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Ruth McClendon Elected ITAA President



Perhaps the most notable qualities Ruth McClendon brings to the office of president of ITAA is that she is a woman and a social worker – the first person with either of those qualifications to be elected to the highest position in the international association. In addition to being a licensed clinical social worker, Ruth is a licensed marriage, family and child counselor. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the American Group Psychotherapy Association, a member of the Academy of Psychotherapists, an associate of the Western Institute for Group and Family Therapy, a clinical faculty member at the Langley Porter Neuropsychiatric Institute, and a member of the training faculty of the Fielding Institute. Her main interest is family therapy. Below is Ruth's message to the membership reflecting her feelings and concerns as she takes office.

I am proud, scared and excited to be the new president of this organization. As I move into my term of office, I know of the large and different task to which I have committed part of my life for the next several years. I know too of the time, energy and involvement which I, the new officers and the entire Board of Trustees will be contributing to ITAA.

The task ahead, as I see it, is to "make room for differentness." In the past we have grown by leaps and bounds to enlarge a structure which our TA "grandparents" created for us. We have surged forward like a child who commands the environment and flexes her new-felt muscles while believing she can be all places at all times. It is now a time of adolescence. We must differentiate from our past and find our strength and relevance within the larger social system.

The transition to our future orientation will be gradual. The committee structure in our organization has been valuable and will continue to be so, but in a new way and incorporating new ideas. Since ideas come from people, we will make room in all committees for new faces. At this time we will need to validate the contributions of all and make this a safe and stimulating place for both young and old. This has recently happened with the examination process — TMs who have "always" chaired boards are finding that they are learning from the CMs, SFMs and PTMs who are now chairing and in turn learning the procedures. Moreover, I see that the committees such as Training Standards, which have in the past been the most influential and in the organizational foreground, will step back and "settle in as they are" as new committees with charges relevant to the present move forward.

Our character will change also as in the next few years we are making room for a bulging international growth. What will we see and how will we be as we accept international "organizational members" of ITAA and as the training standards operations continue to move in the direction of "home rule"? I am in full support of this growth and change. Also, I experience the difficulties of a parent needing to let go in a constructive way.

As I move into these coming years as president, I am constantly keeping in mind that **we are foremost an organization of people and not an organization of policies and procedures.** As an organization of people we must in the next two years make even more room for people to have a voice and to experience that their voice is heard. The movements in the past towards making it possible for regular members to be a relevant part of the organization will be encouraged and supported by me. I do not see us launching massive campaigns to incorporate the world into our TA system but I do see us broadening and strengthening our base through attention to our internal power structure and voting process along with opening up the TA system to more easily include creative, interesting and exciting persons from all parts of the world and all areas of life.

Finally, I hope that in these next few years we will make room for a broader model of TA thinking. As an organization we need to further encourage TA research, theoretical development and practical application of ideas. I hope we will continue to integrate our own systems and also those systems of thought which are non-TA connected. I look forward to seeing this in our conferences and in our journal and other publications.

I'm excited and I'm concerned. I know, of course, that in order to do anything we need first to have a financially sound organization. We need to stop the trend toward financial destruction and we need to stop it NOW! Bill Holloway as president instituted the steps toward fiscal responsibility and solvency. I applaud him and his thinking. I plan to continue the trend.

The challenges of the future are many. I am confident that the new officers, the Board of Trustees and the invaluable office staff will meet these challenges with the special creativity and dedication that has been a hallmark of this organization.

Ruth McClendon,
President, ITAA

Calendar

January 5-8, 1978 ITAA Winter Congress, New Orleans, Louisiana
August 16-20, 1978 ITAA Summer Conference, Montreal, Canada

Exam	Exam Date	Location	Application Deadline
CM and SFM Oral Exams	January 21, 1978	Delhi, India	October 24, 1977
	February 4, 1978	London, England	November 1, 1977
	March 2, 1978	Caracas, Venezuela	December 4, 1977
	March 29, 1978	Atlanta, Georgia	December 30, 1977
	April 8, 1978	Melbourne, Australia	January 9, 1978
	May 17, 1978 (SFM only)	Washington, D.C.	February 17, 1978
	May 18, 1978	Seattle, Washington	February 19, 1978
	May 19, 1978	New York, New York	February 20, 1978
	May 26, 1978	Australia	February 27, 1978
	July 2, 1978	Elsinore, Denmark	April 3, 1978
	August 16, 1978	Montreal, Quebec	May 18, 1978
	September 1, 1978	Australia	June 2, 1978
	November 2, 1978	Indianapolis, Indiana	August 4, 1978
CM/SFM Written Exams	January 27, 1978		October 29, 1977
	June 16, 1978		March 16,
TM Exams	January 4, 1978	New Orleans, Louisiana	October 7, 1977 Materials: November 21, 1977
	August 14, 1978	Montreal, Quebec	May 17, 1978 Materials: July 3, 1978
PTM Contract Workshops	January 8-11, 1978	New Orleans, Louisiana	October 11, 1977
	May 14-17, 1978	Seattle, Washington	February 15, 1978
	August 12-15, 1978	Montreal, Quebec	May 15, 1978 ($50 deposit due)

All fees are due on or before the deadline for applying for an exam. All exam fees are non-refundable but will be kept as credit in your account if at least 30-days notice is given for cancellations. Otherwise the fee is forfeited. Fees: $75 written exam, $100 oral exam, $25 all filing fees.

New 101 Examination and Procedures

It is now possible to become a Regular Member of ITAA by taking an official 101 examination rather than by completing an official 101 course. This recognizes that the information found in a 101 can be obtained in other courses or by private study and reading. The test below is now considered the official 101 examination and outlines directions for completing the exam and having it graded and for having RM membership certified by a TM or PTM.

1. It is an open book examination.
2. It can be obtained from the ITAA headquarters or the *Script.*
3. When completed, it must be submitted to a TM or PTM who is willing to grade it for a fee not to exceed $15.00.
4. Then, the TM or PTM should be willing to sign the examinee's Regular Membership application, if the exam is acceptable. (80% and up is acceptable, this means 80% of the concepts are understood as demonstrated through answering the questions.)

TA 101 EXAMINATION

1. Briefly define T.A. including its philosophy and application as you see it.
2. What are strokes? Why are they important? Name the four main types of strokes and give an example of each.
3. What is an ego state? Describe each ego state. How are ego states recognized?
4. Give an example, from real life, of a contamination and of an exclusion. Diagram the above examples.
5. Given the transactional stimulus "Let's get down to work", give an example of a crossed, complementary and ulterior response. Diagram and label all three transactions.
6. What are the rules of communication? How are they useful?
7. Define life position and describe the four types?
8. What are the six ways of structuring time and why is it useful to know them?
9. Define "Discounting" and give an example of each of the four methods.
10. What is a racket and what are its uses?
11. What is a game? What can one accomplish by playing games? What are the essential features of a game?
12. What game or games does your profession lend itself to? Describe the game, the game's moves and the payoff.
13. What is a symbiosis and how is it related to games and scripts? How is it perpetuated and why?
14. Define Injunction, Program, Counter-Injunction. How does each have a part in script formation? (Use Script matrix diagram).
15. What are the elements of an Early Decision?
16. In T.A. contracts are used between individuals and/or personally to aid in change. What is the value of a contract? Give an example of a contract (hard and soft) and relate it to your profession.
17. What do you understand by the term "Permission"? Give examples.
18. T.A. is defined as decisional, what does this mean?

Happy Holidays from the ITAA Staff



Special Features

We'd like to do some special features — articles or notes that would stimulate and interest you, our readers. Would you like to know how to write a sentence, how to set clinical fees, how to use color in decorating your office? Let us know what you would like to see in the Script "How To . . ." Column and we'll do our best to find an "expert" or just someone with good ideas to share "how I have done. . . ."

Training Notes

There is a new essay written examination for Advanced Membership for non-US and non-Canadian candidates. It can be obtained from the Credentials Department at the ITAA office. The old essay written exam will no longer be accepted. In order to distinguish between the two exams, the first question from each is listed below:

Old exam

1. Diagram an example of a crossed transaction.

New exam

1. How is an ego state diagnosed? Give an example of diagnosis of a Child ego state.

The old written exam contains 38 questions, while the new written exam contains only 35 questions.

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Keeping in Touch

Women Presidents — thanks to Richard Erskine for pointing out that, while Ruth McClendon is the first woman to be elected as President of our international association, two other women have held the position of leadership in their national organizations — Saroj Welch in India and Florence Olivier in Canada.

Gilbert Brenson, PhD, the scientific director of the Instituto Colombiano de Analisis Transaccional in Bogota, Colombia writes that they are steadfastly and successfully maintaining ITAA professional standards in spite of some difficulties. "In our four years of work here we've had more than 6000 students in a TA 101 equivalent, published three books in Spanish (one a best-seller), and currently have seven therapy groups and two post-graduate study groups."

Nick Mumford, RM has been receiving lots of strokes, including a write-up in his company newsletter, for the after-hours in-plant training course in TA that he is giving to fellow employees. As of last May, he had taught six sessions with a total of 50 people enrolled. Response has been very enthusiastic.

Nick is Michigan Division's Director of Engineering for Vought Corporation. Good work Nick!

Richard Erskine has just returned from workshops in Denmark, Germany and Belgium.

Claudine Wilder is teaching a TA based course for Harvard Continuing Education called "Principles and Methods for Personal Effectiveness in Business Organizations". She teaches the course with Dr. William Rogers of Arthur D. Little. Operating from the belief that every employee is a manager to some extent, they emphasize the application of psychological and organizational development theories and techniques.

Research on Job Applications — Larry Kokkelenberg is conducting a survey to determine how organizations might be using TA in connection with hiring new employees. Anyone knowing of an organization that has any material involving TA in their employment applications please write or call Larry Kokkelenberg, PhD, TM at (312) 564-2260, 4110 Phyllis Road, Northbrook, IL 60062. If possible, send a copy of the material that uses TA.

Dr. Elliot S. Cohen, RM presented a paper titled "The Use of Transactional Analysis Concepts in the Supervision of the Paraprofessional Therapist" at the 12th Anglo-American Military Psychiatry Symposium held in Munich, Germany, October 25-27, 1977.

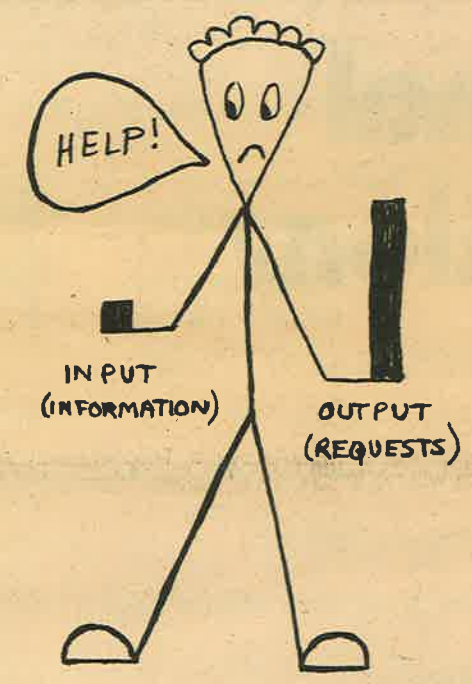
We would like to know what you, and particularly what your institutes, are doing — make it brief and non-promotional and we'll be glad to print in "Keeping In Touch."

Application of TA to research on creativity and the creative act is an interest of John Wahl, a family counselor. If you are similarly interested and would like to discuss this field you can reach John at 1202 Hampel Street, Oakland, CA 94602.

202 Seminar

Pardeeville, Wisconsin: Wauona TA Seminar sponsored by Ted Harrison, CPTM, meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Fee: $10/year for refreshments. Contact Ted Harrison, 302 West Chestnut Street, Pardeeville, Wisconsin 53954. Phone: (608) 429-3005.

Transactional Analysis Journal readers please send completed Reader Surveys from the October 1977 *TAJ* to the ITAA office, 1772 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, CA 94123. We need **your** response to make the survey accurate. Thank you.



FLASH! We're starving from lack of information!

The ITAA office receives about 20-25 requests every week for information about TA events, seminars, workshops, etc. throughout the US and the world. Many letters and calls are for specific events, such as 101 courses, training, etc. In many cases our information is badly out-of-date or incomplete and we are not able to fill requests for information as well as we would like to. The ITAA information services are partially a reflection of your diligence in informing us of what's happening in TA. Please write, call, send brochures and *continue to keep us up-to-date* — put us on your mailing list! If you are one of those lovelies who already keeps in touch, a hearty thank you for keeping us well fed and happy.

Attention Non-US Residents We Need Your Help!

The ITAA has for some time been accepting non-US checks, but the cost has become prohibitive and we now need to change our policy. Beginning immediately, we will no longer be able to accept anything payable in US dollars, a US dollar money order or a check drawn on a United States Member bank. Any monetary form other than these will be returned to the sender. Note: any bank will issue an international money order, but be sure to indicate that it is to be payable in US dollars. We appreciate your help and cooperation in this matter. Thank you.

On Volunteers

Janus, the Greek god, could look both backwards and forwards. January, the month named for Janus, encourages us to look in both directions also — a healthy and important step for us at this time.

The ITAA has a strong history of volunteerism. Morrie Haimowitz told me recently that when he put together the first Midwest TA Conference there was virtually no expense because people gave of themselves in huge quantity. Joe Concannon could tell us the same kind of story about early ITAA events.

In the general run of associations, the normal course of events sees volunteers weakening in importance, and the staff taking over. That makes a lot of sense in some ways; one centrally located person can get a great amount of work done quite efficiently. As an association grows, so does the work load, usually to a point where volunteers can not/will not take the time and/or effort to get the job done.

That condition, however, very often leads to a point where volunteers feel manipulated and unsure as to whose interests are being served. A distrust of bigness is common to humanistic organizations such as ours. The elected hierarchy, the employed staff and the appointed committees are watched closely, lest they forget the members and take over in their own interest.

And so we need to ask ourselves, what is the current status of volunteerism in the ITAA? Bruce Walthess, President of the Hobby Industry Association of America, describes his volunteers in terms which I feel may be applicable to ITAA: "Many are naive when they become active and exhausted when they have finished their term."



Drawing by Richard Morillon

We're beginning a new year, with a new set of officers, a new group of trustees, a new batch of committee members. Most of those new people will have great enthusiasm, especially in the beginning. Some will be naive. Some will be active throughout their term; some will appear to have been passive observers throughout.

This is a call for active, informed, strong volunteerism in ITAA. If the members are strong in their leadership, the staff will be strong in their support. If membership participation fades in the face of the tasks before us, we'll all risk being exhausted and disillusioned when next January comes around.

It's good to look forward and back, Janus-like. If we all wait for the "other person" to do the job, we will only work against ourselves. If we will learn from what we see as we look over our shoulder, we will be able to make some progress as we move off in new and exciting directions.

I invite your involvement as an active volunteer.

Bob Andersen
Executive Director

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Members Forum

Should RMs Vote?

Roses are red, violets are blue.
I am an RM, and what are you?
I joined ITAA in '74,
a new organization with a new decor.
It said all can be OK,
and in fact were born that way.
TA offered a new approach to the problems of living,
with unlimited strokes for the taking and giving.
What joy? What fun! Whoopee!
This makes sense, I can plainly see.

Then my October Script says,
"Should Regular Members Vote?"
Such a serious matter,
all should take note.
Oh! My Child!
Its illusions are smote!

"Should" is parental, like "Must" and "Ought".
Those having wisdom "Should" those who do not.
I don't have wisdom, it would seem at a glance,
but I do not believe it and would vote had I a chance.

I am a competent person, I do truly believe.
On issues presented, my position I perceive.
I'm able to vote "Yes", "No", or "Undecided".
When I'm not certain, I refuse to be chided.
So why all this fuss about voting or not.
If I'm OK, won't my opinion be sought?

The forces behind this seem certain to be,
tapes from our childhoods, beginning at two or three.
"First eat your spinach, then your dessert,
or I will give you some strokes that will hurt."
"Do your work first, then you may play."
"When you are grown up, some day,
then I might listen to what you say."
Are these the Parent Tapes of the ITAA?

RMs and CMs and TMs all around,
hierarchies and pecking orders seem to abound.
How can this be, when all are OK?
Is there a difference between what we do, and say?

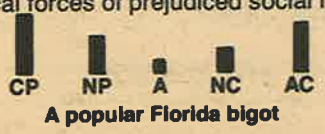
RMs are Blue, Advanced Members are Red,
or maybe it's the other way instead.
Whoever is Red, and whoever Blue,
I guess they are labeled to distinguish the two.
Yet red and blue flowers make a pretty bouquet,
Each one is complimented when together on display.
Just like RMs with votes would strengthen the ITAA.

Paul Burton, RM

We Blew It

In our zeal to express resentment over the defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment in Florida and to further the worthy cause of extending human rights, the ITAA voted "no meetings in states that have not ratified the ERA . . . ." Joining along with the American Psychological Association and the American Humanistic Psychology Association, who no doubt also have good intentions, we are utilizing a method which is remarkably naive. It has been and is now my contention that we need to express ourselves through creative, positive social action — based on our own special area of expertise rather than utilizing a stereotyped, negative and questionably effective method.

Consider the egogram of a well-known Florida bigot, a symbolic leader, who displays the human psychological forces of prejudiced social movement.



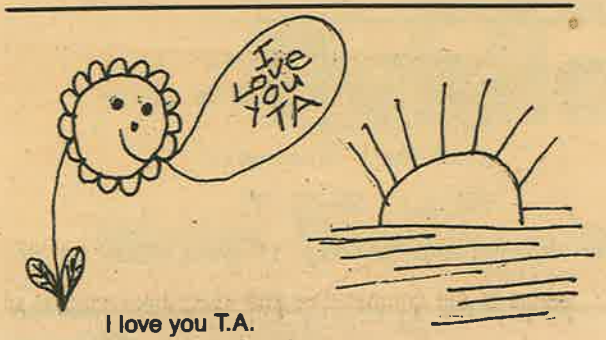
A popular Florida bigot

In the media, this woman exudes a high Critical Parent which harshly criticizes homosexuals. Like many Bible thumpers and other "do-gooders" she actually believes that she is doing what is proper and is saving helpless children, as represented by her high, albeit misdirected, Nurturing Parent, which acts as a rescuer. The major problem is that her data and logic are severely limited as seen by her low Adult. Her Free Child is barely evident as she rarely smiles or enjoys herself — she is too busy running her "rescue" campaign (I have yet to meet a bigot who has a good sex life). She continually defends her moralism and social statements behind her well-developed Adapted Child.

In accord with my "constancy hypothesis" and the notion of growth psychology, it is best to raise a weak trait than to try to beat down one too high. Indeed, beating down bigots is risky at best because they simply are stronger in Critical Parent than many of us are. Instead, the solution is the opposite of our action. A low Adult needs **more information.**

The State of Florida, and other states where similar ERA legislative battles are emerging, need more Adult and more Free Child. This may be accomplished by having more scientific meetings, followed by parties, rather than less. Of course, some of the hard-core bigots may not change. However, their cooperation is not necessary for legislative victory. Reaching the middle road voter or what Claude Steiner a few years ago called "the reasonable public," and supplying them with information, creativity, and some fun (a hallmark of TA meetings), combined with ancillary press and media coverage, will aid in swinging the vote and influencing the legislation with the appropriate humanitarian goals. For the minute impact that an economic boycott of Florida will have (certainly the DAR and American Legion will gladly fill the hotel rooms), we will all have blown it and thrown out the baby with the bath. In effect, we will be abandoning our brothers and sisters who live in these areas and they will suffer, as well as those misinformed persons who can genuinely profit by our knowledge and information. Therefore, instead of boycotting, let us hold hundreds of meetings in these places, get good press, and catalyze misinformed people to raise their Adult ego states.

Jack Dusay, MD



I love you T.A.
T.A. is very Good
So are all the people
If it hasn't been for
T.A. all the love in the
World won't be there.

Kim Bogusky, age 8



Children's Program Criticized

Dear Ms. James:

I was pleased to see my son Steven in the photo on page 13 of your October 1977 *Script.* I was rather startled by the caption which stated "Kids of all ages enjoyed this conference more than ever thanks to a successful and innovative children's program." I saw no successful and innovative children's program. What I saw was a very disorganized and frustrating program.

I arrived with my son before 8 am on Thursday morning to learn that the person in charge of the children's program was not present and would not be coming. I met a woman who told me that she was filling in for the person in charge but she really had no idea of what was going to be done and she was trying to organize parents to act as babysitters for the children. She asked me if I could be a babysitter. I explained that I had paid one hundred dollars in registration fees for myself and my son and I really wanted to attend the conference. She said she would watch my son but I should come back every hour to check on him. I returned and found my son with a few other children coloring a book cover. At other times during the day the children received balloons from one of the exhibits downstairs.

On Friday and Saturday various activities were listed for the children. Arts and crafts was one of these activities. Arts and crafts consisted of one ball of clay and nothing else. As I look again at the photo I can't help wondering if it was taken when the children were all trying to get that one ball of clay.

By Saturday, my son, who is six years old, was so bored that he did not want to return to the children's program. I attended one talk that morning and when I returned I found my son in tears. Some of the other children, who were older, were not very friendly that morning and no one seemed to be supervising very well. At that point I took him with me. I couldn't leave him there any more.

Very sincerely yours,
Thomas Curran

Asklepieion Clarified

Dear *Script:*

At the last meeting of the National Asklepieion Foundation it came to the attention of the board that there exists some confusion as to which programs are in fact certified Asklepieion Programs and Training Institutes. This confusion came about as the result of the removal of the name "Asklepieion" from the United States Prison at Marion, Ill., and the Federal Corrections Institute at Oxford, Wisconsin.

While all Asklepieion Therapeutic Communities offer some form of training, the first three listed below are both institutional therapeutic communities and offer on a regular basis a certified, five-day, Asklepieion Training Institute.

1. Asklepieion Northwest Therapeutic Community
   Box 55
   Stillwater, MN 55082
   Director, Dale S. Irestone
   Phone: (612) 439-1910, ext. 432
2. Asklepieion West Therapeutic Community
   Fort Grant Training Center
   PO Box 4402
   Fort Grant, Arizona 85643
   Director, William C. Smith
   Phone: (602) 828-3393
3. Asklepieion Programs Virginia
   House of Thought
   James River Correctional Center
   State Farm, Virginia 23160
   Director, Jerry Dean
   Phone: (804) 784-3551, ext. 264

There are also Asklepieion Therapeutic Communities at the Minnesota State Reformatory and the Arkansas Benton Facility. They do not offer a formal five-day training program at this time but do welcome visitors on an individual or small group basis. Their mailing addresses are:

Asklepieion St. Cloud
State Reformatory
Box B
St. Cloud, MN 56301
Director, Gayland Long
Phone: (612) 251-3510, ext. 310

Asklepieion Arkansas
William C. Edwards, Warden
Benton Facility, U.S. P.O. Service Center Branch
Benton, Arkansas 72015
Phone: (501) 847-4047

The following two locations are not Asklepieion Therapeutic Communities but do have training programs under the supervision of Asklepieion trained staff:

Hill House Drug Community
PO Box 287
Carbondale, Illinois 62901
Director, Paul Reitman, Gary Graham
Phone: (618) 549-8032, (618) 549-7391

II Genesis Therapeutic Community
Box 500
Oxford, WI 53952
Clinical Supervisor, Ted Harrison, PTM
Phone: (608) 584-5511

If you have any further questions pertaining to certified Asklepieion Programs please contact the Asklepieion Northwest Foundation, Inc., 1891 Ashland Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104.

Thank You,
Gayland Long, President
Asklepieion Northwest Foundation

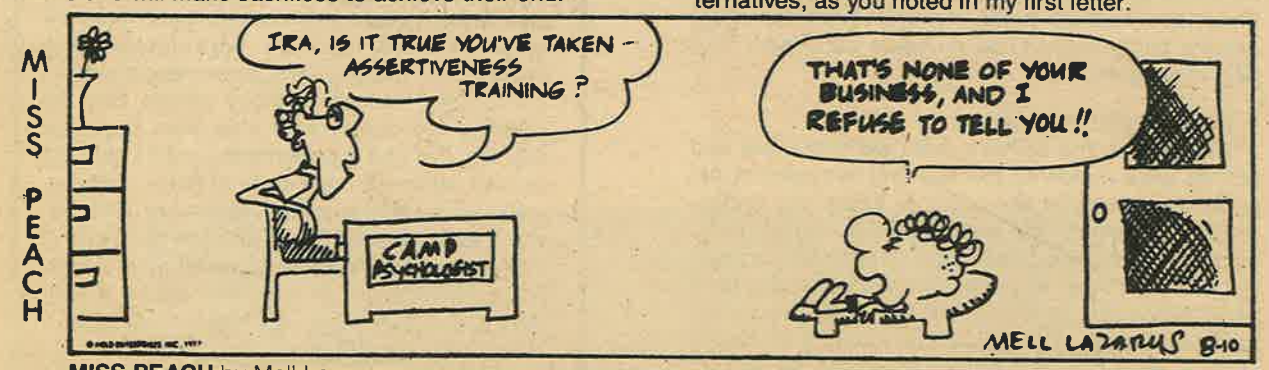
Care and Feeding of TMs and PTMs

Dear *Script:*

I am moved to respond to the issue of the care, feeding and training of future TMs. This is how one RM feels about the situation.

First, I am totally unimpressed by those who have misgivings about the PTM Contract Workshop, particularly in regard to the cost of travelling and the distance, loss of work and so on.

I grew up in a hard school — in England between two world wars and a frightful depression but saw that never did lack of money or time hold back the determined, the gifted and the ambitious. One makes sacrifices for a goal — sacrifices of immediate gratification for future ones; and for this the right people will strive and will make sacrifices to achieve their end.



MISS PEACH by Mell Lazarus
Courtesy of Mell Lazarus and Field Newspaper Syndicate

I find all the talk about Trust within the organisation to be quite a lot of hot air. We, the membership, elected the people that we, as individuals, esteemed and trusted. Virtually, we gave them a "go ahead" signal to do what was best for all of us. If we can't trust our representatives to "govern" for us we might as well pack up our whole democratic voting system. Time will prove whether we made good choices when we elected ITAA's governing body. And if they turn out to be ineffectual or corrupt we'll put in a new lot next time and hope for the best. I elect people to do a job I'm not willing or able to do and I'm not so sure I want them to keep "taking my pulse" (feedback) to see whether I think they are doing a good job.

Another thing. If a few rotten TMs get by it isn't the end of the world. Presumably they will at least fulfill Eric's splendid dictum: *primum non nocere.* It's likely they will be ineffectual rather than dangerous and the public will pass on, the wiser for using their own judgement and more able to pick the therapist nearer their own needs.

That's all I have to say except that I would like our various committee members to know that I realise they give time and thought to their job; I support their decisions and am glad they run the organisation for me. In true TA terms, I suggest they "take back their power." There would be something wrong with an organisation that did not have conflict. We used to say in Britain "I'm agin the government whatever they do." Have we a similar situation here? Fraternal greetings and good wishes.

Sincerely,
Esther Birney

Past issues of Script *have reflected the interest and concern of ITAA members regarding the Contract Workshop for Potential Teaching Members. The following excerpts are printed in the belief that there are other members besides Ms. Healy who would like the information provided to her by Ruth McClendon, Chairperson of the Training Standards Committee.*

Dear Ruth,

In your letter to me and in the letter appearing in the April, 1977 issue of *Script* you wrote, "There are many criteria involved in the choice of the Teaching Members and this information is available to anyone upon request." Thus, I am herein making that request. I consider the task that the Training Standards Committee faces in arriving at a reliable and practical set of standards to be one of the most difficult and important tasks faced by the ITAA. I say this based on years of experience as an evaluator of mental health and educational programs. . . . My request is not idle curiosity. I have professional interest — both specific to the ITAA and in general. I should also like to know the ratio of those who applied for the Contract Workshops (participating TMs) and those who were accepted. In other words, how large a supply of "raw material" do you have to choose from? Also, what is the percentage of participating TMs who live in the area of the workshops?

. . . I am now a bit removed from the base of operations. I need to understand what's happening. It used to be easy — I'd go to a Eric Berne Seminar where I could hear and be heard. Now, I must write letters! It's a small price to pay for growth. I regret that we cannot communicate "straight in the eye", face-to-face as in the "old days."

I am concerned for two reasons about the Training Standards Committee's task:

1. Any new ITAA rules will eventually affect the Eric Berne Seminars — my base of operations.

2. I feel protective both toward the EB Seminars and the ITAA. Thus, I may be entering the national ITAA in the same way that I did the EB Seminars — observant questioner, which could imply criticizer. However, I almost never criticize without offering alternatives, as you noted in my first letter.

In summary, I see members of the Eric Berne Seminars affected by the new rules; this affects me. My purpose for requesting information is continued. active participation in the ITAA.

Sincerely,
Nancy Healy, RM

Dear Nancy:

I continue to appreciate your interest and pursuit. For your information . . . I have enclosed the list of questions which outlines what we look for in someone who is interested in becoming a Practice Teaching Member. *(see below)* In addition, I would say to you that a Teaching Member is someone who is ethical, responsible and reliable in his or her contacts with self and other people. It is someone who knows and can teach the content of TA theory as well as being in touch with the process of teaching. This person has a sense of the comparative and integrative aspects of TA within its own theoretical boundaries and in relationship to other theoretical and practical approaches. In addition, a Teaching Member is someone who has a command of all the aspects of supervising practitioners as well as supervisors of practitioners.

To answer your second question, Nancy, 100% of those who have applied for Contract Workshops have been accepted. When asking about Contract Workshops, please remember that to date we have a very small sample and thus, your third question of the percentage of participating TMs who live in the area of workshops is one which is impossible for me to have an answer to at the moment. . . .

Sincerely,
Ruth McClendon

Summary of Suggested
Training Proposal Outline for Contract Workshop

1. What content and structure will you teach to prepare persons for advanced membership?
2. How will you determine with whom and whom not to sign Clinical and Special Fields contracts?
3. How will you structure your usual training day: theory, peer group supervision, the issue of treatment and training?
4. How do you see evaluating a person's readiness for CM or SFM oral exams?
5. What are your goals for you and the people you teach?
6. What kind of contact do you see having with your TM sponsors?
7. What kind of continuing course of study and training do you plan for yourself?
8. How do you see yourself maintaining Clinical or Special Fields practice for the 1000 hours requirement?
9. How do you see yourself contributing to the ITAA? Participating in conferences? Serving on committees? Writing? Research?

Dear Ruth:

. . . I want to tell you of my admiration for the thoughtful and comprehensive command of the task of the Training Standards Committee as reflected in the material you sent me. After reading that material, I am deeply impressed with your approach in this attempt to improve the old system in its new, growing setting. My interest in this process is even greater now that I have a better grasp of how you are proceeding. . . .

Sincerely,
Nancy Healy, MA, RM

Question of the Month . . . If you could sit down and talk to anyone in the ITAA, who would it be and what would you want to discuss? Write us your answer and we'll print it along with others we receive.

Dear Dr. James:

I attended the first PTM training contract workshop held in Atlanta last March. In view of some of the negative comments expressed in the last issue of *Script,* I feel it necessary for me to share my good experience.

For me, it was exciting, informative, and rewarding. I found the workshop leaders, Stan Woollams, Jacqui Schiff and Ruth McClendon, stroking, supportive, potent, straight, honest, sincere, knowledgeable, seemingly tireless and fun to be with. I thank them. Also, I thank Marty Holloway, Marge Reddington and Dick Abell for being around and available. I support this new policy and wish similar great experiences to all those who follow.

Sincerely,
George Imperato

Bewildered Member Speaks Out

Dear Muriel:

I want to protest what I consider to be the complicated, overdetailed and competitive classification of members developing in the ITAA. (see the 1977 supplement to the ITAA Membership Directory.)

In the event that the ITAA persists in the present proliferation then I propose that a new classification of membership be established; that is, Bewildered Member (BM). Bewildered, adj.; lost and perplexed; confused; puzzled; confusingly tangled (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, G. C. Merriam Co., Springfield, MA 1953).

I also want to be remembered when grandfatherships are being handed out.

Yours truly,
Leonard Ghan



Marianne Fraticelli has her hands full as newly appointed Executive Assistant for Conference Coordination.

Training and Examinations

New Clinical Members
with Teaching Member Contracts
Juan A. Bottinelli, PhD, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Nancy Gurowitz, Shelburne, Vermont
David M. Kline, MD, Oakland, California
New Special Fields Members
with Teaching Member Contracts
Winfield Firman, New York, New York
Patricia Savastano, Houston, Texas
PTMs Returned to CM Status
Milford Ater, MDiv, Springfield, Ohio
Sr. Susanne Cherney, MA, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Robert Cortner, PhD, San Antonio, Texas
Charles Elias, MSW, Easton, Connecticut
Geneva Erdahl, MA, Long Beach, California
Dan Fullerton, MS, Clinton, Iowa
Eleanor Funk, MA, Lafayette, Louisiana
Jim Leschke, ACSW, Rhinelander, Wisconsin
Claire Marsh, RN, Ft. Worth, Texas
Stanley Milstone, MD, San Jose, California
Margaret Ruthman, MSW, Schenectady, New York
June Shane, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Richard Whitehead, BCSW, Monroe, Louisiana
Betty Woods-Butler, MSW, Clayton, Missouri
Clinical Member Cancellation
Edgar Stuntz, Lafayette, Indiana

LeBoyer Birth A Natural High

During the 1976 Summer Conference, my wife saw a film on the LeBoyer birth techniques. The film helped us decide to arrange this kind of birth for our first child. She was born on March 28. I wrote the following article a month later for *Perspectives,* our guidance center newsletter. The whole process was so thoroughly consistent with the TA point of view that I think others involved in TA might be interested in our experience.

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Reanna is one month old today. Her presence has made this one of the best months of my life. The impact of becoming a father is far more powerful than I had ever anticipated. Even now I have trouble comprehending its full significance. I do know that I have been shaken to my roots.Something primal is stirring. Domestic interests that were at best dormant are blossoming. Certain emotions are now so strong and clear that their previous incarnations seem like muted shadows.

Believe me, however proud, tender, or protective you may have felt in the past, nothing can prepare you for the strength of the emotions that flood you when you're holding your own newborn child. As I watch Reanna slumber I feel great sorrow for the loss of those fathers who won't let themselves feel the gentle emotions of parenthood.

They and those who decline to involve themselves in their children's birth are missing some of life's peak experiences. You would be amazed at how active a role you can play in your child's birth if you are willing to invest the time and energy. With a little shopping around for the right doctor and hospital, you will find that you can arrange for just about any kind of involvement and birth technique you want.

Carol and I decided to use a rather radical, new technique called the "LeBoyer" method. From what we had seen at the TA Summer Conference, on TV, in journals (especially several research summaries in *Science News*) and in Dr. LeBoyer's own book *Birth Without Violence,* we became convinced that this was the best possible way to introduce our child into the world. Unlike others, this method is as concerned with the comfort and emotional needs of the child as it is with physiological concerns. It also actively involves the father in the entire birth process.

Following through on this decision was a bit inconvenient since we had to use an obstetrician in Oklahoma City which meant several 150-mile trips to the doctor. What we got for our trouble was a physician who was in complete agreement with us about how a birth ought to happen. We agreed that, above all, birth should be a gentle, freeing, non-traumatic experience for the child. Drugs should be used at birth only as a last resort. The mother's breast is a far better resource for warming the newborn than a sterile basinette. Any separation between mother and newborn should be kept to an absolute minimum (C. F. Klaus' and Kennel's book, *Maternal Infant Bonding*) and the father ought to be an active participant from beginning to end.

The birth went as planned.

The lights in the delivery room were very low and sounds were muted so that her first extrauterine experiences would not shock her or cause any unnecessary discomfort. She was allowed to begin breathing at her own pace. There was no slap on the back. Nor was she forced to straighten out prematurely from her fetal position. After the birth, Dr. Taylor placed her gently on Carol's chest. Carol and I and the attending nurse stroked her continuously for about the next 45 minutes. Unlike most newborns, Reanna did not cry. She was very alert and seemed to be checking out her new world with enthusiasm. I even think she smiled a couple of times. I have a picture of her nursing when she is only one-half hour old. She is peeking up at me out of one eye and seems quite content.

Nearly everyone since has remarked at what a peaceful and alert child she is. Her pediatrician's comment at her three-day check up was that she seemed to be pleased to be here. We would like to believe that it has something to do with the way she came. I thank God that I was able to be so much a part of it all. It was an unparalleled opportunity to become involved in life.

Becoming a father is a natural high I will never forget.

Dean Schlecht

If I Had My Life To Live Over

I would dare to make more mistakes next time. I'd relax. I would limber up. I would be sillier than I have been this trip. I would take fewer things seriously. I would take more chances. I would take more trips. I would climb mountains. I would eat less beans and more ice cream. I would perhaps have more active troubles, but I would have fewer meager ones.

You see, I'm one of those people who live sensibly and sanely year after year, day after day. Oh, I've had my moments, and if I had it to do over again, I'd have more of them. Just moments, one after another, instead of living so many years ahead of each day. I've been one of those persons who never goes anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a raincoat and a parachute. If I had it to do over, I would travel much lighter.

If I had my life to live over, I would start barefoot earlier in the spring, and stay that way later in the fall. I would go to more dances. I would ride more merry-go-rounds.

Nadine Stair (aged 85)
Lexington, Kentucky
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

August 13	Sunday	TM Examiners Workshop	**August 17**	Thursday	Full program Executive Committee Business meeting Key-note address/reception
August 14	Monday	TM Exams 101 Courses Institutes	**August 18**	Friday	Full program Executive Committee Dance
August 15	Tuesday	101 Courses Institutes Committee meetings	**August 19**	Saturday	Full program Board of Trustees Banquet
August 16	Wednesday	CM/SFM Exams Key-note panel	**August 20**	Sunday	Half day program Board of Trustees