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**Conference Edition**

**Spring 2010**

**The Twelfth Annual Compulsive Gambling Awareness Conference was a huge success!**

The Twelfth Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was a huge success with 125 people attending the two day conference. Our first conference was held in 1999 and there were 77 participants in attendance.

This year's conference was held March 18 & 19 at the Blue Harbor Resort & Conference Center in Sheboygan, WI. Many attendees came from different areas of Wisconsin as well as Minnesota and Illinois to attend the conference.

**Speakers included:**

Don Feeny (Minnesota)  
 Michael Goldman (Illinois)  
 Benton Granville (South Dakota)  
 Linda Graves (Washington)  
 Patricia Jirovetz (Wisconsin)  
 Cheryl Kirking (Wisconsin)

Dr. Henry Lesieur (Rhode Island)  
 Dr. Dennis Lorenz (Wisconsin)  
 Priscilla Murphy (Delaware)  
 Daniel Smith (Missouri)  
 Dr. James Walsh (Delaware)

**Topics included:**

Mind in Comfort and Ease: The Role of Love in the Therapeutic Relationship; What it really means to 'Work The Steps' ...What is Missing from Some Twelve Step Programs; Senior Gambling: Fantasizing About Magical Solutions; Art Therapy and Gambling/Connecting Hand, Heart, and Head; Anchoring Your Finances During Recovery; Who is a Gambler?; Pathological Gambling is a Family Matter; Shame Stigma and Public Perception: Implications For Prevention and Public Awareness; Addressing The Issue: Treatment Planning With Gamblers; Does Post Acute Withdrawal (Common in Ingestive Addictions) Really Exist with Gambling Clients (Process Addictions)?; Treating the Dually Diagnosed Problem Gambler; Using Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction to treat Compulsive Gamblers; Approaching the 11th Step: Prayer and Meditation as Gambling Recovery Tools; Making a Difference That Matters! A Keynote in Concert; What's Grief Got To Do With Problem Gambling? and Hypnosis and Mindfulness with Pathological Gamblers.

**Overall the conference was a great success and we look forward to the 2011 Conference that will be held March 10th & 11th at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells, WI. We hope to see you there!**

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The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling would like to welcome **Missy Tracy** to the Wisconsin Council On Problem Gambling Board of Directors.

Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling would like to thank the following for their generous contributions toward the Twelfth Annual WCPG Statewide Conference:

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**Award Recipients**

Awards were given to the following individuals who have gone above and beyond in helping the Council achieve its mission of education and promoting public awareness of problem gambling and the disorder of compulsive gambling.

**The Special Recognition Award:**

This award went to Paul Roznowski for the support and friendship that he has given the Council in perpetuating the Council's goals and mission.

**The Leadership Award:**

This award was given to Menominee Casino Bingo Hotel who has shown outstanding leadership in the compulsive gambling field.

**The Special Recognition Award:**

This award went to Peter Moran for the support and friendship that he has given the Council in perpetuating the Council's goals and mission.

**The Spirit Award:**

This award was given to Maynard and Carolyn Zima for their true spirit that is reflected in their passion, concern and creativity in their personal and community life, and in their interest in the compulsive gambling field. This award is in honor of their outstanding contributions and excellence in support of the WCPG.

**The Outstanding Volunteer Award:**

This award was given to Sue VanderGeeten who has shown long term devotion, unending support of the Council, and has volunteered countless hours toward helping the mission of the WCPG.

**The National Council on Problem Gambling and the Oregon Council on Problem Gambling bring you the 24th Annual National Conference on Problem Gambling.** Make plans to attend the oldest and largest conference on problem gambling in the world. Hear more than 100 of the top presenters from across the U.S. and around the world.

**June 9-12, 2010 Portland, Oregon**

**For more information check online at: [ncpgambling.org](http://ncpgambling.org)**

**The 26th Annual National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Conference**

This unique rural alcohol and drug abuse conference provides participants the opportunity to personally interact with other rural alcohol and drug abuse professionals, federal agency representatives, and nationally known institute faculty and resource persons.

**Phase 1 Training is being offered at the NRADN Conference this year.**

**June 13-17, 2010 at UW-Stout**

## A Special Thank You To All

The Twelfth Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was held on March 18 and 19, 2010. We appreciate all the support the WCPG receives for the conference and throughout the year.

The staff and Board of Directors of the WCPG would like to offer a huge "Thank you" to the State of Wisconsin for making the conference possible. A big thanks goes to all of the other conference sponsors who helped to make our Twelfth Annual Statewide Conference a great success. We are also thankful for everyone who provided scholarships to the conference. Scholarships help to provide opportunities for people to attend who might otherwise not be able to do so.

Many thanks to all of you who helped make this year's conference a success; your effort and expertise are greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Laura Allard, Cheri Braley, Frieda Turos, Peggy Schlapman, Chris Gruber, Nancy Baker, Susie VanderGeeten, Mark Wesenberg, Sheryl Schoville, Marge Allen-Trinkner, Cathy Allen-Schneider, Kathy Diny, Judy Ramsey, Maynard & Carolyn Zima, James Bolek, Pat Jirovetz, Kami Blatter, Kim Welsch, Carolyn Bickel, and Wendy Vertz.

Thank you to Don Feeney, Michael Goldman, Benton Granville, Linda Graves, Patricia Jirovetz, Cheryl Kirking, Dr. Henry Lesieur, Dr. Dennis Lorenz, Priscilla Murphy, Daniel Smith and Dr. James Walsh for sharing your knowledge with us. Thank you to everyone who contributed so much heart, soul and elbow grease to the conference. We couldn't have done it without you.

We are so grateful to all of our volunteers who helped us before and during the conference. Our volunteers provide countless hours and help in hundreds of ways. Another thank you goes to conference presenters, exhibitors, and participants for their part in making this conference a success.

My heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone that helped in any way to make our Twelfth Annual Conference a success. Your participation continues to help compulsive gamblers and their families find the assistance they need as they deal with this debilitating problem.

Just a reminder- planning has begun for next year's conference, which will be held March 10th & 11th at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells, WI. Save the dates!

A million thanks to all of you,

Rose Gruber  
WCPG Executive Director



2010 GREEN BAY TRAINING SCHEDULE			
DATE	TRAINING	LOCATION	Registration Deadline
May 13-14, 2010 August 26-27, 2010 September 23-24, 2010	Phase 2 Phase 3 Phase 4	1423 Kellogg St Green Bay, WI	May 7, 2010 August 20, 2010 September 17, 2010
2010 MILWAUKEE TRAINING SCHEDULE			
DATE	TRAINING	LOCATION	Registration Deadline
September 30-October 1, 2010 October 21-22, 2010	Phase 3 Phase 4	7065 N. Port Washington Road	September 24, 2010 October 15, 2010

For more information about the WCPG Trainings, please contact us at 920-437-8888 or visit our website: [wi-problemgamblers.org](http://wi-problemgamblers.org)

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Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin  
March 10-11, 2011**

**Make your reservations now by calling 1-877-525-2427 to get the special  
conference rate!**

The Wisconsin Council On Problem Gambling provides resources, public awareness and education on problem and pathological gambling disorders while maintaining strict neutrality on the issue of legalized gambling.

**Our goals are to:**

- Promote public education and awareness of pathological and problem gambling disorders.
- Maintain a toll-free statewide Helpline where pathological and problem gamblers and their families can call for immediate and continuing assistance in dealing with the addiction.
- Advocate quality assistance for all individuals affected by gambling problems.
- Identify "high risk" individuals and groups of problem and pathological gamblers and provide prevention activities and information.
- Provide expert training to professional counselors in the treatment of pathological and problem gamblers.
- Compile and maintain a database of statistical information concerning problem and pathological gambling in Wisconsin.