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From Our President **Brenda Lovegrove-Lepisto**

I am pleased to write my first column as President of The Michigan Psychoanalytic Council, and I want to thank the membership for the opportunity to serve you and the field of psychoanalysis in this capacity. As I begin my tenure, I ask for your support in continuing what works well for MPC and transforming

aspects of the organization that could function better for our members. In reading previous editions of the MPC Newsletter beginning with the first issue, I noticed that through the years common themes there were the following common themes: improving communication among members, enhancing educational opportunities, reaching out to the community, and continuing to foster psychoanalytic understanding and thought continue. MPC is a dynamic, changing, yet stable organization.

In an effort to revitalize the organization, every three years MPC holds a retreat to conduct a self-study and socialize during one of the first weekends in June. This year I was sorry to miss the MPC Retreat that in the past I have found to be rewarding and invigorating. An opportunity to travel with my husband as he taught in Europe conflicted with this important gathering with the theme "Unity in Diversity." While I did not attend the retreat, I have heard that diverse opinions, beliefs, and ideas were presented and that unity emerged. The invigoration and growth that stemmed from a weekend of sharing ideas, thoughts and feelings continued with additional discussion groups planned where members continued to share their thoughts and feelings about MPC, their role in the organization, and ways to improve the functioning of our group. Encouraging diversity while maintaining unity preserves the founding members' vision 18 years ago of a dynamic and growing, yet unified and stable psychoanalytic organization.

The Michigan Psychoanalytic Council is nearing its 20th anniversary in 2009. This is a true testament to MPC's vision that multiple psychoanalytic perspectives can be nurtured within one institute. In fact, MPC flourishes in such an environment. As MPC expands to include a training program in child psychoanalysis to the existing training programs in psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic psychotherapy, we further diversify our experiences, training, and knowledge. At the risk of inadvertently leaving out someone and hoping not to read as an itemized account, I would like to recognize the diversity in our membership that contributes to the functioning of our training institute, reflecting the retreats' focus of unity in diversity.

Many psychoanalysts, candidates and members donate their time to educational activities and training in psychoanalysis. **Robert Hooberman**, the Vice President of Training and Certification led the way to a new, improved curriculum that will serve our members and candidates well in their training in psychoanalysis. Robert also initiates and arranges the Visiting Professor dinner each spring. **Ruth Rosenthal** continues to hold the position of Vice President for Certification. **Diane Burgermeister**, MPC Registrar, keeps track of all of the class participants and course registrations. The Professional and Community Development committee under **Karen Baker**, **Michele Rivette** and more recently **Pam Orosan-Weine's** leadership continues to evolve, offering classes and programs in Ann Arbor, Detroit, East Lansing, and Grand Rapids. **Hugh McPherson** and **Kay Pratt** coordinate the many and a sundry tasks of approving MPC courses for Continuing Education Credits for Social Workers. Our monthly meetings arranged by **Sue Zager**, the Vice President for Programs, continue to be well attended

and enjoyed by the greater professional community. **David Klein**, Past-President, developed the fine MPC Bulletin with diverse articles related to theory, technique and development as he effectively led MPC as President over the past two years. All of these professionals hold various psychoanalytic perspectives while working toward MPC's mission of psychoanalytic education.

Reaching out to the greater psychoanalytic community is also a function fulfilled by MPC. Over the years **Elizabeth Waless**, MPC Membership Chairperson, has arranged the meetings in East Lansing. **Shelia Wasung** perseveres publishing the MPC Newsletter twice a year, a task I know well to be as frustrating as it is gratifying. I have begun efforts to include Grand Rapids professionals' interest in psychoanalysis as **Sue Zager** and **Frank Sollers** expand the psychoanalytic community in the Detroit area. **Susan Boyd** in her role as MPC Treasurer has kept a diligent watch over our budget, allowing MPC to use funds wisely, promote programs for members and develop special projects. **Karen Baker**, MPC Fundraiser Chairperson, initiated the first President's Kick Off fundraiser. **Peter Wood** continues to improve our website (www.mpcpsa.org), a site I refer others who are interested in learning about our organization. Now he and **Reena Liberman** are exploring ways to make the website more interactive for teaching, discourse and disseminating information. Reena also developed Cinema Talk, a forum for viewing and discussing films in Ann Arbor. In the role of Recording Secretary **Diane Gartland** provides an accurate, timely, and thorough account of MPC Board meetings. Our Board minutes are posted monthly to the website.

Several of the founding members of our organization remain active: **Teresa Bernardez**, **Diane Drayson** (Past-President), **Ellen VanDeMark**, **Bert Karon** (Past-President), and **Scott Trylch** (Member-at-Large). **Diane Drayson** offers her wise perspective as MPC Past-President and founding member. She also arranges for us to hold our meetings at the Ann Arbor Women's City club, a beautiful, welcoming venue. **Murray Meisels**, a founding member of MPC and Past-President, continues to offer sound guidance along with the role of offering his wealth of experience in organizations and a thorough knowledge of parliamentary procedures. In fact, those members who have moved out of state remained involved in MPC: **Ed Gibeau**, **Sophie Lovinger**, **Marilyn Charles**, **Kathy Koepele**, and **Linda Sherby**.

Lynne Tenbusch, **Janet Robinson** and **Diane Drayson** graciously arranged this retreat. In preparation for MPC's self study, **Ellen Toronto** developed a survey to reflect upon our strengths and weaknesses as a training organization. At the Retreat **Peter Wood**, and **Teresa Bernardez**, facilitated a group designed to enhance communication and permit discussion and clarification of problems among members.

The incoming 2007-2008 MPC Board is comprised of a mixture of new and old faces: **Jerry Brandell** as President-elect, **Ruth Rosenthal** as Vice President for Certification, **Robert Hooberman** as Vice President for Training and Certification, **Karen Baker** as Vice President for Programs, **Diane Gartland** as Recording Secretary, **Mary Ann Stirling-Doherty** as Treasurer, **Art Brickman**, and **Elizabeth Waless** as Members-at-Large. Please feel free to contact them with suggestions, complaints, or observations about your experience in MPC. We welcome and need your input.

In addition to Board members and committee chairpersons, MPC psychoanalytic candidates, possessing varied psychoanalytic interests and orientations, formed a unified candidates' group, one that has promoted the educational interests of MPC. The position of MPC Ombudsperson was created and I filled the position until July 1.

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I welcome your comments and feed back about our newsletter and hope you feel free to do so, Email me or phone me with your suggestions.

About MPC

MPC is an interdisciplinary society for training and accreditation in psychoanalysis. There are two options for formal training for qualified individuals: a program in psychoanalysis and a program in psychoanalytic psychotherapy. The programs are based on the tripartite model of psychoanalytic education and feature (1) personal analysis or therapy, (2) supervision on treatment cases, and (3) coursework in theory and technique. Courses, monthly paper presentations, and special programs are offered in Ann Arbor, East Lansing, Detroit area and elsewhere.

The Objectives of MPC are:

- The study of psychoanalysis;
- The enhancement of public and scientific interest in psychoanalysis;
- The support of education and research programs in psychoanalysis;
- The establishment of standards and the certification of individuals qualified in psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic psychotherapy;
- The establishment of educational programs to train qualified individuals in psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic psychotherapy, and to award them a certificate upon graduation;
- The establishment of collaborative relations with other organizations with similar interests;
- The maintenance of a non-discriminatory policy regarding gender, race, age, religion, sexual orientation and ethnicity in membership and training.
- And additional objectives that the Council may pursue.

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Detroit -Metro Area Happenings

Franklin Sollars, Ph.D.

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Survey Committee Report

Ellen Toronto, Ph.D., Chair

serving as Progression Coordinator and Ombudsperson. Similarly, MPC analysts with various theoretical orientations ranging from ego psychology to object relations donate hours of their time to teach within our organization, without financial compensation I might add. MPC psychoanalysts reflect a diversity of theoretical orientations, each bringing a different perspective to training, discussions and presentations in MPC. Without the generosity of their knowledge and time, our institute would not be able to offer the fine psychoanalytic training and thoughtful presentations it has over the past 18 years.

In summary, MPC's success is due to its Founding Members' vision and the current members care of our institute. MPC fulfills a variety of roles and functions with a group of diverse professionals, all of whom value the study of psychoanalysis and all in their own ways contribute to the vitality of this organization. I ask that you join these members in whatever capacity to improve, expand, and diversify this fine organization. With your help, we can continue to stimulate new growth while solidifying the current structure of MPC. We need both the past and the present to continue MPC's successful place in the wider psychoanalytic community. I want to hear your observations, concerns, and suggestions. Together we can make MPC a more vital and vibrant psychoanalytic organization.



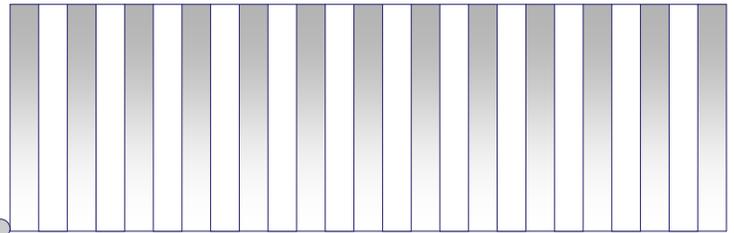
Calendar of Events for Winter: 2007

February 18, 2007— Jean Wixom, The Art of Escape: Transforming Enactments into Play in Ann Arbor at The Woman's City Club.

March 18, 2007— Elizabeth Waies, Treatment of Dissociative Identity Disorder: The Case Study of a Woman Who Witnessed Murder in Childhood in East Lansing at The University Club.

April 15, 2007— Julia Davies, When Selfishness isn't Selfish: Embracing "Self-ful" Desire in Detroit at Madonna University

May 20, 2007— Title TBA in Ann Arbor at The Women's City Club



Tri-annual Retreat

JUNE 1-3, 2007

THE HOMESTEAD

GLEN LAKE, MICHIGAN

Make sure you plan for this year's Tri-annual Retreat which will be held again at the Homestead Resort in Glen Arbor, Michigan. It is a beautiful and peaceful setting for working and for relaxing with the group. Remember, it is open for all to attend and we hope you will decide to join us.

Contact Lynne Tenbusch 734-973-3232 or Diane Drayson: 734-662-5717 for more details.

Member News and Notes

**Jerrold Brandell, Ph.D.,
Marilyn Charles, Ph.D**

Professional & Community Development Series

This course can be used for Continuing Education
Credits for Michigan Social Workers!!

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Kay J. Pratt, L.M.S.W.
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Our Cinema Talk Reena Liberman, M.S.



On the evening of November 10th, Cinema Talk launched its second year with the film *Separate Lies* by British director Julian Fellowes. Our meeting at Washtenaw Community College drew a diverse group of professionals and one University of Michigan social work student who found the MPC website via The Mental Health Networker website.

Separate Lies is about a married couple whose lives unravel when the wife pursues an affair. Anne Manning, played by Emily Watson, entered into the upper echelon of British life when she married barrister James Manning, played by Tom Wilkinson. Their lack of success at having children, James' devotion to his career marked by obsessive attention to detail and need for perfection, and Anne's boredom from his absence and lack of sociability, all contribute to Anne's need for something more in her life. Her resulting infidelity creates invidious complications in her life and those closest to her.

The film lays bare the downfall of a marriage, revealing two fractured people forced to realize that their bond cannot be rebuilt. James is absorbed by his work and treats Anne with a paternalistic air, controlling her with his criticisms and demands for perfection. Her toleration of the restriction she perhaps needed for many years erodes with James' lack of availability and her acquaintance with a man who is not only available but inured to transgressions. The story also develops around the housekeeper whose strength of conviction forces all the others to confront their own weaknesses.

This is seen when Anne becomes unleashed in her affair with Bill Buhl, played by Rupert Everett, particularly by his casualness and disregard. She describes this feeling while at a seaside resort during an initial attempt at reconciliation when she tells her husband how easy it is to be with Bill, to not have to inhibit her every move or worry about whether she is doing the right or wrong thing. But her newfound freedom, akin to a youthful recklessness, had already unraveled herself, James, and the foundation of their marriage. In the end, it's painfully apparent that the relationship is

over and that these transformed characters must leave behind the lives they had in order to build new ones.

The discussion further examined various symbolic meanings in order to understand the characters' history and traits. We explored how the marriage's disintegration gives each the opportunity for personal discovery, self-integration and wholeness, or at the very least a chance to realize what they had lost while trying to make their relationship work. We speculated about the way gender roles influenced their decisions and actions, and how the multiple meanings of relatedness emerged as stories about each character were unveiled.

Cinema Talk will continue to show movies that represent various cultures and subcultures and to illustrate how filmmakers are using the medium of film to describe the human experience. We invite

Welcome New Members

Janice Baker, M.S.W.

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Gail Vanlangen, Ph.D.

Candidate's Corner

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Update on Social Work Continuing Education

Hugh McPherson, M.S.W.

Responding to recent changes in the licensing and continuing education requirements for social workers, MPC applied for an "unlimited status" as a continuing education provider with the Michigan Social Work CE Collaborative in May 2006. This application was approved in early June and we began advertising our educational program through various publications during the summer. Seeing a need for an entry-level course for prospective students who have little background in psychodynamic theory, a 15 hour course titled "Introduction to Psychoanalytic Theory & Practice" was also created and advertised through our Professional &

Community Development program.

We have now completed our fall semester of courses and are not quite sure as to how to interpret the statistics related to social worker response to our programming and advertising efforts. Twelve social workers who attended our PCD and Education & Training classes this fall have asked for CE credit. Four of these were those who participated in our new introductory class. As we have not examined the question of social worker participation before, we are not able to compare this new information with any previous enrollment figures.

As there are several thousand clinical social workers in the Detroit Metro, Ann Arbor, East Lansing/Grand Rapids areas who now are required (beginning with 2006) to document 45 hours of continuing education during a three year cycle, we can only expect the number of social workers taking our courses to increase. In anticipation of this obvious trend, it will be proposed to the MPC Board early next year that the "Introduction to Psychoanalytic Theory" course be offered every year on a rotating basis between Ann Arbor, Birmingham & East Lansing. If approved, the introductory course would be next offered in the fall of 2007 in either Birmingham or East Lansing. It is also expected that MPC will continue to promote its educational programs to social workers as an approved provider of social worker CE credit in the years to come.

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