

# *CAMFT's 2008 Outstanding Chapter Leaders*

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*We Are Proud to  
Present the  
Chapter Choices  
for 2008!*

# *Ann Williams, M.A., MFT*

## *Central Coast Chapter*

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Ann Williams came to our small chapter in San Luis Obispo County from the largest chapter in the state. This was a big change for her, but she adapted well and has made an enthusiastic contribution as a member and active participant on our Board of Directors. She served two years as President-Elect and then two years as President.

Ann has been a positive force in our chapter since she joined us. Her particular contribution has been to encourage the professional development of our chapter. Under her leadership, we held annual Board retreats generating goals for the chapter, became incorporated, initiated our own website, provided quality programs at our meetings, and recruited a high quality of experienced professional members, trainees, and interns.

As she begins her first year as Past-President, we look forward to Ann continuing to provide active leadership to our chapter.

# *Roseann Saliba, M.S., MFT*

## *Central San Joaquin Chapter*

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Roseann has been an active member in the CSJV-CAMFT chapter for many years and President for the last two years. During her tenure, she has turned around the chapter with her efforts and dedication – increasing membership and monthly activity participation. With this, the community has gained awareness of our chapter and our role in the mental health community. Roseann has been instrumental in her leadership qualities to create a milieu where members are excited to gather, whether for CEU networking or building friendships.

In order to achieve her goals, Roseann has put together a dynamic board that will continue as she leaves her position. As President, she focused on helping members feel welcomed at each event. Previously, meetings were sporadic in timing and location, but now our chapter has a set location with meetings every third Saturday of the month. Thanks to Roseann, our chapter now has a “home.”

Furthermore, in 2006, Roseann put together a two-weekend workshop for child custody evaluations and she also recruited a student liaison who dramatically increased our intern and student members.

At the end of her tenure, Roseann was instrumental in procuring dynamic speakers for the 2008 workshop calendar and a membership directory. She recently concluded her presidency with a networking lunch in November in which our chapter provided the lunch. This was a huge success!

# *Melissa Johnson, MFT Intern*

## *East Bay Chapter*

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EB-CAMFT is proud to announce that Melissa Johnson has merited this year's CAMFT Outstanding Chapter Leader Award. There is no doubt that Melissa has gone far beyond her responsibilities to assure that EB-CAMFT's operations run smoothly. She has been dedicated to this organization since she joined five years ago. She has been consistently available to meet the demands of the organization. She is so drive to EB-CAMFT that her assertiveness, dedication, and contributions will always be remembered.

It is clear to us that Mel has given a superior performance as Board Member, including the Board Chairmanship. Her tireless efforts to bring EB-CAMFT up-to-date and into the electronic age are seen in our much improved office/business procedures. We personally thank her for her MANY efforts and contributions.

Mel's dedication to and involvement with East Bay CAMFT has brought the chapter into the information age. The ease at which she multitasks and brings humor to the job is as endearing as it is effective!

# *Garry Raley, M.A., MFT*

## *Inland Empire Chapter*

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As President of our chapter, Garry took our chapter to new heights. He led the Board in revising chapter bylaws and took the initiative to seek out non-profit status for the chapter.

In addition, under his leadership, the chapter has grown and has active and lively monthly meetings. He has hosted the last two Board retreats, which has fostered cohesiveness and creativity within the Board.

Garry is very deserving of the award!

# *Kerttu Cantin, M.A., MFT*

## *Long Beach-South Bay Chapter*

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Kerttu Cantin has been a Board Member of the Long Beach-South Bay Chapter of CAMFT since 2000. She held the post of Vice President, Membership for three years, and has been Chief Financial Officer for three years. She has consistently provided professional leadership, both in her organizational skills in demanding “left-brained” jobs, but also in her personal prowess as a calm and committed participant in the sometimes challenging process of navigating a successful non-profit board. Kerttu is ever the voice of reason and wisdom, respected by all members because she speaks with the authority of information and impartiality. She willingly tackles difficult tasks, and is totally reliable because she also has excellent boundaries! If she says she will do something—which she frequently does—the rest of the Board can be confident that she will do it.

Kerttu attained her MFT license in April of 2007, having graduated from California State University at Dominguez Hills. She gained much of her clinical and administrative experience at ChildNet in Long Beach, where she spent six years in several positions, finally as Administrative Supervisor for the clinic. Prior to getting her Master’s degree, Kerttu was a Therapeutic Behavioral Specialist at a partially locked (Level 14) facility in Santa Ana. She also spent two years at a Florence Crittenton home in Fullerton. And, in her first career, she was a graphic artist and draftsman at Baxter Health Care.

Kerttu is currently working on a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at California Coast University. She has opened her private practice and offers group therapy for grieving children. Her specialties include Cognitive Behavioral Therapy; art, dance, and music therapy; and biblio-therapy.

# *Lynda Levy, M.A., MFT*

## *Los Angeles Chapter*

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Lynda is beginning her second term as President of the Los Angeles Chapter and has been a dedicated member of the chapter for ten years, first as the Hospitality Chair, then as the Program Chair, and now for a second term as President of the chapter.

Her skills of leadership in each position have been a tremendous asset to the chapter. Her mission in building “community” for the membership describes her belief in collaboration and teamwork.

# *Pam Sweeney, M.A., MFT*

## *Marin Chapter*

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It is with great pride and enthusiasm that the Board of Directors, Marin CAMFT, has recommended Pam Sweeney for 2008 Outstanding Chapter Leader. Pam has brought a level of skill and dedication to the Board and chapter which infuses the whole organization, providing us all with a model of volunteerism which keeps us inspired, positive, and willing to do more.

As Secretary to the Board of Directors, Pam has proven herself to be absolutely indispensable. She intuitively knows when to send out appropriate e-mails, agendas, invitations, updates, and notices to the Board, committee chairs, and the general membership. Her notes, agendas, and transcriptions of Board meetings are impeccable. Her knowledge of graphics and layout is creative and warm—members comment on how “fun” it is to get an e-mail or postcard from Pam concerning some sort of Marin CAMFT business. The Board itself would not be able to function half as smoothly without Pam’s timely agendas and minutes. And, on top of all this, she has volunteered to serve another two year term of service!

In addition, Pam has been the Chair of our Pro Bono Committee for several years, coordinating the referrals of low-fee clients to dozens of members. It is a testament to her skill and good nature that her stable of volunteer therapists is always full. On the Board, Pam has the reputation of being dependable—she can be counted on without reminders. She is undoubtedly a shining jewel of Marin CAMFT leadership!

# *DaLene Forester, Ph.D., MFT*

## *Redding Regional Chapter*

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DaLene Forester has been an active member of the Redding Regional Chapter of CAMFT since the establishment of the chapter in 1995. DaLene has served our local chapter as President twice, Treasurer twice, Program Committee Chair, and has been an active volunteer on many chapter committees.

DaLene is currently in private practice with two interns, is an EMDRIA Approved Consultant and Trainer, and is a CAMFT Certified Supervisor. The focus of DaLene's practice has been on the treatment of eating disorders, anxiety disorders, and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. She is currently conducting a research project on how EMDR impacts Bulimia Nervosa.

DaLene is being nominated for Outstanding Chapter Leader because she has been a constant in our chapter as a leader and role model since its inception and continues to provide leadership which exemplifies personal and professional ethics with grace and style, which has led our chapter's growth and has promoted our ability to maintain a heartwarming atmosphere through our growth spurt this year.

# *Gail Van Buuren, M.A., MFT*

## *Redwood Empire Chapter*

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We are proud to nominate Gail Van Buuren for the Outstanding Leader Award for the Redwood Empire Chapter. Gail has been an excellent President, and she has worn many other hats as well.

As President Elect, Gail designed and implemented a telephone survey of all our members, participated in the calling, and tabulated the results. The survey served as a springboard for new ideas and led to decisions which were in line with the needs of our membership. In addition to her presidency, Gail has taken on the monthly tasks of formatting and editing our newsletter. Also, she recently produced our Membership Directory and Resource Guide.

Due to Gail's hard work, team building skills, and professional competence, our chapter continues to grow. We have more people in leadership positions, financially we are solvent, and our meetings are better attended.

We salute Gail for her dedication and commitment and thank her for her excellent leadership. We are very grateful for her contributions too numerous to mention. She is most deserving of this special award.

# *Carol Gould, M.S., MFT*

## *San Francisco Chapter*

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For a second year in a row, the Board of San Francisco CAMFT is nominating Carol Gould as our Outstanding Chapter Leader. Carol continues to work tirelessly for the chapter in not one, not two, but three important roles. She is our Membership Chair, and in that role has exceeded our growth goals for two years running. Much of this success has to do with her willingness to make personal connections with our members. She is always available when a member has a problem and she helps to quickly resolve any issues or misunderstandings. Carol is also the Chair of our Directory Committee and is our Webmaster. In her role as Webmaster, she has taken us from a very basic website well into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Members now have the capability to register on line and to update their own online directory information. She put in probably hundreds of hours on this project over the past year and it has really paid off.

We don't know what we would do without her and appreciate her commitment, her passion, her sense of humor, and her no-nonsense approach to life.

# *Antonia Bouyer, M.A., MFT*

## *San Fernando Valley Chapter*

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Antonia Bouyer joined the San Fernando Valley Chapter of CAMFT in the late 1980s. But it wasn't until 2005 that she began serving on the Board of Directors, as the Board's Historian. In 2006, she served as Secretary and took on the additional responsibility as the chapter's Crisis Team Response Coordinator. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Antonia worked with local businesses to garner their support in matching the chapter's donation. Antonia's efforts resulted in a combined donation of \$1000 that went towards the relief efforts in New Orleans. In 2007, Antonia accepted the presidency of the chapter. In addition to the many and varied presidential duties, she took on the responsibility for forging an important relationship between SFVCAMFT and the American Red Cross.

The members have described the newsletter's President's Messages as inspiring, refreshing, genuine, and thoughtful. These are the same themes that are infused in her relationships with the membership. Antonia's enthusiasm and generosity of spirit shines brightly in her ability to bring balance to the Board and mediate conflicts. She encourages members to use their own unique strengths to help the chapter prosper.

Besides her talents as a leader, Antonia has inspired the chapter with her spirituality, her cultural expertise, and her wonderful passion for the arts, which resulted in the opportunity for the membership to find their own rhythms while drumming with Remo, Inc. at the chapter's 2008 installation program.

Lest you think that Antonia is all work, she fills her artistic soul as a voice major pursuing classical training. Antonia also performs with a local symphony orchestra's percussion ensemble. Her beautiful and clear voice and heart reaches so many in our community.

# *Russell Wilkie, M.A., MFT*

## *Santa Clara Valley Chapter*

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Russell Wilkie had been elected to be the Santa Clara Valley Chapter's President-Elect for 2006-2007, and yet, within a month after taking this office, he stepped up to fill the position of President, when our President resigned. Our board had not one single continuing board member when he assumed the Presidency, which proved a huge challenge in moving forward. We needed to recruit several new board members over the course of Russell's Presidency, to fill vacancies as others resigned.

While all of this was going on, Russell led us to move the Santa Clara Valley Chapter Board from being an "operating board" to becoming a more "strategic board" – principally through the creation of vision and mission statements, job descriptions, and policies and procedures to document everything for future boards. Russell virtually single-handedly revised our very antiquated chapter bylaws and successfully got them ratified by our membership. He was instrumental in revising our confusing membership application, and has led us toward becoming a more technologically savvy chapter.

Despite the turnover in board members, with Russell's leadership, we not only managed to survive and maintain our monthly luncheon workshop program, but we actually accomplished numerous significant tasks, such as implementing an electronic membership survey, modifying our chapter dues incentive plan, creating a procedure for handling delinquent renewals, updating chapter brochures, creating a new packet for prospective board members, putting on several law and ethics workshops and intern events, breathing new life into chapter support groups, and repairing website errors. And, most significantly, Russell led us in pulling the chapter out of a steady decline into the red!

Throughout his two years as President, Russell maintained a steady, calm, and grounded leadership presence. He has been consistent, reliable, supportive, and incredibly hard-working. As Past-President in 2008, he has agreed to continue working on documenting chapter policies and procedures, assist in improving our website, and oversee our Editorial and Well-Being Committees. Thank you, Russell, for all you've done and, especially, for who you are!

# *Mariann Tymn, M.A., MFT*

## *Santa Cruz Chapter*

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Mariann Tymn has been part of the backbone of the Santa Cruz Chapter since she joined. She is thoughtful, generous, smart, calm, committed, responsive, and has a terrific range of skills and talents. Her contributions, her dedication, and her hard work have been visible at every meeting. Mariann approaches her tasks in a quiet, humble way, without seeking attention or fanfare. She sets a tone for the Board by effectively and efficiently completing her work; providing clear and well-researched recommendations when requested; answering many, many questions; and being a wonderful, warm, and gracious member of the Board.

As the Treasurer, Mariann seemingly effortlessly keeps track of all of our finances, as well as the registrations for our trainings. She is the creative force behind our newsletter, puts together the biannual membership directory, and is a valuable source of all kinds of information about the chapter's inner workings. It seems, sometimes, that she knows everything about the current operations of the chapter, and she has an excellent institutional memory and the foresight to predict potential pitfalls. She also steps in to help (or lead) many of the ad hoc committees, from her steady presence on the Annual Membership Meeting Committee, to her work on the Strategic Plan. And, to the everlasting gratitude of the Board, she has generously opened her house to host the Board meetings every month.

At the same time that she puts in all of this effort for the chapter, her own life is full with her family and friends, her beloved animals, the choir she adores singing in, and her private practice. We are grateful that she is willing to give so much of herself to the Board and the chapter. We are so pleased to be able to name her our Outstanding Leader this year.

# *Denise Butler-Foley, M.A., MFT*

## *Ventura County Chapter*

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Denise Butler-Foley served as President of the Ventura County Chapter of CAMFT for the second time in 2007, following up a stellar performance in 2003. Because the terms were not consecutive, there was a three year commitment each time! Her devotion to our chapter is amazing!

Every person who has served on our Board with Denise will attest to her attention to detail, ability to juggle innumerable balls in the air (while making it look effortless), strong professional boundaries and overall leadership skills. It seems that nothing ruffles her feathers. This year, she had to fill in gaps for several Board positions, as either good luck (full-time jobs) or bad luck (illness) caused several people to leave the Board suddenly. For example, she was the behind-the-scenes newsletter editor for several issues. She is also the master at finding replacements to fill those vacant positions. It's pretty tough to tell her "no" and have it stick!

We are a very lucky chapter to have someone with such focus, talent, and good humor remain as involved as Denise has been for about a decade now. This award is much deserved.

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2008 RECIPIENTS FROM  
CAMFT and the CAMFT BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS!**

***Deadline for nominations for 2009  
December 31, 2008***

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