



Annual Meeting Follow Up

Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona March 18-21, 2017

This year's Annual Meeting had special significance as it took place in the home town of Milton Erickson. With this in mind, the attendees immersed themselves in a nurturing learning environment, and members of the executive and governing bodies were busy planning future growth and advancement of the society.

Jeffrey Zeig Plenary

A wonderful and energetic presentation from one of the most prominent leaders in the field of clinical hypnosis. Dr. Zeig talked about what hypnosis is and is not, what happens in the process of therapeutic interaction, whether it is ok to question things that we thought we knew, and so much more. One hour was not enough!

Amanda Barnier Plenary

Dr. Barnier made a long trip from Australia to tell us about her fascinating research on brain function in trance, posthypnotic suggestions and, most importantly, a special connection between all of us – the ability of minds to function in unison.

David Wark conducted an informative interview with Dr. Barnier that will be available on the ASCH website soon.

Betty-Alice Erickson Plenary

It is always a special gift to hear Betty Alice speak about her experiences growing up with Dr. Milton Erickson, what she has learned and practiced, and especially to observe her extraordinary kindness and warmth.

A demo of her work was recorded at the meeting and will be available free for members in the e-learning library.

Norma Barretta Plenary

Dr. Barretta shared stories of her amazing life, wisdom and advice with the audience and reminded us that caring for others requires care of oneself.

We are lucky to have a demo of her work as well that will be available shortly!

Transition of Presidential Power

The transition was peaceful and cordial – The Herald was there and has the proof!

See the video [here](#).



Other News & Events

1. The Executive Committee (EC) has made some structure changes that will improve efficiency and continuity. In the future, the Secretary and Treasurer will be asked to serve 2 years on the EC.
2. Clinical Hypnosis Day is a reality and will happen on May 23rd due to the extraordinary work of the Hypnosis Day Task Force chaired by Deb Nesbitt! Good work!!! Learn more [here](#).
3. We have talented people in ASCH – their achievements in the clinic, classrooms and even on the dance floor are extraordinary.
4. The last and the best – a warm welcome to those who came to our workshops and plenaries for the first time. You are joining a diverse group of doctors, psychologists, counselors, social workers, dentists and nurses that is unique and nurturing to us as professionals and individuals.

What's Next?

Alexandria, VA Regional Workshop June 15-18, 2017

In addition to offering the Basic and Intermediate Workshops, ASCH-ERF will be offering the following Advanced Workshop in Alexandria, *Seasoned Clinicians Share Essentials of Practice, Best Hypnotic Strategies, and Incisive Language*.

This Advanced Workshop brings together highly experienced, accomplished and respected clinicians and teachers who will share their clinical experience and the important things they have learned as they have integrated hypnosis into their clinical practices. The workshop will encourage open dialogue with presenters and other participants, and will include presenter demonstrations, and opportunities for participant practice of specific hypnotic strategies.

Concurrently with this regional workshop, ASCH will also offer a Power of Words: Effective Clinical Communications Seminar on Friday, June 16, 2017. This seminar, taught by three highly experienced clinicians and teachers will address hypnotic healing communication, the effect of hypnotic language on brain function, stress, and pain, and effective rapport building and communication.

For more information on this workshop, click [here](#).



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