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The Thirteenth Annual Compulsive Gambling Awareness Conference was a huge success!

The Thirteenth Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was a huge success with 127 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 10 & 11 at the Kalahari Resort & Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells, WI. Many attendees came from different areas of Wisconsin as well as Canada, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Illinois to attend the conference.

Speakers included:

Jerry Bauerkemper (Nebraska)
 Judith Dancing (Wisconsin)
 Bill Ginsberg (Wisconsin)
 Doug LaBelle (Wisconsin)
 Michael Goldman (Illinois)
 Linda Graves (Washington)

Kristin Mainville (Wisconsin)
 Dr. Dennis McNeilly (Nebraska)
 Coleen Moore (Illinois)
 Kelly Skindzelewski (Wisconsin)
 Daniel Smith (Missouri)
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Topics included:

Elephants in Your Office: It's Smart to Know Who is in the Room * Providing Anger Management for Compulsive Gambling Clients * The Great Escape—Female Compulsive Gamblers * Wholistic Health, the Process of Addiction and Proactive Recovery * Better Late Than Never - The Value and Effect of Treatment in the Criminal Justice System * Parents Who Are Problem Gamblers * Intervention with Problem/Pathological Gamblers—The Other Goal * Opening People's Eyes Through Awareness Generation * If I Can't Balance My Checkbook How Can I Help You Balance Yours? PART I & II * Focus Groups: Recovery from the Gambler's Perspective * Unhealthy Skills and Switches? Preventing Relapse with Gambling & Other Behavioral Addictions * As Time Passed: A Workshop on Step 4 Inventories * Assessing the Older Problem Gambler * Understanding Older Adult Gamblers * and In the Zone. . . Let's Talk About Teen Gambling.

Overall the conference was a great success and we look forward to the 2012 Conference that will be held March 15th & 16th at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay, WI. We hope to see you there!

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"Life is the art of drawing without an eraser." John W. Gardner

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The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling would like to thank the following for their generous contributions toward the Thirteenth 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 Outstanding Volunteer Award:

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

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

Cornerstone Award

Potawatomi Bingo Casino:

This award is named after the first recipient: The Cornerstone Foundation. It is presented to a person or organization that has been instrumental in the growth of the Council. The recipient must show strong support and dedication to the expansion of the WCPG and its mission.

The Spirit Award:

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

Special Recognition of Richard Stanchfield accepted by Margie Stanchfield:

In memory of Richard Stanchfield in grateful appreciation and recognition of his outstanding service and dedication. The Richard Stanchfield Conference Scholarship Award was established in 2011 in Richard's memory.

Thank You

The Thirteenth Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was held on March 10 and 11, 2011. 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 Thirteenth 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.

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 Thirteenth 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 15th and 16th, 2012 at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay, WI. Save the dates!

A million thanks to all of you,

Rose Gruber
WCPG Executive Director



Many Thanks

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, Lynn Daubert, Jay Allard, Cathy Allen-Schneider, Kathy Diny, Judy Ramsey, Maynard & Carolyn Zima, James Bolek, Pat Jirovetz, Kami Blatter, Kim Welsch, Carolyn Bickel, Lynn Allard and Wendy Vertz.

Thank you to Jerry Bauerkemper, Judith Dancing, Bill Ginsberg, Doug LaBelle, Michael Goldman, Linda Graves, Kristin Mainville, Dr. Dennis McNeilly, Coleen Moore, Kelly Skindzelewski, Daniel Smith, and Charles Vorkoper 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.

Rose

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- Sign up for Phase 3 and 4 at the same time and receive a \$25.00 discount!
- Sign up for all 4 Phases and receive a \$100.00 discount!
- Get 3 people from the same agency to attend and receive a 10% discount off the Total!

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2011 GREEN BAY TRAINING SCHEDULE

DATE	TRAINING	LOCATION	Registration Deadline
May 5-6, 2011	Phase 2	1423 Kellogg St Green Bay, WI	April 28, 2011
September 15-16, 2011	Phase 3	1423 Kellogg St Green Bay, WI	September 8, 2011
October 13-14, 2011	Phase 4	1423 Kellogg St Green Bay, WI	October 6, 2011

2011 RACINE TRAINING SCHEDULE

DATE	TRAINING	LOCATION	Registration Deadline
May 12-13, 2011	Phase 2	Racine Marriott 7111 Washington Ave.	May 5, 2011
September 29-30, 2011	Phase 3	Racine Marriott 7111 Washington Ave.	September 8, 2011
October 20-21, 2011	Phase 4	Racine Marriott 7111 Washington Ave.	October 13, 2011

Potawatomi Bingo Casino Sponsorship

The WCPG wants to extend a big thank you to the Potawatomi Bingo Casino for the 2011 Sponsorship it has provided. Through the generosity of the Potawatomi Bingo Casino Sponsorship we will be able to provide Phase 1-4 trainings in the Milwaukee/Racine area. Sponsorship was provided for the Thirteenth Annual Conference and 15 scholarships were awarded. The sponsorship also provides assistance for the operation of the 24-hour Helpline and a program to provide an outreach speaker in the Milwaukee area.

We are continually grateful for the on-going support we receive from Potawatomi. Their partnership gives us the opportunity to continue and expand resources for problem gamblers and their families.



The 2011 Awards Banquet was a huge success. Attendees were welcomed with a walk down the red carpet. Each person was photographed by the Wisconsin Dells paparazzi. It was a wonderful fun filled evening. We hope to see each of you in attendance at our 2012 Awards Banquet at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin on March 15th and 16th.

Save The Date!

The 25th National Conference on Problem Gambling CELEBRATING 25 YEARS: *Revolutionary Changes and Emerging Innovations*

For a quarter of a century, the conference has brought together leaders in prevention, education, treatment, responsible gambling, research and recovery to present the latest developments in their fields. The conference features high-quality content designed for a multitude of participants – from professionals who work with people experiencing problems with gambling to newcomers experiencing gambling issues.

June 30 – July 2, 2011, Boston, Massachusetts
For more information check online at: ncpgambling.org

The Twenty-Seventh Annual National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Conference

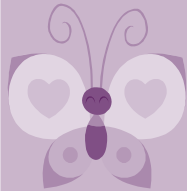
This unique rural alcohol and drug abuse conference provides participants the opportunity to personally interact with other rural alcohol and drug abuse professionals, federal agency representatives, and nationally known institute faculty and resource persons.

Phase 1 Training is being offered at the NRADN Conference this year. Scholarships are available.

June 12-16, 2011 at UW-Stout

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Green Bay, Wisconsin
March 15-16, 2012**



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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 skills and time 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