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Counselor Caring Connections

Cynthia J. Osborn, Ph.D., LPCC

For three days in early November, the Hilton at Easton in Columbus once again became the con-course and hub for coun-selors in Ohio. Arriving at and quickly merging into the activity and flow of the All Ohio Counselors Conference (AOCC) has been a high point for me these past 10 years. My professional identity was raised and continues to be nurtured within this gathering. Witnessing and participating in the connections made among AOCC participants was my goal this year. Indeed, facilitating such connections among counselors and Ohio Counseling Association (OCA) mem-bers has been the most gratifying aspect of my presidency thus far.

My experience has been that counselors are more than willing to be included in and actively involved in the OCA "fold," especially wher

contacted directly by an OCA member (e.g., a Committee Chair) and asked to participate in a particular task (e.g., re-viewing Awards nomina-tions). Without receiving a personal invitation to become involved, how-ever, and without being offered a specific respon-sibility, counselors are likely to remain discon-nected and detached from OCA. The 49 student volunteers we had at the AOCC for the first time this year (attired in red aprons to be "at our ser-vice") received a personal invitation to assist at the Conference. Would they have attended if they had-n't been extended such an opportunity? Perhaps not. For many, this was their first counseling confer-ence, and my hope is that the AOCC will become for them a professional hub, a gathering in which they will be raised and nurtured as counselors.



In his book, *The Resilient Practitioner* (2001), Thomas Skovholt states that "one essence of practice for counselors... is to be a highly skilled relationship maker who constantly attaches, is involved, and separates well" (Skovholt, 2001, p. 13). This "caring cycle," as he calls it, the constant pattern of "hellos" and "goodbyes" is the nature of our work as counselors. We are introduced to new clients and students, become involved in their stories and lives for a short while or a much longer time, and then we separate.

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OHIO'S STATEHOUSE NEWS

By Towner Policy Group

126th Ohio General Assembly

On January 3, the 126th Ohio General Assembly will convene and swear-in the members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate. The Republicans will maintain its 22-11 control in the Ohio Senate and the Republicans will maintain control in the Ohio House of Representatives by a 59-40 margin. Leadership in the Ohio Senate and the Ohio House will be elected by the members who will serve in the 126th Ohio General Assembly in December, 2004. State Senator Bill Harris (R - Ashland) is expected to lead the Senate Republicans and State Representative Jon Husted (R - Kettering) is expected to lead the House Republicans. Senator C. J. Prentiss (D - Cleveland) is expected to lead the Democrats in the Senate and State Representative Chris Redfern (D - Port Clinton) is expected to lead the Democrats in the Ohio House.

Issues for 2005

Among the top issues for the new Ohio General Assembly when it convenes in January will be the budget bill and tax reform. According to State Representative Jon Husted, who is expected to be Speaker in the Ohio House next session, he believes the Ohio General Assembly will be considering tax reform, regulatory reform, and workers' compensation reform in 2005. State Senator Bill Harris, who is expected to be the President of the Ohio Senate, believes tax reform is a key issue for 2005 and he believes new sources of revenue need to be found in order to make tax reform work. Harris also believes that if tort reform does not pass in the lame duck session in 2004, it will be a priority item for next session.

The Governor's Commission on Medicaid Reform is expected to release its recommendations to the Governor in December, 2004, and its recommendations are expected to be included in the 2005 budget proposal of the Governor. The Ohio General Assembly will then be spending February through July, 2005 working on the budget. Since education and Medicaid funding make up the largest expenditures in the budget, those areas will be thoroughly reviewed by the legislators.

State Representative Patty Clancy Introduces House Bill 571

State Representative Patty Clancy (R - Cincinnati) has introduced House Bill 571, which would allow licensed professional clinical counselors to take a parolee or offender under community control sanction to a hospital. The bill has been introduced on behalf of the OCA and OMHCA.

This legislation is not expected to pass in 2004 and will be reintroduced in January, 2005. When the bill is reintroduced, it will be a Senate bill because State Representative Patty Clancy will be serving in the Ohio Senate in 2005.

Mental Health Parity

House Bill 225, sponsored by State Representative Lynn Olman (R - Maumee), is the mental illness parity legislation. This bill has been undergoing hearings in the Ohio Senate Insurance Committee in 2004. If the bill does not pass in December, 2004, the bill will need to be reintroduced in January, 2005 with a new bill number and sponsor. Since State Representative Lynn Olman is term limited, he will not be serving in the 126th Ohio General Assembly.

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We welcome your comments, suggestions, and news. Deadlines for submission are February 1; and May 3, 2005.

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Voters and Term Limits Bring About Changes in the Ohio House and Senate

WELCOME TO THE NEW OHIO SENATORS

New Senators in the 126th Ohio General Assembly include the following:

State Representative Gary Cates (R – West Chester)	State Representative Tom Niehaus (R – New Richmond)
State Representative Patty Clancy (R – Cincinnati)	State Representative Charlie Wilson (D – St. Clairsville)
State Representative Tim Grendell (R – Chesterland)	

All other Ohio Senators will be back in January, 2005.

TERM LIMITS BRING SENATORS SERVICE TO AN END

The following Senators will be leaving the Ohio Senate, due to term limits, on December 31, 2004:

Senator Lou Blessing (R – Cincinnati)	Senator Scott Nein (R – Middletown)
Senator Greg DiDonato (D – New Philadelphia)	Senator Doug White (R – Manchester)
Senator Bob Gardner (R – Madison)	

MEMBERS LEAVING THE HOUSE

In the Ohio House of Representatives, the following legislators will be leaving at the end of December, 2004, due to term limits, loss of a primary, or loss of their re-election:

State Representative Jamie Callender (R – Willowick)	State Representative Tom Niehaus (R – New Richmond)
State Representative Gary Cates (R – West Chester)	State Representative Lynn Olman (R – Maumee)
State Representative Mary Cirelli (D - Canton)	State Representative Larry Price (D – Columbus)
State Representative Patty Clancy (R – Cincinnati)	State Representative Jean Schmidt (R – Loveland)
State Representative Tim Grendell (R – Chesterland)	State Representative Dan Sferra (D – Warren)
State Representative Nancy Hollister (R – Marietta)	State Representative Marilyn Slaby (R – Akron)
Speaker Larry Householder (R – Perry)	State Representative Charlie Wilson (D – St. Clairsville)
State Representative Ed Jerse (D – Euclid)	State Representative Ron Young (R – Leroy)

WELCOME TO THE NEW OHIO REPRESENTATIVES

New members of the Ohio House of Representatives in January, 2005, include the following:

Democrat Kenny Yuko (District 7 - Jerse's seat)	Democrat Timothy Cassell (District 63 – Young's seat)
Democrat Mike Mitchell (District 26 – Price's seat)	Republican Randy Law (District 64 – Sferra's seat)
Republican Senator Lou Blessing (District 29 – Clancy's seat)	Republican Joseph Uecker (District 66 – Schmidt's seat)
Democrat Brian Williams (District 41 – Slaby's seat)	Republican Danny Bubp (District 88 – Niehaus' seat)
Republican Mark Wagoner (District 46 – Olman's seat)	Former Republican Representative Ron Hood (District 91 – Householder's seat)
Democrat William Healy (District 52 – Cirelli's seat)	Democrat Jennifer Garrison (District 93 – Hollister's seat)
Republican Bill Coley (District 55 – Cates' seat)	Democrat Allan Sayre (District 96 – Wilson's seat)
Democrat Lorraine Fende (District 52 – Callender's seat)	Republican Matthew Dolan (District 98 – Grendell's seat)

All other House members were re-elected and will be back in January, 2005.



OCA CHAPTERS AND DIVISIONS

Ohio Association for Specialists in Group Work

By Debbie Vernon

OASGW continues to strive to provide quality professional development for its members. This year, Dr. William B. Kline of Ohio University's Department of Counseling and Higher Education will be presenting "Advanced Level Group Process Skills: Theory and Practice" on April 22, 2005 at Walsh University in Canton, OH. This three hour morning workshop will provide participants with theoretical concepts that provide a perspective for group observation, conceptualization of group interaction, and development of group interventions. For more information on our

spring conference, please see our website <http://www.ohiocounselingassoc.com/oasgw/about.htm>. Conference fliers were also distributed to attendees at the All Ohio Counselors Conference.

We are also currently seeking nominations for officers for the coming year (2005-2006). Please consider nominating someone you think would make a good Secretary (1 year term), Treasurer (2 year term), or President-elect (3 year commitment). You may also nominate yourself. This is a good opportunity for graduate students to get involved and take on leadership

positions at the state level. For Counselor Educators, and/or group practitioners in school, agency, or private practice settings, we value your experience and expertise and welcome your talents and contributions to OASGW. Please send nominations by email to me at vernond@hudson.edu or by mail to 77 N. Oviatt Street, Hudson, OH 44236.

Ohio Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (OACES)

By Jason McGlothlin, President

Greetings from the Ohio Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (OACES). The past few months were quite active in OACES in terms of communicating with our national organization (Association for Counselor Education and Supervision), planning for upcoming meetings and conferences, developing promotional materials, and working on school counseling preparation / accreditation issues. Please allow me to briefly highlight such efforts. After substantial efforts by several Ohioans and ACES leaders, the 2007 ACES national conference is coming to Columbus, Ohio!!! Please stay tuned for future conference updates. The winter OACES business meeting will be on February 11, 2005 at the Concourse Hotel and Conference Center.

The Spring Supervision Summit will be held on April 29, 2005 also at the Concourse Hotel and Conference Center. The theme of this year's conference is *Creativ-*

ity and Change in Counselor Education and Supervision. Three types of educational sessions will be provided this year: 1) basic / intermediate supervision issues; 2) advanced supervision issues; and 3) ethical issues in counseling. It is our hope that such sessions will assist with mandatory CEU requirements and also increase attendance to this one day conference. Keep in mind that presentation proposals will be coming soon.

OACES has a new website! It is located at www.acesonline.net/ohioaces. Our new site has a new look and some new services. Please feel free to contact me directly for suggestions on how to improve this evolving site (jmcgloth@kent.edu).

A directory of all Ohio counselor education programs and counselor educators has been developed and can be downloaded for free on the new OACES website. Please note that a directory of supervisors is currently being developed and keep checking the

OACES website for this document.

OACES has been spearheading a committee in collaboration with the Ohio Counseling Association and Ohio Department of Education on school counseling education standards. A new accreditation group called the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) has the potential of emerging as a possible option to the familiar National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). OACES is leading this committee of professionals to ensure that school counselor education follows the national accrediting body and learned society of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). OACES and OCA will be represented at further Ohio Department of Education meetings to ensure that such standards are followed. This is an evolving issue; keep checking the OACES website for updates.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

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GCCA 29th Annual Winter Workshop January 7 and 8, 2005

GCCA is hosting the 29th annual Winter Workshop: *Promoting Health and Wellness in the Counseling Profession* on the campus of Xavier University in the Gallagher Center **January 7 and 8th, 2005**. 1 CEU or 10 contact hours are available. A brochure and registration form are available on the GCCA website at www.cincycounseling.com. Speakers include Sen. Mark Mallory from Ohio 9th district, John Wagner from Cincinnati State, Tony Fryer, Marriage and Family Therapist, Bill Deters, Attorney with Ennis, Roberts and Fischer and Linda McKinney, Xavier University. There are numerous breakout sessions and presenters. In addition, GCCA will honor Carol Dettenwanger, LPC of Ursuline Academy with the Marvin Rammelsberg School Counselor Award and Randy Strunk, LPCC with the Mary Corre Foster Community Counselor Award. For more information contact Bill O'Connell at 513-745-1080 or ocnell@xavier.edu, or GCCA President Steve Durkee at sid@counselor.com.

ETHICS WORKSHOP

The Ohio Counseling Association's Professional Development and Ethics committees are planning to host a unique workshop for counseling practitioners, educators, and students interested in discussing current ethical and legal issues affecting counseling practice. The workshop will be held in Columbus on **Friday, January 21, 2005**, and participants will receive CEUs for attending. This is a practical, experiential event in which participants actively learn, share, and network with other counseling professionals. Additional details will be mailed this fall. In the meantime, contact Holly Hartwig Moorhead (Moorhead@sssnet.com), OCA Ethics Chair, with questions.

GCCA Sponsors Student Essay Contest

The Greater Cincinnati Counseling Association sponsored a student essay contest in which students were instructed to write a public service announcement describing the benefits of counseling in general or your specific area of interest. The first place entry appears below. Other winning student essays will appear in upcoming issues of OCA Guidelines.

Counseling and Your Journey Toward a Better Life
Sarah Ann Lanman, University of Cincinnati,
Geoffrey G. Yager, Faculty Sponsor

I knew I was depressed. I couldn't eat much, and I wasn't sleeping well. Crying became one of my main activities. Somehow I was making it through each day, but it was

difficult and exhausting. Nothing seemed very fun anymore. I felt hopeless and helpless, like a dark pit of emptiness. I didn't know how to get beyond all of these terrible feelings...

Day-to-day living can be overwhelming. Struggling to make ends meet, dealing with relationship problems, wanting to change the way you feel about yourself, not understanding why things keep getting worse.... what do you do when your life feels out of control? A professional counselor can help.

Counselors carefully listen. A sensitive counselor may be the only person who truly understands what you are feeling. Counselors help you choose the issues you would like to concentrate on. The focus remains only on you and what you believe is important to discuss. Then a counselor will stand by you, as you start to make positive changes in your life.

Egan (2002) explained that counseling involves two basic goals, which are founded on the needs of clients. Goal one is to help clients manage their problems in living more effectively. A counselor can help you identify, analyze, and better understand your issues. This typically includes developing unused resources and missed opportunities more fully. Ultimately, the counseling relationship is one that is based on getting results and making an impact on the client's life. Something of value to the client will emerge within the counselor-client meetings.

Egan (2002) described the second goal of counseling as helping clients become better at helping themselves in their everyday lives. Clients actively participate in their problem-management process during meetings with a counselor. They then apply what they learn, so they can more effectively manage their immediate problems. Finally, once clients have finished working with a counselor, they continue to use what they have learned within the daily context of their lives: they have become self-helpers.

Counseling can literally change your life. If you have reached a point in your life, where you need and want a skilled, caring helper to guide you down the path toward a happier, more fulfilled life, contact a professional counselor. When you are ready to tackle some difficult and complicated problems and put forth effort to make the changes you want, contact a professional counselor. It may be the first step on a very worthwhile journey...

Reference

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Profession Mourns the Loss of Past OCA Presidents, Janet Gill-Wigal and Daisy Takacs

Janet Gill-Wigal

By: Dr. Victoria White Kress



Dr. Janet Gill-Wigal, professor in the Department of Counseling at Youngstown State University, passed away September 23rd,

2004. In 1978, Dr. Gill-Wigal earned her degree in counselor education from the Ohio State University, and went on to play an active role in the counseling profession.

Dr. Gill-Wigal, a faculty member in the Department of Counseling since 1984 worked as a school counselor as well as a professional clinical counselor before settling into academic life as a counselor educator. In addition to working at YSU, Dr. Gill-Wigal engaged in numerous consultation activities, and also served as an adjunct professor at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine.

Dr. Gill-Wigal served as OCA president from 1990-1991, and during her tenure as OCA president she worked to promote the counseling profession. She campaigned for professional counseling issues and worked to influence politicians in Mahoning and Trumbull counties to vote for 3rd party payments for LPCCs. She also promoted the need for school and community counselors to address ethical issues (e.g., she included a column in the newsletter devoted to ethical issues). Statewide counselor involvement and advocacy was important to Dr. Gill-Wigal, and this was a final goal that she consistently worked towards during her tenure as OCA president.

In 1996 she was honored with the YSU Distinguished Professor Award for Teaching, and she also served on many community boards

including the Board of Directors of Help Hotline, Catholic Service League Board, and the Forum Health Behavioral Health Services Board.

While being remembered as an accomplished professional, Dr. Gill-Wigal will also be remembered for her strong personal qualities such as her value of volunteering, community service, and service learning, and her sense of caring for people in need. Sherry Gallagher-Warden a long time colleague and friend of Dr. Gill-Wigal stated the following in remembering Dr. Gill-Wigal: "Jan was an activist for many issues and causes, and she had lots of compassion for the disadvantaged; Jan was very strong- like an "iron woman" and she influenced many; I saw her commitment to the personal and professional growth of students, often going "out of her way" many, many times for them; She was a confidence builder, motivator, mentor, role model."

In remembering Dr. Gill-Wigal, her colleague Don Martin stated: "Jan Gill-Wigal devoted her life to the training of future counselors for over 20 years. She was a wonderful colleague who spent her last 5 years developing our student services program. It is now one of the best graduate programs at YSU. Her sense of humor and her commitment to excellence will be sorely missed."

Dr. Gill-Wigal requested that any financial contributions be donated to the Mahoning County Help Hotline (330-747-2696).

Daisy Takacs

By: Dr. Martin Ritchie

Daisy Takacs, passed away on October 7, 2004, in Port Charlotte, Florida. She was born August 8, 1928, in Toledo, Ohio. She received her Master's degree in Counselor Education from the University of Toledo. She worked in the schools for 33 years, first as a teacher, then as a counselor at Eisenhower Jr. High School, until she retired in 1983. She moved to Port Charlotte, Florida, in 1991.

Daisy once stated that "my greatest satisfaction comes from helping others. I feel a responsibility to contribute towards making others' lives more livable." She dedicated her life to those beliefs. She actively participated in a wide variety of community groups and professional organizations while pursuing her career. At one time, she was a member of 55 organizations, active in 35, and held office in 17 of them simultaneously.

She was state president of the Ohio Personnel and Guidance Association in 1977-1978, president of Phi Delta Kappa's Toledo Chapter in 1982, president of the Northwestern Ohio Guidance Association and represented 13 Midwestern states at the national level of American Personnel and Guidance Association. Daisy was chosen as Counselor of the Year in 1977 by the Ohio School Counselors Association and as Outstanding Professional Woman of the year in 1981 by the Toledo district of the Business and Professional Women. In 1985 she received the "Blue T Award" from the University of Toledo Alumni Association for outstanding service to the association. In 1986, the American Association for Counseling and Development (now ACA) presented her with the "Kathleen and Gilbert Wrenn Award" for a humanitarian and caring person, for many years of inspiring personal involvement in helping others grow through laughter and love.



Daisy (left) with Charlotte Huddle. Charlotte served as president of OCA from 1984-1985.

UNDERFER LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

THE OCA DONOR ROLL

Jean Underfer-Babalis, 2004

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Leadership through Collaboration

By: Cornelia A. Farrell, M.S. and Holly Harper Miller, M.Ed., PC
Ohio University

By nature, the counseling profession utilizes collaboration in a variety of realms. For example, collaboration is the essence of mentorship, advocacy, and legislation change. Furthermore, professional counselors practicing in mental health agencies or school settings consistently engage in collaboration with their clients to facilitate change. Additionally, counselor educators and supervisors utilize a collaborative approach in their daily interactions with their students and colleagues. Finally, given that the counseling profession operates from a collaborative standpoint, the potential for leadership is present and pervasive in our everyday practices.

Leadership is the process in which a person, or a group of people, inspire others to move toward a vision for change. Many counselors engage in leadership activities. Even though there are not many official leadership positions, all counselors have a leadership role with those they serve. There are many avenues by which to create leadership such as mentoring, supervising, and presenting at the state and national levels. Mentoring is an illustration of leadership in that it provides support and development collaboratively among the mentor and mentee. Additionally, the supervisory relationship is a collaborative effort that enhances the professional functioning of the supervisee. One of the primary responsibilities of mentoring and supervising is to

practice gatekeeping in order to protect and enhance our profession. Furthermore, leadership is evidenced by active participation in professional organizations. Professional presentations, which can be viewed as a collaborative exchange of ideas, educate as well as promote the professional development of counselors. Therefore, every counselor has the opportunity to tap into their leadership qualities within the profession through collaboration.

As our profession continues to establish its strong professional identity, it is not only important but essential to understand the importance of leadership through collaboration. A collaborative voice enables our profession to further advocate for the unique professional identity of counselors. Not only is it important to collaborate within our profession, it is imperative to establish collaborative relationships with other professionals to educate and advocate for the counseling profession. Practicing global collaboration, both internally and externally enables us to strengthen our professional counseling identity and expand our leadership potential.

Through the activities of mentoring, supervising, and presenting as well as collaborating both within our profession and with other professionals, counselors have the potential and opportunity to demonstrate leadership. As doctoral students at Ohio University and emerging leaders, we seek oppor-

The *Underfer Scholarship Fund* is the legacy left by OCA Past-President, Jean Underfer-Babalis to honor the ideals of leadership instilled in her by her parents, Jerry and Jane Underfer. The first applications will be determined by the Awards Committee in the spring of 2005. Scholarships and grants will be awarded to assist both students and professional members of OCA in education, training, research and other related activities that will advance client welfare, strengthen the professional identity of counselors, and promote effective leadership. Further information will be provided in future *Guidelines*.

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tunities to collaborate with faculty and peers on leadership activities to strengthen the counseling profession as well as our own professional development.

The Underfer Leadership Scholarship is a means of promoting leadership in the counseling profession with a focus of furthering the mission and strategic plan of the Ohio Counseling Association. This was an opportunity for us to collaborate and embrace the challenges and rewards of leadership in counseling. For more information on the Underfer Leadership Scholarship, you are encouraged to contact Jean Underfer-Babalis at JOSEPH4ME@aol.com

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www.ohiocounselingassoc.com

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- *Links to chapters and divisions
- *Member services
- *Statewide job openings



ALL OHIO COUNSELORS CONFERENCE

SEARS AND NEMEC HONORED WITH OCA LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

On September 22, 2004 the Executive Council of the Ohio Counseling Association (OCA), by unanimous consent, extended to **Bill Nemec** and **Susan Sears Life Membership in OCA**. According to OCA by-laws, this is a membership category reserved for those who have provided outstanding service to OCA and is a designation that can only be granted by the OCA Executive Council. Bill and Susan were recognized at the Awards Luncheon during the All Ohio Counselors Conference.

Also at the September 22nd business, the OCA Executive Council unanimously endorsed a recommendation made by the OCA Awards Committee that the "Counselor of the Year" Award be renamed the "Susan J. Sears Counselor of the Year" Award. Susan is a former OCA President, was the first chair of the Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board (member from 1984 to 1991), and received a "Special Recognition Award" from the Governor and recognition as one of Ohio's finest citizens from the Ohio House of Representatives.

Bill has worked in the counseling profession for 38 years. He is a former OCA and Chi Sigma Iota International President. He played an integral role in the coalition to pass the counselor licensure law. He then served on the first Counselor Licensure Board for six years and helped develop the initial rules and regulations for the implementation of the law. He has served as mentor and advisor to many graduate students at the University of Akron, Malone College and Kent State University.

We are indebted to both Bill and Susan for their length of active service to and their untiring efforts for the counseling profession, specifically OCA.



Left to right : Cynthia Osborn, Ted Strickland, Susan Sears, Bill Nemec (Back), Martin Ritchie, Carl F. Rak, Jean Underfer-Babalis, F. Robert Wilson, Thelma Greaser, and Richard Hazler

OHIO SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE ALL OHIO COUNSELORS CONFERENCE.

The Mary Claytor/Charles Weaver Life Membership Award
Alice Morgan.

The Dwight Arnold School Counselor of the Year Award
Amy Barber

The John G. Odgers Innovative Program Award
JoAnne Pinkerton

The Research Award
James Moore, Ph.D.

The Administration Award
Toni Gerber

The Past-President Award
Gail R. Endres.



OSCA Award Winners



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OHIO COUNSELING ASSOCIATION AWARDS
PRESENTED AT THE ALL OHIO COUNSELORS CONFERENCE



Dave Brooks Award

Richard Hazler Ph.D.

Richard has a long history of service to the counseling profession including OCA President (2002-2003) and Chi Sigma Iota President (2005-2006). He has an extensive publication record (nearly 40 articles and book chapters), and has a commitment to the development of emerging counselors. In particular, his research on bullying has added a great deal to the counseling literature. He is currently a faculty member and coordinator of the Elementary School Counseling Program at Penn State University.

sion as president and treasurer of OCA, president of OACES, and president of Northwest Ohio Counseling Association.

Public Policy and Legislation Award

Ted Strickland, United States Congress

Representative Strickland has been an active supporter of mental health issues. Counselors in his district in southeastern Ohio described him as someone who has taken the time to attend counseling organization functions and as someone who listens and understands our positions. He holds a doctoral degree in counseling psychology and taught psychology at Shawnee State University.



Susan J. Sears Counselor of the Year Award

F. Robert Wilson



For the last 10 years, Dr. Wilson has provided pro-bono counseling services for severely mentally ill homeless/indigent clients and men who are ex-offenders on parole following their release from prison. He has an ability to connect and engage the client in the rudimentary issues of life which has affected lasting change in individuals who are seen as the "throwaway" members of society.

He role models excellent counseling skills for graduate interns. He is currently a professor of counseling at the University of Cincinnati.

Past President Award

Jean Underfer-Babalis



Cynthia presents Jean with the Past-President's award, in recognition of her outstanding service to OCA.

Chuck Weaver Award

Carl F. Rak

Dr. Rak has been a member of the counseling profession and OCA for almost 30 years. He has dedicated his professional life to incorporating innovative approaches in counseling and applying them to work with clients and students. His research and clinical interests include counseling clients with HIV/AIDS, women's issues, and psychotropic medication. He was nominated for this award by his colleagues at Cleveland State University, John Carroll University, and graduate students at CSU.

Research & Writing Award

Dr. Martin Ritchie

Dr. Martin Ritchie's extensive publication record includes 8 book chapters, 36 refereed articles, and 12 other editorials, monographs and special technical reports. He is currently a professor of Counseling and Coordinator of School Counseling at the University of Toledo. He has served our profes-

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

ETHICS WORKSHOP

January 21, 2005

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GCCA Annual Winter Workshop

January 7 and 8, 2005

Promoting Health and Wellness in the Counseling Profession
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ACA Annual Conference

April 8-10, 2005

Atlanta, GA

OASGW Workshop

April 22, 2005

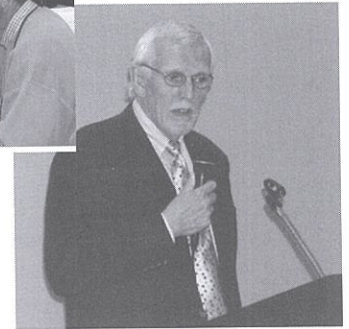
Advanced Level Group Process Skills: Theory and Practice
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OACES Spring Supervision Symposium

April 29, 2005

Concourse Hotel, Columbus, Ohio

ALL OHIO COUNSELORS CONFERENCE



Scenes from the 2004 AOCC



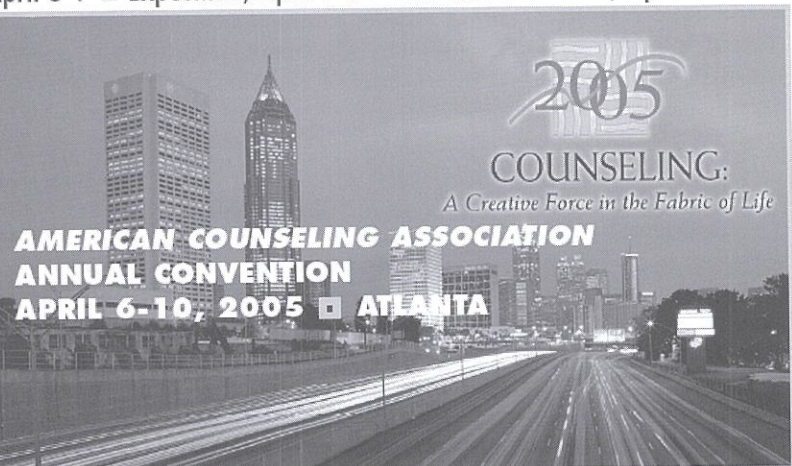
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This "caring cycle" extends to our professional involvement and activity. New OCA members are welcomed (OCA has witnessed a 6.5% increase in membership since July 2004), members of long standing are recognized for their dedication to the profession (as seven of them were at the Awards Luncheon at AOCC), and members pass on (we learned of the recent deaths of two past OCA Presidents, Jan Gill-Wigal and Daisy Takacs). My hope is that we be "highly skilled relationship makers" not only with our students and clients, but also with one another, as fellow counselors. In this spirit, I encourage you to extend an invitation to join OCA to a colleague, invite a counselor to attend the OCA-sponsored ethics workshop with you in January 2005, and introduce yourself to one of the OCA Executive Council members, informing them of your interest in becoming an active member of OCA. Such connections are not only vital to our mission as OCA; they are connections that can nourish and sustain our stamina, allowing us to continue to provide our clients and students with quality services.

As we enter the holiday season, I wish you the benefit of participating in caring connections, connections with family, clients, and colleagues that will nourish and sustain you long through the new year.

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