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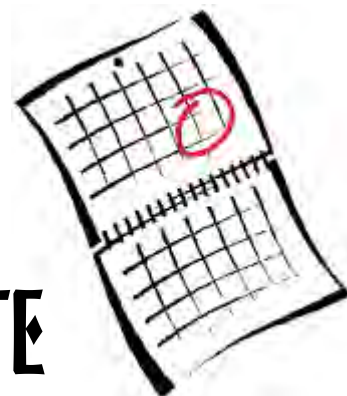
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SAVE THE DATE

LAPT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 26 - 27, 2010

NEW ORLEANS, LA

Join us as we welcome our newest

Board Members

Sandy Allen, Laura Fazio-Griffith, and Adrienne Lolan

And say "Thanks" for your hard work to

Scott LeJeune and Esther Townsend!



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

LAPT DECEMBER 2009

Happy Holidays,

That's right. The holiday season is upon us. It's a time for giving, family get togethers, shopping, family traditions, and good food (& lots of it). For LAPT, the holiday season also represents a time for conference preparation. The annual conference is set for **February 26-27, 2010** in **New Orleans**. Nationally known speaker **Paris Goodyear-Brown** will be the keynote speaker. The second day will feature breakout sessions presented by some well-known Louisiana play therapists as well as a few notable out-of-state play therapists. The collection of extraordinary speakers presenting at the LAPT Annual Conference speaks volumes about the significance of play therapy in Louisiana. This conference promises to be inspiring, compelling, and informative.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

What: LAPT 2009 Annual Conference

When: February 26 & 27, 2010

Where: Loyola University, New Orleans, LA

Keynote Speaker, February 26: Paris Goodyear-Brown, LCSW, Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor

Title: Play Therapy of Anxiety Disorders: A Prescriptive Approach

Sectionals, February 27: 1.5 hour and 3 hour workshops geared to meet the needs of those beginning the Play Therapy journey as well as topics to address the needs more seasoned Play Therapist.

Topics will address issues such as play therapy for survivors of sexual abuse, sandplay, play therapy supervision, ethics in play therapy, play therapy with step-families and many other topics. Look for your registration brochure to be mailed very soon. Visit our website at www.la4pt.org to receive updated information about the conference and LAPT.

Speaking of the website, LAPT has modernized its website making it more functional and user-friendly. We hope you'll enjoy visiting and using the **LAPT website** at www.la4pt.org. Please send us feedback to let us know what you think about the site.

In October, APT hosted its conference in Atlanta, GA. I hope that all of you, who attended, enjoyed the workshops and had a great conference experience. LAPT was one of many branches that participated in a Foundation Fundraiser to raise money for play therapy research. The fundraiser called for branches to donate themed baskets to be raffled off. LAPT's theme was Family Fun Night, filled with board games and Louisiana food items such as beignet mix and Zapp's potato chips. Our basket was one of the best, of course. I received tons of positive comments regarding how awesome our package was. Interestingly enough, it was won by Amber Moyer, APT's newest employee and she was thrilled. During the conference, I accepted two awards for LAPT – **Gold Branch** and **3rd in Professional Membership Growth**. I would like to thank all of you for making it happen. Thank you!!!

Lastly, we've had several changes on the LAPT board. LAPT would like to thank **Esther Townsend** and **Scott LeJeune** for their years of service to the LAPT board and wish them well in their future endeavors. Their contributions to LAPT and their enthusiasm for play therapy have been invaluable. LAPT is excited to announce the appointing of three new board members. **Laura Fazio-Griffith, Ph.D., LPC**, a Registered Play Therapist from Baton Rouge is your new Treasurer. **Sandy Allen, LPC** from Ruston is your new Nominations & Elections Chair. **Adrienne Lolan, CRC, LPC** from New Orleans is your new Conference Committee Chair. I am thrilled to welcome the three of them to the board and look forward to working with them in advancing LAPT.

Please feel free to email us with any questions or concerns you have. I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans in February. I hope this holiday season finds you happy, healthy, and peaceful.

Playfully yours,

Ray Melerine,

President LAPT





LOUISIANA PRIDE

Please send us an email detailing your recent achievements or examples of how you promoted play therapy to the newsletter editor.

Louisiana's Newest Registered Play Therapist - Supervisor

Carolyn Ellender - Baton Rouge

Remember "RPT" is a protected Physical Therapy credential in Louisiana, when in doubt write it out!



Check us out on the web at

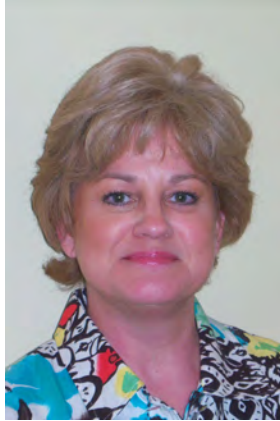
www.la4pt.org

The Board would like to thank
our new Webmistress,

Aimee Stewart,

for a job well done!

Meet an LAPT Board Member



My name is: Sandy Allen

What I do for the board: Nominations & Elections Chair

Why and when I joined the board: I joined the board in December of 2009. Because membership in LAPT is low in North Louisiana where I live, I hope to encourage more interest and increase awareness of the effectiveness of play therapy among therapists in my area.

I play at (where I work and what I do for fun): I work and play at Family Counseling Center in Ruston, Louisiana. For fun I spend time with my family and friends at the beach and Lake D'Arbonne. We love the water! My very favorite thing is spending time with my first grandson: Carter!!

Where I learned to play (school/trainings): Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA and any workshops/conferences that I can attend!

Why play therapy: It works! It seems so natural when working with children to play! It's a language that we both understand!

My favorite play therapy book (why?): I love Paris Goodyear-Brown's "*Digging for Buried Treasure*" books and Liana Lowenstein's "*Creative Interventions for Troubled Children and Youth*". I have found them to be so helpful in my practice!

My favorite children's book: *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst, *Ira Sleeps Over* by Bernard Waber

My play therapy medium: I love bibliotherapy and sandtray.

My favorite play quote: "*You learn a lot about people when you play games with them.*" Laura Moncur

Books for the young and the young at heart:

Bibliotherapy, Professional Development and more

In this section you will find books for therapists and their clients, contact the editor to add your favorites. Don't forget to visit the APT bookstore at <http://www.a4pt.org/bookstore.cfm>!



How to Make, Manage, and Maintain Your Play Therapy Private Practice

Krull, Teri. (2009: Mesa, AZ: Center for Positive Regard) Simplifies the challenging aspects of owning and operating a private play therapy practice.



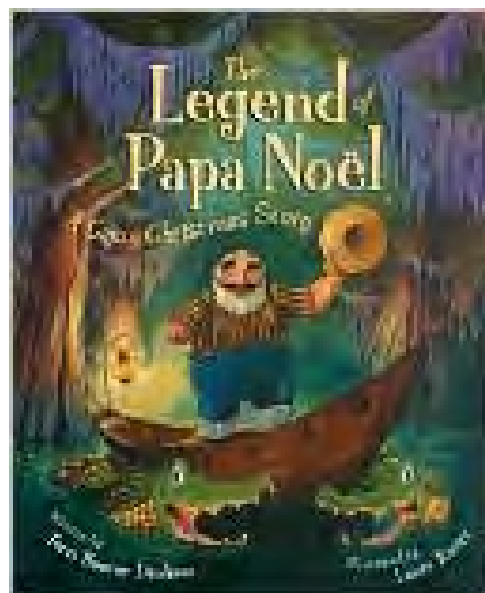
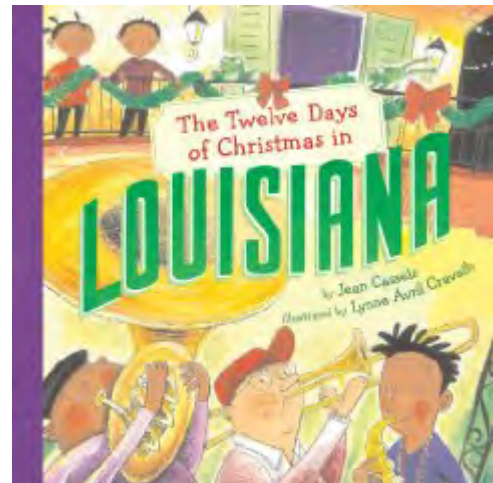
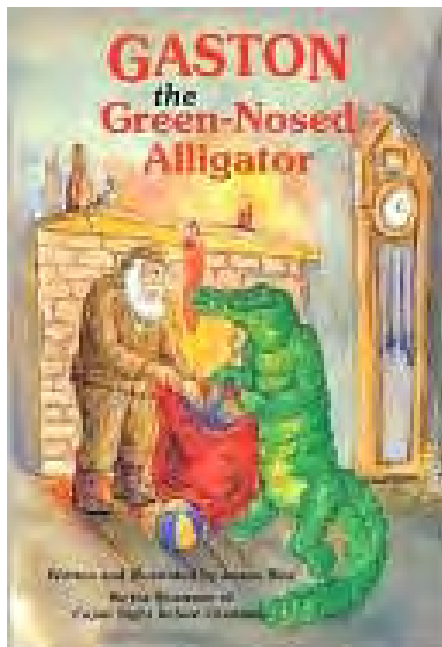
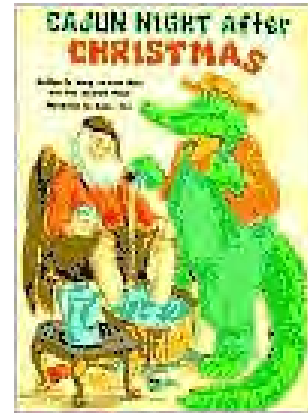
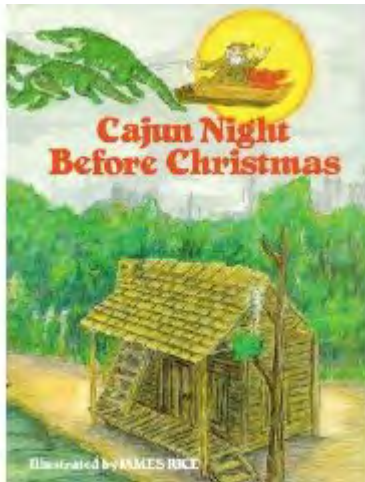
Play Therapy Supervision and Guide

Ms. Krull provides a comprehensive overview of the essential components of being a play therapy supervisor. Her professional instruction coupled with practical application is a must for the new and advanced supervisor. DVD and Supervision Guide included.

*Both of these books are available at www.a4pt.org and can be used for CE credit (see website for details)

Let the editor know your favorite books to use for bibliotherapy, your recommendations for beginning play therapists, or topics you'd like to see represented in this section in future issues of the newsletter!

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It's all yours ...

**Tell me what topics you'd like
to see in the next issue of child
chatter.**

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Upcoming Trainings ...

Erin Dugan, PhD, at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center continues to offer regularly scheduled Friday workshops. The workshops begin at 8am and end at 5 pm. Dr. Dugan has also added shorter weekly "Brown-Bag" mini-workshop series on Wednesdays. Dr. Dugan is a Registered Play Therapist - Supervisor and all registrants will receive 8.0 play therapy contact hours for Friday workshop attendance and 1.5 contact hours for Brown Bag attendance. Call (504) 568 - 4329 or email emart3@lsuhsc.edu for further information or to be added to the mailing list.

If you are aware of upcoming trainings and would like to see them included in this space contact the editor.

Mission Statement

To promote the value of play, play therapy, and credentialed play therapists.

To satisfy this mission, the Association for Play Therapy will advance the psychosocial development and mental health of all people by providing and supporting those programs, services, and related activities that promote the:

1. Understanding and valuing of play and play therapy.
2. Effective practice of play therapy through education, training, and research.
3. Recognition, incorporation, and preservation of diversity in play therapy.
4. Development and maintenance of a strong professional organization to accomplish these objectives.



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A note from the Editor

Space is available for those wishing to advertise continuing education opportunities, products, or other services. The following rates have been adopted: full page - \$100; half page - \$50; quarter page - \$25. A discount of "4 for the price of 3" is given if you choose to advertise in 4 consecutive issues.

If interested, please contact Kristy Brumfield, (504) 250-4178 or send e-mail to brumfiek@bellsouth.net.

We welcome contributions to the newsletter, such as play therapy techniques, website recommendations, and books. LAPT reserves the right to reject or accept any submission.

I look forward to continuing as your newsletter editor and hope to hear from you soon.

Kristy Brumfield

Play Therapy

"The systematic use of a theoretical model to establish an interpersonal process wherein trained play therapists use the therapeutic powers of play to help clients prevent or resolve psychosocial difficulties and achieve optimal growth and development."

Why play?

Play is a child's natural form of communication just as talking is an adult's natural way of communication. Children, even children who are quite talkative, express themselves more fully through their play. Emotions are often difficult to understand for children and even more difficult to express. Play provides a non-threatening way for children to express themselves.