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#### A Note from the President

"How do we get there from here?" is a question that comes to mind when one spies an incredible sight in the distance. This question is particularly compelling to me when I see an old episode of Star Trek: The Next Generation that features Counselor Deanna Troi.

For those of you unfamiliar with the show, Commander Troi is the ship's counselor aboard the USS Enterprise in the 24th century. When I watch her portrayed as providing individual counseling or consulting to the ship's captain on psychological matters important to the success of a mission or even their very survival, I've marveled that our profession is not only portrayed as still existing almost 300 years from now, but that psychology is shown as being integral to a successful future interstellar society.

But how do we get there from here? From a present day where the role of psychology in healthcare as well as academia remains far from secured. Where the very identity of professional psychology appears in flux and subject to debate. This is the question at the heart of my year as your president. My answer is stewardship. Specifically, PAWNY's stewardship of the profession of psychology in Western New York.

Here are the primary issues regarding the stewardship of professional psychology in WNY that PAWNY must address:

- 1) Succession of leadership: PAWNY is without a person in the position of president-elect and has been for several years. In order for our organization to remain vibrant, the role of president needs to be shared by as many psychologists in WNY as possible over time.
- 2) Professional Affairs: PAWNY is without a chair of the professional affairs committee; this committee is help us all to stay abreast of issues relevant to the practice of psychology. This not only includes health insurance but also relevant legislation and business trends.
- 3) Communications: PAWNY is without a chair of the communications committee; this committee is at the heart of how I see PAWNY having the greatest impact on professional psychology in WNY. In this age of social media, our most effective tools for engaging fellow psychologists and demonstrating the relevance and importance of professional psychology to the public is through social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

Filling these three roles in PAWNY is critical to the stewardship of professional psychology in WNY. If you are reading this article and you are not already on our board, we need you. If you have any interest at all in serving in any of these positions, please send me an email:

Dr.Bill.Reynolds@gmail.com

The only way we will get there from here is with your help.

Bill Reynolds, PsyD/MBA President, PAWNY

### President's Letter

### The 2017-2018 Executive Board

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### **Monthly Meeting Calendar**

The PAWNY Board of Directors meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of the month

Time: 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Buffalo Psychiatric Center 400 Forest Avenue Lombardi Conference Room

October 18, 2017 November 15, 2017 December 20, 2017 January 17, 2018 February 21, 2018 March 21, 2018 April 18, 2018 May 16, 2018



In September, with respect to our colleagues celebrating Rosh Hashanah, we will meet on Wednesday, 9/06/2017.



### **Membership Renewal**



# RENEW YOUR PAWNY MEMBERSHIP TODAY!!!

Please renew your PAWNY membership now if you have not already. The Membership year runs from July 1-June 30 and those who do not have a paid membership by September 1 will have their information dropped from the rolls and will no longer receive the PAWNY Express or any of the other great benefits of membership: Social Events, Educational Programs, Networking Opportunities, and Referral Sources.





After you have renewed your membership, you will get an email instructing you on how to complete your professional information for referral purposes on our new PAWNY website. Please go to <a href="https://www.pawny.org">www.pawny.org</a> today!

Please direct any questions that you have to Sandy Jensen, Membership Chair, at Sandra.jensen@omh.ny.gov.

Thank you!

### Save the Date



### **PAWNY**

## "Welcome Back"

## Happy Hour

September 8, 2017

5:30 p.m.

No RSVP Necessary

Resurgence Brewing Co.

1250 Niagara Street

Buffalo 14213

381-9868

Light Fare Provided \* Cash Bar

Enjoy the company of your colleagues at one of Buffalo's own craft breweries!

### **Classified**

WNY Psychotherapy Services is looking for experienced, Licensed Psychologists that are interested in a private practice, treating children, adolescents and their families. This is a turn key private practice with office space, basic office equipment, office supplies and administrative staff managing most of your professional needs.

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