



THE HAWAII PLAY TIMES

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A MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT

Aloha!

Greetings and best wishes to all! The sun is again gracing our island paradise. I hope these last few days have brightened your spirits after all the rain, and that you and yours are safe and dry!!!

Hope many of you were able to attend our enlightening and highly successful annual conference with John Allan, Ph.D. and Mary Ann Pare. One of the incredible benefits of our membership in Hawaii Association for Play Therapy is our ability to see and hear presenters of that quality here in Honolulu.

Mahalo Nui Loa!

Such conferences don't just happen. It takes a year or more of hard work to figure everything out, straighten out problems, and put together all the details to put on a conference like this. It took the hard work, diplomacy, and attention to detail of two very talented individuals, our Conference chairs, Peggy Brandt and Pamela Matsuda with valuable help and mentorship from our past president, Sue Bergman. Help and wisdom also came from respected members Carla Sharp and Anita Trubitt. I want to thank them and all the many others who worked so hard to make this conference a success.

Thank you for your support of HAPT!! It's an honor to work with each of you and to represent you as best as I can. I look forward to seeing all of you at our semi-annual meeting and workshop, featuring Ilana Fernandez, Psy. D. which will be held on May 6th at the Ala Wai Golf clubhouse, 2nd floor.

HAPT provides opportunities for all of us to shine. I was a member for several years before I volunteered to be part of this great group of board members. You can do it, too. There are many positions available in our organization. Get involved, send in your nominations. Think

now about how you might use your unique talents as part of this group. You'll be glad you did!!
Bonnie Coutsourakis

Last Call for Nominations

The Nominating Committee is looking for interested members to run for the 2006-2007 Board of Directors. We welcome any of you who might be interested, to run for any of these positions:

President-Elect
 Treasurer
 Secretary
 Member-at-large

We have some nominees, but want to be sure that everyone who is interested gets one last opportunity to get their responses in if they haven't done so already. Please e-mail patriciakayeyuen@aol.com ASAP or call Pat at 839-4981.

Deadline for nominations is April 15, 2006.

Note: Elections will be coming up soon, so watch for your ballot and return it. New board members will take office in September.

Benefits of being on the HAPT Board:

Besides knowing that you are doing your part in supporting a very worthwhile organization that you have benefited from in the past, did you know that both your APT and your HAPT dues for the year are waived? On top of that, you get to attend our big conference in February for free (as well as the two mini-conferences in May and October)!! For a one year term, this translates into a \$75 free membership, and a \$190 fee waiver to attend the conference.

For the President-elect position, we're talking about a savings of \$225 on membership over the three years on the board, and approximately \$500 - \$600 saved in conference fees. In addition to these benefits, the president is entitled to a trip to the national APT conference, which is largely subsidized by HAPT.

HAPT works hard to support those who help keep the organization going, so please consider taking the plunge and signing up to run for office!

PLAY THERAPY SUPERVISION OPPORTUNITIES

We are now lucky enough to have three RPT-S's willing to provide play therapy supervision!!! [Carla Sharp, MS, APRN](#) will be ending her Wednesday evening supervisions in her playroom on May 3rd, but will continue providing group supervision on one Saturday per month from 9am to 12 pm beginning in July at a location to be announced. Contact her at 261-0066 or carlasharp@hawaii.rr.com.

[Rachelle Hansen, Psy.D., LCSW](#) will hold group supervision on Saturdays in her office in Wahiawa. Please contact her at 621-1820 or hansenr014@hawaii.rr.com.

[Teresa Shigemasa, MSCP, LMHC](#) will offer group supervision one Monday a month from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. These sessions will be held in Rachelle's office in Wahiawa. You can contact Theresa at 258-7658 or tshigema21@yahoo.com.

All group supervision will count toward play therapy certification.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Hawaii Attach Resource Connection 4th Annual Conference with Joanne May and Bill Goble, **April 17th** General conference at Dole Ballroom, and **April 18th** Advanced Seminar at First Baptist Church in Kailua. Please contact hiattach@yahoo.com.

Hawaii Counseling Association No Na 'Oihana Kokua Conference: Multidisciplinary Approaches in Counseling to Empower Individuals and Families, **April 29th** at Radisson Waikiki Prince Kuhio Hotel. Please contact Angela Smith, Conference Chair at (808) 349-1137 or SmithM859@hawaii.rr.com.

HAPT Workshop with Ilana Fernandez, Psy.D., May 6th, Integrating Parenting into the Play Therapy Process. 12:30p.m. at Ala Wai Clubhouse – free to HAPT members. This is also our semi-annual membership meeting, so we hope to see you there!

Newsletter Contributions Welcome

As always, we welcome contributions to the newsletter: letters to the editor; articles; tips or techniques that you have found helpful; announcements; resources; toys wanted or for sale, etc., etc. Please contact member-at-large@hawaiiplaytherapy.net

Reminders:

HAPT members are welcome to put text ads in the HAPT newsletter. E-mail member-at-large@hawaiiplaytherapy.net.

RPT and RPT-S members with web sites are welcome to link from the HAPT website to their own personal websites. For information, contact Scott O'Neal at webhead@hawaiiplaytherapy.net.

If you received this edition of the newsletter by regular mail and prefer to receive it by e-mail, send your name and e-mail address to member-at-large@hawaiiplaytherapy.net. To ensure that you receive all HAPT news in a timely manner, please inform us of any name or address changes. THANKS!!

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