

Editorial

As we turn to getting this edition out and prepare for the year ahead, we freely acknowledge that we are off to a late start. Our last edition for 2004 will arrive well into 2005! We do try to catch up and go to print on time but it does seem to be an impossible task. However, the more important thing is that we feel that we have yet another rich and interesting edition. We continue to invite feedback to try and keep us on the straight and narrow and also continue to invite contributions to fill the Quarterly's pages. We want to hear about you and your work. It's important to us and important to all of our readers – so please get yourselves organised to write.

We can't resist printing the 'nice' feedback we receive – in fact to date have not received any that is other than nice, but any constructive criticism would be appreciated. Any ideas or suggestions for improvement. All would be welcome and needs our attention but we must confess that we 'feed on' the positive and lovely emails when we receive them. It keeps the motivation ongoing and we really do treasure communications such as those printed below.

Penny Best from the UK responded to Vol 3, no. 3 with this lovely message saying "*Once again a wonderfully full and rich Quarterly. I salute you and all those dance therapists who share their work in Australia and beyond. I am always thrilled to open the DTAA parcel when it arrives, knowing that it will contain descriptions, questions, tantalising workshops which are too far away, and lovely photos which make everything feel so close. With thanks*".....and from Anna Halprin - "*Thank You for sending me "Moving On."* It appears that you have a lively Dance Therapy Association going on in Australia. I enjoyed the piece you did on me and feel honored to receive such generous recognition".

In this edition, we are pleased to print Dr. Heather Hill's presentation *Would you like to Dance*, from the recent Conference held in Melbourne of the same name - the '8th National Residential Aged Care Facility Conference for Leisure, Recreation and Lifestyle staff'. We are also pleased to be able to publish *Remembering Irmgard*, as promised, with the kind permission of Betsy and the ADTA. Betsy Kagan, whose profile was featured in our last edition, was a recent visitor to Melbourne. A *Reflection - Looking Beyond the Muscles at the*

Movement, is a short write up of her presentation at the '5th Interdisciplinary Conference on Low back and Pelvic Pain', for those readers interested and wanting to share.

Affiliation of Space: A presentation of Mandala and the Self in dance therapy from Vanessa Patterson, provides an indepth look at the Self in Space and we are pleased to print a delightful poem by Ana Irene Gioino. As well, there are all our regular items, of professional issues, reports on professional developments events, news from here and overseas and information in the 'What's On' section on what is happening 'out there'. (see p.31)

Please take note of the Group Insurance offer for members of the DTAA. It is an excellent offer and opportunity for members. If you are considering taking it we need your support now to keep it ongoing.

Please accept our 'late' well wishes for 2005 - not off to a good start amidst the terrible tragedy from Southern Asia. Our hearts go out to all those involved. How lucky we are just to have the privilege to go on going on with a routine life.

Jane Guthrie and Naomi Aitchison



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