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The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling, Inc. will be hosting its 16th Annual Statewide Compulsive Gambling Awareness Conference. The Conference will take place March 12th and 13th, 2015 at The Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Additionally, a pre-conference will be held on March 11th, 2015.

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

- Suggested Presentation Areas Include (but are not limited to):**
- Assessment, Treatment and Recovery
 - Public Awareness
 - Outcome and Social Cost
 - Prevention and Impact of Gambling
 - Effects on Select Populations
 - Topics Concerning Adolescents, Older Adults, and Women
 - Intervention
 - Ethics
 - Support for the Family
 - Co-Occurring Disorders

- Who Attends This Conference?**
- People involved in research, treatment and prevention of problem gambling
 - Criminal Justice Personnel
 - Mental Health Professionals
 - Employee Assistance Personnel
 - Human Resource Staff
 - Gaming Industry Personnel
 - Educators and Students
 - Compulsive Gamblers
 - Elected Officials
 - Friends and Family Members of Problem Gamblers

THE PRESENTER APPLICATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER. TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
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Deadline to submit proposal is September 15, 2014

Quotes from evaluations from the attendees of the 15th Annual Conference:
"Great topics and speakers!"
"This conference is so warm and friendly because the staff works so hard to make it so."
"Great job!! You are a model to be replicated!"
"Excellent conference—good speakers. Great planning by the WCPG staff."

The Wisconsin Council On Problem Gambling, Inc. 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.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT:
The WCPG is currently accepting volunteers. Anyone interested in donating their time and skills to the organization by helping with administrative projects is encouraged to contact us at (920)437-8888.

RESOURCE LIBRARY
The WCPG has both books and videos in our lending library. Materials can be loaned out on a two week basis. These materials can also be mailed to you. For more information, call Cheri at (920)437-8888 or e-mail her at: wcpgamble5-cheri@new.rr.com

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Presenter Application
(Incomplete submissions will not be considered.)

Name _____ Credentials _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

Honorarium Requested _____

Presentation Title _____
(Please note that this title will be used for CEU applications if presenter and presentation is selected.)

Please list a brief paragraph describing your presentation and at least three (3) goals and objectives for your presentation. (Please email {preferred method}, fax, or mail the presentation proposal.)

Description of Presentation:

Goals and Objectives:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please e-mail a one paragraph professional biography to: wcpgamble5-confcoor@new.rr.com

****Please keep a copy of the Call for Presenters application and information for your personal records****



Our friend, Robert McGuigan, left this World on Memorial Day. Robert used his remaining time in an amazing way. He flew with Badger Honor Flight last fall and began March with a celebration of life, had corned beef and cabbage on Saint Patrick's Day, and finished the month celebrating his birthday. He showed amazing concern for others at the Madison VA Hospice. He took fellow veterans out to lunch or dinner. He comforted a family who just lost their father. Robert educated many people by telling his/Jason's life story on the dangers of problem gambling. Robert left us sharing himself and all that he had with the World. When he knew that the end of his life was coming, Robert made good use of his precious time. He loved life and was sorry to see it go.

Father - Grandfather - Uncle - Brother - Leader - Friend We will miss your friendship, kindness, generosity, and your Irish wit!

MAILING LIST UPDATE:

In an effort to become more environmentally and fiscally responsible, WCPG is pleased to be able to send our newsletter and other mailings to you electronically. Please fill out the information below and return to the contact information listed below. You can also update your information online at www.wi-problemgamblers.org.

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Email Address: _____

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**Save
The
Date**

**Sixteenth Annual Wisconsin
Council on Problem Gambling
Statewide Conference**



Our next conference will be held at

The Osthoff Resort

Elkhart Lake, WI

March 12-13, 2015



Make your reservations now by calling

1-800-876-3399 to get the special conference rate of \$99.00 per night!

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**Mark Your
Calendars!**

Many people enjoy gambling, whether it's betting on a horse or playing poker on the Internet. Most people who gamble don't have a problem, but some lose control of their gambling. Signs of problem gambling include:

- Always thinking about gambling
- Lying about gambling
- Spending work or family time gambling
- Feeling bad after you gamble, but not quitting
- Gambling with money you need for other things

If you have concerns about your gambling, ask for help. Your health care provider can work with you to find the treatment that's best for you.

- NIH: National Institutes of Health

Gamblers always are trying new ways to make a bet
And then end up getting themselves deeper into debt
Money is not there when needed to put food on the table
Because they throw it away as soon as they're able
Look how often this tragic habit affects their health
Ever they constantly strive to create easy wealth
Really, all that they accomplish is to lose their wives
Surely, there must be a way out that will save their lives.

- From the National Council on Problem Gambling website

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying your summer! As always, it is going too fast so I try to soak up as much sunshine as possible. The WCPG has had a busy spring and summer. In April and May we provided a Phase 3 and 4 training in Oconomowoc. In June, we were able to provide a Phase 2 training as part of the National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at UW-Stout. We are in the planning process for our training programs this fall. We will be offering our Phase 1 and 2 trainings in September and October in Stevens Point. Please contact the WCPG office for more information.

The Helpline continues to be as busy as ever providing resources and help to problem gamblers and their families. In March, we launched our new Website. If you haven't had a chance to check it out please do so at wi-problemgamblers.org.

Our friend Robert McGuigan (see story on page 5) passed away on May 26, 2014. Robert and I spent many years talking to high school students and several Wisconsin prisons about compulsive gambling disorders. Robert had a true passion in getting the word out to adolescents. We will miss Robert.

Big news for the WCPG:

WE MOVED! The WCPG moved on August 11, 2014. Our new address is 1585 Allouez Ave., Green Bay, WI 54311. We are really excited as we move forward. Please feel free to stop in and visit it us at our new home. We want to thank St. Jude's parish for letting us make our home here for the last seven years.

Plans have begun for our 2015 annual statewide conference. If you are interested in presenting, please fill out and return the "Call for Presenters" application included in this newsletter.

Wishing you a great rest of the summer,

Rose Gruber



WCPG Executive Director



Myths & Facts about Gambling Addiction and Problem Gambling

MYTH: You have to gamble everyday to be a problem gambler.

FACT: A problem gambler may gamble frequently or infrequently. Gambling is a problem if it causes problems.

MYTH: Problem gambling is not really a problem if the gambler can afford it.

FACT: Problems caused by excessive gambling are not just financial. Too much time spent on gambling can lead to relationship breakdowns and loss of important friendships.

MYTH: Partners of problem gamblers often drive problem gamblers to gamble.

FACT: Problem gamblers often rationalize their behavior. Blaming others is one way to avoid taking responsibility for their actions, including what is needed to overcome the problem.

MYTH: If a problem gambler builds up a debt, you should help them take care of it.

FACT: Quick fix solutions may appear to be the right thing to do. However, bailing the gambler out of debt may actually make matters worse by enabling gambling problems to continue.

Adapted from: Chris Lobsinger's "Problem Gambling Pages"

HAPPY SUMMER!!

"Summertime is always the best of what might be."
~Charles Bowden

"Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it."
~Russell Baker

"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken."
~James Dent



**** SPECIAL SAVINGS! 60 CEU'S FOR \$350 ****

- Sign up for Phase 1 and 2 or Phase 3 and 4 at the same time and receive a \$50.00 discount off each Phase!
- Sign up for all 4 Phases and receive an additional \$50.00 discount!
- Get 3 people from the same agency to attend and receive a 25% discount off the total!

2014-2015 TRAINING SCHEDULE—CONTACT WCPG FOR DETAILS
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2014-2015 TRAINING SCHEDULE

Phase 1

Date	Location	Registration Deadline
September 25-26, 2014	Comfort Suites, 300 Division St., Stevens Point	September 18, 2014

Phase 2

Date	Location	Registration Deadline
October 23-24, 2014	Comfort Suites, 300 Division St., Stevens Point	October 16, 2014

Phase 3

Date	Location	Registration Deadline
January 22-23, 2015	Comfort Suites, 300 Division St., Stevens Point	January 15, 2015

Phase 4

Date	Location	Registration Deadline
February 12-13, 2015	Comfort Suites, 300 Division St., Stevens Point	February 5, 2015

TOTAL COST:	Phases taken separately	Phase 1 & 2	Phase 3 & 4	All 4 Phase Trainings
	\$150 each	\$200	\$200	\$350

Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel."

— [Socrates](#)

"In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn."

— [Phil Collins](#)

"Teachers have three loves: love of learning, love of learners, and the love of bringing the first two loves together."

— [Scott Hayden](#)



* Dwelling on the negative simply contributes to its power. ~ Shirley MacLaine *

WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!!

Please check out our new website (wi-problemgamblers.org). We have received favorable feedback—that the website is easy to navigate and that great information is available. We are able to make real-time additions, deletions and corrections, so know that the information is as up-to-date as possible. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter also!