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2009 DAMFT Programs

September 4

**Divine Feminine Images in Pastoral
Counseling**

**PRESENTER: Jann Aldredge-Clanton,
Ph.D., M. DIV.**

October 2

**The Cultural Identity Formation of
the Disabled**

**PRESENTER: Mary Rixford, LMFT,
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November 6

Recent Research on Brain Health

**PRESENTER: Molly Keebler, M.S.,
CCC/SLP, Head of Community
Programs, UTD Center For Brain
Health**

DAMFT NEWS



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Susan Swank

There is so much happening in our country at this time and I am sure we are all helping our clients to stay positive. Our support of them and each other is vital. So, I look forward to seeing our DAMFT family after a "long, hot summer" on September 4, 2009 from 1:00 – 3:00 at the Milliman Building (directions elsewhere in this newsletter).

Our appreciation to Char and Charlie

As the seasons change, so does the DAMFT board. Charlotte Hilber and Charlie Moore have finished their terms. It has been wonderful to have the two of you on my team. Charlie Moore, what a fun and committed board member you have been. You have brought such good energy to our meetings Your loyalty and hard work will stay with us. Charlotte Hilber, you have been the "watch dog" of our board. You have handled our money with such professionalism. Thanks for keeping me on top of everything.

New Board Members

The new board members are also cause to celebrate as they serve to remind us of the quality of professionals in our local organization. Congratulations to Gloria Martin, Ken Bateman and Sidney Starling. Gloria, our President-Elect, is warm, alert, organized and very much a team player. It will be easy for me to leave knowing she is in charge in 2010. We are so lucky! Ken, our new Secretary, will bring his calm ways and great sense of humor to the board. Sidney has been elected our Treasurer and volunteered to continue as our newsletter editor. I am so grateful to have her oversee our finances. Her willingness to serve DAMFT with such energy is greatly appreciated.

Committee Chairs

Maryellen Dabal will be our new Membership Chairperson. She has a great deal of respect for our organization and will focus on our members, both "old and new".

Speaking of new members, I have appointed Ashley Robin as our Student Representative. As you know, I would very much like to see new Marriage and Family Therapists join DAMFT. Ashley is just the person to make this happen. She has done this before in Houston and has the experienced perspective to grow our membership.

Special Thanks

I want to extend a very special thanks to Susan Leonard for serving as the Chairperson for the nominating committee. DAMFT continues to rely on people we can count on. Thanks also to the members of the committee for the quality and experience of our new board members.

Susan

Next Meeting September 4, 2009 1:00 – 3:00

Divine Feminine Images in Pastoral Counseling
PRESENTER: Jann Aldredge-Clanton, Ph.D., M.Div.

Dr. Aldredge-Clanton currently serves as Chaplain Coordinator for Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas. In addition, she is chairperson of the Interfaith Task Force and the Healing Environment Team. Her qualifications and expertise in the area of Pastoral Counseling offer us the opportunity to learn a great deal from this presentation. Please join us for this informative presentation that will “kick-off” our new DAMFT year!

Learning is finding out what you already know.

Doing is demonstrating that you know it.

Teaching is reminding others that they know just as well as you.

You are all learners, doers, teachers.

Richard Bach
[Illusions, The Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah](#)

CEU REMINDER

DAMFT is required to award one hour of credit for one hour of attendance.

The DAMFT Board has adopted the following policy:

If you arrive more than 15 minutes late or leave 15 minutes early, only 1.5 CEU's will be awarded.

This policy was adopted by the board in order to stay within the bounds of what is required. Please plan to arrive on time and stay until the end of the program.

Thanks



Invite someone to join us!

Do you know a fellow therapist you haven't seen in awhile? Why not pick up the phone and call? Invite someone to join us at our next meeting.

Help us grow DAMFT!

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Editor's Comments

Sidney Starling

I don't quite understand why we call summers in Texas "vacation time". Staying in out of the heat is about the best any of us can do. If you were lucky enough to get away to some place cool – my hat goes off to you! Meantime we had the Colorado grandkids come to Texas for a month! I think it should have been reversed, but we enjoyed every minute of our visit with them, bought a Wii and I have now become quite proficient at bowling, golf, and tennis in the air-conditioned environment of my living room!! Where would we be without modern technology and the grandkids that teach us all this stuff!!

I am certainly looking forward to this next year. Anita has lined up more great programs for us and our new meeting place is beautiful, comfortable and cool! Bring yourself and your summer vacations stories to share and join us September 4 for our "kick-off" meeting to another great year with DAMFT.

It's Never too Early to MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! 2010 Annual Conference- March 11-13 at the Westin San Antonio Riverwalk

Don't Forget Our...



DAMFT Monthly Meetings have moved to the Milliman Building, Ten Thousand North Central Expressway, just north of Walnut Hill and 75 on the East access road. Meetings will be held in the First Floor Community Room

Other than the February meeting (which is 1:00-4:00 PM), Our regular meetings are from 1:00-3:00 PM. Meetings include 2 hours of CEU's (3 hours Ethics in February) and are held at the Milliman Building – Ten Thousand North Central Expressway, Dallas, TX - North of Walnut Hill and 75 on the east access road – in the Community Room located on the first floor.

For all DAMFT questions please email Susan Swank at sns102@sbcglobal.net.