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# WFTC Conference News

Weather- New York: Monday, Partly cloudy skies. High 78F and low 63F. Tuesday, Cloudy skies. High 79F and low 64F. Wednesday, Chance of light rain showers. High 78F and low 62F

Monday Tuesday Wednesday

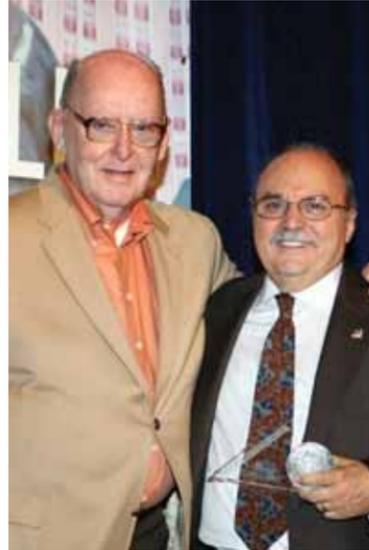
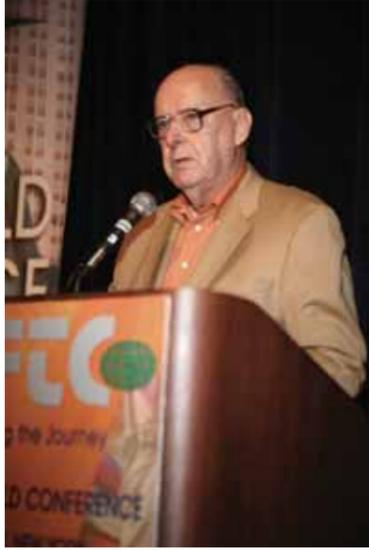


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## WFTC RECOGNIZES EXCELLENCE!



Monsignor William B. O'Brien; The Award honorees, (L-R) Father Rahm, Thomas Browne, Dr. Shankman and Dr. Bozzo's son & nephew; and Mr. Charles Devlin

## DON'T FORGET THE RAFFLE

**A Raffle at a Conference?** The WFTC and Member countries have contributed prizes to be awarded to delegates at this year's conference!

**1st Prize** - full registration and hotel accommodations for one person at the next WFTC Conference to be held in Kunming, China in 2008 (compliments of the China Conference hosts).

**2nd Prize** - full registration for one person at the next WFTC Conference to be held in Kunming, China in 2008 (compliments of the China Conference hosts).

**3rd Prize** - two 3rd prize winners of an MP3 recorder/player.

*What's the catch?*

*You have to be there to win.*

Raffle tickets will be given out and drawing for these prizes will be held at the Closing Ceremony Tuesday morning. See you there!

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

All presentors that have made and will make paper presentations are asked to bring a copy of it to the hospitality desk in the Lenox ballroom for inclusion in the conference published proceedings.

### Conference Tee Shirts

*Limited Number Available*

We will be selling white Conference tee shirts to delegates at a cost of \$10 each. They come in M, L, XL, and a few XXL. These can be purchased at the Registration desk.



### CEU Units

In your conference bag you will find a workshop attendance sheet and instructions on how to claim Continuing Education credits (CEU's) for the workshops you attend.

### YOUR COOPERATION, PLEASE

No cell phones, blackberries, pagers, etc. may be turned on when you are in any of the Plenary sessions! These devices interfere with the microphones and translation systems. Out of courtesy, they should be put on "mute" setting in ALL conference sessions and events as well.

### INTERNET ACCESS

Due to overwhelming requests for information on affordable Internet access, please note the following: Starbucks is a wifi hotspot. The 5 Central libraries have free Internet access, closest to Hotel: Mid-Manhattan at 455 Fifth Avenue at 40th Street and the Donnell Library Center 20 W. 53rd Street.

**Lost & Found is located at the Information Desk in the Lenox ballroom**

### Friends of Daytop

Odyssey House & Outreach Project



On Saturday night, the WFTC held its Awards Dinner in the Metropolitan Ballroom. This year's recipients remind us that the global movement at hand is the result of a lifetime of consistent effort. With a world of powerful nominees, the Awards Committee selected recipients well known in the field.

The success of the TC movement around the world requires leadership, commitment and expertise from people who care. When it established the O. Hobart Mowrer Award, the WFTC insightfully understood the on-going importance of leadership from outside the TC ranks. In fields of treatment or prevention, the helping sciences, philosophy, academia, research, government or the voluntary sector, advancing the goals of "helping man to help himself" furthers the Therapeutic Community cause.

Mr. Thomas Browne's consistent commitment to Demand Reduction Programs around the world makes him a "natural" choice for the Mowrer Award. He has a unique connection to Dr. Shankman and Father Rahm, two other award recipients being honored tonight. Many participants and presenters are here in New York today as a result of Thom Browne's efforts to build foundations for treatment programs in distant parts of the world.

The Harry Sholl Award cites outstanding leadership from within WFTC ranks and is bestowed on an individual with consistent commitment to TC goals, distinguished leadership in the WFTC as well as in his or her own region in TC treatment.

This year the Awards Committee decided that there were three distinguished individuals who are deserving of the Sholl Award.

Dr. Shankman humbly stated that the greatest privilege he knows is to save a life and the second greatest is to restore a shattered one. He believes that everyone in the audience was capable of both. Dr. Shankman dedicated this award to his wife, "who has always encouraged me, and to Monsignor O'Brien who has been my mentor, advisor and most importantly my friend."

Dr. Bianca Costa Bozzo. Unfortunately, Dr. Costa-Bozzo was not able to be with us tonight due to illness. Her son and nephew accepted the award on her behalf and told us that her work in the WFTC has been an important factor in her life, that she was truly here in spirit. Prayers for a speedy recovery go out from Monsignor O'Brien and all the WFTC delegates.

Fr. Harold J. Rahm graciously accepted his award by stating, "my staff is receiving this award, without them I could do nothing." Fr. Rahm echoed his warm connection to the WFTC and to Monsignor O'Brien. He ended his acceptance by thanking the delegates for their goodness.

Finally, Monsignor presented an award to Charles Devlin for his leadership in skills in organizing the WFTC Conference. Mr. Devlin, who was taken by surprise, told the delegates that he loved his staff and humbly accepted the award on their behalf. Having started the planning for the conference over two years ago, Mr. Devlin gave his thanks to his staff for a job well done.

## "And the Journey Continues....."

"What's the buzz...tell me what's a happening?" It's an amazing thing. Bring people together, give them stimulating lectures, exciting venues, an opportunity to meet new people and reconnect with old friends and something happens. That something is the power of community and like magic it's happening again. Here's what people are saying:



*"Wonderful." The TC emphasizes our humanness and our humanity. "Sharing our common universal themes."*



*Daytop New York staff exclaims the conference is "Informative, exciting to hear the power of the TC movement." "Feels like...we are an International Family."*



*In-between sessions, colleagues from Spain have an opportunity to discuss their thoughts about the plenary. Despite the challenge of language, people communicate and enjoy the process.*



*"I love it. This conference is more balanced with traditional and scientific themes...a kind of east meets west."*



*Networking is one of the best by-products of a conference. Samaritan's staff, New York, have an opportunity to talk with River Region in Jacksonville, Fla.*



*Ana provides assistance to Maria and Kelvin from the Dominican Republic. They tell us that the conference topics are very helpful and demonstrate our common problems.*

## CONFERENCE BULLETIN BOARD

The Conference Organizers in coordination with the Sheraton Hotel have developed an organized and comfortable environment for the WFTC Conference.

In the event, however, of changes to our schedule, such as room or time changes, please check your Conference Bulletin Board for information.

### Our Apologies

During the opening ceremony Bosnia was not mentioned. Mr. Samir Ibisevic, is here with us the delegate from Bosnia.



**Dance Party at B.B. King's**  
Monday, September 4 at 8:30pm  
42nd Street between 7th & 8th Avenue  
Please pick up your directions to B.B. King's at the Hospitality Desk in the Lenox Ballroom.

## Schedule Changes

### MORE WORKSHOPS:

**Monday, Sept. 4 at 5:30pm-7:30pm**

Liberty 4 - **How to Create Passive Income and Getting out of the Rat Race**, by Raul Gonzalez (open for anyone interested)

Liberty 5 - **Therapeutic Communities Journal Editorial Collective Meeting**. c/o Jan Lees

**WORKSHOPS IN MADISON 2 ARE NOW IN MADISON 1**

## Information Desk

If you have any conference related questions (such as who's presenting in what room) take them to the two Information Desks located on the second floor, one in front of the Metropolitan Ballroom and the other in the Lenox Ballroom.

Want information on local attractions, restaurants, Broadway shows or museums? The Hospitality/Information desk is prepared to help you with those questions, too.

The Lenox Ballroom will be open for networking throughout the Conference, and the poster sessions will be held here as well. We look forward to welcoming you to the Conference and to New York!

### LOCAL 12-STEP PROGRAMS

Information about local 12-step programs will be available at the information desks

Odyssey House Run for Your Life 5K Fun Run - 2 Mile Walk on September 23, 2006  
**For details, go to INFORMATION DESK**

## WFTC Executive Council



The Council voted unanimously to approve China as the site for the 2008 conference.

The current executive board members were re-elected to another term. They are, left to right in the photograph, Richard Pruss, Treasurer; Michael Buonauro, Communications; Patrician Zingale, Secretary; Msgr. William O'Brien, President; Charles Devlin, Deputy President; Mohd Yunus Pathi Mohd, 1st Vice President.

### The Concept Still Evokes Emotion

Performed for conference delegates, The Concept continues to move even the most seasoned of addiction specialists. The audience and Cast mingled and thanked each other for developing a new perspective on the meaning of the TC in our lives.

### Conference Business Office

Located in the Liberty 1 room on the third floor, the Conference Business Office offers presenters a place to fine tune their presentations. Equipped with three computers with CD and DVD capability, color printer, scanner and technical assistance, this office is the perfect space to convert materials or make last minute changes.

Copies can be made here for only 5 cents per page. Need help with your power-point presentation? Want to include hand-outs for your workshop? If you are a Conference Presenter just come on in and we will help you look your best.

**NOTE:** Internet access is NOT available at the Conference Business Office - see Hotel services for this.



Simlab & its staff are happy to contribute to this important conference. Simlab applauds you all for the significant work you are doing, and wish you a fruitful assembly and enjoyable visit to New York