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2011 DAMFT Programs

February 4, 2011

**Ethics: The Risks and Dangers of
Therapeutic Relationships: What can
Television Teach Us?**

**Presenters: Neil Ravella, Ph.D.
Angelica M. Tratter, Ph.D.,
LMFT**

March 11, 2011

Trauma & Recovery

**Presenter: Harold Duncan, Ph.D., LPC,
LMFT**

April 1, 2011

Counseling Same Sex Couples

Presenter: Mary Sue Green, Ph.D., LMFT

May 6, 2011

The Art of Graceful Change

Presenter: Rick Carson



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Gloria Martin

Happy New Year! I hope that 2011 is off to a great start for you, your friends, and your family. The New Year is one of my favorite times of year because it is a time of new beginnings. Whether committing to healthier living or changing a bad habit, January is a great time in our lives for new and fresh starts.

January is the start of a new year for DAMFT and we are excited about our local chapter. Scott Gornto has worked diligently to provide quality programs for 2011 that will enhance your practice and invigorate you. Our ethics program in February will get us off to a great start. Always feel free to come early, bring your lunch and network with your fellow therapists from the Dallas/Ft Worth area.

I also hope that attending our state conference in March as well as the national AAMFT conference in September will be one of your resolutions for the New Year. We are so fortunate to have AAMFT in Fort Worth this year. The conference is entitled "The Science of Relationships" and will be September 22-25. Check the AAMFT website for details (www.aamft.com).

I look forward to seeing you in February.

Gloria

Next Meeting: Annual Ethics Meeting 3 CEU's February 4 1:00 – 4:00

The Risks and Dangers of Therapeutic Relationships: What can Television Teach Us?
Presenters: Neil Ravella, Ph.D. & Angelica M. Tratter, Ph.D., LMFT

This workshop will utilize portions of the HBO series, In Treatment, to illustrate ethical issues and themes that may confront us as clinicians. The emphasis will be on a discussion of, rather than a presentation about, these issues and themes. Discussants will be encouraged between workshop participants as well as with the presenter as we wrestle with the complex ethical issues we encounter in treatment. Please join us for what we expect will be an interesting and informative dialogue.

Neil Ravella began his clinical work as a Marriage and Family Therapist after receiving his Master's Degree in Behavioral Sciences for the University of Houston, Clear Lake in 1978. In 1983 he was appointed to the Senior Faculty at the Galveston Family Institute (now the Houston-Galveston Institute). He completed his Doctoral Studies in Psychology in 1988 and was licensed as a psychologist in 1990. Neil was a founding member of the Reunion Institute and maintains a strong commitment to teaching and training. When not at Salesmanship Youth and Family Centers, Neil is involved in a diverse private practice.

Angelica Tratter is a Licensed Psychologist and LMFT engaged in teaching as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Dallas. She also maintains a general practice of Clinical Psychology with an emphasis on individual adult, marital and family issues.

Please Note: Ethics Fee: \$30.00 CEU fee for Non-Members payable at meeting

Ethics Included in Annual Non-Member \$70.00 CEU Fee payable at February 4 Meeting

Ethics Included in Annual DAMFT Membership Fee of \$40.00 payable at February 4 Meeting

2011

Membership Fees

Annual DAMFT Membership Fee	\$40.00
Annual Non-Member CEU Fee (15 annual CEU's includes Ethics)	\$70.00
Annual Ethics Meeting Fee	\$30.00
DAMFT Student Membership Fee	\$10.00

Editor's Comments

Sidney Starling

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and is looking forward to all the excitement and mystery of a new year. For our family I think it was "the best Christmas ever!" It was "our" year, which means we have our two daughters, their husbands and all four grandkids – all under one roof! If ever there was a time to observe "family dynamics" our Christmas would be a great laboratory.

What I think I love the most is that everyone could just be themselves. We really did a whole lot of nothing for the 3 days leading up to Christmas. A 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle kept us challenged for days as we cooked and wrapped and just enjoyed each other so much.

The children, anticipating Santa, kept busy being on their best behavior. Zoey took every opportunity to remind all of us that she wanted an orange bicycle. Convinced that none of us had ever seen an orange bicycle (I certainly had not), she assured us that if anyone could deliver one, Santa could. And sure enough, he did!

The wonder of Christmas through the eyes of children is special indeed. We were so blessed this past holiday season and I hope each and every one of you were blessed in some special way also. May the wonder and gratitude of the holiday season stay with us throughout the year!

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. ~ Unknown

We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures. ~Thornton Wilder



*Still time to register for the 37th
Annual TAMFT Conference
Children and Families: Dealing
with Difficult Times
March 3 - 5
AT&T Executive Education &
Conference Center
Austin, Texas*

Save the Date

AAMFT Annual Conference
September 22 – 25, 2011
Ft Worth, Texas
The Science of Relationships



In Memory of Dr Barbara Brunworth

A respected DAMFT colleague, Dr. Barbara Brunworth, PhD, passed away on November 29, 2010. Barbara was understanding, empathetic, trustworthy, and a wonderful friend and mentor to so many. She was an LPC and LPC Supervisor who offered counseling through her private practice for over 30 years. In addition, Barbara was an often requested speaker/lecturer/teacher and traveled throughout the country sharing her wisdom. She will be remembered and missed.



Praise the bridge that carried you over. ~ George Colman

Confused????

It's sometimes hard to remember that DAMFT Membership is renewed on a Calendar Year Basis since we meet more like a School Year.....but.....

NOW is the time to RENEW your DAMFT Annual Membership Dues. Remember you must be a current member of TAMFT to be a member of DAMFT. Avoid the crowds at our February Ethics meeting! You can submit your application online at our website and simply mail your check or bring it to the February meeting. Choose the application that fits your needs by visiting our website at www.damft.com

CEU REMINDER

DAMFT is required to award one hour of credit for one hour of attendance. The DAMFT Board has adopted the following policy:

If you arrive more than 15 minutes late or leave 15 minutes early, only 1.5 CEU's will be awarded.

This policy was adopted by the board in order to stay within the bounds of what is required. Please plan to arrive on time and stay until the end of the program. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding

*As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.
~John Fitzgerald Kennedy*

Don't Forget! Visit our web site at www.damft.com, fill out and submit the appropriate application and either mail your check to Maryellen Dabal or bring your check to the February meeting. Simple as That!

Other than the February meeting (which is 1:00-4:00 PM), our regular meetings are from 1:00-3:00 PM. Meetings include 2 hours of CEU's (3 hours Ethics in February) and are held at the Milliman Building – Ten Thousand North Central Expressway, Dallas, TX - North of Walnut Hill and 75 on the east access road – in the Community Room located on the first floor.

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