Notes from the Editor-In-Chief: A Farewell After 13

This issue ends my 13 years of service as Editor-In-Chief of the Journal of Contemporary Psychotherapy. This is a service which I rate as high as my service to America in Vietnam during the mid 1960s, where I served as medic to American soldiers, and Vietnamese children in orphanages in need of medical care.

As only the third Editor of this 35-year-old professional and scientific publication, I have met many people along the way—authors and reviewers who have contributed immensely to the Journal. More specifically, I have many people to thank for their contributions directed to enhance the Journal’s success.

I begin by extending my thanks and appreciation to the Journal’s originator and current consultant, Wilfred Quaytman, Ph.D., who founded the Journal in 1964, for his guidance and invaluable experience of which he gave generously. Next, my thanks and gratitude go to Robert Moteki, M.S.W., C.S.W., Executive Director of the Long Island Consultation Center (LICC) in Rego Park, New York, who was reliably present and dependable, and a persistent “beacon of orientation” throughout my 13 years as Editor. Richard C. Robertiello, M.D., Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Long Island Institute of Mental Health has been a consistent supporter of the journal in the ways that really count—supplying articles for publication. In addition to this, he has been a consistent voice of reason and encouragement in producing a journal of high quality. He has supported this Journal from its very incipience.

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espoused a broad spectrum of theories and techniques that were congruent with the needs and interests of clinicians, supervisors, instructors, students and candidates, and research scientists of the nonanalytic persuasions; that is, cognitive, behavioral, social, and biological theories and therapeutic applications. This broad appeal has stimulated the interest of authors throughout the United States and applications around the world.

For over a decade now, the Journal has succeeded in attracting articles in America far from its original base of operations in New York City and the northeastern U.S.A. Thus, new articles have come from new authors from Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, DC, and Wisconsin. Additionally, I have received multiple articles from authors in Canada, England, Ireland, Israel, South Africa, Spain, and The Netherlands.


During my tenure I had the honor of inviting a number of clinicians, clinical supervisors, published authors, University and medical school professors, and