

## COMMENTS FROM THE EDITORS



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*This issue marks the completion of our first year as editors. We are grateful for the outstanding support that we have received during this time and pleased with the positive reader response.*

*With this issue, we are proud to announce that Jeffrey Zeig, Ph.D., has accepted our invitation to write a feature column "Ericksonian Update." In this, Dr. Zeig will comment on current Ericksonian developments. As founder and director of the Milton H. Erickson Foundation, Zeig has been a major figure in stimulating interest in the Ericksonian movement on a worldwide scale. His dynamic leadership has resulted in the formation of institutes and centers for study throughout the United States and the world.*

*We also have added a new feature column entitled "Historical Notes on Hypnosis." This column is intended to offer the readers a glimpse of the colorful path that has been traveled in the struggle to bring hypnosis into the respected realms of medical science. We are deeply appreciative that John G. Watkins, Ph.D. agreed to write the first contribution for this ongoing feature. Dr. Watkins gives a personal and insightful account of the early days of two major hypnosis organizations in the United States. As a long standing and active member of the Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis (S.C.E.H.), he was both a participant and observer on these important historical events.*

*We have decided to include reviews of materials that have become standard in the fields of hypnosis and psychotherapy. Not all of these are new publications, but they have not previously been reviewed in The Newsletter.*

*The Foundation's Brief Therapy Conference held in December demonstrated once more the widespread influence of Ericksonian approaches in diverse schools of psychotherapy. Large meetings of this*

*nature facilitate a confluence of ideas wherein the similarities and disparities among schools of thought may be critically examined. We hope connections made at this meeting will continue to strengthen communication among leaders in the area of brief therapy, and that the overall contribution will be in the benefits derived by the recipients of care.*

### **CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS:**

*Vol. 13, #3, page 15. The degree for Peggy Cook, Ph.D., was incorrectly noted. Dr. Cook is a psychotherapist practicing in Fort Worth, TX.*

*— Betty Alice Erickson and Roxanna Erickson Klein*