

VISIONS

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2005 Conference Re-Visited

The following pages are an attempt to capture some of the memoirs that made up the NAATP 2005 Annual Leadership Conference held in Scottsdale, AZ. You will also find pictures of the conference on the NAATP web site at: <http://www.naatp.org/conferences/annualconference06.php>. The complete copies of all the presentations are also available at <http://www.naatp.org/conferences/annualconference06.php>



80 persons participated in the NAATP golf outing. Above are just a few of the participants getting ready to begin the day. Below, the golfers enjoy a lunch and awards after the morning round of golf!

[We are looking for 100 golfers for next year!](#)





The opening speaker for the 2005 conference was Ting-Kai Li, M.D., the Director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Following his presentation, Dr. Li took time out to meet with Helene Cross, the chair of the 2005 Planning Committee for the conference and the NAATP Executive, Ron Hunsicker.





Sunday noon saw everyone out by the putting green to watch Carl Kester, whose name was drawn, putt for a \$5,000 cash prize. The put came up SHORT!



A very exciting and engaging panel presentation highlighted the Sunday afternoon session. The panel featured: The Reverend Dr. James Nelson, Dr. Kevin McCauley and Dr. Marv Seppala.

Sunday evening was the time for the very popular Board Reception. The 2005 Reception featured Christopher Kennedy Lawford.

I have been sober for 19 years and I never knew that there was an organization like NAATP. Imagine the best and the brightest in the recovery movement gathered together in one place to share their experience, strength and hope for an industry moving into a vital and innovative phase of its development. That's what I found at the annual NAATP Leadership Conference in Arizona. Not only do these people have their act together but they are nice human beings as well. A sense of mutual cooperation permeated the entire conference, which was highlighted by informative presentations and casual networking. I had a great time and met some folks that I am certain will be friends and associates for many years to come. **CHRISTOPHER KENNEDY LAWFORD**



Is this NETWORKING or what?



The Annual Awards Luncheon



Dr. Jack Whites from Birmingham, AL receives the 2005 Nelson J. Bradley Life Time Achievement Award.

Once again, let me thank you and NAATP for the wonderful few days that Sally and I spent in Phoenix during your annual meeting. Receiving the Nelson J. Bradley award has truly been one of the highlights of my career. I hope that it was earned. It's nice to be rewarded for working in a field that we love. It's great to be included among the people who have been honored with this award.

NAATP has certainly been a force in keeping addiction treatment in the forefront, and I am sure it will stay that way. Don't let your guard down or we will have the same old mess we had years ago.

If I can ever be of service to you or the association, please do not hesitate to call on me. We retirees and semi-retirees have lots of free time.

Jack





Ken Ramsey, President/CEO of Gateway Rehabilitation Centers and the new Chair of the NAATP Board of directors, receives the American College of Addiction Treatment Administrators, Addiciton Administrator of the year award.

The award came unexpectedly and as a complete surprise. Thus, I was totally unprepared and unable to respond as I would have liked. I thank ACATA and NAATP for the honor and recognition—one which my staff deserves more than I do.

It has been a privilege for me to have been in a leadership position for such a wonderful staff and organization as Gateway Rehab for so long. There are no words I know to describe the experience of seeing lives change as a result of treatment received in an organization which one leads. I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Likewise, it has been a privilege and an honor to serve on the Board of Directors of NAATP with Ron and other leaders (and servants) of addiction treatment programs from around the country. They are a wonderfully dedicated, bright and talented group. I have learned much from them and I value their strength, passion, wisdom, creativity and friendship. I look forward to my term on the NAATP Board of Directors as Chairman and the opportunity to work with these leaders and to serve the membership as we together advocate for those who have been touched by addiction.

KEN RAMSEY

Dennis Gilhousen, a former chair of the NAATP Board of directors and recently retired from the position of President/CEO of Valley Hope Association, receives the 1st NAATP Gavel award presented to an NAATP Board member who has retired from their position with their organization.





David Hillis, the President/CEO of AdCare Hospital of Worcester, MA, accepts the 2005 James W. West, M.D. Quality Improvement Award on behalf of his organization and his staff.

“AdCare is extremely honored to receive the NAATP Quality Improvement Award for 2005. NAATP represents the “best and the brightest” addiction treatment programs throughout the country, making the receipt of this award all the more meaningful. AdCare staff thoroughly enjoyed our project and we hope that there are some useful tips for other providers.”

The Reverend Dr. James Nelson received the 2005 Michael Q. Ford Journalism award for his recently published book on his own recovery and the connection of spirituality to recovery.



“Knowing something of the great legacy of Michael Q. Ford’s leadership to the entire field of addiction treatment and knowing of his journalistic skills, I was enormously grateful for this year’s Journalism Award. My own experience of treatment for alcoholism some years ago was the essential beginning of a new life that I can only describe as resurrection. My book ‘Thirst’ is my attempt to offer some life-giving theology about addiction and recovery in a time when the churches are still too often in the grips of shallow moralism and ignorance about the disease. It is my fond hope that the Ford award will continue to further the cause of bringing creative spirituality and theology into the recovery arena.”

Thanks!

Jim



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