

IL-APT Flash

March 2013

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IL-APT Annual Conference

Our conference was a HUGE success! As always **Terry Kottman** was an inspiring presenter who shared her expertise and her sense of adventure and fun with all our attendees.

There were also many opportunities to win play room toys and books that were donated from many different play therapy providers; Jurassic Sands, Creative Therapy Store, Play Therapy Works and Child Therapy Toys. The Self-Esteem Shop was present as a vendor and they were a generous contributor of door prizes. Thanks to IL-APT member (and former president) **Amy Baur** for her Grand Prize donation of a sandtray and tons of sandtray miniatures.

B.A.C.A. (Bikers Against Child Abuse) had a representative attend to discuss B.A.C.A.'s noteworthy cause of providing safety and empowerment to children "to no longer feel afraid of the world in which they live." Check out their website at www.bacausa.com to learn more about these *Keepers of the Children*.



Up Coming Events

Officer Elections

All of the IL-APT officer positions are open for Nominations. A Call for Nominations will be sent in mid-April and Ballots with each of the Nominees' names and their reasons for running for the position will be emailed to all members in May. The results of the Election of Officers will be announced at the Annual Meeting on June 8th.



Annual Meeting – June 8, 2013

The Board is also planning to provide **Training and Play Therapy Supervision** prior to the Annual Meeting. A drawing will also be held at the Annual Meeting for a free registration to the 2014 IL-APT Conference. Check your email for further details.



The officers of IL-APT, or designated representatives, are offering **free Play Therapy 101 Trainings** throughout the state to help recruit members and educate therapists in the importance of becoming an informed play therapist. If you are interested in hosting training in your community, please contact one of the officers.

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We welcome contributions to our IL-APT Newsletters, Website (www.ila4pt.org) and/or Flashes.



Have a great Spring!

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