

Q8. In 2009 we will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Alliance at the Forum Conference on May 2nd. How would you like to see us celebrate this event?

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Reflect on the past & honor the founders & all who have contributed *

- I'd like to know more about who has sustained the organization all these years – who are the former Board members? How did the organization begin & what are the major changes it has gone through.
- Let's hear from some founders. They're still around. *
- People's personal reflections on what the Alliance has meant to them?
- Honoring the many who have contributed so much.
- Perhaps honor those who contributed so much over the years, seriously or with a spoof.
- Low-keyed, crediting the founders and all who have contributed over the years.
- Recognition of the people who have made this possible.
- As someone who doesn't know a lot about the history of the org., presenting highlights & triumphs, as well as, some humorous anecdotes might be nice.
- A big event featuring good food & wine; a panel of clinicians with discussion groups – an honoring of the founders and early leaders.
- I would like to know about the history of the Alliance ... How it has come to be where it is today?
- Maybe feature a few psychoanalytic therapists & analysts who are nearly retired or semi-retired (analysts with decades of psychoanalytic work under their belts) to reflect on psychoanalysis today & their changing views during their career span. Just a few well-spoken people (e.g. Bob Bergman).
- Honor those who have worked so hard to make the Alliance successful. *
- I always think a retrospective is a wonderful organizational idea – let's newer folks see how the org has evolved. *

Past & future / Where are we going

- A conference around the “state of the art of psychoanalysis” would be interesting.
- A “where are we and where are we going;” the future of psychoanalysis. *
- I always love to hear the history – but I would also like some dialogue about where we are going (and what we collectively want).
- It would be interesting to hear from some of the founders – their original visions – in discussion with some of our newest members (professionally younger) – where they see it going.
- Honor core contributors & bring in a new vision *
- Do only a little looking back and more looking forward. *
- I would like to see a plenary that both looks back & forward & engages participants to discuss some of these questions [from survey?] with each other.
- Diverse people discussing visions for the future.

How to celebrate?

- Let's have a nice party – bring back all the old-timers.
... e.g. Board members. Committee people.
- More of the same. Have Karol and Bergman there for sure.
- Something clear in the advertising that new and old members are encouraged to come. Sometimes these kind of things feel a bit clique-y.
- A retreat.
- Not sure if celebration makes sense.
- A Big Party!
- P.A.R.T.Y.!? ... Champagne? ... Without alcohol! (3 different responses) *
- Cake and Ice Cream. Maybe a cake (to celebrate). (2 different responses)
- Diner & dancing, with Jeanne Castle teaching us the Tango! *
- Evening event with drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and a short talk or two.
- Maybe a party afterwards, instead of a lunch? I would come but maybe others would feel it makes for too long a day.
- Party / Open House / Reception where Alliance library once resided:
Good Shepard Center
- Include diversity, hire a dance band. Hire a caller for folk dance, like contra-dance or a similar activity–rent a bowling alley–do an activity. Hire Playback Theater.
- Somewhere in the city vs. the suburbs.
- A “best of” event.
- Also, how about concurrent art, e.g. a room for 2 or 3-dimensional works.

Ideas for presentations

- A fine avant-garde speaker.
- Special Speaker.
- Invite participation of members of the other groups; the analytic institutes, social work/psych training programs, public mental health agencies, clinical referral services, WSPA, local social work & counseling orgs, etc. etc. Big meeting & reception as part of the conference. Lots of P.R.
- I enjoyed the Forum when there were more “break-out” sessions and less time spent listening to one presentation.
- A “mini” Potential Space with Jed Myers band, poetry, art & creative offerings.
- Distinguished guest speaker / professional program.
- A gathering with catered brunch / lunch with local & national or international speaker.

One person

- Congratulations! Sorry to miss it.

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