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AMERICAN GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES THE ONLINE PUBLICATION OF “REACHING OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY”

NEW YORK, September 8, 2017 - In celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the American Group Psychotherapy Association, a [history of the organization from 1992-2016](#) that complements the existing 25 - year and 50 - year history publications is now available on the AGPA website. This publication explores the changes and growth of AGPA over the past 25 years, our efforts to respond to the needs of the public and our commitment to the development and growth of group psychotherapy.

The history of the organization during this time period is discussed in the context of three different eras: the pre - 9/11 era, the 9/11 era and the post - 9/11 era. The seven dimensions the authors focus on are mission(s), structure and administration, jewels in the crown, membership, financial health, organizational tensions and family dynamics and relationships with the outside world.

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“This written history of AGPA is an excellent contribution to our celebration of AGPA’s 75th Anniversary,” said Eleanor Counselman, EdD, CGP, LFAGPA, AGPA President. “It communicates our growth, values and commitment to the field of group psychotherapy over the years.”

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About AGPA

The American Group Psychotherapy Association is the foremost professional association dedicated to the field of group psychotherapy, operating through a tri-partite structure: AGPA, a professional and educational organization; the Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health, its philanthropic arm; and the International Board for Certification of Group Psychotherapists, a standard setting and certifying body. This multidisciplinary association has approximately 2,500 members, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, clinical mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, pastoral counselors and creative arts therapists, many of whom have been recognized as specialists through the Certified Group Psychotherapist credential. The association has 21 local and regional societies located across the country. Its members are experienced mental health professionals who lead psychotherapy groups and various non-clinical groups. Many are organizational specialists who work with businesses, not-for-profit organizations, communities and other "natural" groups to help them improve their functioning.

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