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WFTC Conference News

Weather- New York: Saturday, Day: Definite heavy rain. High 70F. Night: Definite moderate rain showers. Low 62F. Sunday, Chance of moderate rain showers. High 73F and low 63F.

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Sunday



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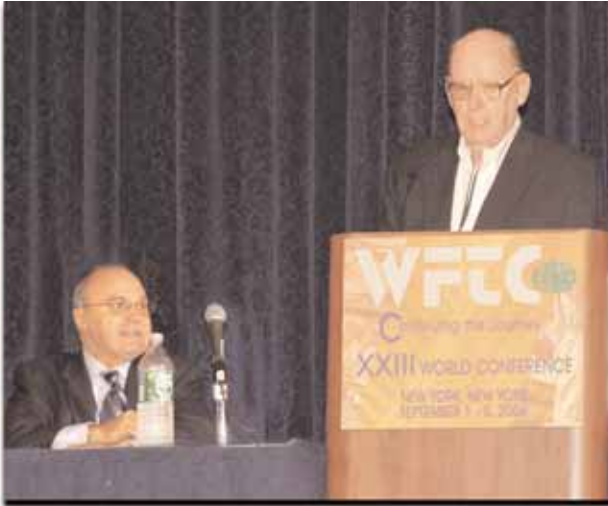
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WFTC OPENING CEREMONY 50 Countries - Create a Global Community



Monsignor William B. O'Brien, and Mr. Charles Devlin address the delegates at the Opening Ceremony

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.

SATURDAY, Sept 2nd Lenox Ballroom at 1:15pm

Dr. Martien Kooyman (NL) invites you to the showing of his movie: "A Good Therapy for Me Too?" On bonding psychotherapy groups. Dr. Kooyman will be present to discuss the film.

SUNDAY, Sept 3rd: Odyssey House New York invites its worldwide programs for dinner.

6pm- 219 E. 121 Street, Harlem, NY. For more information call John Tavalacci at 914-584-7068.

WFTC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Sept. 2nd at 11:00 am WFTC Headquarters, 54 W. 40th Street. Transportation will be available in the front of the Hotel at 10:30 am.

WFTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday Sept. 3rd at 10:00 am WFTC Headquarters, 54 W. 40th Street. Transportation will be available in the front of the Hotel at 9:30 am

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.

Seating at the Technical Assistance workshops will be limited. Admission is on a first-come, first-serve basis. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Schedule Changes

CANCELLED: The TA session "Assessing and Building chemical Dependency Counselor Skills in a TC (Saturday, 4-5:30pm)

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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

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

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.

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.

The Conference News

The WFTC Conference Newsletter is your link to the Conference organizers. Obtain your copy every morning and check it for schedule changes and reminders of events. We will highlight special events being held at the conference and introduce you to the people, places and things that make the World Federation of Therapeutic Communities a true global movement.

Your Conference Newsletter goes great with breakfast!

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!

Friends of Daytop

Odyssey House & Outreach Project



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

Who's Who?

For additional questions, you can identify Conference Staff by the navy blue and red tee shirts. Blue shirts mean the wearer is Conference staff. Red shirts mean that staff member is bi-lingual. They will wear a ribbon indicating which languages they speak.



Conference Tee Shirts

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

New York: A parade of flags representing 50 countries participating in the 23rd WFTC World Conference was a stirring and befitting statement of the dignity and importance of this gathering. Charles Devlin, Conference Chair, Deputy President, WFTC called for a roll call of the countries represented and it quickly became apparent that the World Federation of Therapeutic Communities is truly a global community.

Monsignor William B. O'Brien, President, WFTC, a loving and familiar figure to all in attendance, provided the opening address. Keeping with his usual style, the Monsignor welcomed the group with humor and inspired us with both an historical perspective and vision for the modern TC.

Reminding us of the Chinese proverb regarding a journey of 1000 leagues, Monsignor reminisced of the 1974 Bangkok meeting of the International Council on Alcohol and Addiction, which solidified the need for a World organization. The early WFTC conferences in Sweden and Rome set the stage for future gatherings around the globe.

The road ahead. Monsignor's words

inspired the group by highlighting the conditions that both created the TC movement and are necessary for its continued growth, **innovation, adaptation and creativity.** He asked that the conference model New York's historical role and be a gateway for concepts that offer hope and healing. The TC's "Mentor" also warned that the road ahead has forks and we must seek the road, often less traveled, that is, the true path to harm reduction, the road to recovery, self-discovery and personal growth.

One light, many lamps. Monsignor reminded us that we have come a long way in thirty-one years and that we will continue the journey and light the way for others by offering hope, healing.

In closing, Charles Devlin welcomed the approximately 700 participants to New York and asked us to celebrate our journey and accomplishments by not forgetting our roots. He emphasized that the healing powers of the TC lie in the connection to others and the compassion and honesty that challenges us to face our behaviors. Speaking for the Organizing Committee, Mr. Devlin wished the participants a productive conference and enjoyable time in New York.

United We Stand

The United Nations, a recognized forum for the global community, provided a perfect venue for WFTC's Gala Reception. The evening started with the sounds of the Jason Devlin Trio and views of the East River and the 59th St. Bridge, beckoning participants, who have traveled so many hours and thousands of miles to "...slow down, your moving too fast." As people mingled, laughed, shared travel stories, the reunion of friends and colleagues initiated the feeling that we are one, we are the same and we are united.

The evening was officially opened by Monsignor O'Brien, who took great pleasure in introducing Richard Beauvais, the author of the Daytop Philosophy. The Daytop Philosophy, has become the cornerstone of treatment programs around the world, and has been translated into



over 30 languages. Mr. Beauvais, who wrote the philosophy in 1964, spoke from the heart when he honored Daytop and all those who live by the concepts in the philosophy. Mr. Beauvais was followed by a musical rendition of the philosophy, conducted by Norman Graves and sung by the Daytop

Choir, young men and women in residential treatment. The TC philosophy unites individuals in a common purpose; it is pure inspiration, pure poetry and a creed to live by. The night has just begun!



Presenters from Phoenix House's Women's Services: "Happy to be here and share our experiences in treating women with learning disabilities."



Fr. Barnabe: "This is such a wonderful example of different cultures and a spiritual program, all of us breathing the same air, engaging and experiencing the love and caring. Reverend Bodhii: "The heart of the TC is here and my wish for us is for all of us to come together."

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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