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NEUROPATHIC PAIN

ALAN

KOENIGSBERG, MD

CCPA members are always impressed with how Alan can inform of us with relevant issues in psychopharmacology! This meeting was no exception and most wished we had longer to listen. Alan is unique in his

blend of humor and medication management! Issues of pain management were illustrated with case examples.



The Holiday Social was another great success with humor, sharing, and lots of good food! Thank you all for your contributions. We sang the "Twelve Days" as a group activity to much levity and the gift exchange

prompted much bartering and negotiation! The hot items were a "Singing Frog" and a battery powered toilet brush! How is it working, Gordon? Be sure to join us next year!



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FUTURE MEETINGS:

- 1/27—SEXUAL ABUSE
Southfork
Hotel 12 Noon
- 2/24—BILLING & ETHICS
Southfork
Hotel 12 Noon
- 4/28—INTIMACY JUNGLE
Southfork
Hotel 12 Noon

"Sexual Abuse"

1/27—12 NOON Ψ Stephanie Thurston, PhD

Please attend and bring a friend!

Our meetings are a great time to network!

UPCOMING MEETINGS—SCHEDULE THESE NOW!

Our monthly meetings are held from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. on the 4th Friday of each month at the Southfork Hotel Plano, unless otherwise specified. The Southfork Hotel is on the east side of 75, 1 block north of 15th Street in Plano. Meetings are usually held in the Hackberry room. Members may order lunch from the menu, or just enjoy the presentation. 1.5 CEU credits are given to members for attending the meeting.

**January 27—Trauma Program—
Timberlawn Staff—12 Noon, Southfork
Hotel Plano**

**February 24—Billing & Ethics— JLD
Staff—12 Noon, Southfork Hotel Plano**

**March 24— To be announced! 12 Noon,
Southfork Hotel Plano**

**April 28— T. Parsons, PhD—Intimacy
Jungle 12 Noon, Southfork Hotel Plano**

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR REFERRAL INFO.
ON www.psychselect.com/ccpa! We try to
keep it up to date, but we need you to verify your
location and phone info. Remember you
need to be current on dues to be listed!**

OPPORTUNITIES!

Office Space

Several large offices with waiting area available . Located in Richardson near UTD. Office with other mental health professionals. Contact: Frank Wichern (972) 234-3178

West Plano 2300 sq. ft. office condominium has two spaces for lease to mental health professionals. The smaller office is about 172 sq. ft. in area and faces onto an eastern courtyard. The larger office has about 272 sq.ft. and has eastern and northern windows, a skylight, and built-in cabinets. Both have internet connections, phone hookups, recessed lighting, and soundproofing. The suite itself has a very nice and spacious waiting room, a nice admin area, file storage, a kitchenette, and interior restrooms for clients and staff. A separate exit is also provided for client and staff use. Free parking and easy access to all parts of the Metroplex are added features of this location. Please call Tom Van Hoose for more details at 972-250-2919.

West central plano office for lease one bk. s. of medical center of plano on coit rd., approx. 200 sq.ft. office and w.r., b.r., furnished; ALL INCLUSIVE w/ tel. and long distance, fax, frig., copier. meals not included though I may be able to help some with referrals. \$650/mo. Contact Dan Cox at 972-596-5960

Services -Groups

Gordon Sauer currently has groups running for 5th grade girls, 5th grade boys, 3rd grade boys, 7th grade boys and 10th grade boys. Contact Gordon at Gsauerphd@aol.com

Billing

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LET THIS SPACE WORK FOR YOU! Advertise your specialty or service so our members can refer or utilize it! Send to: wichern@att.net

CCPA PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: Greetings CCPA members!

January 2006



Happy New Year! I wish all of us an abundant and nourishing 2006, and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. Several of you have mentioned, and I agree, it seems like our last meeting was many months ago, and at the same time last week... but so much has happened.

Many of you were at the October presentation by Dr. Koenigsberg on "Neuropathic Pain", that was both informative and enjoyable. I had the pleasure of representing CCPA at the 2005 Annual TPA Convention in Houston. And it was truly a pleasure. I have attended each year since my relocation to Texas, but this year the convention seemed to have more clinician useful information and with fewer irritations than my previous four. A warm and heart felt thank you to the convention staff for making it so. {Also a heads-up that the convention is in Dallas next year. I am getting involved with the planning staff, and I would be happy to pass along any information or requests.} Our Holiday Party was an enjoyable event. It served as an opportunity to acknowledge Bob Weiner's contribution to CCPA, share good food and great fellowship, as well as having a bit of musical fun. {For those interested, a frog has now replaced Freud as the prized exchange item.}

I would also like to thank those of you who were willing to donate a clinical slot for the Katrina victims. To update you, the public service announcements were sent out to the media, but I have yet to see a response. Suggestions are welcome regarding ways that may be better suited public awareness.

Last, we are in the process of putting the 2006 presentation schedule together. Please let a board member know if you are interested in presenting, or if you have a specific area of interest we could attempt to address (or join us at a board meeting). I would wish 2006 to be fertile for what ever you wish to personally and professionally grow.

Respectfully;

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BOARD MEETINGS:

Please attend!

600 W. Campbell Rd #5,
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NOON – First Friday of month!

**PLEASE
RENEW YOUR
CCPA
MEMBERSHIP!**

**Application at:
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MENTOR'S CORNER: *CCPA encourages it's members to build profitable, ethical practices. These tips are timely and* we solicit your suggestions, recommendations and Questions!

WANTED! MENTORS

CCPA has had several new members who are wanting to build their practices. We are asking members who have established practices to serve as mentors to these folks who need guidance and encouragement in developing profitable, ethical practices.

Please consider being a mentor!

Contact Frank Wichern: wichern@att.net

National Provider Identifier (NPI)

By 5/23/07, all providers will need to acquire a National Provider Identifier (NPI) as required by HIPPA. You can apply for your NPI online now at <http://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>

In February, our meeting will be about billing. It will be a good time to bring in your experience with online billing. Aetna has recently opened their website for filing. It is particularly important to put your PIN# in box 33 of the HCFA 1500 form if you are filing paper claims, especially BC/BS. Some insurance companies have dropped certification requirements for some codes. Please share that information with your colleagues or email to: wichern@att.net

Finally, remember to check the TSBEP web site and newsletter regarding changes! Be sure to read the Summer 2005 newsletter about sunset changes. <http://www.tsbep.state.tx.us/>