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NEW MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS!

CCPA members voted to change our dues! Now, if you are member of TPA, you may have one year FREE membership in CCPA. Thereafter, CCPA members who are also TPA members will renew membership for \$50. So if you are not a TPA member, join now and get the next year of CCPA for free! Encourage any colleagues who belong to TPA to accept this offer and join CCPA.



TPA ISSUES

David White, TPA Director, gave us a great deal of encouragement about the future of TPA! He presented future legislative plans as well as how TPA wants to build "grassroots" influence.

NEXT CCPA MEETING LOCATION !
TINO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT
SOUTH MAIN ENTRANCE
COLLIN CREEK MALL

"TSBEP ISSUES"

4/25—12 NOON Ψ DIANE IZZO, TSBEP

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AND
BRING YOUR COLLEAGUES**

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Meetings

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**IT IS TIME TO RE-
NEW! GET your
CCPA Member-
ship Application!**

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FUTURE MEET- INGS:

- 4/25 -TSBEP IS-
SUES - TINO'S—
12 NOON
- 5/16 -DATE
CHANGE! -
TINO'S—12
NOON
- 6/27- REP. J.
MADDEN —
TINO'S—12
NOON
- 7/25—TBA —
TINO'S—12
NOON

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 TINO's Mexican Restaurant, Collin Creek Mall, Plano, unless otherwise specified. Tino's is in the South Main Entrance on the west side of 75. Members may order lunch from the menu, or just enjoy the presentation. 1.5 CEU credits are given to members for attending the meeting.

April 25—TSBEP ISSUES—Dianne Izzo, Atty— 12 Noon Tino's Collin Creek— 1.5 CEU's Ethics

May 16—Back to Back Pain!—David Hanks PhD- 12 Noon Tino's Collin Creek— 1.5 CEU's

June 27—Rep. Jerry Madden— 12 Noon Tino's Collin Creek— 1.5 CEU's

July 25—TBA —12 Noon Tino's Collin Creek— 1.5 CEU's

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!

WE ARE RECEIVING A NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR PRO BONO SERVICES. PLEASE NOTIFY FRANK WICHERN AT wichern@att.net IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A REFERRAL!

OPPORTUNITIES!

Office Space

Several 200 sq. ft. offices with waiting area available. Located in Richardson near UTD.

Office with other mental health professionals.

Contact Frank Wichern at 972-234-3178 or wichern@att.net

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

Assessment Materials

Susan Porter-Levy has made several child abuse assessment tools available. Also she has some neuropsych testing tools for sale. Please contact Susan for more information: porterlevy@aol.com

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!

APRIL 2008

Our March CCPA members' meeting was held at Tino's on the 28th. Those attending were given a comprehensive view of TPA's agenda and direction from TPA's Executive Director, David White. David brings a passion and commitment to psychology that greatly transcends what TPA once received from the lobbyists it employed over the years. He is truly a spokesman for Texas psychologists and clearly enjoys his work. Thank you, David, and we hope to see you at other meetings of CCPA! David advised us that we were the first LAS in Texas to link free/reduced fees for CCPA membership to those who belong to or join TPA. Throw in free CEU's and camaraderie in a laid-back milieu of Mexican-American cuisine, and anyone can see what a bargain CCPA is for its members!



Remember to pass along your congratulations to Dr. Tim Branaman on his having being appointed to TSBEP. You can do this AND hear a presentation from the Board's General Counsel, Attorney Diane Izzo, on April 25th at Tino's should you choose to attend and get 1.5 CEU's in Ethics. Because I have not practiced in the Lone Star State for many years as some of you have done, I did not experience some of the difficult relationships that some Texas psychologists have had with our licensing Board, although it did take me nine months to get licensed here. Part of the difficulties apparently were, in part, due to previous Board attorneys as I understand it. In Diane Izzo, I have found a very reasonable and approachable professional who actually seeks input from TPA. Her style is not confrontational or demeaning and I have thoroughly enjoyed her presentations when I have heard her speak at our TPA conventions. I hope you will join me on the 25th to welcome Diane and pick up the CEU's.

From the February 2008 volume of Psychotherapy Finances comes a brief report that New York's Attorney General, Andrew Cuomo, "announced that he will charge UnitedHealth and a subsidiary with manipulating the definition of 'fair and reasonable' out-of-network physician fees." Cuomo adds that "unreasonably low reimbursement for clinicians leads inevitably to substandard care." Ya think? I'll leave it to you to speculate on what this may mean, if anything. I only hope that A.G. Cuomo doesn't go the route that Elliot Spitzer went before he has a chance to see this through! According to the article, Aetna, Cigna, and Wellpoint's Empire BlueCross/BlueShield are "also under the microscope."

Here's hoping you will have a fruitful April and that you will journey to Tino's to join your friends and colleagues on the 25th. Bring your questions regarding legal issues to Diane Izzo. You probably can bring some lawyer jokes. I think she may laugh at the less mean-spirited ones! If she doesn't, continue to practice in your usual highly ethical ways and you'll be fine..

Peace,

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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:
www.psychselect.com/ccpa**

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!*

PsyUSA Network Knowledgebase System!

From: Frank Wichern

Several months ago I joined the PsyUSA listserv. I encourage you to join if you would like current information on psychology. Unlike a newsletter, the contributions are from psychologists who have found important information they want to share!

PsyUSA and the PsyUSA Network of mail forums, Web sites, and databases is an informal and non-commercial collegial organization open only to:

- o Doctoral-level psychologists
- o Psychology interns and residents
- o Staff members of psychological associations
- o Clinical and counseling graduate students admitted to doctoral candidacy who have a faculty sponsor.

There are no fees or dues to join the Network. Over 1200 psychologists participate in the Network which has been organized to create a multi-channeled electronic medium of information exchange, storage and retrieval for psychology and to advance the discipline and practice

The PsyUSA Network includes mail forums and Web site databases of information for psychologists at national and international-levels, as well as a number of special interest mail forums. Your qualification for subscription to the PsyUSA Channel of the Network automatically qualifies you to use all of the other resources in the Network.

GO TO THIS WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO:

<http://psychcentral.com/blog/archives/2008/02/22/psychologists-what-is-the-psyusa-network/>

By the way, psychcentral.com is a great place for information also!

Or just google "PsyUSA" and follow the link.