Present

Sibling Relationships and Sibling Transferences: Timeless Perspectives From Fairy Tales

Speaker: Jean Goodwin, M.D.

Date: Saturday, February 21, 2015

Cost: $50

Registration and Continental Breakfast: 8:30 - 9:00am
Program: 9:00am - Noon

Pima County Medical Society
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Program:
In this discussion we will consider four sibling relationships: brother-sister, sister-sister, brother-brother, and the only child. We use a familiar fairy tale as a paradigm for each configuration: "Hansel and Gretel", "Cinderella", "The Three Little Pigs", and "Sleeping Beauty". In "Hansel and Gretel" the brother and sister help each other to perceive and accept the reality of the parents' betrayal and the consequent perils with which they must cope with only each other for support. The unrelenting envious competition that characterizes Cinderella's evil sisters is for some women a recurrent pattern, beginning in childhood with mother and sisters but reappearing in work contexts and eventually with their daughters. The jollier interactions among the three little pigs seem less toxic until we begin to realize that the wolf perhaps is a brother too, or a representative of that aspect of fraternal competition that is life or death, Cain or Abel. The main character of "Sleeping Beauty" faces a different set of hazards, coping alone with parental anxieties, perfectionistic expectations and intrusive over protectiveness. The presenter illustrates each configuration with clinical vignettes and hopes participants will contribute their own experiences to the discussion.

About the Presenter:
Jean M. Goodwin is a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst in private practice in Galveston, Texas. She is a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Medical Branch and is a Training and Supervising analyst on the faculty of the Center for Psychoanalytic Studies in Houston; she is also a founding member of the Houston-Galveston Trauma Institute. She has written over 90 articles and chapters and her books include Sexual Abuse: Incest Victims and Their Families; Rediscovering Childhood Trauma: A Historical Casebook; and (with R. At-tias) Splintered Reflections: Images of the Body in Trauma. Since the 1970’s she has consulted and lectured on issues of childhood trauma and dissociation.
Learning Objectives:
Use the information from this experience to:
1. Differentiate developmental challenges and opportunities in being a brother to a sister, a sister to a brother, a sister to a sister, a brother to a brother, or an only child.
2. Delineate positive and negative possibilities in the differing relationships and how the family structure impacts on these.
3. Identify, for the therapist, both sibling transferences and countertransferences in the clinical situation.

CE Credits:
This program meets criteria for 3.0 hours of Category I credits for Psychologists. Participants must attend the entire program and complete an evaluation form to receive a certificate.

Registration:
Cost is $50. To register for this event, please mail in the form below or email Dr. Sydney Arkowitz to let her know that you are planning to attend. You can pay at the door but please also register via mail or email.

You can contact Syd at sydarkowitz@gmail.com or 520-327-0755 if you have questions or would like more information.

Please make check payable to ACPS. Mail with this form to:

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