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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Jean Underfer-Babalis, M.Ed./PCC
OCA President

"I must accomplish ordinary actions in an extraordinary way."

Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan

Humility, can best describe how I felt when Anita Jackson, a past president, called me two years ago to say that I had been nominated for the position of president-elect. In my wildest imagination, I would have never thought of becoming the president of anything, much less of the Ohio Counseling Association. Without a doubt, this is the preeminent professional honor I have ever experienced. It has been an immense privilege and pleasure to serve you. Thank you! I am not going to bore you with all that has occurred in the last year, except to say that vast strides have been achieved by OCA as a whole. If you wish to have details, please consult my reports or the

meeting minutes on the web site.

Passionate is how I feel about counseling and the welfare of our clients. I want every client to come away "better" for having received counseling services. I want every counselor to strive to be the best counselor they can be. Aspirational counseling is a term that OCA member Jason McGloghlin used at the February Ohio Association for Counselor Educators and Supervisors (OACES) meeting. That term fit my philosophy perfectly. Ordinary is how I perceive myself, in general, but most assuredly as a counselor. Extraordinary is how I approach my counseling and treatment of clients. My intention for every client is optimal healing and health; some refer to this as "wholeness". Aspirational counseling is my desire for every professional (clinical) counselor or school counselor. Reach for the best as a counselor. Be involved in professional activities and organizations. Volunteer to sit at the registration table at a workshop. Write an article for this newsletter or one of the division newsletters. Agree to perform some task, no matter how small or large, that will benefit the counseling profession. Assuredly your clients or students will benefit from your effort. This is somewhat of an ecological perspective. One small action will have a significant impact on all that surrounds the act.

This reminds me of a story/legend. A young man was sitting around a roaring fire with a monk. The young man declared that he did not need religion or rituals to worship God. He could worship God without religion. He preferred a personal and private relationship with God. This wise monk took one of the brightest and most vibrant burning embers and placed it away from the other burning embers. After some time had

passed the ember's flame became a glow, and then was extinguished. The young man looked at the monk and questioned him. The monk replied that our relationship with God fades then dies when we remove ourselves from other believers and do not interact and share. This is how I see the profession of counseling, when counselors regularly interact and associate with other counselors their counseling skills and practice thrives. However, when a counselor is isolated and does not come to the fire (professional activities) their flame (skills and knowledge) fades and eventually dies.

Serving OCA has been my primary intention this past year, and hopefully, I have realized that intention. Serving OCA will continue to be an essential element in my professional life. One means of serving is my establishment of the Underfer Leadership Scholarship that I founded in honor of my father, Jerry Underfer, Ph.D., and in memory of my mother, Jane Underfer. My parents were the first to model professional leadership in my life. Both of my parents were passionate about their professions and served their professional organizations well. For more details on this scholarship see "Leaving a Legacy" on page 4 in this issue.

Lobbying efforts have been paramount this past year and OCA has played a vital part in HB 225, which passed through the state House of Representatives and is now in the state Senate (see the State House Report on page 2). Energy was spent addressing other lobbying efforts that are outlined or were outlined in other government relations articles. Travel has also been a significant part of my repertoire on behalf of OCA. Numerous trips to Columbus (I cannot count

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them), Washington, DC in the fall, Kansas City, MO this spring and a few other destinations here in Ohio. I have been proud to represent Ohio and all of our current accomplishments as well as those of our predecessors. The issue of strengthening the professional identity for counselors is emerging and its momentum is on the rise. Consider what it means to you to be a counselor. Jane Goodman, Ph.D., former president of ACA, at the leadership training here in Ohio for OCA in July, 2000, said, "I have a dream. One day when I am on an airplane and the person next to me asks me what I do, and I say a counselor, they will know what that means." I share this dream with Dr. Goodman.



STATE HOUSE REPORT

Carolyn Towner and Kristy Smith

**Mental Health Parity
Legislation Referred to Senate
Insurance Committee**

House Bill 225, sponsored by State Representative Lynn Olman (R – Maumee), prohibits discrimination in group health care policies, contracts, and agreements in the coverage provided for the diagnosis, care, and treatment of mental illness. The Ohio House of Rep-

resentatives passed the bill on February 4, 2004. The bill has been referred to the Senate Insurance Committee.

All members of the Ohio Counseling Association are asked to contact their State Senators to urge their support for House Bill 225, the mental health parity legislation. If you do not know who your State Senator is, please visit the Ohio General Assembly's website at www.legislature.state.oh.us. You may contact your State Senator at the following address:

The Honorable _____
Ohio Senate
Statehouse – Senate Office Building
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4276

Dear Senator _____ :

**Rule Reinstates Counseling Services
for Adults Under CAFS Program**

The Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities has filed rule 5123:2-15-19 as an emergency rule effective April 5, 2004 to reinstate counseling and social work services for adults under the Community Alternative Funding System (CAFS) program so that the same service coverage exists for all eligible individuals. A rule that applied to both adult and children was rescinded on January 1, 2004 and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services adopted a rule at that time applicable to children. The service needs to be reinstated for adults in order to be compliant with the Medicaid state plan for habilitation center services.

In addition to the emergency rule, the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities filed the rule as a proposed rule with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review on April 6, 2004. This proposed rule will replace the emergency rule when it expires in ninety days.

**Amendment Makes Revisions to the
Chemical Dependency Professionals
Board Law**

Senate Bill 189, sponsored by State Senator Bill Harris, makes capital reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2006; makes certain supplemental and capital appropriations; and provides authorization and conditions

for the operation of state programs. The bill has been signed by the Governor and will become effective June 27, 2004.

As passed by the Senate Finance and Financial Institutions Committee, an amendment was included in the bill to make revisions to the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board law. The Ohio Counseling Association had requested changes to this amendment and the House Finance Committee incorporated those changes into the bill. As amended in the House and the Senate, the following changes were made to the law governing chemical dependency professionals:

- Expands the list of professionals who may supervise a registered applicant in the practice of alcohol and other drug prevention services to include an independent chemical dependency counselor, chemical dependency counselor III, or chemical dependency counselor II, a physician, a psychologist, a registered nurse, a licensed professional clinical counselor, a licensed professional counselor, a licensed independent social worker, or a licensed social worker, a school counselor licensed by the Ohio Department of Education, or a health education specialist certified by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing.
- Under the training provisions pertaining to diagnosing mental disorders, adds that a licensed independent chemical dependency counselor with at least a master's degree may provide the portion of the training on chemical dependency conditions.
- Specifies that a requirement for obtaining an independent chemical dependency counselor license is to hold at least a master's degree in behavioral sciences, thereby permitting individuals with a higher degree to qualify.



**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE –
LICENSURE PORTABILITY**

Carol Pohly and Louisa Foss

There's good news for those interested in licensure portability! The American

Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB), of which the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board is a member, has announced a proposal to assist in facilitating portability of licensure from one state to another. Under this proposal, AASCB will establish the AASCE National Credential Registry. Individual counselors who are already independently licensed by an AASCB member board will be able to apply to become a Registrant of the AASCB National Credential Registry. This process will include submitting evidence of educational background, longevity of licensure, supervisory experience, performance on an approved examination, evidence of continuing education, and freedom from disciplinary actions. If the counselor's application is accepted by the AASCB Credentialing Committee, the counselor will obtain the designation of Registrant, which will demonstrate to other state licensing boards that he/she has met AASCB recommended standards for licensure. This will not guarantee that the counselor will be accepted for licensure in another state or that there may not be further qualifications or fees which will need to be met. However, it will facilitate the process of portability, especially if the new state's board is a member board of AASCB. AASCB plans to encourage its member boards to accept the Registrant for licensure, although each state board still holds final jurisdiction over that decision.

One example of a possible glitch that might occur for a counselor who is moving into Ohio from another state is that Ohio's law requires applicants to have a degree in Counseling only. Some other states grant licensure to counselors who have a degree in a related field. According to Beth Farnsworth of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board, Ohio will not accept a degree in a related field.

If you think you may be moving to another state or know of someone who may move to Ohio, it would be useful to gather together copies of records in preparation for entering into this registration process. If you are not yet independently licensed, it may still be useful to apply to the AASCB National Credential Registry. There will be two tiers of registration available depending on the applicant's qualifications, and addi-

tional information will be able to be submitted to the AASCB Credentialing Committee for upgrade to the higher tier as qualifications are met.

An additional benefit to the establishment of this registration process is that it may enhance the movement toward more uniform licensing standards among states, which will strengthen the national recognition of the counseling profession.

Please remember that this is only a proposal. AASCB is still waiting for state boards to approve the proposal, so changes may occur as the process is finalized. You can contact AASCB on their website at <http://www.aascb.org>. In addition, Beth Farnsworth serves as Ohio's representative to that board, so she is also an available resource.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Dana Heller Levitt on her recent election as Ohio Counseling Association's President-Elect for the 2004-2005 term. Many thanks to our candidates and to all who voted.



NEW OCSWMFT BOARD MEMBER, JAN WHITE

Tracy C. Leinbaug, Ph.D., Editor

Jan White is the newest member of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board. He was born and raised in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is a 1971 graduate of The Ohio State University with a B.A. in Sociology and a 1977 graduate of Xavier

University with a M.S. in Corrections. After spending three years with the Buffalo Bills' organization, Jan decided to retire from professional football and pursue his true life's mission of working with at-risk youth. He worked three years with the Ohio Department of Youth Services before being recruited by Judge Robert Hagler to work with the youth in Greene County. He has been employed by Greene County Juvenile Court since January, 1976, and initially served as a probation counselor prior to his appointment as administrator of court services. He now works under the guidance and philosophy of Judge Robert W. Hutcheson.

Jan has been a licensed counselor for the State of Ohio since January, 1988. He is currently on the professional advisory council for Wright State University and Cedarville University. He is an active member of the Ohio Urban Juvenile Court Administrator's Association and the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice. He has served as practicum supervisor/field instructor for students from The Ohio State University, Sinclair Community College, Clark State Community College, Central State University, Antioch University, Wright State University, Cedarville University, and Wilmington College. He is presently the vice-president of the Board of Directors for Greene County Y.M.C.A. Additionally, Jan is a member of the OSU Varsity "O" Alumni Association Board.

Jan and his wife, Carolyn (also an OSU Alum) have two children, Jamie, 23, and Brandi, 21. Jamie is a graduate of the University of Dayton with degree in Industrial Engineering. Brandi is a junior at The Ohio State University majoring in Psychology.



ACA INSURANCE TRUST, INC.

Report to the American Counseling Association Governing Council
March 31 to April 1, 2004
Paul Nelson, Executive Director
Loretta Bradley, Chair

The main revenue source for ACAIT is the professional liability insurance program, which is now administered by Healthcare Providers Service Organization. The conversion to a new program is not meeting expectations, and several

steps are being taken to reduce expenses so that the royalty flow to ACA can continue at the level of recent years. It will take time to restore this program to the level it enjoyed prior to the financial collapse of The Reciprocal Alliance, the insurance company previously covering participating ACA members.

ACAIT staff plays a significant role in preserving and promoting ACA memberships. Hundreds of calls come in each month from individuals inquiring about insurance. ACAIT staff reminds these callers of the importance of membership, and educates them concerning the information provided through ACA staff and publications.

HPSO has undertaken a massive marketing program that includes an offer to extend "prior acts" protection to every policyholder in the former program. Each participating ACA member has received at least two offerings concerning this issue. Also, HPSO has sent mailings to all active ACA members in an effort to recruit new participants. The ACAIT staff supplements the efforts of HPSO by conducting a telephone campaign to reach those participants who should take advantage of the offer to be covered for events that occurred while they had TRA insurance, but may be reported in the future. ACAIT staff has also provided information by way of articles and items for Counseling Today and other ACA publications, such as E-news.

ACAIT staff convinced HPSO to provide support to ACA by buying ad space in Counseling today and the Journal. They also obtained their agreement to purchase exhibit space at this conference. Dialogue between HPSO, ACA and ACAIT has resulted in other support to ACA in recent months.

ACAIT continues to work to provide other insurance products that are needed by the membership. These include among others, health insurance, long term care insurance, disability protection for self-employed professionals, and business owners policies for group practices.

The Trust met on April 4-5 to review additional steps that need to be taken to rebuild the programs and curtail costs.

Questions concerning the insurance programs may be addressed to pnelson.acait@counseling.org, or by calling 800-347-6647 extension 342. Mr. Nelson will respond and will forward these questions to the Trust chair and the Trust members, when indicated.



LEAVING A LEGACY

Jean Underfer-Babalis

Excitement is the best word I can use to describe this new venture! As an active member in the Ohio Counseling Association (OCA), I value leadership and have been active in OCA for more than a decade now. It is time to expand this sphere of leadership. At OCA's executive board meeting April 24, 2004, I established a new initiative for the organization. This initiative is to award scholarships and grants for the purpose of furthering the mission and strategic plan of OCA in regards to promoting leadership in the counseling profession.

Leadership started early in my own life with my parents being my first examples. My father, Jerry Underfer, Ph.D., shared with me his passion for his profession, a science teacher. Our family vacations revolved around the National Science Foundation's convention each year. My mother, Jane Underfer (deceased) also shared with me her devotion towards various ideals in regards to charity work and the dedication she had for her profession, real estate. This scholarship is dedicated to my parents and the ideals that my mother and father instilled in me: dedication, passion, values, faithfulness, loyalty and responsibility. Both my brother, John Underfer, and I have pursued our careers avidly and with enthusiasm. This scholarship fund will continue the legacy that began with my parents.

OCA has begun collecting monies to be packaged into scholarships for both students and professional members of OCA to assist them in participating in education, training, research and other related activities that will advance client welfare, strengthen the professional identity of counselors, and promote effective leadership. This scholarship fund will not only benefit the individual(s) that apply but will also benefit the profession and community as a whole. OCA mem-

bers will have the opportunity to secure monies for special projects related to leadership in the counseling field.

To promote this ideal, I have personally donated \$1000 to the Underfer Leadership Scholarship Fund for the purpose of aiding an OCA member that demonstrates leadership in the profession and the OCA organization. For the next ten years, I will contribute \$1,000 (until 2014), unless death proceeds me.

The scholarship fund is off to a remarkable start. The first applications will be determined by the awards' committee in the spring of 2005 and awarded at the All Ohio Counselors Conference in 2005. I'm asking those of you that appreciate giving money to worthwhile charitable opportunities to consider donating any sum of money, \$15, \$25, \$50, \$100 up to donating a complete student scholarship amount of \$500, \$1000, or \$2000. Your contribution is tax deductible due to OCA's status and is a marvelous method to promote leadership in Ohio.

OCA will publish your generosity in the *Guidelines* newsletter in the newly created "OCA Donor Roll" where the organization can begin to promote this new member benefit and the generosity of people like you. All checks should be made payable to OCA or the Ohio Counseling Association. All donations are tax deductible as OCA is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Peace to you,
Jean Underfer-Babalis, M.Ed./PCC



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COLLEGE OF CONTINUING
STUDIES and COLLEGE AND
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
EDUCATION
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SUMMER 2004**

Workshops marked CS are approved or are pending approval for continuing education contact hours from the Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board (RCS029601). Each workshop credit hour is equal to 15 contact hours.

CS Adolescent Depression and Suicide
MTWTh, July 19 – 22; 8:30 am – 4 pm
2 undergraduate/graduate credit hours

OHIO COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

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ThF, June 17 – 18; 8:30 am - 4 pm
1 undergraduate/graduate credit hour
Sandra Jones, instructor, ACHVE

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MT, Aug. 2 – 3; 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
1 undergraduate/graduate credit hour
Staff, Society for Prevention of Violence

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TWThF, June 15–18; 8:15 am - 4:30 pm
2 undergraduate/graduate credit hours
David Spencer, instructor, ACHVE

CS Counseling and Spirituality

MTTh, June 14 – 24; 4:30 - 8:30 pm
S, June 19; 9 am - 4 pm
2 undergraduate/graduate credit hours
Elliott Ingersoll, assistant professor,
Cleveland State University; instructor,
ACHVE

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MTWThF, July 12 – 16; 8:30 am - 4 pm
2 undergraduate/graduate credit hours
Sandra Jones, instructor, ACHVE

* *CS Counselor Supervision: The Active Experiential Approach*

T, May 25, June 1 and 8; 5:45 - 10 pm
1 graduate credit hour
Ansel Woldt, professor emeritus,
ACHVE

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S, July 10; 9 am - 6 pm
MW, July 12, 14, 19, 21; 5 - 9:30 pm
2 undergraduate/graduate credit hours
Holly Timberlake, instructor, ACHVE

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MTWThF, June 14 – 18; 9 am - 4 pm
2 undergraduate/graduate credit hours
Ansel Woldt, professor emeritus,
ACHVE

Ethical Fitness® Workshop

WTh, Aug. 18 – 19; 8:15 am - 4:15 pm
1 undergraduate/graduate credit hour
David Spencer, instructor, ACHVE

CS Family Dynamics: Correlation Between Family Experiences and Classroom Behavior

WTh, July 7 – 8; 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
1 undergraduate/graduate credit hour

Staff, Society for Prevention of Violence

* *CS Gestalt I: Experiential/Process Approach to Personal and Professional Development*

MTWThF, June 28–July 2; 9 am - 4 pm
2 undergraduate/graduate credit hours
Ansel Woldt, professor emeritus,
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* *CS Gestalt II: Advanced Gestalt/Experiential Workshop*

MTWThF, July 19 – 23; 9 am - 4 pm
2 undergraduate/graduate credit hours
Ansel Woldt, professor emeritus,
ACHVE

* *CS Gestalt Group Marathon*

Off-campus, Kent, OH
S, July 31; 8 am - midnight
1 undergraduate/graduate credit hour
Ansel Woldt, professor emeritus,
ACHVE

CS Getting Creative in Counseling

MWF, June 21 – 25; 9 am - 3 pm
1 graduate credit hour
Susan Paez, instructor, ACHVE

Meaning and Spirituality: Exploring the Sacred in Education and Social Services

FS, July 23, 24, 30, 31; 8:30 am–4:30 pm
2 undergraduate/graduate credit hour
Amy Quillin, instructor, ACHVE

CS Technology in the Helping Professions

FS, July 23 – 24; 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
1 undergraduate/graduate credit hour
David Delmonico, assistant professor,
Duquesne University; instructor,
ACHVE

CS Working Effectively With Parents

MTW, July 19 – 21; 9 am - 2 pm
1 undergraduate/graduate credit hour
Tiffany Peets and Michael Doney, instructors, ACHVE

To register or for complete descriptions of these workshops, please visit our web site at kentstatecontir.uinged.com or call 800-672-KSU2



CHAPTER & DIVISION NEWS

Eastern Ohio Counseling Association

The Eastern Ohio Counseling Association had a busy but eventful winter and spring. EOCA and Forum Health sponsored a Professional Ethics Workshop on January 9, 2004. Dr. Jan Gill-Wigal

from the Counseling Department at Youngstown State University was the speaker. Ninety area professionals attended the workshop.

On April 30, 2004, Eastern Ohio Counseling Association co-sponsored a workshop entitled "Working with Uncooperative Youth: Strategies for Fostering Motivation, Self Discipline and Resilience" with ACLD, Forum Health, and Prevention Partners Plus. Dr. Robert Brooks, co-author of *Raising Resilient Children* and a faculty member of Harvard Medical School, was the speaker

The EOCA Past Presidents were honored at the Spring Dinner meeting on May 17, 2004. Dr. Chris Faiver, Chairman of the Counseling Department at John Carroll University and an EOCA Past President, presented "The Last Lecture". The Dee Elias Award was presented to Past President Carrie Crawford for her long-term contributions to EOCA and the counseling community. Renee Miller from Youngstown State University received the Outstanding Student of the Year Award. Scott Baker, the 2004-2005 EOCA President, introduced his Executive Committee and Board members for the upcoming year.

EOCA is very excited to have its own website thanks to Scott Baker and Jennifer Jones. The address is <http://chdsw.educ.kent.edu/eoca/>.

Marjorie W. Erwine, Ph.D., LPCC
EOCA President

Southeastern Ohio Counseling Association

The Southeastern Ohio Counseling Association was well-represented at the American Counseling Association Conference in Kansas City in April. Not only were quite a few of our members in attendance, but several had presentations at the conference and four award winners are either members or past-members.

Presenters included: Kerry E. Sebera, Laurae Wartinger, Jake Protivak, Denise Pickering, and Tom Davis, *Promoting Effective Leadership in the Profession of Counseling: Sharing the Vision*; Cher N. Igelman, Tracy Leinbaugh, and Christine Suniti Bhat, *Infusing Cultural Awareness, Knowledge, and Skills into School Counselor Preparation Programs*; Denise Pickering and Kerry E.

Ohio Counseling Association Award Nomination Form

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NOMINEE

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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____ DAVE BROOKS AWARD

To one who has demonstrated a willingness to serve and take responsibility, while creating new paths in the counseling profession.

____ RESEARCH & WRITING AWARD

One who has demonstrated extraordinary research and writing ability, as evidenced by journal publications for the counseling profession.

____ HERMAN J. PETERS

To one who promotes innovative ideas and theories in the counseling field and has a significant impact on future trends.

____ PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION AWARD

One who has demonstrated excellent advocacy by engaging in meaningful lobbying on behalf of the counseling profession.

CHECK ONE

NOMINATION PROCEDURE: Please submit this form with a supporting statement of 250 words or less. Letters of support are also encouraged. Attach a brief biographical sketch or current vitae of nominee. Selection preference will first be given to Nominees who are current OCA members.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE MATERIALS TO:

Tim Luckhaupt

Ohio Counseling Association

8312 Willowbridge Place • Canal Winchester, OH. 43110

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DEADLINE IS JULY 16, 2004

Sebera, *The Transgender Client: Education and Treatment Issues*; Tracy Leinbaugh and Denise Pickering, *Developmental Stages for Doctoral Students: Implications for Counselor Educators*; William B. Kline and Jane E. Atieno Okech, *A Grounded Theory of Group Co-Leader Relationships: A Qualitative Study*; William B. Kline and F. Robert Wilson, *ASGW Fellows Symposium*; and William B. Kline and Deborah J. Rubel, *Through the Eyes of Experts: Key Concepts from Research on the Experiences of Expert Group Leaders*.

Awards were presented to: Tom Davis, Ph.D., Professor, Ohio University, the ACES Distinguished Mentor Award; Christine Suniti Bhat, Ph.D., now at California State University, Long Beach, the ACES Outstanding Dissertation Award for her dissertation entitled *Supervisors' Perceptions of Race, Racial Identity, and Working Alliance within the Supervisory Dyad*; Nicole Hill, Ph.D., now at Idaho State University,

ACES Research Grant; and William B. Kline, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Ohio University, the 2003-2004 into the ASGW Fellows. Congratulations!

SEOCA members and former members took time from their busy conference schedules to attend Ohio University's reception on Friday evening and visit in a relaxing atmosphere. It was an exciting conference and we look forward to attending next year's in Atlanta.

Tracy Leinbaugh, President

Ohio Association for Spiritual, Ethical and Religious Values In Counseling

Spring is in the air and life abounds wherever I look today. What a joy!

Since the last *Guidelines* was published, OASERVIC members responded to the member needs survey and felt that overall, the organization was meeting their needs.

Suggestions for the organization were submitted as well and I am sure that the incoming officers and chairs will incorporate the input that was given. A complete listing of the survey results will be mailed in the current OASERVIC e-newsletter. If you are interested in receiving this, please contact Membership/Newsletter Chair, Jake Protivnak at: jprotivnak@yahoo.com.

The workshop, "Treating Trauma: The lasting effects of child abuse and adult interpersonal violence" with John Briere, Ph.D. that OASERVIC co-sponsored with Mount Carmel's Crime and Trauma Assistance Program on April 30, 2004 was a wonderful educational experience. Members who attended felt that they definitely got a value with the discounted rate of \$79 for OASERVIC members. (The regular price was \$129). OASERVIC was very proud to co-sponsor such a high-caliber workshop and continue to maintain con-

nections and collaborate with community service providers.

As this will be the last *Guidelines* column for me as OASERVIC President, I would like to thank the members for the opportunity to serve such a wonderful division of OCA. It has truly been a privilege and a pleasure. The team of individuals that I worked with was incredible. This includes the immediate OASERVIC Officers and Chairpersons as well as the overall OCA Executive Council. Thank you a.l. Wishing you all the very best.

Be Well!

Denise Pickering, OASERVIC President

Ohio Association for Counselor Education and Supervision

A couple of OACES members, Tracy Leinbaugh and Randi Cohen went off to Washington D.C. to ACA's Legislative Institute this past February. It was a whirlwind adventure that was non-stop for 3 days.

First, we were introduced to legislative advocacy. Then we all (there were about 40 of us in all from several different states) went over what some of the major policy issues were. They then brought in someone to walk us through real policymaking -- including a role-play and "schoolhouse rock" video! Finally, for a break (ha ha) we broke down into small breakout sessions on fund raising, hiring lobbyists, and electronic advocacy.

The next day we went to the hill and met with a congressional representative who was sponsoring the Medicare bill and then had a couple of hours with the best thing on Capitol Hill -- Ms. Judy Schneider. She is crass, hardened, and knows more than probably any one person (literally) there -- she talked about the process of how legislators are trained, inducted, if you will, into the process and then how bills are made etc. Most importantly for me, she outlined in a very clear way, how ineffectual our democratic process is and how much power one person can have even without looking like they have a lot of power

We went to the Hill and we lobbied! We all were assigned to our own Senators' and Congress people's offices -- where we are really constituents. It was a very powerful experience and I would encourage everyone to try the legislative institute at least one time! OCA may even be able to get money for you to help just a bit! If you are

interested in going, or if you are thinking about it, contact Carol Pohly at ppccarol@earthlink.net.

OACES also had our annual supervision summit where, thanks to Tim Luckhaupt and many of you, we had the best turnout since I have been in OACES. We had 90 people come to the summit! Graduate students and professors, counselor educators and private practitioners all were there! Hoorah!

Glenn Karr was our "feature" and he talked about supervision. The best part of Glenn's 2-hour presentation was that he allowed for lots of questions. So many people got their questions answered for free while attending a summit and getting CPEs at the same time! What a concept!

If you are not yet a member of OACES and you are reading this, WE NEED YOU (can you see the finger pointed directly at you!?) We are trying to build membership so we can continue to offer programming that suits your needs. We need supervisors who are out in the field. We need people who supervise in agencies. We need you all! If you have any questions, please either email me at info@randicohen.com or email OCA's executive director, Tim Luckhaupt, at ocaohio@yahoo.com

Have a calm and relaxing Spring!

Miami Valley Counseling Association

The Miami Valley Counseling Association (MVCA), presently 147 members strong, has been active this past year providing continuing education opportunities for members and other counselors, and promoting the work of the counseling profession.

Each year a scholarship is awarded to a deserving student in a local counseling program. This year, the winner is Takashi Ohashi, who is enrolled in the counseling program at the University of Dayton. He is hoping to redesign school counseling programs when he returns to Japan. He works as a graduate assistant in the UD counseling department and works with Japanese school children on Saturdays.

A workshop, *Ethics and the Pro-*

fessional was conducted on December 5, conducted by Bill Hegarty of the licensure board. On March 26, 2004, an all day workshop was presented by Rick Bowers, MD and Shari Zahn, PCC. Bowers addressed medication and treatment issues for children and Zahn shared information regarding mental health concerns in the school environment.

The Spring workshop was held on May 21. Bernadine Parks presented a 6 hour workshop, *Supervision From a Customer Service Perspective: The Ethics and the Practice*.

MVCA has been encouraging membership in the Ohio Counseling Association by offering reduced price workshops to members. The goal is to provide enough continuing education opportunities each year to meet licensure requirement at quite affordable prices. The savings in continuing education expenses can usually offset the cost of membership in the OCA.

MVCA has also been promoting itself and OCA through periodic gatherings called, "Off the Clock." It is an opportunity for people not yet members of OCA to learn more about the work of the organization.

Our new president for the 2004-2005 year will be Alice Chess. Information about MVCA can be found at www.ohiocounselingassoc.com/mvca.htm

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