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"The legacy of giving is part of the work we do as an organization," said Helen Chong, LCSW, CGP, PLLC, President of the Houston Group Psychotherapy Society (HGFS). "We feel that contributing to our organization in our current as well as our past memberships that the Group Foundation is a matter of tradition," said Lorraine Wodicka, PhD, ABFP, CGP, FAGPA, President of the Mid-Atlantic Group Psychotherapy Society (MAGPS). "The Group Foundation gives scholarships which encourage students and new professionals to come to AGPA. I think AGPA has really hit its stride in the last few years because they get to have the extra-curricular professional and collegial experience of AGPA. Hopefully, that will result in stronger membership in both AGPA and MAGPS."

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"We give because the Group Foundation is our 'mother' organization. We are all connected," said Kathy Ulman, PhD, CGP, ABPP, FAGPA. "It is recently articulated why the Affiliate contributes. The conversation allowed us to reflect on the primary purposes of the RAGPS— to advocate and promote scholarship, to develop high quality training in group psychotherapy and group dynamics; and to nurture a community for professional growth and stimulation through educational exchange and professional networking," said Arjan van der Gaag, PhD, President-elect of AGPA. "This translates to the local level as well."

**ROCHESTER AREA GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY SOCIETY**

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