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Eleventh Annual Compulsive Gambling Awareness Conference was a huge success!

The Eleventh Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was a huge success with 150 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 19 & 20 at the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells. Many attendees came from different areas of Wisconsin as well as Minnesota, Illinois, and Michigan to attend the conference.

Speakers included:

Martha Ammermann (Wisconsin)
 Sandra Brustuen (Minnesota)
 Dawn Cronin (North Dakota)
 Joanna Franklin (Maryland)
 Linda Grave (Washington)
 Cheryl Kirking (Wisconsin)
 Doug LaBelle (Wisconsin)

Dr. Henry Lesieur (Rhode Island)
 Dr. Stuart Robertshaw (Wisconsin)
 Mike Schiks (Minnesota)
 Lisa Vig (North Dakota)
 Dr. James Walsh (Delaware)
 Keith Whyte (Washington, DC)

Topics included:

IBCT-Family Therapy with the Reluctant Client; Pathological Gambling and Crime; The Healing Power of Humor; Warriors at Risk: Gambling and Problem Gambling in the Military; Older Adult Gambling: Alzheimer's/Dementia a Hidden Cause; Foundational Model for Treating Compulsive Gamblers; Youth Gambling: Fact or Fiction; Treatment Planning with Problem Gamblers; Splashes of Encouragement! A Keynote in Concert; You Bet Boss; Treating the Dually Diagnosed Problem Gambler; Responsible Gambling on the Casino Floor; Shame, Guilt, and Addiction; Public Policy Issues: Advocacy and a Call to Action; and Exploring the Different Faces of Gambling.

Overall the conference was a great success and we look forward to the 2010 Conference that will be held March 18th & 19th at Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, WI. We hope to see you there!

**Conference Edition
 Spring 2009**

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The person who makes a success of living is the one who sees his goal steadily and aims for it unswervingly. That is dedication. Cecil B. DeMill (1881 - 1959)

Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Conference Edition-Spring 2009

Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling would like to thank the following for their generous contributions toward the Eleventh 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 Carol Maulson for the support and friendship that she has given the Council in perpetuating the Council's goals and mission.

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This award went to Ann Erickson for the support and friendship that she has given the Council in perpetuating the Council's goals and mission.

The Outstanding Volunteer Award:

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

The Leadership Award:

This award was given to Wisconsin Lottery who has shown outstanding leadership in the compulsive gambling field.

The Spirit Award:

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

Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other one thing. [Abraham Lincoln](#)

Rose's Thank You

The Eleventh Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was held on March 19 and 20, 2009. 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 Eleventh 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 give 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 Eleventh 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 at the Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan on March 18 and 19, 2010. Save the dates!

A million thanks to you all,

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 Cheri Braley, Frieda Tuross, Peggy Schlapman, Chris Gruber, Nancy Baker, Susie VanderGeeten, Cathy Allen-Schneider, Kathy Diny, Judy Ramsey, Maynard & Carolyn Zima, James Bolek, Pat Jirovetz, Kami Blatter, Beth Pahnke, Carolyn Bickel, and Wendy Vertz.

Thank you to Martha Ammermann, Sandra Brustuen, Dawn Cronin, Joanna Franklin, Linda Grave, Cheryl Kirking, Doug LaBelle, Dr. Henry Lesieur, Dr. Stuart Robertshaw, Mike Schiks, Lisa Vig, Dr. James Walsch, and Keith Whyte 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!**
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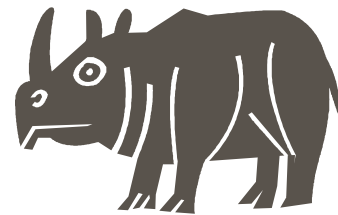
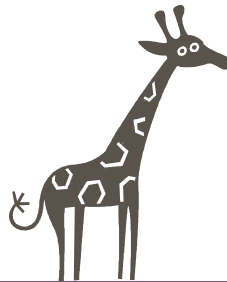
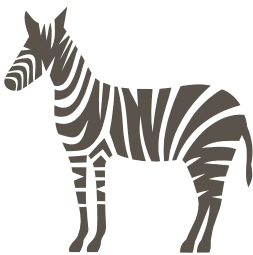
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2009 GREEN BAY TRAINING SCHEDULE

DATE	TRAINING	LOCATION	Registration Deadline
August 27-28, 2009	Phase 3	1423 Kellogg St Green Bay, WI	August 21, 2009
September 24-25, 2009	Phase 4	1423 Kellogg St Green Bay, WI	September 18, 2009

2009 MILWAUKEE TRAINING SCHEDULE

September 17-18, 2009	Phase 3	7065 N. Port Washington Rd. Milwaukee, WI	September 11, 2009
October 8-9, 2009	Phase 4	7065 N. Port Washington Rd. Milwaukee, WI	October 2, 2009



Potawatomi Bingo Casino Sponsorship

The WCPG wants to give a big thank you to the Potawatomi Bingo Casino for the 2009 Sponsorship it has provided. Through the generosity of the Potawatomi Bingo Casino Sponsorship we will be able to provide Phase I-IV trainings in the Milwaukee area. Sponsorship was provided for the Eleventh Annual Conference and 15 scholarships were awarded. The sponsorship also provides assistance for the operation of the 24-hour Helpline and printing of brochures/booklets.

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.

Save the Date!!

The National Council on Problem Gambling and the Indiana Council on Problem Gambling bring you the 23rd 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.

**Hyatt Regency-Indianapolis
June 25-27, 2009**

For more information check online at ncpgambling.org

Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling First Quarter 2009 Statistics

- There were 3,621 calls to the council
- There were 1,611 web hits
- 105 callers were employed, 12 were retired, 11 were disabled, and 29 stated that they were unemployed
- 43.5 was the average age of callers
- 570 callers were referred to treatment providers
- The average debt was \$45,019
- 308 callers were referred to GA

* Due to confidentiality issues, statistics are based upon those willing to share information.

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Twelfth Annual Wisconsin
Council on Problem Gambling
Statewide Conference



*Our next conference will be held at the
Blue Harbor Resort and Conference Center
Sheboygan, Wisconsin
March 18-19, 2010*

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The Wisconsin Council on
Problem Gambling would
like to welcome
Patricia Jirovetz
to the Wisconsin Council
on Problem Gambling
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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.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT:

The WCPG is currently accepting volunteers. Anyone interested in donating their skills and time to the organization by answering Helpline calls or 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 email her at: wcpgamble5-cheri@new.rr.com.