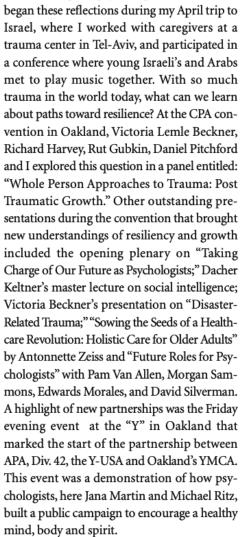
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The President's Column

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Greetings, everyone!
Spring is blooming in San
Francisco, and the warm weather
and colorful flowers bring some
sense of hopefulness during difficult times.

I'd like to reflect a bit on the idea of resiliency—what it takes to keep a sense of hope. What can we do as human beings, as psychologists? I



Our very own members also won outstanding awards at the convention opening ceremony. Both Jerry Clark Awards for advocacy were given to members of your San Francisco Board: Susan Chandler and Victoria Beckner Lemle.

In addition, Dr. Beckner Lemle and I also had book-signings at CPA; Dr. Beckner Lemle



on her new book, Conquering Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (with J. Arden), and I for my 3 volume book series called Whole Person Healthcare. Another outcome of the convention was a meeting among the presidents of the Northern California Psychological Association chapters. We reaffirmed our intention to further

collaborate, now have a listserve, and post notices of open and shared events in our area. Also below are notices about upcoming Continuing Education events. Please keep your calendars open for ones promoting resiliency, creativity, and wellness. Our walk and talk in the fall is sponsored by CLASP, a CPA group promoting optimal self-care for psychologists.

We look forward to meeting you at our events. Membership brings a chance for collegiality and professional development that is often missed in private practice or after school days. We encourage you to connect with each other and join us in supporting our profession. Also, here are some upcoming APA events:

- Book-Signing: A Creative Guide to Exploring Your Life: Self-Reflection Using Photography, Art, and Writing, and Couple Power Therapy: Building Commitment, Cooperation, Communication, and Community in Relationships, Division 32 Hospitality Suite, APA, Co-Sponsored Div. 32, Psychotherapy and the Arts, Toronto, Canada, Saturday, August 8, 2009, 11AM, For information, contact Christine Farber (christine.farber@tsicaap.com)
- Panel: "Trauma and Transitions in Multicultural Contexts: Sociopolitical and Existential Reflections," Thursday, August 6, Metro Convention Centre, Rm 205A, 10–11:50 a.m. CoChairs: Fred Wertz, Ph.D, Ilene Serlin, Ph.D, Participants: Emily Sachs, Rong-Bang Peng, Miraj Desai, Charles Chen, Sarah Kamens, Rut Gubkin, James Beshai

Panel: "Whole Person Approaches to Trauma—Posttraumatic Growth," Friday, August 7, 1–4:50 p.m., Westin Harbour Castle Toronto Hotel, Pier 3. Chair: Ilene Serlin, Ph.D. Participants: Morgan Sammons, PhD, Stanley Krippner, Ph.D, Victoria Beckner, Ph.D, Richard Harvey, Ph.D

Best wishes,