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CONFERENCE AFTERWARD

UKATA Conference Considers "Form and Function of Relationship"

by David Gibbons

On Friday 21 April, the United Kingdom Association for Transactional Analysis (UKATA) welcomed its members to its annual conference. UKATA has a membership of nearly 900 people ranging from subscribers to senior ITAA- and EATA-qualified members and covering all four fields of TA: counseling, education, psychotherapy, and organizational work. We have a lively, expanding set of regional conferences and hold a national conference each year, which normally coincides with Certified Transactional Analyst and Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst exams organized by our exam committee and exam coordinator. (In 2017 the exams were held at the UKATA-sponsored regional conference in Manchester in June.)



Conference committee chair David Gibbons welcoming delegates

This year's 2-day national conference was held in Brighton on the coast of England directly south of London at the Hilton Metropole Hotel overlooking the sea. Brighton has been a destination since the late 1800s because of a much publicized view that bathing in and drinking sea water was good for one's health. Among its frequent visitors was King George IV. As a result of this history, the city has a strong architectural identity and vibrant culture and is known as the unofficial gay capital of the United Kingdom. Many LGBTQ charities, publishers, support groups, and social groups are based in the city, and Brighton has the highest number of same-sex households in the UK outside of London.

The theme for our conference was "The Form and Function of Relationship," and where better to explore this theme than in arguably the UK's most diverse and inclusive city? We were delight-



Dr. Mark Widdowson in his workshop on getting the most out of research materials

ed to have Helena Hargaden and Charlotte Sills present the keynote speech, entitled "Relationship as Function." They talked about the development of their ideas on the importance of relationship over the last 10 years since they received the Eric Berne Memorial Award. Their easy and fruitful relationship added warmth and value and set the tone for how delegates and presenters would relate throughout the conference.

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On the inclusive theme, we invited the steering group of our sister organization, the International Association of Relational Transactional Analysis (IARTA), to join us in exploring and presenting on the theme of relationship. The organizing committee, on behalf of the UKATA Council, was delighted to welcome the entire IARTA steering committee to host a full-day workshop titled "The Making of a Relational Transactional Analyst." Having the IARTA steering committee and UKATA involved in a conference on the theme of relationship felt right and timely.

In the next workshop, delegates heard Suzanne Boyd, Mica Douglas, Brian Fenton, Heather Fowlie, David Tidsall, Carole Shadbolt, and Charlotte Sills discuss the principles of relational transactional analysis and how they came into being. We heard about all of the presenters' personal/professional histories and their processes on their way to developing a relational sensibility in their work. Workshop participants then worked in experiential groups to consider their own engagement with these principles before joining together again as a whole group.

An easy communication and enthusiasm for the topic and a desire to relate was evident throughout the 2 days. Delegates had the opportunity to choose from among 38 workshops that explored a wide variety of relationship forms and in doing so hopefully developed a shared and enhanced understanding of the function of relationship as well as its use and power as a tool in therapy and personal growth. This year's workshops included something for everyone, from looking at how our relationships with animals can be used therapeutically to the use of relationship in supervision. Notable workshops included those presented by Joanna Beazley Richards, Adrienne Lee, Peter Flowerdew, Mark Head, Mark Widdowson, and the UKATA safeguarding committee, which talked about one of our newest areas of working and member benefits (giving guidance to UKATA members with regard to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults).

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The UKATA Council and the conference committee are grateful to all those who ran workshops at the conference, including Adena Franses, Adrienne Lee, Alexandra Piotrowska, Bev Gibbons, Brian Fenton, Carole Shadbolt, Charlotte Sills, David Tidsall, Debbie Jelpke, Enid Welford, Fiona Hooper, Graeme Summers, Heather Fowlie, Helen Davies, Helena Hargaden, Isabelle Crespelle, James Longwell, James Sweeney, Jennie Miller, Joanna Beazley Richards, John Baxendale, John Renwick,



Charlotte Sills and Helena Hargaden giving their well-received keynote address about the development of their thinking during the decade after receiving the Eric Berne Memorial Award

Julia Tolley, Karen Cesarano, Leilani Mitchell, Marilyn Wright, Marion Umney, Mark Head, Mark Widdowson, Martin Wells, Mica Douglas, Michael Gavin, Nicky Worrall, Peter Flowerdew, Philipp Lichtenberg, Rachel Curtis, Ronen Stillman, Rosemary Napper, Sandra Burlace, Suzanne Boyd, Valerie Heppel, and Victoria Baskerville.

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Sponsorship this year was generously provided by The Link Centre, Gwiz Learning Partnership, Red Kite, Samantha Carbon, Oxygen, Wealden Psychology Institute, TA Training Organisation, The Berne Institute, Karnac Books, Able and Equal (Michael Gavin), John Renwick, and Sussex Counselling.

The Brighton conference team comprised four trainees: Alana Burton, Rebecca Davies, David Gibbons, and Audrey Hodgkins.

Special thanks also to EATA President Krispijn Plettenberg for joining us via video link to help us congratulate EATA exam successes and to help us award this year's UKATA Medals. The winners of this year's awards are Alistair Moodie, Carol Remfrey Foote, Cathy McQuaid, Karen Minikin, and Trevor Timms.

Also celebrated during the conference were successful examinees from exams held outside the UK over the past year: CTAs Mandy Atkinson, Anita Webster, Sheila Van Tol, Magda Gamrat, Lynsey Coxhall, and Fiona Cook (all psychotherapy); STA Marie Naughton (P); and TSTAs Gemma Mason and Karen Minikin.

We surveyed delegates immediately after the conference and were pleased that the majority enjoyed the conference and found the balance of workshops between advanced and accessible to be right and a sufficient spread of workshops across the four fields of TA. Over half the delegates were students and trainees, and 15% were nonmembers. Thirty percent were attending their first conference, which perhaps reflects that Brighton was an easily accessible location for the trainees at the Link Centre, Wealden Institute, and Metanoia Institute. Perhaps because our 2017 CTA and TSTA exams were held at a regional conference, there were fewer senior professional members in Brighton. Nevertheless, we were fully booked, with over 250 delegates attending across the 2 days and 70% attending both days.

Each year at our conferences, Lyn Hayward organizes a connections group for first-time conference attendees. We received feedback that we could do more to publicize this group before the conference, but 80% of first timers who responded attended the connections group.

Next year we will host our conference in Liverpool from 27-29 April, with exams for CTA and TSTA candidates on 25 April. In October 2017, we will be inviting proposals for workshops, and bookings will open in December. We hope to see you there.

David Gibbons, chair of the 2017 UKATA Conference Committee, is a contractual TA trainee with a small counseling and psychotherapy practice in Horsham, England. He is also a UKATA Council member, chair of the member services committee, and will remain conference chair for 2018. He can be reached at david@davidgibbons.info; website: www.davidgibbons.info .



Hannah Lake (right) and a friend compare notes on presentations to attend during the conference

Condemnation, Compassion, Complexity, and Confusion Are Not Enough

by Steff Oates

I ♥ **MCR** is the logo adorning many public buildings as a show of solidarity with people impacted by the Manchester terrorist attack that took place here on 22 May 2017. Carpets of flowers and balloons adorn one of our major squares, not far away from where Manchester was bombed by the provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) in 1996. On that occasion, a warning was given beforehand, and, miraculously, no one was killed, although many were injured and buildings badly damaged.



Tributes were left by the thousands in St Ann's Square in Manchester (Photo: Manchester Evening News, 26 May 2017)

This time, no warning was given before a shrapnel-laden improvised explosive device was detonated as people exited a major arena following an Ariana Grande concert. As well as the terrorist, 22 adults and children were killed and 116 were injured, 23 critically. This was the second of three major terrorist attacks in the United Kingdom this year, news of the third, in London, coming in as I write this.

I am aware that numerous such atrocities occur around the world almost daily—the one in Kabul killing over 100 people only a week after the Manchester attack. Many of these go without much mention in the West, and we at *The Script* struggle constantly with how to acknowledge so much suffering. In the case of the Manchester attack, I felt compelled to write about this gritty northern city in the United Kingdom because I live only a few miles from the city center.

The day after the Manchester bombing, my husband and I left for Lyon, France, for a training event. When we arrived there, many French people, colleagues and strangers alike, put their hands on their hearts and expressed deep condolences. Perhaps the attack seemed extra poignant because children and young people—the youngest fatality only 8 years old—appeared to be the primary targets, many of them going

to their first concert using tickets purchased as Christmas or birthday gifts. The French who so genuinely grieved with us are, of course, no strangers to these acts of terrorism after the Charlie Hebdo and Nice attacks, to mention only two.

In the UK we were in the throes of a general election, and understandably party leaders were wholehearted in their condemnation of what was described as "this appalling act of horror" and may well have been even if they were not on the campaign trail. Although it is hard to disagree with their condemnation and to be impressed by the speed with which the police closed in on the network behind the attack, it is diifcult not to feel anguish and that those responses are not enough.

After I returned from Lyon and started seeing my clients again, many voiced their own reactions: from "Could I have stopped it? I was in the area at the same time as the bomber. What if I had been able to smile at him and catch his eye?" to "Isn't all this public sympathy rather mawkish?" to "I'm from Belfast; bombs were pretty much part of my youth."

In finding my own response, I was touched by the following words from the letters page in *The Guardian* newspaper:

> In Pakistan, where I was born and raised, such attacks have sadly become commonplace. . . . It was quite inconceivable to imagine that these horrors that have besieged the hearts and minds of young Pakistanis would one day terrify youngsters in the UK. . . . Today, we have a lot of questions to answer about how we got here. As we pick up the pieces, it is crucial to remember that we have a common enemy. As a Muslim immigrant to this country, and hailing from a persecuted minority sect in Islam known as the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (AMC), I love and cherish this country no less than any other British citizen. In fact, my faith teaches me that loyalty to my country is part of my faith. (Malik, 2017, p. 1)

Theresa May, the UK Prime Minister, announced that "there has been far too much tolerance of extremism" in the UK and promised to step up the fight against Islamist terrorism following the London Bridge attack, saying "enough is enough."

For sure, people, including me, are angry, dismayed, grief stricken, and disturbed. We want reassurance from somewhere, and why not the leader of the country? Of course, I am personally relieved when yet another terrorist network is disabled, yet sound bites from the prime minister in the throes of an election, for me, are not enough. What else can we do?

I and others I know are concerned, particularly following the Brexit referendum and the rise of nationalism here and in other countries around the world. Even today, UKIP (UK Independence Party) Women's and Equalities spokesperson Margot Parker spoke of "superior" British values over "regressive Islam." The insult in that statement is evident, but the ignorance behind it, especially from someone in power, is astonishing—although it will no doubt hold some authority on the pages of the gutter press tomorrow.

Today I heard about a book titled *The End of Eddy* written by a young Frenchman, Edouard Louis (2017), that explores the rage of the French working class and, paradoxically, their alliance with the National



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Front. I have yet to read the book, but I'm inclined to make links between the vulnerability and perhaps malleability of some people in the UK who are on the bread line, for whom false promises from unscrupulous privately educated (for some reason called "publicly" in Britain) politicians to fund a failing national health service will be like manna. In my mind, this can only lead to a simplicity of thinking about them and us: we're good, they're bad.

Just after the Manchester bombing, I was touched by the dignity of a Manchester orthopedic surgeon named Naveed Yasin, a Muslim who was racially attacked on his journey from his home back to the hospital where he was treating victims of the explosion. He was quoted saying this:

> I can't take away the hatred he had for me because of my skin

> colour … and the prejudices he had associated with this. Manchester is better than this. We Mancunians will rebuild; we will rebuild the fallen buildings, the broken lives, and the social cohesion we once had. (Revesz, 2017, para. 7)

The focus of the group I was attending in Lyon was to consider our ongoing learning and practice in the "troubling areas of life." At the same time, we were asked to consider Eric Berne's idea of aspiration. During the group, I was able to privately reflect on "What are my aspirations at an individual, group, and community level?" Paradoxically, both uncomfortable and freeing as it was, I discovered the myriad of ways in which the pure ferocious energy involved in my aspirations gets misdirected. Manic ambition, gawkish sentimentality, a compulsion to do something, anything, to remove myself even momentarily from the horror of the reality. How many subtle ways I have of turning away from facing the necessary task at hand! I, too, am seduced by many false promises (including some I've made to myself).

So, I really don't know what I can do with the multiple atrocities that are occurring in the world without joining the inferior/superior split. It is an ongoing, troublesome area and not one that can be solved with "enough is enough." Maybe we just haven't thought enough, just haven't experienced enough, just haven't troubled enough. I really don't know.

I'd like to end these reflections with part of a poem recited by its author, Tony Walsh (aka Longfella)

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(2017), a Manchester poet writing on commission for the charity Forever Manchester. It was spoken in a square after the bombing with fierce passion and emotion, something wonderful in such tragic times:

> And this is the place where our folks came to work
> Where they struggled in puddles, they hurt in the dirt
>
> And they built us a city. They built us these towns
> And they coughed on the cobbles to the deafening sound
> Of the steaming machines and the screaming of slaves
> They were scheming for greatness, they dreamed to their graves
>
> And they left us a spirit, they left us a vibe
> That Mancunian Way to survive and to thrive
> And to work and to build, to connect, and create and
> Greater Manchester's greatness is keeping it great.

Here's to our worldwide community and to us not turning away.

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Recent & Upcoming Publications

Bill Cornell has had several articles published recently in non-TA journals and has a book coming out in the fall:

"The Analyst's Body at Work: Utilizing Touch and Sensory Experience in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapies" in *Psychoanalytic Perspectives, 13*(2), 168-185, 2016.

"I/I-Thou/It: Muriel Dimen as Clinician" in *Studies in Gender and Sexuality, 18*(2), 118-122, 2017.

"Wade in the Water: Transference Actualization and the Ethics of Memory: Discussion of Barlett's 'Time-Soaked' " in *Psychoanalytic Dialogues, 27*(3), 255-263, 2017.

Intimacy and Separateness in Psychoanalysis by Warren Poland (edited and introduced by Bill Cornell), November, 2017, Routledge.

"The Grace of a Psychoanalyst" presentation the conference "An Encounter and Remembrance of Danielle Quinodoz and Her Work," Swiss Society for Psychoanalysis, 1 April 2017. To be published in *The Bulletin of the Swiss Society for Psychoanalysis*, Fall 2017.

Gathering in Milan to Talk and Think About Sexuality and Gender

By Susanna Ligabue

Each of us may have experiences of our bodies—our identities and sexualities—that are so private and delicate that we find it nearly impossible to speak of them to anyone. Some of us may have one or two trusted people with whom we can talk about them, but how can we learn to discuss these important dimensions of human life at the professional and community levels where meaning is also made, where behaviors are deemed permissible or forbidden, and where identity is often shaped through countless, complex interactions?



(From left, front row): Mick Landaiche, Susanna Ligabue (TSTA, CPAT President), Bill Cornell (TSTA); (back row): Giuseppe Bertolini (CTA), Sonia Gerosa (TSTA), Roberto Bestazza (PTSTA, Terrenuove President), Emanuela Lo Re (TSTA, Director of the AT Counselling School), and Gianluca Costardi (PTSTA). Other than Bill and Mick, the others are part of the staff of Centro di Psicologia e Analisi Transazionale in Milan, the AT Counselling School, and Terrenuove Services.

These were the words on the flyer introducing a 19-20 May 2017 event with Bill Cornell and Mick Landaiche organized by CPAT (a national TA association linked to EATA), Centro di Psicologia e Analisi Transazionale (Center for Psychology and TA), and Terrenuove AT Counselling School in Milan, Italy. Participants included around 80 professionals, all of whom have been involved in TA for many years as trainees and trainers working in different fields.

I opened the meeting by recalling the Italian law that finally legalized civil unions for same-sex couples on 20 May 2016 (Cirinnà Act). Although that was a step forward, it also reminded us of how far Italy still lags behind such densely Roman Catholic European peers as Ireland, Portugal, and Spain, all of which had already accorded gays and lesbians actual marriage rights. As persons and professionals, we must face in a more informed and conscious way issues about sexuality that until now have been mainly viewed through the lens of heterosexuality, which was generally seen as safer and more "normal."

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The two-day experiential workshop with Bill and Mick was intended to allow a community of professionals from diverse areas of practice to develop a way to talk, collectively, about bodily experiences, sexuality, and sexual identities and preferences—of which gender is often a central aspect. The aim was to acknowledge the important role of the family and community in structuring the intensity of sexual passions, which may include biases against certain forms of love, sexual preferences, and gender orientation. In personal as well as professional voices, Bill and Mick began to identify the issues related to gender and sexuality that we often find ourselves avoiding or that we may have no idea how to address. The distinction was made between the disturbances that sexuality and gender can bring into our lives and the fact that some sexual behaviors can cause serious harm. We also asked ourselves how we can redefine perversion in our current cultural context.

We considered that even if transactional analysis has in its "DNA" an open and respectful OK-OK position about sexuality, there are areas of avoidance and prejudice (e.g., Berne on homosexuality) that continue to influence training and practice in TA.

Bill Cornell, through certain historical references, drew connections between Berne's position about sexuality and his psychoanalytic background. Bill offered an updated vision in this area, offering some case examples and sharing his experience from his body-centered and humanistic training and his professional work. Mick Landaiche, talking about his experience in counseling sex offenders and young people in difficulties, considered transferential and countertransferential reactions and offered important points for further discussion.

Many participants shared experiences from or aspects of their professional lives and contributed connections to some part of transactional analysis theory and practice (e.g., familial and cultural prejudices, individual script/cultural script, survival strategies/impasses/permissions, etc.). Participation and the sense of connection with others was high, with people working in small groups as well as joining in plenary sessions to give testimony about the relevance and vitality of the themes being discussed.

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In the late afternoon, after the seminar ended, we announced for the first time the Italian translation of Bill's *Somatic Experience in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy: In the Expressive Language of the Living*, first published by Routledge in 2015. The Italian edition, titled *L'esperienza somatica in psicoanalisi e in psicoterapia: Nel linguaggio espressivo del vivente*, has a foreword by Susanna Ligabue and is published by Armando editore, a well-regarded Italian publisher.

Our subsequent discussions with Bill about his ideas and practices in dealing with the body and through the body were fascinating and passionate. There were questions about connecting with TA theory and frame of reference, and interest is so high that there is a second seminar planned for the spring of 2018 in Milan.

Susanna Ligabue, TSTA (P) and psychotherapist, is president of CPAT and founder fellow of Centro di Psicologia e Analisi Transazionale and of Terrenuove, a social cooperative in Milan. She teaches and supervises at the Postgraduate School of Specialization in Psychotherapy of the Center of Psychology and TA in Milan and at the TA Counselling School. She is also codirector of the Italian TA journal Quaderni di psicologia Analisi Transazionale e scienze umane. *Susanna can be reached at at.mi@centropsi.it .*

TAJ Theme Issues

"Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: The Parent Ego State Revisited"

Guest Editors: Steff Oates and Diana Deaconu

Deadline: 1 November 2017

"Transactional Analysis and Existential Perspectives: Religion, Faith, Spirituality, and Beyond"

Guest Editor Anne de Graaf and Coeditor Sylvie Monin

Deadline: 1 May 2018

Please follow the submission requirements posted here. Email manuscripts to *TAJ* Managing Editor Robin Fryer, MSW, at robinfryer@aol.com .

The International Transactional Analysts for Childhood and Adolescence (ITACA) will hold their 10th conference from 1-3 September 2017 in Lavarone, Italy. The theme, "Speaking Gracefully and Making Each Hour a Work of Art," is taken from a passage in Eric Berne's (1970) book *Sex in Human Loving*. The conference organizers want to propose "a moment of reflection to compare the balance required between solitude and sharing, presence and its limits, distance and ethical boundaries in our practice as counselors, educators, teachers, psychotherapists, and health care workers." Friday and Saturday of the conference will feature plenary presentations, parallel sessions, and workshops; Sunday morning will be dedicated to supervision conducted by TSTAs and PTSTAs. Participation is open to all professionals working with children, adolescents, and families in clinical, organizational, therapeutic, and educational areas. For more information, visit http://www.versoitaca.it

Publication News

The *International Journal of Transactional Analysis Research* has now been running for 8 years. It has successfully published a wide variety of research articles, quantitative and qualitative, from authors in Austria, Australia, Belgium, China, Germany, Italy, Macedonia, Netherlands, Romania, Russia, Serbia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom. The abstracts are translated into French, German, Italian, Spanish, and, more recently, Russian. Julie Hay writes, "The time has come for us to extend our coverage. In the future, in addition to research articles, we intend to publish material related to TA professional practice. As with research, this will span all fields of TA application plus the activities of TA trainers and supervisors. We are, therefore, changing the name to the *International Journal of Transactional Analysis Research & Practice* (*IJTARP*). To maintain our standards, we will apply the same blind peer-review processes and will still expect thorough literature reviews to put what we publish into theoretical context. We continue to welcome theoretical reviews as stand-alone papers that provide valuable information for others. We will continue to provide as much editorial assistance as possible to authors, especially when English is not their first language. Thanks to EATA funding, we will also continue to make the journal available free to everyone who registers as a reader. The link will now become www.ijtarp.org . Your registration will be automatically transferred if you are already an *IJTAR* reader or author. We will continue to consider articles that have previously been published in a language other than English (subject to permission from the original publisher), and we may be able to assist with translation. We may also consider republishing papers in English (again, subject to permission from the original publisher) if the content has only appeared previously in a local or national publication and it would be beneficial to share the information with a wider readership. If you know what you want to submit, you can do so online at www.ijtarp.org or you can contact me to discuss a submission." Julie Hay is the *IJTARP* Editor and can be reached at editor@ijtarp.org .

Congratulations to Reshma Prakash of Bangalore, India, for scoring 100% on her CTA written exam! Reshma discovered TA during her basic training in counseling certification and found that it offered her a more comprehensive way of understanding her own script and applying a systemic lens to individuals and their families. She appreciates that TA can be applied in a more culturally appropriate way than psychological approaches



Reshma Prakash

that focus only on the individual. Reshma attended Anna Chandy's TA 101, and the experiential and cocreative adult learning approach gave her permission to think freely and unconventionally. Reshma grew up in Bangalore, did her master's in the United States, and lived and worked in New York and Geneva (at the WHO) for over a decade before settling in Bangalore with her family. She now works there as a TA counselor.

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Panorama of Berlin showing the Reichstag cuppola in the center distance

Berlin Conference Notes

Workshops Announced: The exciting list of dozens of presentations scheduled for the Berlin Conference is now available online. There are workshops from all continents (except Antarctica), many countries, in many different languages (often with translation), and from all fields. To see the tentative list, visit https://tawc2017.berlin/en/program/workshops/

Conference Registration is Open! Go to http://www.tawc2017.berlin to register. At the same time, you will be able to sign up for special events, such as the festive evening, the boat trip, and various tours.

Website Constantly Updated: Those planning to attend the 2017 World TA Conference in Berlin 27-29 July should visit the conference website often because it is frequently updated with new information. Visit http://www.tawc2017.berlin .



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Remembering Les Kadis

by Peter Pearson and Ellyn Bader



On 12 May 2017, a candle went out, a candle named Les Kadis. The world became a little dimmer when he died, in his bed, at home. We all knew it was coming. After several months of struggle, his body finally gave out. His body quit, yet memories of his bright, curious, and loving personality will never die. Until the end he would smile, joke, and reach out with questions, never complaining about his situation. That, dear friends, for us is character at the highest level. He will be missed greatly by his loving wife, Ruth McClendon; his three daughters Lee, Cheryl, and Julie; and his two grandchildren.

In his chosen professions—first as an anesthesiologist and then as a psychiatrist—Les skillfully helped his patients. He did it with a wisdom that was grounded in learning about their humanity and frustrations, not just as a collection of problems or symptoms. Along with Ruth, he was an early pioneer in creating the field of family business consulting. He gave freely of his precious time to extend his reach to others through multiple nonprofits, including the Red Cross and the ITAA. His contributions to *The Script*, the *Transactional Analysis Journal*, and the redecision therapy literature will long be read and valued.

When a good friend exits this world, it is interesting which memories come to the foreground. We thought we would each share some about Les.

Les solved an irritating problem for me (Pete). I was complaining about never finding sandals that were comfortable. Les said, "Here, try mine," and took off his sandals. A new world of footwear opened up, and I immediately loved those ECCO sandals. As soon as possible, I got my own pair, and my feet have loved them ever since. It is not often we can literally say we walked in someone else's shoes, but I was fortunate to walk in his.

The first day I (Ellyn) met Les, I knew he was someone special. He was teaching me, along with other therapists, about psychopharmacology. What had previously been dull material turned into a fascinating exploration of what drug and why and with whom and when. That was my first introduction to Les's keen intelligence, which he always shared generously. Even with his pedigree, which included advanced degrees and licenses, he never used those to be one-up or play games. I always welcomed conversations with him about therapy, politics, and the many intricacies of complex relationships.

Probably one of my most poignant memories of Les is from visiting Dachau with him, Ruth, and two of his daughters. Together we processed the intensity of that day without hiding from the brutal reality of what had transpired there. Another memory that always makes me smile is from our first trip to Africa with Ruth, Les, and Mary Goulding. Les talked us into going and opened a whole new world to me, Pete, and Molly, our daughter.

Learning about life and living with Les was truly a gift and a privilege. Even though his candle has gone out, his energy and legacy will always remain.

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JANUARY 2017
Kay Barnes, USA
Tim Bending, UK
Lata Bhaskar, India
Melita Cepin, Australia
Muralidaran Govindaraj, India
Viktoria Jonas Butter, Latvia
Simon Lewis, UK
Erna Lülik, Slovenia
Srinath Nadathur, India
Anna Paine, UK
Barbara Repinc Zupancic, Slovenia
Simon Richardson, UK
Sara Waldron, UK
Agnieszka Wos-Szymanowska, Poland
Stefan Woudenberg, Netherlands

FEBRUARY 2017
Désirée Boschetti, Italy
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Nusa Klinar, Slovenia
Howie Martinez, UK
Lee McAuliffe, UK
Liudmila Petukhova, Russia
Trudy Tanner, South Africa
Kay Tillyer, UK
Carol Wain, UK

MARCH 2017
Sarah Clare, UK
Liudmila Fateeva, Russia
Mordecai Finley, USA
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Esther Waite, UK
Sebastian Wesselius, Netherlands
Kay Willis, UK
Mineharu Yoshizawa, Japan

APRIL 2017
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David Houchin, UK
Jessica Lazarczyk, UK
Han Liu, China
Sandra Maguire, UK
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Angela Power, UK

MAY 2017
Karen Mancini, UK
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Naoko Miura, Japan
Stephenie Morgan, UK
Hema Munbodhowa, UK
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27-29 July 2017:
Berlin, Germany.
World TA Conference.
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Lavarone, Italy.
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Contact: http://www.versoitaca.it/

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