

An Update from the President...

Dear Members of IL-APT, Illinois was represented at the 26th Annual International Conference by 13 members in attendance. It was an exciting conference with opportunities to connect with colleagues old and new. One of the most exciting evenings at the conference was the night the Foundation Raffle was held. While Illinois had initially planned to provide a gift basket for the Foundation Raffle to help raise money for Play Therapy Research grants, we were unable to do so due to some unforeseen circumstances. Despite this our members were out in full force purchasing raffle tickets that helped raise over \$3300, including our Vice President, Mary Alice Wentling who won the basket sponsored by Virginia and our Secretary, Erin Brumfield Grima, who won the New Mexico Basket!

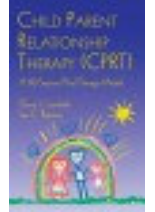
It was an honor to accept the Gold Branch Honors Certificate for our Branch at the conference. This was the first time that Illinois received this honor and we hope it is just the first of many! Our branch focus has been to work toward exceeding not only our charter agreement but also Gold Branch standards. So far this year we are well on our way to completing 3 promotional events, increasing

communication among members and, most importantly, increasing the number of play therapy continuing education hours we provide. Since April 1, 2009 we have already provided 21 hours and have another 22 hours scheduled.

While we are well on our way in many areas toward maintaining our Gold Branch status, the economy is clearly beginning to impact our branch membership. Typically the goal is that we must increase our professional membership by 5% based upon the number of professional members in our branch on March 31st of the previous year. Last year APT waived this requirement and asked that we maintain the number of professional members and have decided to do the same for this year. We need your help to not only maintain your membership but also encourage other mental health professionals to join our organization. Our magic number is 98 professional members by March 31, 2010 (we are currently at 86 members). Don't forget to sponsor new members so that you can earn APT bucks that can be used online at www.a4pt.org at the bookstore, towards your dues/fees, or be saved to use at next years conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

Take care,
Gloria M. Cockerill, MA, LCSW,
Registered Play Therapist –
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2010 Annual Conference



Save the Date!!!

Our Annual Conference is set for **March 4-5, 2010**. We will host Dr. Garry Landreth presenting CPRT! Our Conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel Schaumburg. We hope to have the brochure up on our website and out to members within the coming weeks. For up-to-date information please continue to check our website regularly at www.ilapt.com.

Mark your Calendars...

Next Meeting

The next meeting of IL-APT will be held on **Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 1pm**. Thank you to member Simone Schmale for hosting our upcoming meeting at her offices located at **650 E. Diehl Road, Ste 121, Naperville, Illinois 60563**. If you have trouble entering the building please call **Gloria Cockerill at 708-476-0692**. **All members welcome.**

Conference Surveys Due

Oct. 23

Whether you attended the 26th Annual International Conference or not, APT wants your feedback to assist as they plan future conferences. You can complete the survey at www.a4pt.org.

Upcoming Trainings

**November 10th -
13th, 2009**

The Theraplay Institute will be presenting Introductory Theraplay and Marschak Interaction Method in Chicago. Please visit the training directory at www.a4pt.org or The Theraplay Institute website at www.theraplay.org

November 11th, 2009

“Beyond the Angst: Engaging Adolescents Through Play Based Activities” presented by Amy Baur, LCSW, RPT-S and Gloria M. Cockerill, LCSW, RPT-S at Twin Cities Behavioral Health in Normal, Illinois. For additional details please visit the training directory at www.a4pt.org or our branch website at www.ilapt.com.

**November 14th-15th,
2009**

We will be cosponsoring a training event at Argosy University entitled **Narrative Storytelling: Facilitating Secure Attachments** presented by Drs. Kathryn Jacobi and Myra Lawrence. This training event will be presented in two parts. Participants may attend one or both sessions. For additional details please visit the training directory at www.a4pt.org or our branch website at www.ilapt.com.



The Illinois Association for Play Therapy can now be found on Facebook. Please feel free to check it out. Amy Baur will serve as the moderator of the page. The page will be accessible to members and non members alike interested in learning and knowing more about Play therapy. If you have questions and/or suggestions please email Amy at baurhofer@comcast.net.



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**“It is a happy
talent to
know how to
play.”**

**- Ralph Waldo
Emerson**

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