Cheryl Chessick, M.D.

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Editor's Column

Cheryl Chessick, M.D.

It is that time of year again. The APA/AGLP meetings are upon us. I feel this will be a wonderful time to reconnect and gather strength from each other as our country is in such turmoil. And what a more wonderful place than Philadelphia where is stored our Declaration of Independence; a place to come back to remember what a wonderful country that we all live in.

I would next like to acknowledge a column from last newsletter. I would like to thank Beth Cookson who took time from her busy and hectic schedule to review the Barbara Hammer movie and write a column for us to read. I enjoyed reading Beth's thoughts and want to thank her for her time and efforts.

Lastly, I would like to tell you a little bit about a novel I just finished reading entitled "Back to Salem" by Alex Marcoux. This was a perfect winter book and would be a great beach book. Basically, it is a mystery book with some historical edges involving several lesbian characters. It was light and delightful but had some interesting twists and turns. I felt the development of the relationships between the women a bit more substantial than the typical lesbian romance novel, and Alex's ability to tell a good mystery was as good as any Sue Grafton book that I have read. I want to thank Hawthorn press for sending me this book; I have not only enjoyed it but also had a couple friends read it and they both enjoyed it. Alex also wrote "Facades" which I am looking forward to reading. Alex was born in Massachusetts and now lives in Colorado with her partner and son. She was presented a Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers' Pen Award for "Facades", her first novel. She is also apparently working on a sequel to "Back to Salem" which I am really excited about. I also logged into Alex's website at www.alexmarcoux.com and understand that "Back to Salem" is a finalist for the Lambda Literary Award for Lesbian Mystery (good for her).

I will not be joining you all in Philadelphia so for those who are going to the meetings, have a truly delightful time.

Warmly submitted,

Cheryl Chessick

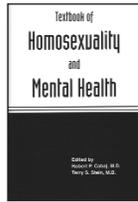
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TEXTBOOKS AVAILABLE FROM AGLP

This month's Highlighted Reading...

Textbook of Homosexuality and Mental Health

Edited by Robert P. Cabaj, M.D., and Terry S. Stein, M.D.
American Psychiatric Press



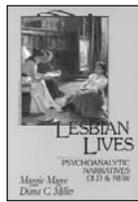
Textbook of Homosexuality and Mental Health brings together in one volume the entire range of material and variety of perspectives concerning homosexuality and mental health. With more than 50 chapters written by leaders in the field, this book is the most complete review of the topics of homosexuality and mental health and treatment of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transsexuals to date.

Starting from the belief that homosexuality is a normal variation of human sexuality and not a mental illness, this revolutionary book presents current information on homosexuality from a mental health and medical perspective. Sections focus on demographic, cultural, genetic, biological, and psychological perspectives; development throughout the life cycle; relationships and families; psychotherapy; multi-cultural identities and communities; professional education; and medical care. A variety of special issues, such as sexuality, substance abuse, violence, suicide, religion, and HIV/AIDS are discussed. Also included are several unique chapters that cover material not readily available elsewhere, among them transsexuality, minority gay, lesbian, or bisexual people, the impact of the sexual orientation of the therapist, latency development in prehomosexual boys, and clinical issues specific to psychotherapy with gay, lesbian, and bisexual patients.

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Analytic Press

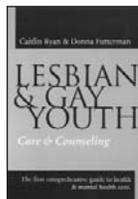


In this groundbreaking revisioning of lesbianism, Magee and Miller transcend a literature that, for decades, has focused on the timeworn and misconceived task of formulating a lesbian-specific psychology. Rather, they focus on a set of interrelated issues of far greater salience in our time; the developmental and psychological consequences of identifying as homosexual and of having lesbian relations. *Lesbian Lives* is a heartening sign of the generous scholarship and humane impulse that are transforming psychoanalysis in our time.

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Lesbian & Gay Youth; Care & Counseling

Caitlin Ryan & Donna Futterman
Columbia University Press



Here at last is the first handbook on the care, counseling, and support needs of lesbian and gay youth for providers, advocates, parents, and interested readers. This book includes guidelines for assessment, treatment, prevention, and referral along with the latest research, knowledge, and practice wisdom on lesbian and gay youth by leading experts.

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Psychoanalytic Therapy and the Gay Man

Jack Drescher, M.D.
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Mary Barber, MD

Children can make us do things that we otherwise would not have the motivation or courage to do. I am living proof of this. For a few years, I've been telling myself that I should take a class or start a regular workout routine. Yet it was not until I started taking my daughter to dance classes that I got up the courage and motivation to try tap dancing myself. Once I crossed that threshold of resistance, I found I love struggling with a routine or time step sequence, as silly as I must look. I even enjoy going down to my basement to practice. Recently the American Academy of Pediatrics did a brave thing by standing up for the rights of children against the views of the Religious Right, recommending that gay parents should be allowed to adopt. And comedian and talk show host Rosie O'Donnell came out as a lesbian, motivated by the injustice of the ban on gay people adopting children in Florida, where she owns a second home and has been a foster parent. Her visibility on this issue, as well as the AAP's statement, will be strong inducements toward changing discriminatory and ultimately child-hostile laws.

Let me now shuffle off to another bit of news. Take a look at our web site (www.aglp.org), if you have not in a while. Thanks to the efforts of our National Office Director, Roy Harker, new and renewing members can now pay membership fees online. There is a new fact sheet on GLBT Youth Suicide up, written by AGLP and LAGCAPA member Michael Feldman. This should be an excellent quick reference for anyone working with or interested in adolescent public health.

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Shuffling off again, I do not know what their source of motivation is, but the Philadelphia Local Arrangements Committee, headed by David Krefetz, and Vice President Dan Karasic have come up with a rich and exciting program for AGLP's annual meeting. The Saturday Symposium, entitled "The Colors of Pride: Ethnic Minority GLBT Issues" promises to be an exciting and timely presentation. The panel includes Drs. Debbie Carter, Teresa Cuadra, and Stephen Lee. The rest of the week's programming consists of smaller, more informal discussion groups, which will certainly be equally useful and informative. Social activities for AGLP members and their significant others abound in this year's programming, highlighting Philadelphia's gay community and the hospitality of its residents.

I also want to draw your attention to Saturday's Executive Committee Retreat, a forum for brainstorming and planning AGLP's future directions and mission. AGLP Board members, Council and Committee Chairs are strongly urged to attend this event, and AGLP members not currently holding leadership positions are invited to participate as well. Everyone wanting to attend must RSVP early, as enrollment is limited.

Please summon up whatever force will spur you to get up and make your travel plans now, so that we can all be together this May. If you promise to come, I might even be persuaded to bring my tap shoes!

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AGLP's 2002 Award Winners

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This year's Distinguished Service Award for contributions to the GLBT community is being given to Dr. Jon Fryer, a long-time member of AGLP. In fact, Jon, who has always been very accepting and open about his sexuality, was a member of the GayPA, which was a loosely organized, not-quite-out-of-the-closet forerunner to AGLP in the late 1960's and early 1970's. Although he has had a distinguished career and recently retired as a Professor of Psychiatry at Temple University, he may be best known for the episode where he appeared as Dr. H Anonymous as part of a panel presentation on "Lifestyles of Non-patient Homosexuals" at the 1971 annual meeting of the APA.

This was only two years after Stonewall, and homosexuality was still considered a psychiatric disorder according to the DSM. Jon had already been dismissed from one residency training program and had lost one job based solely on the fact that he was gay when Barbara Gittings asked him to participate on the panel. He also was not yet a tenured faculty at Temple, but he felt it was so important that a gay psychiatrist appear on this panel, that at great personal risk he agreed to the request on condition that he could be disguised. Dr. H Anonymous introduced himself as a homosexual, a psychiatrist, and a member of the APA (many colleagues at that time firmly held the belief that there was no such thing as a gay psychiatrist). He went on to deliver an impassioned speech about the hundreds of gay and lesbian psychiatrists, their psychological healthfulness, their remarkable achievements, and finally a plea to his fellow GayPA members to find the courage to work to change the prevailing attitudes toward homosexuality.

When homosexuality was finally removed as a disorder from the DSM two years later, many believed that the 1971 panel presentation, and particularly the testimony of Dr. H. Anonymous, was crucial in persuading the APA to accept this change. This episode is also often referred to in written histories of the gay rights movement. We are proud to be able to honor Dr. Fryer in his adopted hometown of Philadelphia.

JAMES PAULSEN AWARD SPONSORED BY JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICA

This year's Paulsen Award for contributions by an AGLP member to AGLP and the psychiatric community is going to Margery Sved, MD. Margery came to the Board of AGLP after initially serving on the board and as treasurer of the Association of Physicians for Human Rights (APHR), which was the former name of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA). She had also served on the APA's Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues. Margery worked actively on AGLP'S board as secretary, vice president and finally president of the organization.

For the past 8 years, she has been the Deputy Representative and then full Representative of the Caucus of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Psychiatrists in the APA Assembly. In this role, she has continued to actively represent and lobby for AGLP's concerns and interests and has been an exemplary liaison between AGLP and the governance of the APA. During her time as Caucus Representative, the Assembly has approved position statements on Reparative Therapy and Same-Sex Marriage (Dr. Sved is quick to point out that these position statements were passed due to the efforts of many people from the local district branch level on up)

Professionally, Dr. Sved had been associated with the Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina for 15 years as administrator for the adult inpatient beds. She is currently in private practice and working half time at a semi-rural community hospital and is an Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. She lives in Raleigh with her partner, Grace Sved and their two children, 15 year old Sarah and 8 year old Eliana (many may remember meeting Eliana as an infant the last time the annual APA meeting was held in Philadelphia)

Take a trip to Tokyo! There is an opening for someone interested in participating in a symposium on Psychiatric Issues in HIV/AIDS at the XII World Congress of Psychiatry, 24-29 August 2002 in Yokohama, Japan. We are planning to travel around Japan as well. Those interested should contact Kenn Ashley for more information--kashley82@aol.com or kashley@bethisraelny.org, or call (O) 212 844 1864.

The Northern California Psychiatry Society annual meeting takes place in Sonoma, in the wine country, on April 12-14. Bob Cabaj, MD our current president has chosen Somewhere over the Rainbow, Diversity in Psychiatry as the theme. To start of on Friday night, the Wizard of Oz will be shown followed by a discussion of the movie by John Beebe, a Jungian analyst. There will be one LGBT workshop and we hope to have a LGBT lunch on Sunday the 14th. The featured speaker is Robert Jay Lifton, MD who will speak about psychohistory and psychology of totalism. To receive information about the conference please contact the Northern California Psychiatry Society at 415 334 2418, fax 415 239 2533. To reserve a room in the hotel which is the Lodge at Sonoma, please call 707 935 6600 (conference rate \$159) (Best to reserve before March 8th). Hope you will be able to join Howard and me at the conference.

In 2001 a Special Interest Group in Gay and Lesbian Mental Health was established within the Royal College of Psychiatrists in the United Kingdom. The Group's next meeting is a seminar that will take place during the Annual Meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in June 2002. The Annual Meeting is in Cardiff, Wales from the 24th to the 27th of June 2002. The seminar is a joint US/UK venture scheduled for 9.30-11 am on Tuesday 25th June. It is entitled: "What do we know about gay and lesbian mental health?"

The speakers are:

1. Prof Robert Cabaj, University of California, USA: "An overview of 25 years of research"
2. Prof. Michael King, UCL, United Kingdom: "An epidemiological study in England of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health"
3. Dr. Ronald Hellman, Program Director, The LesBiGay & Transgender Affirmative Program, South Beach Psychiatric Center, New York State, USA: "Major mental illness in the gay and lesbian population"

Northern California Psychiatry Society and Oregon Psychiatric Association meeting in Ashland, Oregon, home of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Sept 20-22, 2002. Theme of the conference will be spirituality and mental health. Plays discussed will be Who+IBk-s Afraid of Virigina Woolf and Winter+IBk-s Tale. For information contact NCPS at (415) 334-2418.

Institute of Psychiatric Services, Chicago, Oct 9-13, 2002 The APA+IBk-s other conference. Three workshops will be sponsored by AGLP. We will also organize an informal meeting, a dinner and perhaps an outing to see Susanah by Carlisle Floyd at the Lyric Opera. If you have any questions, contact Gene Nakajima, MD at (415) 292-1554 or Gnakajima+AEA-alumni.stanford.org.

The Australasian Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Interest Group in Psychiatry recently held a very successful clinical meeting on "Working with Gender and Sexuality Issues in Psychotherapy" in Melbourne Australia. A seminar on "Sexuality in Society" is planned for the April meeting of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, in Brisbane. The final scientific meeting for the year will be the Annual Conference, which has the theme: "Homosexuality and Sport". This will coincide with the Gay Games, and will be held in Sydney on Friday the first and Saturday the second of November. Anyone interested in presenting a paper or in details of the conference can contact "The Conference Organiser, mailto:conorg1@optushome.com.au

AGLP 2002 Award Winners

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Please make your arrangements early to help us honor these two very deserving individuals at the Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 22 in Philadelphia.

Note: The information about Jon Fryer was taken from an article written By David Scasta, a former president of AGLP and past Paulsen Award winner, that will be appearing in a future edition of the Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy.

Nomination Slate for Offices up for election in 2002:

President- Elect: Mary Barber

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Nominations from the floor will remain open until the close of the first AGLP business meeting on Monday, May 20.

Phil Bialer

Chair, Nominating Committee

- 11:00am-12:00pm** **Discussion with International Visiting Psychiatrists** (AGLP members and lesbian and gay psychiatrists visiting from other countries) (Gene Nakajima, M.D.)
Doubletree Hotel, Hospitality Suite
- 12:30-2:00pm** **Women's Committee meeting**
Discussion of issues in the care of lesbians and bisexual women
Ellen Haller, M.D.
Doubletree Hotel, Hospitality Suite
- 2:00-3:30p.m.** **Parenting issues**
From considering parenthood to coping with career and kids
Margery Sved, MD and Mark Townsend, MD
Doubletree Hotel, Hospitality Suite
- 3:30-5:00pm** **HIV positive psychiatrists and their partners (Monday or Sunday)**
Doubletree Hotel, Mary Barber's suite
- 5:30-7:00pm** **AGLP Business Meeting**
Doubletree Hotel, Ormandy West
- 7:15-8:30pm** **International Psychiatrists and Psychiatrists of Color Outreach Reception**
Private Residence
1326 Spruce Street, #2801
Group will then go out for dinner at a place TBA
- 10:00pm** **AGLP Night out at Woody's**
202 South 13th Street
(between Walnut and Locust)
Light Hors d'euvres and cash bar

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

- 10:30am-12:00pm** **Writers' Workshop**
Jack Drescher, MD, and other editors of the *Journal of Lesbian and Gay Psychotherapy*
Doubletree Hotel, Hospitality Suite
- 12:00-1:30pm** **Networking and support for GLBT child psychiatrists and trainees**
Robert Pinney, MD
Doubletree Hotel, Hospitality Suite
- 1:30-3:00pm** **Residents and Medical Students discussion**
Issues from applying for residency to getting good supervision
Doubletree Hotel, Hospitality Suite
- 3:00- 4:30pm** **Issues in the care of young gay and bisexual men**
Coming out, substance abuse, body image, etc.
Doubletree Hotel, Hospitality Suite

5:30-7:00pm **AGLP Business Meeting**
Doubletree Hotel, Hospitality Suite

7:15-9:30pm **LAGCAPA (Lesbian and Gay Child And Adolescent Psychiatric Association) Reception**
Private Residence
1326 Spruce Street, #2801

10:00pm **AGLP Night out at Sisters**
Light Hors d'euvres and cash bar
1320 Chancellor Street

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

9:00am **Hospitality Suite open**

6:00-7:00pm **VIP Reception, AGLP Sponsoring Members**
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International and Minority Issues Committee Column

Pre-Conference Meeting

Debbie Carter, MD is organizing the pre-conference on ethnic minority LGBT issues. (Please see details in the conference programming detail section) AGLP International and Ethnic Minority Reception. We will once again have a reception after the AGLP business meeting on Monday night in the hospitality suite and then go out to dinner. (Please see the conference schedule for details). All lesbian/gay/bi/trans psychiatrists from outside the US/Canada as well as AGLP members are welcome to attend. We also encourage Asian/Pacific Islander, African American, Latino/a and Native American psychiatrists to attend.

International Committee Meeting

The meeting will be on Monday morning in the hospitality suite (Please see the conference schedule for details). Among other issues we will also discuss plans for the upcoming World Psychiatric Association meeting in Yokohama. (If you have an interest in attending please see <http://wpa2002yokohoma.org>). Yosemite Outing after San Francisco APA Meeting. We may plan a post-conference informal outing to Yosemite National Park after the APA meeting on Memorial day weekend May 22-26, 2003. Please contact me if you have an interest in going to Yosemite after the meeting, and let me know how many nights you would like to go, and whether you would like to help organize this outing. I want to reserve enough hotel rooms there. Gene Nakajima, MD (415) 292-1554 or Gnakajima+AEA-alumni.stanford.org.

HIV-Affected Psychiatrist's Column

Marshall Stiles, M.D.

Once again, a reminder of the message in the last AGLP Newsletter--that we will have our support group on Monday afternoon from 3 PM until 5 PM. for HIV + psychiatrists and their partners, or HIV+ partners of AGLP members and their partners. Partners are very welcome, but, obviously your attendance is at your own discretion. Confidentiality is rule # 1. The AGLP schedule was so tight on Sunday that we had to change the day from one to which we had become accustomed. The location of the group will be the President's Suite, the location of which will be posted at the Hospitality Suite. I do hope that with the change in days most of you who had planned on attending the group will still be able to do so.

Mary Barber, M.D., our President, is so concerned about our subpopulation in the AGLP that she has asked to visit our group to hear our concerns, and I know we can trust her to keep the confidence, but looking at the broader picture, I do not want to discourage new people who have not had the opportunity to express their opinions about her attendance at our support group, even if only briefly, from attending the group. I think rather than having Mary visit our support group, I will attempt to arrange a meeting between her and some of us who are very comfortable being out about our HIV status. That may be the best compromise, because I know she is genuinely concerned about the HIV + members of the AGLP. I look forward to seeing many of you, and if you are wavering about attending, please do come. We will make it a supportive, confidential, and safe place for you to be.

If anyone would like to be on an email list known only to me as Chair of this committee, so that you might hear of things and issues which we sometimes discuss via email, please let me know. I was contacted after the meeting last year by a person whom I have yet to meet, who wanted to be on our mailing list. Having changed Internet Providers in November and reloaded my browser, I am embarrassed to report that I lost my email address list in the process. I need to inform that person who contacted me in June or so and whom I contacted back that I need your email address again, and any other way in which you are comfortable being reached. My deepest apologies! I do not keep a lot of paper records concerning our group. And my email address did change, again, since the last newsletter went to press!

I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones in

May. This organization has been very important to me since 1978, and some of the friendships whom I have in the AGLP go back that far. You may reach me at:

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The Doubletree Hotel, Broad and Locust Streets, Philadelphia





**AGLP Annual Meeting 2002
May 17-22
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Schedule of Events**

Friday, May 17, 2002

8:00-10:00pm Welcoming pre-reception
AGLP National Office (home of Roy Harker and Bob Ranando)
4514 Chester Avenue, Philadelphia
RSVP Required
Call Roy Harker at 215-222-2800

Saturday, May 19, 2002

8:30-9:30am Breakfast meeting for Executive Committee
Doubletree Hotel, Concerto A

9:00am Hospitality Suite Opens
Doubletree Hotel,

PRECONVENTION SYMPOSIUM

9:30-10:00am Welcome - Coffee and Pastries
Doubletree Hotel, Ormandy West

10:00am-1:00pm SYMPOSIUM
"The Colors of Pride."
Debbie Carter, MD, chair
Teresa Cuadra, MD
Stephen Lee, PhD

2:00-5:00pm Executive Committee Retreat
"Planning for the Future of AGLP"
National Office
4514 Chester Avenue, Philadelphia
RSVP Required
Call Roy Harker at 215-222-2800

6:00-8:00pm Lesbian Psychiatrists' Dinner
Meet at Hospitality Suite

8:00-10:00pm Welcome Reception
Private Residence
1326 Spruce Street, #2801

Sunday, May 19, 2002

8:30-11:00am Board Meeting and Breakfast
Doubletree Hotel, Orchestra Room

12:00noon-2:00pm Early Career, Residents, and Medical Students Brunch
Private Residence
1818 Delancey Place
RSVP Required
Call Roy Harker at 215-222-2800

1:00-2:00pm Psychoanalytic committee
Administrative meeting

3:00-5:00pm Significant Others' Outing
A Walking tour of GLBT Philadelphia
Led by Randal Baron, Architectural Historian/Historic Preservationist
Start: Hospitality Suite
Fee: \$10
RSVP Required
Call Roy Harker at 215-222-2800

2:00-4:00pm Psychoanalytic committee
A control psychoanalytic case: transgender issues
Speaker: Michael Feldman
Discussants: Elizabeth Young-Bruel and Sid Phillips

4:00-5:30pm Psychological well-being in lesbians and gay adults across the life cycle
Robert Kertzner, MD

6:00-7:30pm Women's Pre-reception Gathering
The Pyramid Club
1735 Market Street, 52nd Floor

7:00-10:00pm AGLP Opening Reception
The Pyramid Club
1735 Market Street, 52nd Floor

Monday, May 20, 2002

9:30-11:00am Psychoanalytic committee
Workshop on Shame
Doubletree Hotel, Hospitality Suite

10:00am-4:00pm Significant Others' Outing
Day trip to Longwood Gardens
Bus tour to the Gardens includes travel and admission to the Gardens
Lunch on your own at one of two Restaurants located on the premises
RSVP Required
\$40 in advance
Call Roy Harker at 215-222-2800



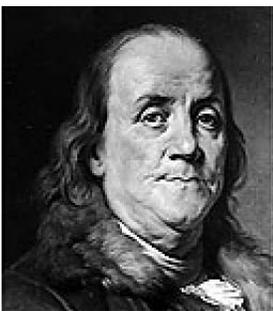
Take a carriage ride through the 18th Century streets of Society Hill...



Enjoy the sights and an espresso at one of the outdoor cafés along Rittenhouse Square...



AMTRAK's 30th Street Station, designed by Graham Anderson Probst & White has a beautifully decorated, coffered ceiling rising 95 feet above a Tennessee marble floor.



A traveller should have a hog's nose, a deer's leg's and an ass's back – A word of advice from our ubiquitous founding father Benjamin Franklin

AGLP Fall Meeting

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- evening. Committee members will be available to make recommendations on ways to enjoy Philadelphia.
- The Women's dinner on Saturday
- ECP/Residents/Student Brunch on Sunday in a Philadelphia townhouse.
- TWO Significant Others events: A Sunday walking tour of gay Philadelphia and a midweek excursion to Longwood Gardens (please see sign up section in the newsletter)
- The Opening Reception at the Pyramid Club offering panoramic views of the city
- The Closing Banquet at the Philadelphia College of Physicians. The dinner will be preceded by a Champagne reception. An open wine, beer, soft drink bar will be included in the dinner. (No cash bar). Dinner service will be provided at stations, which we hope will allow for more socialization and dancing during the event.

Our hotel, The Doubletree, is a recently renovated business hotel offering one of the best locations in the city. The hotel is 5-6 blocks to the convention center, across the street from the Kimmel Center, four blocks to Rittenhouse Square, and sits on the western border of Washington Square West, Philadelphia's gay neighborhood. Most of the bars, coffee houses, gyms, and bookstores are within 2-3 blocks of the hotel. Due to its central location, any spot in the downtown is under a 20-25 minute walk.

There are no downtown hotels still available through the APA, but AGLP still has rooms at the Doubletree. We urge you to support the AGLP by reserving now. You can reserve your hotel room online in real-time 24/7 at www.tphousing.com/aglp. If work or travel plans change, you can even update or cancel your reservations online. You may also make reservations by phone. Call Travel Planners, Inc. at 800-221-3531 (or 212-532-1660 ext 1, if you are in the New York area) and identify yourself as AGLP. The number of rooms available is limited this year to 100, so make your reservations soon.

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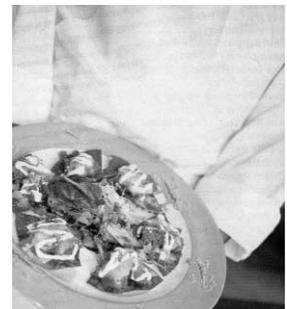
Forms for your Reservations to the Closing Banquet, Significant Other Events, and the Saturday Executive Planning Retreat at located in this *Newsletter* on page 12. Please fill out the form with your requests and fax or mail to the National Office.



Shopping in the Italian Market in South Philadelphia is a panoply of sights, sounds, and smells.



The new Pennsylvania Convention Center was created from the original Reading Company train shed and head-house.



One of the finest assortments of restaurants on the planet awaits your discovery



The Pyramid Club atop the Mellon Bank Building - site of the AGLP Opening Reception

Straight and Narrow

Growing up in Shawnee, KS, I know how to act like a straight man. I practiced long hours with my grandfather on how exactly to talk and walk. No one can imagine how hard I tried to lower my voice and make sure that my wrists were never bent. My parents also helped in my straight education. My father took me to the shooting range, and my mother told me stories of her life on the dairy farm. Today, I know the proper place for a gun rack (in the back of my Ford truck), the exact length of a football field, and the proper title for a woman ("Little Lady"). However, I have moved to New York, can differentiate the shades of chartreuse, and can't seem to prevent my body from assuming the tea pot stance in the middle of the gay club.

This transformation has not been easy. There were years when I hoped that God would stop my sexual desires for men or better yet, end my life before I could act upon them. It took a courageous move on my part to Baltimore, MD, a city where I knew no one but felt free to experiment with my sexuality. After I accepted myself, I decided to tackle the "coming out" process. I started with gay men, and golly-gee (please excuse my Kansas accent), they accepted me. With

looks. I agree that we must be united in our fight for justice. I also find it refreshing to converse, dance, and be social surrounded by those like myself. However, I learned early on that the path to paradise is not often the easiest but the straight and narrow. If we as lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgendered persons are to have a voice in the larger community, we simply must . . . be. Only by being around, by being at the dinner table, by attending lecture, by provoking conversation, by asking about sexuality to your patients, and by being friends with straights can we eventually gain acceptance and acclimate ourselves into the overall society. I try to work at the supposed divided between the two groups one person at a time. Through each friendship, I bring the human side to "those gays," and I encourage everyone to practice this "Being" attitude.

AGLP in its history has long been an advocate for lesbian and gay psychiatrists and the LGBT community to the APA. By cultivating and maintaining ties, we have assured ourselves a place at the table to discuss issues that affect us. For example, AGLP has long fought the fringe curative therapy position for homosexuality. We have pointed out the flaws and lack of definitive scientific data on curative therapy. Current psychiatrists, psychotherapists, and social workers have testified and spoken out to governments, the psychiatric community, and the media on behalf of the LGBT population and its healthy merit. We, as medical students, have an opportunity to do likewise on our campuses. By maintaining friendships, especially those in which open con-

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newfound power, I then explained myself to my straight friends. For the most part, every one of them has responded positively. A few have even seen my tea pot stance in the gay club.

I realize the importance of maintaining friendships with my straight friends, especially in medical school. For all medical students in AGLP, I strongly encourage you to hold onto your relationships with the straight community. I don't want to sound trite or pretend to be your mother. I do think this message is a necessary one. Many of my gay friends, especially after coming out, have severed their ties with their family and past straight life. This seems to be an easy way out: no more moral condemnations, no more heterodominant attitudes, a chance to live your life without snickers and weird

conversation occurs frequently, we can widen our message to the greater heterosexual community. After all these years, I shall make my grandfather proud and finally walk the straight and narrow.

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