

# HEALING TOUCH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION Report 1<sup>st</sup> HTPA Membership Meeting August 2, 2008 in Denver at the Inaugural HT Program Conference



Repeatedly, we heard the words: "Great!"; "Great!"; Great!"; "Thank you for all your hard work and vision"; "Great accomplishments in short period of time. Thank you!"; "Very impressive so far"; "Keep going"; "Superb! Continue!"; "Just keep listening to Membership"; " Incredible"; "WOW!"; "Thanks for re-committing to actively involving membership"; "Fabulous"; "Marvelous so far"; "Thank you for being so open"; "Excellent start"; "The projects are awesome"; "This is what I've been waiting for since I started in HT"; "You've come a long way in a very short amount of time"; "Great future ideas"; "Please continue with your openness and transparency".....

Above are just a few of the continual accolades we received from our HTPA members who were at the Inaugural HT Program Conference and attended our 1<sup>st</sup> HTPA Membership Meeting. Is there a doubt how much fun we had?? It's pretty easy to enjoy yourself when you are being showered with this much acknowledgement. Everyone agrees that our first 4 ½ months for HTPA has been very productive and that our first membership meeting was a huge success This could be the first ever event that did not disappoint even one in attendance (at least we didn't hear about it.....).

To all HTPA Members who attended **THANK YOU** for your support and input. The questionnaires you filled out will guide us to provide what you are looking for in this Association. We look forward to seeing you next year. To all HTPA Members who were not able to attend – MARK YOUR CALENDARS now for 7/ 30 – 8/2, 2009 so you can be sure to join us for next year's meeting and HTP Conference in Denver – we MISSED YOU this year!

**(Note:** All HTPA Members are offered a 20% discount on the 2008 HTP Conference CD Package (which includes the HTPA Membership Meeting).

[Click here for details: 2008 Conference Audio CDs](#)

To all not an HTPA member – you have just one month and a few days to become a Charter Member. Charter membership is available through October 1, 2008. Please go to our [HTPA website](#) to learn more and/or join.



We were pleasantly surprised that nearly 90% of the conference attendees were HTPA members (several more signed up after hearing our progress during our Membership Meeting). This is evidence of the support and commitment that our HT Community has for the continued growth of Healing Touch and HT Program. All in attendance received their Member Cards and gorgeous new HTPA Member pins. (Members not in attendance will receive these by mail over the next month.)

Our newly formed 5 member HTPA Leadership Team was able to meet in person twice. They were formally introduced and are now gearing up to follow through on our #1 agreed upon commitment: to "serve" and support our members. Our Team spans across the U.S. with Linnie Thomas, HTCP/I in Tualatin, OR; Dave Barnett, HTP in Littleton, CO; Jim Brauner, HTCP in Ballwin, MO; Joyce Rudenick, HTCP in Stillwater, MN; and Krista Hall, HTCP/Instructor-in-Training, New Market, MD.

We also introduced our National Media Project Leader, Peg Olson, HTCP/I in Chicago, IL, who is developing her Team. We are all working closely with HTP to formulate the best ways to bring media exposure to the healthcare community and to the public at large. Our goal is to make Healing Touch a “household word” as many in our Membership and HT Community have requested. We are OPEN for contributions to help us with this media project – please send your suggestions and input to [info@HTProfessionalAssociation.com](mailto:info@HTProfessionalAssociation.com)

In addition, we shared that one of our immediate goals is to develop further “Connection” with our worldwide (international) HT Community and HTPA members so we will be working with them to develop HTPA Leadership Teams in their countries as we recognize that each country may have its own unique needs to address. Please contact us if you would like to help with this goal.

We also reported on our three co-sponsored projects (with HTP):

- 1) The new Practitioner Directory for certified HT Practitioners and those who have completed the HT Program. This Directory can be accessed by the public (and HT Community) worldwide and is a great tool for those who want to expose themselves for referrals or find a referral themselves. If you have not signed on to that Directory (and are eligible) be sure to do so – click [Practitioner Directory](#)
- 2) The Elder Council which is only in the beginning of its development. This Council is being established with permission from each individual who supported Janet Mentgen, Founder of Healing Touch in the very early days and then continued on to help sustain Janet’s vision and commitment to bring Healing Touch to every home, school and healthcare facility worldwide. The purpose of the Elder Council is to provide guidance and accurate HT history. We identified several “Elders” in attendance & apologize to those that we did not have time to contact pre-conf but every one can be assured this Council will receive much publicity in the year to come and will play a very significant role in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual HTP Conference. So far, all Elder Council Members agree to offer contact info for anyone interested in contacting them directly. We will send out an Elder Council list in the very near future.
- 3) Our One Voice – HTP Position Statement and HT Community Outreach Plan. After receiving much feedback over the past months (since the HTP/HTI split), it has become apparent that most HT Instructors, Practitioners and Students are in need of more clarity about the state of Healing Touch and the HT Program. Therefore, we (HTP & HTPA) have joined to create and disseminate a “One Voice” communication to provide that clarification Statement and will be including an Outreach Plan to unite and strengthen our HT Community in general. We were able to share the draft of this One Voice Statement at the Instructor Meeting and got very helpful direction from many at that meeting. It was also suggested that this statement become HTP’s Position Statement to be posted on the HTP website (soon to come) and that along with it, a Time Line showing the History of Janet Mentgen’s Healing Touch Curriculum & Program and an Organizational Chart for HTP and its affiliate Organizations (HTPA, HTWF, HT Certification) be developed (those are nearly completed thanks to the late night work of Lisa Mentgen-Gordon, CEO HT Program).

**Membership Questionnaires – Recap:** it is clear from member input that tele-seminars are sought after. As a result of a virtual tie among those suggested – we are now in the process of developing and scheduling 3 tele-seminars to be offered to HTPA Members in the near future. They will be “How to Utilize the HTPA Website: Create Your Member Profile & Use the Message/Forum Board”; “How to Establish an HT Support Group”; and “How to Start an HT Business/Practice.” Other tele-seminars are sure to be developed and offered. These seminars will be “live” with Q&A possible but also will be taped for attending later.

We also learned from this preliminary poll of members that HTP & HTPA exposure at appropriate events is nearly 100% favored (during our Member Meeting we were able to share that to date 8-02-08 we have earmarked approximately \$12,000 that Members will vote to use for an array of Special Interest Projects – event exposure being one of those projects. This dollar amount represents 40% of the Member fee that HTPA has committed for use by member vote. This amount continues to grow daily.). We are collecting suggestions for what events to attend/exhibit at for 2009 so please send any suggestions you have to [info@HTProfessionalAssociation.com](mailto:info@HTProfessionalAssociation.com).

Included in the questionnaire was the opportunity for members to indicate their interest in joining some of our projected Special Interest Committees and we are delighted to announce that we received a tremendous response. Those Committees will be developed and overseen by the Leadership Team. The initial Committees we are forming are:

- 1) Support for the HTPA Leadership Team
- 2) HT for Military & their Families
- 3) HT Teams for Disaster Response

More Special Interest Projects will develop as we grow. If you were not at our Membership Meeting and would like to indicate your interest please e-mail us at the address above.

In our Leadership Team meetings we acknowledged that it would be an advantage if we could send short, more frequent communications to our members and HT Community and to materialize that idea immediately, one of our members – Linnie Thomas has offered to send all HTPA members a Business Marketing tip every 10 days to 2 weeks. These tips are sure to inspire and motivate growth in your business but can also be applied to your daily business of “living.” Look for these to start arriving soon.

**Reminder: Bonuses available** - all HTPA members can receive Marilee Tolen’s e-book “Eight Steps to Kick Start Your Practice” FREE and also discounts on her tele-seminars e.g. Heart-centered Marketing. Login to HTPA Member Area; go to the [Message/Forum Board](#) where you will find the links to Marilee’s “gifts.” **If you are not an HTPA member you can join now by clicking here – [HTPA](#)**

There really are no adequate words to describe how wonderful our time in Denver was. The Instructor Meeting; General Conference (all the terrific presentations & HT stories); HTPA 1st Membership Meeting; Vendor Exhibit Participants; Honoring the Elders; HTWF Silent Auction & return of the Live Auction (Carol Sarian was hilarious while so subtly skillful at extracting our /my \$\$); many, many moments of meaningful Ceremony; re-uniting with friends; making new friends; having OPEN mics – opportunities to ask questions, offer suggestions, share our opinions – but most of all to *FEEL* the effects of Joining Hearts – Joining Voices! We are still relishing the experience(s), floating high while back to business - going forward and most definitely planning for next year’s HTPA Membership Meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual HTP Conference – can’t wait to see you there.

Together, We Are the Heart of Healing Touch,



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