



# CCPA NET Letter

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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.**



**TEXAS**  
REP. JERRY MADDEN will meet with CCPA. This our opportunity to both hear about the challenges facing our area as well as provide a voice to our elected leadership. Many crucial issues face us, come and provide input!

**NEXT CCPA MEETING LOCATION !**  
**TINO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT**  
**SOUTH MAIN ENTRANCE**

**“REP. J. MADDEN”**

**6/27—12 NOON Ψ JERRY MADDEN**

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

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### **FUTURE MEET- INGS:**

- 6/27— REP. J. MADDEN — TINO'S—12 NOON
- 7/25— ENTRAPMENT— TINO'S—12 NOON
- 8/22 —FAMILY LAW- TINO'S—12 NOON
- 9/26 — PSYCHOANA- LYTIC - 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.

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

**July 25—ENTRAPMENT, CUSTODY IS-  
SUES—G. Grossman, PhD—12 Noon Tino's  
Collin Creek— 1.5 CEU's Ethics**

**August 22—FAMILY LAW ISSUES—Tom  
Hartzell, Atty- 12 Noon Tino's Collin  
Creek— 1.5 CEU's Ethics**

**Sept. 26—Psychoanalytic Update— 12  
Noon Tino's Collin Creek— 1.5 CEU's**

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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 RE-  
QUESTS FOR PRO BONO SERVICES.  
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[wichern@att.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:wichern@att.net)**

**CCPA PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:**

***Greetings CCPA members!***

***JUNE 2008***

June, yikes! It'll be time for the holiday party before anyone knows it! Ok, maybe not.

I want to extend our appreciation to Dr. David Hanks who was our presenter on Friday, May 16th at Tino's. Dr. Hanks has for many years worked with chronic pain patients. He is commonly found in the operating room, providing supportive techniques to help his patients through their surgical procedures. Many of his techniques have direct application for our clients who seek relief from different types of pain. I found it interesting and valuable that Dr. Hanks does his best to educate patients **AND** surgeons about personality-driven differences between docs and patients. Surgeons look to Dr. Hanks to facilitate the process as all parties are concerned about the common goal: a successful procedure. Thank you again, David, for an enjoyable and effective presentation.



Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 27th at Tino's. Please come and hear State Rep. Jerry Madden of Plano address us. Rep. Madden expressed to me that he feels we psychologists are an important resource in the community. I agree and I look forward to Rep. Madden's talk. I hope many of our members will make the effort to attend!

The CCPA Board would like to extend an invitation to all interested members to serve as a Board member. Personally, I have gained a lot by serving on our Board. I have gotten to know many of you much better because of my Board service. I enjoy the challenge of lining up guest speakers and I have always valued input from our members regarding topics they would like to hear presented at our monthly meetings. Because of my Board service, I have gotten more involved with TPA and its efforts to better our situation as psychologists practicing in Texas. I have attended TPA conferences and have tried to keep our membership up to date on TPA's direction for the year. Incidentally, one can really enjoy oneself at the TPA annual conventions while picking up required CEU's. Dr. Simpson and I proved that in San Antonio last year and look forward to doing so in Austin in November this year! We would love to help others ratchet up their level of enjoyment by joining us at TPA in Austin.

As it is nearly time for our annual dues, I want to remind members that CCPA will waive the annual dues for the first year if you are now, or become, a TPA member. If you continue with TPA membership through subsequent years the CCPA annual fees will be reduced from \$90 per annum to \$50. I choose to pay TPA dues in a monthly manner which costs me about \$24 per month. Whether you choose to join TPA or not, please be aware that CCPA dues will be coming up shortly. The new dues structure for 2008-09 (**without TPA membership**) was voted on and approved at \$90 per year. Still a bargain for the CEU's and camaraderie in a good ol' Tex-Mex setting provided by Tino's, in my humble opinion anyway!

I look forward to seeing many of you on Friday the 27th of June at Tino's to hear State Rep. Madden. In the meantime, keep your sunscreen on when venturing away from the office in this beastly Texas heat! If your office happens to be outdoors, well... I'm sorry. It could mean you are one of us who still accepts insurance!!

***Gary Chase, Ph.D.***

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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!*

**ETHICALITY!**

From: Frank Wichern

The CCPA EXEC meetings often produce many interesting discussions on ethics. Please join us because these insights may be license saving! Our next meeting is 7/11 at noon!

**INFORMED CONSENT**

1. There are many good reasons Diane Izzo from TSBEP warned us about informed consent. One of the best reasons is that in a recent article on PsyNet, it was reported that lack of informed consent is becoming the primary target of malpractice suits against mental health professionals. While there are now limits in most malpractice insurance policies on sexual misconduct, there is no limit on informed consent issues.
2. The Spring 2008 Nat. Reg of Health Service Providers magazine has an excellent lead article on informed consent, which is also a ethics CEU credit. The three basic guidelines are the client's decision to enter therapy is informed, voluntary and rational. APA ethics code says psychologists should present a informed consent form "as early as feasible", which the authors interpret this as the first session except in certain cases.
3. This lead to a discussion of "who is the client" when seeing blended families, who has to be informed, and what documentation is needed. Gary Grossman lead us in an important discussion that we asked him to bring before CCPA in our July meeting. I hope you will join us in July and offer your experiences when dealing with marital therapy, family therapy, adolescent and child therapy and evaluations.
4. The lawsuit you avoid may be your own!