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EDITORIAL

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This is my final issue as Editor-in-Chief of *The Person-Centered Journal*. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity since 2000. Many dedicated volunteers have helped me to maintain the quality and unique editorial practice of our journal. My apologies in advance to those I will inevitably forget to mention! I am especially grateful to Jo Cohen-Hamilton for teaching me each of the many steps necessary to create a new issue, from recruiting authors to formatting headers and page numbers. Jo continued to serve as Managing Editor until 2002 when Wade Hannon volunteered to replace her, allowing me to take on the bulk of my responsibilities gradually.

We have been eager to publish the work of first-time authors and those who speak English as their second language in order to promote the quest for new applications of Person-Centered principles. This has been possible due to the many hours of work put in by our Associate Editors helping authors to clarify ideas, correct grammar, use American English terms and spellings and apply APA style. These writing coaches were Paula Bickham, Barry Grant, Carol Wolter-Gustafson, and Elizabeth Sarfaty, also assisted by Wade Hannon. Many additional volunteers served on our editorial board as peer reviewers. While their names are too numerous to list here, I want the readers to appreciate that their task was longer than for most journals due to our Person-Centered practice of striving toward consensus with authors in an open dialogue, except in those few instances where authors requested blinded reviews. The important job of copy-editing -- spotting all the last-minute typographical and punctuation errors -- was done marvelously by Elizabeth Sarfaty for this issue.

We remain a rather small journal with limited circulation. Marge Witty worked hard as Associate Editor under Jo Cohen and me to get our journal indexed. Indexing would make articles much easier to find for those who do not subscribe, and greater exposure would probably lead to more subscribers and contributors. Unfortunately, we are in a Catch-22 situation where indexes do not want to include us until we have more subscribers. I believe that Internet publishing will eventually provide the accessibility and exposure that we need. The current issue at any time will be available in print only to allow our subscribers the privilege of seeing the material in advance. All other issues will be available on the internet for easy access. We do not have electronic copies of most of our prior issues, and the process of scanning and re-formatting bound volumes, and posting them on the ADPCA website, is taking much longer than I ever would have predicted. I am grateful to Merritt Spidel and Allan Turner who are doing the bulk of this work. I plan to assume the new position of Internet Editor to oversee the completion of this project.

We received feedback from indexes and subscribers alike that having a regular, predictable publication schedule is vitally important. The number of submissions and length of time required to complete two open reviews, copy edit and do final lay-out has not allowed us to publish two issues in the same months two years in a row. That is why, after a concerted effort to recruit more authors and reviewers, I announced last year that we would publish the Journal annually in December. This 2003 issue will be mailed to subscribers on time!

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the authors who contributed so much thought and time to put their ideas, poems, observations, experiences and research into articles that I have been proud to see published. I also want to thank you, our readers, for your interest and support.

Finally, I wish to thank Carol Wolter-Gustafason, Alberto Segrera, Margaret Warner and Jeffrey Cornelius-White for their work in nominating my replacement. I am happy to leave the Journal in the qualified hands of Barry Grant and wish him the best of everything! I look forward to working with Barry as his Internet Editor.

Best wishes and fruitful reading!

Jon

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