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Process along with the necessary materials to apply can be held March 6-11 in New York City. Details on the application investigatory team, and the number of research applications received. The application and other relevant information may be found at www.agpa.org/foundation/research-grants. The deadline for receipt of research grant application materials is November 1. Email submission is required; applications and inquiries should be sent to the Foundation at dfleitman@agpa.org.

Research Grants
The Group Foundation provides grants to support research that advances group psychotherapy. Grants are typically awarded at $2,500 to $15,000, depending on the importance of the research to the field, the experience of the investigative team, and the number of research applications received. The application and other relevant information may be found at www.agpa.org/foundation/research-grants. The deadline for receipt of research grant application materials is November 1. Email submission is required; applications and inquiries should be sent to the Foundation at dfleitman@agpa.org.

Reminder: Group Foundation Scholarships, Awards and Grants Application Deadlines Are Approaching!

Scholarships
The Group Foundation recognizes excellence, promise and vision through scholarships to attend the AGPA Annual Meeting. Applications are now being accepted for scholarships to the 75th Anniversary Meeting, to be held March 6-11 in New York City. Details on the application process along with the necessary materials to apply can be found at www.agpa.org/foundation/scholarships. The early decision deadline for applications is November 1, 2016. Applications will be accepted after this date for review on a funds-available basis. Please consider a donation to the Foundation’s Education and Scholarship Fund in order to help support the training of these new professionals and students.

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In Appreciation of Our Community of Giving
Connie Concannon, LCSW, CGP, DFAGPA, Editor, Group Assets

As the time for the 2017 AGPA Annual Meeting in New York City draws near, I am feeling the excitement and anticipation of meeting with my friends and colleagues and being a part of our wonderful community. I know many of you share this experience with me.

The Annual Meeting is the place where we renew friendships or start new ones and share new concepts or revisit old ones in the context of our changing world. It’s here that we make sense of our experiences over the last year, on a personal and global level, in both a stimulating and holding environment. It’s the place that anchors us and marks the timelines in our lives, whether we are just starting our professional journey or are well on our way.

In the timeline of the life of AGPA, this is a significant year. It is the year that we are celebrating our 75th Anniversary! For us veterans who have gone through many anniversaries with AGPA, this one is particularly sweet. We can usher this year in with a sense of pride, accomplishment, and strong sense of security about the future of our organization for the next generation.

Though we have always been proud of the unique learning experiences the Annual Meeting provides and being part of this wonderful community, the sense of security about our sustainability and viability was challenged in times past. As someone who served in governance for years, I can attest to those challenges we faced in securing our future. I can tell you that things have changed over time. We are well on our way to realizing the goal of providing a secure base for our beloved organization. Things have changed in a positive way thanks to your generosity and commitment to the Group Foundation. Big or small, every investment that you have made is deeply appreciated. Collectively, you have dynamically changed the outlook for our future.

In my last article, I talked about the ripple effect of providing scholarships to so many students and new professionals and the positive impact that it has made. In truth, the ripples began early in our Foundation’s history, the when the leaders made significant contributions and began changing the culture to one of giving. Most notably, Anne Alonso, PhD, CGP, DLFAAGP, and Ruth Hochberg, PhD, CGP, DLFAAGP, led the way in this effort and began the ripple effect of contribution that you have kept alive, making a difference at many levels.

Many of you have chosen to actively contribute to the Education and Scholarship Fund, which has transformed the way we open the AGPA doors to students and new professionals. I have written many articles about the incredible positive effect that this has had in shaping our group. We have received hundreds of letters from scholarship recipients who have detailed how the scholarships changed their lives and peaked their interest in becoming group psychotherapists. It is awe-inspiring, making this one of our most successful program areas. Thank you for making this possible not only for the organization, but also for the well over 1,000 next generation of psychotherapists whose lives you have touched. The ripple has turned into a wave!

Others continue to keep this wave moving by making an annual pledge to sustain the work of the Foundation. These yearly commitments have made a significant difference in providing a reliable source of income that has greatly contributed to our secure base. Your annual contributions allow us to continue the activities and goals of the Foundation as we turn our attention to building future goals. Your annual pledge at every level is deeply appreciated and is at the heart of our efforts.

Giving in the spirit of celebrating the lives and work of our friends, our families and colleagues is another way that you have chosen to give. It is a way that we can honor the memory and the contributions of those in our lives who have passed. By contributing, you keep their light alive and express the importance of their lives in a public way. It’s a way to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of our friends and colleagues that reflects our affection and respect for them. Thanks to all of you who have chosen to give in this spirit.

In the group spirit, Affiliate Societies have come together to provide fund raising events that honor local members or to simply provide an evening of fun and con-continued on back
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Your shared enthusiasm about the work of AGPA and the Group Foundation. You have contributed your time, your energy, and your personal connections outside of AGPA. Your shared enthusiasm about the work and the spirit of AGPA and group psychotherapy is contagious and brought in contributions from sources that we never expected. It is thanks to your generosity and gifts, past and future, that the Group Foundation will be able to fulfill a goal of $7.5 million for cumulative giving in the AGPA’s 75th Anniversary. Good work! Let us look forward to reaching this milestone with you so we can continue the valuable programs in support of the field.

Truly, we couldn’t do any of this without you.

In a spirit of appreciation and affection, I look forward to seeing you all and celebrating our 75th Anniversary in 2017.