



THE HAWAII PLAY TIMES

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HAPT President's Message

Dear Members,

My year as president of HAPT is quickly coming to a close. I want to thank the members of the board, for all they have done collectively and as devoted individuals. Though there were challenges during the year, the board members have been a strong supportive team of professional women. *Monica Evans* has dutifully served as secretary and historian for three years. She has shown great personal integrity in all that she has done. She always kept the pace going for the good of the task at hand. Monica may be leaving the board, but will remain extremely active as co-chair with yours truly, for our Conference 2004. *Carla Sharp* returned to the board as treasurer when the call went out for help. As founder of our organization, she wants to see each dream she has had for HAPT, realized. She has been a mentor and dream catcher. *Pam Medeiros* has been our straight to the point member-at-large. Her positive can do attitude and multi talents continued to amaze us. *Anita Trubitt*, tried and true, filled in when she was available as a past president and continues to be our CE liaison with APT. Our newest member to the board, president-elect, *Rebecca Rinehart*, brings fresh ideas and enthusiasm, ready to be HAPT's president as of October 4, 2003.

I also want to thank our committee chairs. *Jennifer Koo* and *Nami-Anne Dolan*, who have been co-chairs of the HAPT program committee. They have done a wonderful job of arranging for our workshop speakers, facilities and refreshments. Nami-Anne is graciously continuing as a program co-chair for next year. Jennifer will be volunteering in other capacities, so we need someone to help Nami-Anne with co-chair for next year. Thank you Nami-Anne and Jennifer for all your hard work.

Please go to our web www.hawaiiplaytherapy.net to check out the new look of the HAPT website. Thank you to *Scott O'Neal* for being our new web master. Scott has given HAPT's web site a facelift and the outcome is terrific. Portions of the web site are still under construction and I'm sure the final product will prove to be informative and user friendly. Great job Scott!

Thank you *Linda Rivera* for being our scholarship chair for the past several years. If you are interested in a scholarship for a class, workshop or conference that can boost your professional development in play therapy or a related field, please apply before December 31, 2003. Very few scholarships were requested this past year. The board has decided to put the scholarship committee on hold for this next year to allow HAPT the funds to realize one of its dreams, a HAPT office.

Pam Medeiros and Rebecca Rinehart are heading the search committee to locate office space for HAPT. Please see the information elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

Thank you again *Christine Ahia* and *Rachelle Hansen* for co-chairing our successful 2003 annual conference with Dr. Janine Shelby. The conference was well attended by HAPT members as well as a broad cross-section of individuals from the Department of Education, various community agencies and those in private practice settings.

Others who have assisted HAPT deserve our thanks as well. *Roger Epstein*, husband of member *Barbara Kirk* and attorney with Cades, Shuttle, Flemming and Wright, has been working closely with Monica Evans in revising our bylaws. They have aligned the bylaws to be consistent with those of APT and to be legally sound. The board has reviewed the first draft of the bylaws and made its suggestions. When all revisions have been completed the board will bring the bylaws to the membership for review and vote for adoption. *Joni Orimoto*, of the Price, Waterhouse, Coopers accounting firm, continues to work with Carla Sharp regarding our 501(c)3 tax status. We appreciate these individuals and their pro bono work on behalf of HAPT.

This has been a year of working to organize, update and move forward. We started the year by creating a database for our various mailing lists. We completed close to 700 entries for the DOE and local mental health agencies. The database will help us to streamline the process of mailing HAPT workshop and conference information. There is more to be done to complete the data bases, such as creating one of past HAPT conference participants, and a data base of HAPT members whose memberships have lapsed. If you have computer skills and know how to use Excel, please e-mail me at uhanesmb@yahoo.com or call HAPT's voice mail at 440-4624 to volunteer to help with this important task. We are also working on obtaining our bulk mail permit. Bulk mail will be a cost-effective way of distributing our workshop and conference materials.

Carla Sharp busily entered our financial information this year and our financial information from the past two years on Quicken. From now on, the treasurer's job will be much easier. Quicken will allow our treasurer, to make financial reports and tax information readily available, as well as the ability to create charts and graphs of our financial standing.

We are in the process of drafting a procedural handbook for the board's, committees' and/or member use. This will provide a means for passing along important information from year to year as the board and committee membership changes. The HAPT board has updated and edited the HAPT five-year plan. A copy of the plan will be available at our October 4, 2003 Annual Meeting and Workshop. Our major goal next year will be to locate HAPT office space, to establish a central location to house all our files and a common meeting place for board and committee meetings. HAPT will continue to support the mission of the organization by offering training in play therapy and by providing support to increase the number of members who become Registered Play Therapists (RPT). Our two member workshops each year, which are free to HAPT members, and our annual conference help to meet these goals. Occasionally we cosponsor activities with Sandplay Therapists of Hawaii. Perhaps in the future we can expand training opportunities by cosponsoring workshops/conferences with other play therapy related groups.

Next year we will cease to offer group supervision since it was not as well attended as we had hoped. The money previously used for supervision will be reallocated in the 2003 - 2004 HAPT

budget towards obtaining HAPT office space.

Please consider getting more involved in your HAPT, volunteer and participate in any way you can! HAPT is seeking new board members, committee members for our conference 2004, co-chairs for our Conference 2005, program committee co-chairs, and a membership committee. HAPT board meetings are usually held the second Saturday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Members are always welcome to attend the board meetings. Please contact a board member for the location of a meeting you may be interested in attending, as our meeting place can change month-to-month. Contact the HAPT board with questions and suggestions, and let us know how we can become more responsive to your play therapy needs.

Please remember to vote for your new board members. Ballots will be mailed to you the second week of September and are due by September 27, 2003. Results of the election will be announced at the October 4th HAPT Annual Meeting and Workshop.

Aloha, see you October 4th for our Annual Meeting and Workshop, "Using Creative Dramatics in the Play Therapy Process," with *Dr. Tamara Hunt*.

Sue :)

[Spring HAPT Membership Meeting & Training](#)

The Spring HAPT Membership Meeting & Continuing Education Training was held Saturday, May 3, 2003, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Kapiolani Community College. *Dr. James Bibb* presented, "Using Projective Drawings (House-Tree-Person) in Play Therapy: Generating Interpretive Hypotheses". The workshop focused on using projective drawings (house-tree-person) to generate a psychological portrait of the child "artist". The workshop was well attended and the feedback from the participants was generally positive.

Nami-Ann Dolan and *Jennifer Koo* did a wonderful job planning the workshop and the HAPT board thanks them for their hard work and dedication on behalf of the HAPT membership and all of those interested in furthering their knowledge and skills to better serve children.



Dr. Bibb provided examples of children's art work.



Approximately 75 participants attended the Spring HAPT workshop.



Left to right, *Anita Trubitt, Jennifer Koo, Sue Bergman, Nami-Anne Dolan, Carla Sharp, and Rebecca Rinehart.*

[HAPT Board of Directors Needs You!](#)

Nomination forms have been mailed to fill four (4) positions on the HAPT Board of Directors for the 2003 - 2004 term. The following positions are open:

President-Elect: 3-year commitment; 1st year as president-elect, 2nd year as president, and 3rd year as past president. The president-elect presides over all meetings in absence of the president; keeps a record of all members; sends out notices of meetings; becomes president

in case of death or resignation of president; assumes duties of the president on 1st Saturday of October every year.

Secretary: 1 year commitment. Keeps a full and accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings; makes minutes available to members; keeps a copy of the notices for all meetings; assists the president-elect; maintains a historical record of the activities of the association.

Treasurer: 1 year commitment. Maintains accurate and correct books and accounts for the association; prepares a financial report as well as an annual financial statement; makes deposits disburse funds in the name of the association.

Member-at-Large: 1 year commitment. Serves as a liaison between the Board of Directors and the members through the publication of a quarterly newsletter, and responds to all applications for membership.

Consider running for one of these positions and help to do the work of and improve your HAPT organization.

If you did not receive a nomination form please contact HAPT. Deadline for submission of your interest in running for office is September 6, 2003.

Ballots will be mailed to the membership during the first week of September and the election results and new board members will be announced and introduced at on October 4, 2003, at the HAPT Annual Meeting and Workshop.

Mahalo to *Bonnie Coutsourakis* for chairing the nominations committee.

[October 2003 HAPT Annual Meeting & Workshop](#)

The October 4, 2003 HAPT Annual Meeting & Workshop should prove to be informative and fun. The meeting and workshop will be held at Likelike Elementary School Cafeteria, 12:30 to 4:40 p.m., Saturday, October 4, 2003. Your current HAPT board will provide the membership with information concerning plans to grow the organization and to provide continued quality educational programs. Please plan to attend the meeting.

The workshop, presented by Dr. Tamara Hunt, is entitled, Using Creative Dramatics in the Play Therapy Process. Dr. Hunt will conduct a workshop covering the dramatic techniques of sensory awareness, creative movement, pantomime, improvisation, and characterization. This highly interactive, hands on workshop highlights process oriented drama as it relates to free movement.

Dr. Hunt is a full professor of children's theater at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Her illustrious career includes directorship of the Youth Theater graduate program at the University, current position as Hawaii Department of Education's puppetry consultant and resident artist, and authorship of 5 books on puppetry. Additionally, she has extensive experience in training students to facilitate dramatic activities with youngsters. She is truly an excellent, inspiring instructor.

CE credits will be awarded to participants who attend a minimum of 80% of the workshop. The Hawaii Association for Play Therapy is approved by the Association of Play Therapy to

offer continuing education specific to play therapy. Association of Play Therapy approved provider number 99-053.

If you have questions regarding the workshop you may contact HAPT at 440-4626.

Mahalo to *Nami-Anne Dolan* and *Jennifer Koo* for their work in organizing the workshop.

[2004 HAPT Conference](#)

The 2004 HAPT Conference co-chairs, Monica Evans and Sue Bergman, have been hard at work preparing the brochures and registration applications for the conference. They have also made multiple contacts with staff at the Prince Kuhio Hotel in preparation for the event.

Mark your calendars for the February Hawaii Association 6th Annual Conference, featuring Dr. Heidi Kaduson. The Conference will be held February 20 and 21, 2004 at the Radison Prince Kuhio Hotel, Waikiki.

[HAPT In Search of Office Space](#)

HAPT is searching for office space of approximately 500 square feet. The preferred areas would be between the University of Hawaii and Pearl City. If you have office space to sublet or know of available office space, please contact Rebecca Reinhart, kaimilani@earthlink.net, or Pam Medeiros, haulani@hawaii.rr.com.

[Member News](#)

An article about Anita Trubitt and her play therapy work with children of divorce appeared in the "Today" section (D), Tuesday May 27, 2003 issue of *the Star-Bulletin*. The article was entitled "Trapped in the Middle".

You can read the article on the newspaper's web site, www.honolulustarbulletin.com.

[Registered Play Therapist & Registered Play Therapy Supervisor](#)

Interested in earning your Registered Play Therapist (RPT) or Registered Play Therapy Supervisor (RPT-S) designation through the Association for Play Therapy (APT)? You can find the criteria for earning these designations by going to the APT link, www.a4pt.org.

[Has Your HAPT Membership Lapsed?](#)

Wondering if your APT and HAPT membership is current? Contact your president-elect, Rebecca Rinehart, kaimilani@earthlink.net, for that information. Don't miss the October workshop, open to HAPT members only. Be sure your membership is current!

[HAPT Website](#)

Check out the terrific work done by *Scott O'Neal* to improve the HAPT website, www.hawaiiplaytherapy.net. Thanks Scott for sharing your time and immense talent with HAPT.

[Continuing Education Opportunities](#)

BEGINNING PLAY THERAPY WITH CARLA SHARP, APRN, RPT-S begins on September 27, 2003, Saturdays from 9 am to 12 p.m.. Classes located in Kailua. Email for a flyer if you did not receive one to Sharpcarla@cs.com or call 261-0066.

IMAGO RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOP - Dr. Dale Bailey, a certified Imago Relationship workshop presenter will be back to do a weekend couples workshop October 11th AND 12th, 2003. He is offering fellow therapists and their partners the opportunity to take the workshop for his cost of the manuals, which is \$200, in addition you can earn 20 CEUs. Normally people pay \$600. He has done this on the mainland as a way to get therapists to refer their clients to future workshops. I assisted him with his workshop in February and it was great. Please take advantage of this opportunity or send your clients. Contact Jacqueline Winter at jwinter@hawaii.rr.com or 735-1053 for more information.

SANDPLAY THERAPISTS OF HAWAII presents a workshop on Sandplay with Kate Amatruda, MA, MFCC, STA/ISST, author of [Sandplay the Sacred Healing: A Guide to Symbolic Process](#). She will be in Hawaii on November 11, 2003 (Tuesday, Veteran's Day). To be placed on the mailing list for a registration form please email Sharpcarla@cs.com or call her at 261-0066.

XIV, IFTA World Congress, Istanbul 2004; "Families In A Time of Crises". International Family Therapy Association, March 24 - 27, 2004, Istanbul, Turkey. See their link for more information: www.ifta2004.org.

Be the first on your block to order *Rise VanFleet's* new book: "Casebook of Filial Therapy", Rise VanFleet and Louise Guerney, editors, pre-publication price: \$42.50 + \$5 shipping ((\$50 after publication), mail to: Play Therapy Press, PO Box 613, Boiling Springs, PA 17007 or fax to: 717-249-9479.

[Job Board](#)

Looking for a job? Need to fill a vacant or new position with you agency? Contact the HAPT newsletter editor to place your information in the next edition of the HAPT newsletter.

[Play Therapy Materials](#)

Do you have play therapy toys or publications you no longer need or are you in need of play therapy materials? Let the HAPT newsletter editor know of your needs by providing your name and a list of materials needed or that you can share and a contact phone number or email address.

Mahalo

This is the final edition of the HAPT newsletter that I will edit as my year as member-at-large is drawing to a close. I've enjoyed the challenges of the task and appreciated the opportunity to serve the HAPT membership. I look forward to turning over the reins to the incoming member-at-large and will provide them support, as I hope each of you will, during their tenure.

Aloha, Pam Medeiros



2002 - 2003 HAPT Board of Directors taking a break at the July 2003 HAPT board retreat; front to back: *Carla Sharp*, Treasurer; *Anita Trubitt*, Past-President; *Sue Bergman*, President; *Monica Evans*, Secretary; *Rebecca Rinehart*, President-Elect; and behind the camera: *Pam Medeiros*, Member-at-Large.

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