

# MIAPT Newsletter

SAVE THE DATE: October 17, 2014  
West Regional Workshop- Grand Rapids  
Christine Davis Zouaoui



## A Message from the Presidents

Welcome to Fall! The leaves are starting to turn shades of red, yellow and brown along with the dark green of our evergreen trees creating a beautiful landscape. We want to welcome **Jason Clanton** of Jackson, MI as our President Elect and **Ana Ashton** of Milan, MI as our Director at Large to our MIAPT Board. You will be hearing from Jason shortly as he serves as Chair of our Nominations & Elections Committee. As Director at Large Ana chairs the Networking Committee.

In September Elizabeth Danowski resigned her position of President Elect (which now would be President) due to family and health issues. At our recent MIAPT Board meeting held on Thursday, September 25, 2014 the Board elected Victoria Fitton and Kay Hannah as Co-Presidents through the end of February 28, 2015. At that time Jason Clanton, our current President Elect, will complete the term through September 30, 2015 and assume his elected position of President beginning October 1, 2015.

## Board of Directors

Co-Presidents	M. Kay Hannah Victoria Fitton
President-Elect	Jason Clanton
Past President	Kay Hannah
Secretary	Carmen Baldus
Treasurer	Heidi Weipert
Director at Large	Ana Ashton
Administrative Assistant	Angela Fitton

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Have you registered for the West Regional Workshop to be held in Grand Rapids on Friday, October 17? Our presenter will be Christine Davis Zouaoui, LPC. Her topic is *Mask Making: Engaging Resistant Adolescents & Adults Using Play & Art Therapy*. She has been a popular speaker at several of our annual conferences. You can register at [www.miapt.org](http://www.miapt.org).

Save the dates Friday and Saturday, February 20-21, 2015 for our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Play Therapy Conference. You won't want to miss our keynote speaker, Linda Homeyer, Ph.D., LPC-S, RPT-S!

Victoria Fitton and Kay Hannah



## Networking Update

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Are you participating in a local play therapy networking group? This is an opportunity to share ideas and techniques with other play therapists. The current networking groups and contact information is listed below:

- **Upper Peninsula** - contact Jennifer Olmstead - [jolmstead100@gmail.com](mailto:jolmstead100@gmail.com)
- **Northern Michigan** - contact Earlene Blevins - [Blevins.earlene@gmail.com](mailto:Blevins.earlene@gmail.com)
- **West Central Michigan** - contact Jesilee Bonofiglio - [jbonofiglio460@yahoo.com](mailto:jbonofiglio460@yahoo.com) or Amanda Shaneberger - [ashaneberger@hotmail.com](mailto:ashaneberger@hotmail.com)
- **Central Michigan** - contact Julie Horvath - [jhorvath460@earthlink.net](mailto:jhorvath460@earthlink.net)
- **Southeast Michigan** - contact Laura Hutchinson - [playdr@gmail.com](mailto:playdr@gmail.com)
- **Southwest Michigan** - contact Lindsay South - [lsouth@charter.net](mailto:lsouth@charter.net)

The MIAPT Director at Large serves as the networking chair. We welcome Ana Ashton as our new Director at Large. Would you like to start a new networking group? Contact Ana Ashton at [ana.k.ashton@gmail.com](mailto:ana.k.ashton@gmail.com). A reminder to network contact persons that each networking group has been allocated \$50 per fiscal year (October 1 - September 30) by the MIAPT Board. Receipts for reimbursement should be sent to Ana Ashton.

# Upcoming Play Therapy Trainings

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**October 25** - Using Sandtray Play Therapy with Children, Adolescents and Adults - Traverse City, MI, contact Elizabeth Thompson at 231-946-9740 or [fasthorses@charter.net](mailto:fasthorses@charter.net).

**November 3** - Trauma-Informed Mindfulness and Trauma-Informed Classroom Practices - Clinton Township, MI, contact TLC at [www.starr.org](http://www.starr.org).

**November 6-9** - Expressive Therapies Summit - New York City, for registration and full program contact [www.expressivetherapiessummit.CO3](http://www.expressivetherapiessummit.CO3). (Chairperson - Eliana Gil)

**November 10-13** - Level One Theraplay Training - Evanston, IL, contact The Theraplay Institute at 847-256-7334 or [www.theraplay.org](http://www.theraplay.org).

**November 14** - 2014 Play Therapy Fall Conference - George Fox University, Portland, OR, contact Jenelle Freitag at 503-554-6104 or [playtherapy@georgefox.edu](mailto:playtherapy@georgefox.edu).

**November 14-15** - An Exploration of Trauma and Healing Pathways from the Viewpoint of Interpersonal Neurobiology (Bonnie Badenoch) - East Lansing, MI, register at [www.socialwork.msu.edu/ceu/register.php](http://www.socialwork.msu.edu/ceu/register.php).

**December 1** - Sunshine Circles Training - Evanston, IL, contact The Theraplay Institute at 847-256-7334 or 847-256-7334 or [www.theraplay.org](http://www.theraplay.org).

**December 2-3** - Marschak Interaction Method Skills Development - Evanston, IL, contact The Theraplay Institute at 847-256-7334 or [www.theraplay.org](http://www.theraplay.org).

**December 8** - What is Theraplay? An Overview Seminar for Professionals - Evanston, IL, contact The Theraplay Institute at 847-256-7334 or



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# REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

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## 2014 Elections

In accordance with MIAPT Bylaws, nominations are being called to fill the following positions. Elections are held before the February conference and terms begin October 1, 2014.

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### **PRESIDENT ELECT** (3-year term: 1<sup>st</sup> as President Elect, 2<sup>nd</sup> as President, 3<sup>rd</sup> as Past President)

#### *Duties include:*

- Preside in the absence of the President.
- Serve as chair of the Nominations and Election Committee.
- Become President of the Association after one year or upon the death or resignation of the President and fulfill the duties of the President.
- Become Past President after the second year and fulfill duties of that position.

#### *Qualifications:*

- Membership in APT/MIAPT for a minimum of one year.
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### **SECRETARY** (2-year term)

#### *Duties include:*

- Accurately record the events and information at official association meetings.
- Maintain official records.
- Write official correspondence.
- Notify all members in writing of all meetings as required by the Bylaws.
- Maintain historical records and maintain a file of minutes from committee meetings.
- Send a follow-up renewal notice to any member who is two (2) months late in renewing membership.

#### *Qualifications:*

- Membership in APT/MIAPT for a minimum of one year.
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### **2 Candidates for NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE** (2-year terms)

#### *Duties include:*

- Prepare a list of candidates for offices and present to membership.
- Review the nominations and validate eligibility and present to membership.
- Count the ballots received and present to membership.

#### *Qualifications:*

- Membership in APT/ MIAPT for a minimum of one year.
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**\*On the following form please submit your recommendations for nominees. You may nominate yourself or others who are willing to serve on the Board of the Michigan Association for Play Therapy.**

**NOMINATIONS FOR 2014 ELECTION**

**PRESIDENT ELECT** (three year term)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

**SECRETARY** (two year term)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE** (two year term)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

You may submit as many names as you wish. It is recommended that you inform the person you are nominating prior to submitting his/her name to the committee. Nominations may be made by mail, email or by fax and **must be received by November 30, 2014.**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of MIAPT member)

Mail completed form to:

Jason Clanton, MA, LLP, RTP  
MIAPT Nominations and Elections Committee  
860 Springcrest Blvd.  
Jackson, MI 49203

Email completed form to: [jclanton@integroservices.net](mailto:jclanton@integroservices.net)

PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS TO: Jason Clanton: Cell: 616-915-3638

**THANK YOU!!!**

Your Nominations and Elections Committee: Jesilee Bonofiglio, Marlene Kuzee, Diana Stekete, Jaqueline Titus, Sandy Schuester, Martha Shuberg and Jason Clanton, Chair

## Save the Dates: February 20-21, 2015

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Linda Homeyer, Ph.D., LPCS, RPT-S will be the Friday Keynote Speaker for our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Play Therapy Conference to be held at the Lansing Community College West Campus. The title of her keynote is Playing Across the Ages: Sandtray Therapy for Everyone! Her keynote will include identifying typical sandtrays of different developmental ages, guidelines for using sandtray therapy with clients across the lifespan, specific miniatures which are useful for various life stages, and developmental and related neuropsychological considerations. Dr. Homeyer will also be presenting an all day Saturday workshop- Where Do I Go From Here: Advanced Sandtray Therapy for the Play Therapist.

Dr. Homeyer is a Professor in the Professional Counseling Program at Texas State University where she serves as chair of the Department of Counseling, Leadership, Education and School Psychology. She has been an active member and has served on the Board of Directions as well as President of both the Association for Play Therapy and the Texas Association for Play Therapy. In addition she teaches internationally (India, Malaysia, South Africa, Australia, Mexico, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, and Taiwan) and is a frequent conference speaker throughout the United States. Dr. Homeyer co-authored Sandtray; A Practical Manual, The Handbook of Group Play Therapy; Play Therapy Interventions with Children's Problems; and The World of Play Therapy Literature in addition to many book chapters and journal articles. Her work has been translated into Chinese, Russian, Korean and Spanish.

## MIAPT Website- Attention!!

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Have you checked out our MIAPT Website ([www.miapt.org](http://www.miapt.org)) recently? Have you **submitted** your individual professional information so that you are listed in the Membership Directory? It takes less than 5 minutes! Simply go to the website, click on Membership at the top of the page, then click on Submit a Listing and enter your information. You can also put in a picture of yourself!

The website also contains copies of our newsletters, conferences/workshops, and networking information. We hope to see your listing in the MIAPT website the next time we check out the website!

# 2015 Outstanding Achievement Award in Play Therapy

To be awarded at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual MIAPT Conference in Lansing in February 2015

**Purpose:** To recognize a Michigan play therapist(s) who has impacted the field of play therapy through innovative or advancement in practice, training/teaching or scholarship.

<p><b>Eligibility:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health Professional with a minimum of a Master's Degree.</li> <li>• Currently practicing or retired.</li> <li>• Current member of APT and MIAPT</li> <li>• Resident of the State of Michigan.</li> <li>• Member in good standing, or in good standing at retirement of a professional association in their field (e.g. APA, ACA, NASW, ASMC, APT)</li> <li>• Hold a current, or held at retirement, a MI State License/registrations/certification in their field</li> </ul> <p><b>Who can Nominate:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play Therapist</li> <li>• Mental Health Professional</li> <li>• Administrators</li> <li>• Parents</li> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• Training/teaching models</li> </ul>	<p><b>Criteria:</b></p> <p><b><i>The nominee should...</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possess the personal qualities thought to be desirable in a play therapist.</li> <li>• Demonstrate outstanding leadership skills.</li> <li>• Exemplify the values and ethics of their professional discipline</li> </ul> <p><b><i>The nominee must have been responsible for innovations or advancements in play therapy that have...</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Either expanded or enhanced direct service to children and families,</li> <li>• Expanded knowledge of play therapy to the profession or community and</li> <li>• Taken place within five years prior to the date of nominations.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>The nominee's achievement may be evidenced by one or more of the following...</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community leadership</li> <li>• Direct practice techniques and methods</li> <li>• Published scholastic work</li> <li>• Community recognition</li> </ul>
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**2015 Awards Nomination Form**

Name/Title of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person submitting Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Complete this application form. Use the award criteria as a guideline. Attach the following supporting documentation: 1) a letter of no more than 500 words describing the nominee's contribution to the field(s), 2) a Curriculum Vitae/Resume of the nominee, 3) additional letter(s): a minimum of one but no more than three letters in support of the nomination (these can be from supervisors, administrators, parents, colleagues, students, etc.), 4) a photo of the nominee and, 5) any additional documentation such as news clips, programs, or training brochures/description review, etc. Additional supporting documentation (#5) is strongly encouraged.

**Submission Deadline is January 15, 2015.** Mail nomination form and supporting documentation to: Carmen Baldus, 7800 S. River Ridge Rd., Newago, MI 49337 or email all information to [carmenbaldus@gmail.com](mailto:carmenbaldus@gmail.com).

\*\*\*\*NOMINATIONS MUST HAVE COMPLETE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (#'s 1 - 4) TO BE CONSIDERED\*\*\*\*



# Suggested Books for Children: New Baby

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- Adler, S. (2014). *It's a Baby!* Independent Publishing: Create Space.
- Alexander, M. G. (2006). *When the New Baby Comes, I'm Moving Out*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge Publishing. Ages 4-8
- Ballard, R. (2002). *I Used to Be the Baby*. New York, NY: Greenwillow Books.
- Berenstain, S. & Berenstain, J. (1974). *The Berenstain Bears' New Baby*. New York, NY: Random House.
- Berenstain, S. & Berenstain, J. (2000). *The Berenstain Bears' and Baby Makes Five*. New York, NY: Random House.
- Burmingham, J. & Oxenbury, H. (2010). *There's Going to Be a Baby*. Sommerville, MA: Candlewick Press.
- Christianson, L. (2000). *The Wonderful Way that Babies Are Made*. Seattle, WA: Bethany Backyard.
- Cole, J. (1999). *The New Baby at Your House*. New York, NY: Morrow Junior Books.
- Cole, J. (1997). *I'm a Big Brother*. New York, NY: Harper Festival.
- Cole, J. (1997). *I'm a Big Sister*. New York, NY: Harper Collins Children's Books.
- Danzig, D. (2009). *Babies Don't Eat Pizza: A Big Kids' Book about Baby Brothers and Baby Sisters*. New York, NY: Dutton Children's Books.
- Drummond, R. & deGroat, D. (2014). *Charlie and the New Baby*. New York, NY: Harper Collins.
- Fuller, R. (2009). *My New Baby*. Auburn, ME: Child's Play International.
- Gaydos, N. (2010). *Now I'm Growing! I'm a New Big Brother: Little Steps for Big Kids*. Innovative Kids.
- Gaydos, N. (2010). *Now I'm Growing! I'm a New Big Sister: Little Steps for Big Kids*. Innovative Kids.
- Higginson, S. S. & Willims, S. (2012). *You're Getting a Baby Brother!* New York, NY: Simon & Schuster, Inc.
- Katz, K. (2006). *Best-Ever Big Sister*. New York, NY: Grosset & Dunlap.
- Mayer, M. (2001). *The New Baby*. New York, NY: A Golden Book.
- Menendez-Aponte, E. (2005). *A New Baby is Coming! A Guide for a Big Brother or Sister*. St. Meinrad, IN: Abbey Press.
- Manushkin, F. & Richards, K. (2012). *Big Brothers Are the Best*. North Mankato, MN: Picture Window Books.
- Murkoff, H. (2001). *What to Expect When the New Baby Comes Home*. New York, NY: Harper Collins.
- Rockwell, L. (2000). *Hello Baby!* Decorah, IA: Dragonfly Books.
- Sears, W., Sears, M., & Kelly, C. W. (2001). *Baby on the Way*. Singapore: Sears Children Library.
- Spinelli, E. (1998). *When Mama Come Home Tonight*. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.
- Ziefert, H. (1998). *Waiting for Baby*. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company.