

# The International Trauma Treatment Program

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## **A ROUND OF THANKS**

As always, we would like to thank our amazing volunteer faculty and Board of Directors – your dedication and commitment never goes unnoticed. A warm thank you goes out to our donations coordinator, Beth Dubey, who in addition, handles our taxes and bookkeeping – not a small task! A warm thanks to our amazing volunteer Faculty - your time is a huge gift, to people around the world! Thank you to all of our donors who continue to support the work of the ITTP. It is all of you that make the work of the ITTP possible and aid in the continuation of supporting an international network of practitioners dedicated to building healthy communities through trauma healing.

## **DR. JOHN VANEENWYK RETIRES AS ITTP'S CLINICAL DIRECTOR**

**In 1998, Peter and Dorothy Gerard, Juliet Van Eenwyk and I started ITTP. Over the years we have grown into a recognized international organization that is dedicated to assembling an international network of practitioners versed in the art of developing indigenous treatment protocols for survivors of trauma. We have worked with practitioners from Bosnia, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, England, Gaza, India, The Netherlands, The Philippines, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.**

**Now it is time to hand the organization to our younger practitioners, whose energy, ideas and creativity greatly exceed mine. Sonja Wentz, who epitomizes those qualities, is our new Clinical Director.**

**Thank you all for making ITTP what it is. We are deeply respected wherever we go, for we seek not to indoctrinate, but to collaborate. We look forward to the future with excitement and purpose. I shall not leave the organization, but will now be a faculty member and gopher. Please join us in realizing ITTP's next incarnation!**

## **A WORD FROM ITTP'S NEW CLINICAL DIRECTOR, SONJA WENTZ**

Dear Friends of ITTP

I feel tremendously excited and am deeply honored to take on the role of ITTP's clinical director. In my years of working with ITTP, both abroad and in Olympia, I have been witness to the powerful learning and healing that occurs as a result of cross cultural collaboration in regard to treating psychological trauma. I am proud to work alongside ITTP's volunteer faculty, a dedicated group of individuals who in giving of their time and working diligently with visiting practitioners create long-lasting relationships. The practitioners return to their home countries feeling more empowered, supported and with a better understanding of the way trauma can best be treated based on their own culture's needs. ITTP may be small but its effects are felt around the world. I am proud to be a part of such an amazing group and am extremely enthusiastic in regard to building upon the solid foundation established by John Van Eenwyk and Peter Gerard over ten years ago.

In the coming months I will be reaching out to individuals and groups in the community with the hope of increasing the awareness of the importance of ITTP's work. I would love your help with this. If you are curious about ITTP and wish to know more about our work I would be happy to meet individually with you or attend your group meeting to provide information in regard to our history and current work. Please call ITTP at (360)352-2974 or email at [info@ittp.org](mailto:info@ittp.org). I thank all of the friends of ITTP in advance for your continued support.

## **SAVE THE DATES!!!**

### **Silent Art Auction**

October 13th-20th at Olympic Wine Merchant, 101 Capitol Way N, Ste 106

Patrick Hub at Olympic Wine Merchant has graciously offered to not only host a silent art auction for ITTP, he will also host a wine tasting for the kickoff party on Thursday, October 13th at 6pm. The cost will be \$10 for the wine tasting. The art will be up all week for you to come in and place bids on. Bidding will close at 6pm on Thursday, October 20th, at which time I will call you to let you know that you can come pick up your fabulous new art!

If you are a local artist and would like to donate a piece for auction, please contact Hukee at [info@ittp.org](mailto:info@ittp.org) or call 360 352-2974.

### **ITTP Annual Auction Fundraiser**

Sunday, December 4th at Phoenix Inn, 415 Capitol Way N

The ITTP will be having our annual auction event at the Phoenix Inn in downtown Olympia. If you haven't joined us for our annual fundraiser before, I encourage you to come this year. We will have fabulous items to bid on, including scrumptious desserts made by our board, and the wonderfully charming, Carol Watson auctioneering for the event. Tickets are \$40, which includes food and wine provided by Olympic Wine Merchant.

If you are a local business owner or one of the many talented local crafters and would like to make a donation for this event, please contact Hukee at [info@ittp.org](mailto:info@ittp.org) or call me at 360 352-2974.

## THIS FALLS PROGRAM AND OTHER BIG CHANGES AT ITTP

Once again, the Immigration and Naturalization Service has turned down the visa applications of our two practitioners from Sri Lanka who were scheduled to participate in our program this Fall. Consequently, the ITTP board of directors has been forced to cancel our Fall training. As the INS decision was rendered late in the Summer, it was not possible for those on our waiting list to re-organize their lives to attend in 2011. We decided it was better to regroup and prepare for the program in 2012. Development, recruiting, community presentations, and other activities will continue as needed to support the program's mission.

We have also restructured the organization both to ensure our financial survival over the next 12 months and to guarantee a Fall program in 2012. As our biggest yearly expense is the salary of our Program Director, we have changed that position to one of service contracts, each of which will fund a specific project. Critical tasks not covered by the contract(s) will be assigned to members of the board, our faculty, and community volunteers.

Jenifer Hukee, our program director through the end of August, 2011, has agreed to continue working with the ITTP on special contracted projects. This is fortunate for us in that she has been a key participant in the management and direction of the program for almost 3 years. If you have attended any of our public presentations including the annual graduation and fund-raising dinner, you have seen the direct results of her efforts. What is less publicly evident has been Hukee's work in the background, particularly during the Fall program, where she has kept everything running smoothly. She has done all of this with grace and inclusive effectiveness that represents much of what ITTP is about. While we will miss her ready availability, we anticipate continued access to her substantial organizational skills and community networking.

## FUNDRAISING AND FINANCIAL NEEDS

The ITTP is looking for people who would like to volunteer in helping us with our fundraising efforts and needs. We are currently looking to raise \$15,000 before the new year. This money will go toward the continued work of ITTP with helping to pay for the travel expenses of our Clinical Director and faculty members, and to help cover the expenses of next years visiting practitioners.

ITTP's founder, John VanEenwyk travel to Gaza this Spring for the first time in 9 years. You can read about his time there on our website at [www.ittp.org](http://www.ittp.org). Our expressive arts faculty member, Joanne Osband just returned from her travels to Israel and the Gaza Strip where she collaborated with the Maia Mural Project in their efforts to bring clean drinking water to children in Gaza. You can find out more about the project here <http://olympi-arafahmural.org>. While there, Joanne met with several potential ITTP visiting practitioners. You can read about Joanne's travels on her blog: <http://stillcoloringoutofthelines.blogspot.com/2011/07/children-of-gaza-tell-their-stories.html>.

Our Clinical Director, Sonja Wentz is currently planning to travel back to Gaza to continue her work with the Gaza Community Mental Health Programme (GCMHP) this Fall. You can find out more about GCMHP here <http://www.gcmhp.net/>. Sonja will be traveling in Israel as well, meeting with practitioners working towards peace who may be interested in participating in one of our future programs.

If you are interested in putting on a fundraising event, please contact us at [info@ittp.org](mailto:info@ittp.org) or call 360 352-2974.

To make a donation, please visit our website at [www.ittp.org](http://www.ittp.org) to use our easy and secure Paypal donation button,

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### YOU CAN HELP

The ITTP provides a means for people to counter the suffering that characterizes violent conflict and other disasters throughout the world. We are making a difference, and to continue requires further investment of time, services and money.

If you would like to make a donation, volunteer or receive further information, please send your donation to:

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