



A message from the President



Greetings All,

The GIFCT-US board members began their work at the January meeting by choosing which committees upon which to work. Some final solidification is being made, however, some committees are already engaged with their activities.

The hard work and planning are proving successful for the International Conference: Harmony Unleashed being held in Chicago during July 3 – 6, 2024. Check out the information on our website, www.wglasser.com to find out about registration, speakers, and presentations. The three themes are counseling and mental health, leadership, and education. Presentations about all three themes will be provided each day. Faculty Day will be July 7th.

WGI will provide training before the conference. In order to provide the appropriate training, they need to hear from our instructors as to what training would be beneficial to be offered. Please send that information to: carder.jackson.cr@gmail.com as soon as possible!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!!

The WGI Board (William Glasser International) has been working over the last year to form a board that is more responsive to our needs now. With the new year, the WGI Board is instituting its new structure of a nine-member board. The board's goal is to be purpose and skill driven. It will be composed of an operation side and a governance side. The MOs (Member Organizations) will meet every other month with them instead of monthly.

Members of the board include chair, Lynn Sumida; Vice-Chair, Sonia Munoz; Financial Manager, Ahmed Alshatti; Denzyl Witbooi, Executive Director and the four listed below.

New At-Large Board Members:

Laura Halliday: Laura is from Australia, who is a Basic Intensive Instructor and comes to the board with experience in marketing. She stated, "I create markets." She has worked with product development using values-led development.

Mario Leduc: Mario is both a citizen of Canada and of Mexico. He comes to the board with experience with social work and team building along with a multicultural background. He is certified and serves on the Canadian Board.

Shigeru Homma: Shigeru is from Japan. He comes to the board with experience in business with knowledge of how to apply concepts and how to become sustainable and vital. He is currently the Human Resource Development Manager with Achievement Corporation.

Jill Morris: Jill lives in California and has participated with and supported CT/RT/LM since the 1990's. She comes to the board with experience in organizational development, working to build accountability.

The WGI Board will meet before the conference so you can meet many of them at the conference. GIFCT-US looks forward to serving the members through this next year. Give us your thoughts for consideration as we proceed through 2024.

Sharon Carder-Jackson, GIFCT-US

From Brian Patterson, Executive Director

In Jeffrey Gitomer's book, *The Little Book of Leadership*, he writes, "Every one of those 'legacy' people, and thousands more just like them, worked hard until the last minute of their last day. Be one of those people."

This really resonates with me. I am not done. I still have a lot to offer the world. Choice Theory isn't everywhere yet!

My brother died January 10 at the age of 90. (He was much older than me!) His nurses, attendants, and staff cried when they heard the news. Even his dental hygienist was sobbing when she was told of his passing. She said that whenever her hands weren't in his mouth, he was singing. He was always singing. He brought joy to everyone he came in contact with. His treatment of others left a legacy.



The legacy people that Gitomer wrote about had an impact well beyond their lives because of the teams they built and how they cared about those around them. That fits very well with Dr. Glasser's *Caring Habits*. That is the crossroads at which I see GIFCT right now. What is the legacy that we are leaving. Can I contribute one more resource to someone today? How can I help?

Last month, Carleen Glasser contributed over 2000 books from the Glasser warehouse to GIFCT. I drove a Suburban to California and brought them home. Carleen's wish is that we, as a nonprofit organization, would give those books away. I am excited about this opportunity to give. If you have contact with a school or organization that may benefit from Glasser resources, let me know. When you lead a training session, send me names and addresses. I will send them a Glasser book.

Since you are one of the Glasser family, what legacy are you leaving? I will leave you with something else Gitomer wrote:

Want a great legacy?

Be a great person.

Live your philosophy.

Be happy on the inside.

Consistently perform at your highest level.

Give more than you take.



WGI and GIFCT-US are excited to announce information for the upcoming 2024 Global Conference.

Conference Information:

WGI International Board meeting: Sunday June 30, 2024 through July 3, 2024.
GIFCT-US Board meeting: Tuesday, July 2-Wednesday, July 3, 2024
Conference opening night: Wednesday, July 3, 2023 6 pm-10 pm.
Conference sessions start: Thursday-Saturday, July 4-6, 2024.
Conference closing ceremony: Saturday, July 6, 2024. 6 pm.
Faculty Day: Sunday, July 7, 2024

Location: Palmer House A Hiton Hotel, Chicago, IL.

Training: Prior to the conference. Information coming soon.

Call for presentations link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/rfp-wgi-2024>

Keynote Speakers:

Leadership: David Veech

Counseling and Mental Health: Libby Murdoch

Education: Dr. Don Parker

Hotel information: Registration site for the host hotel:

WGI and GIFCT-US Global 2024 Conference Hotel Information:

Palmer House

17 W. Monroe St.

Chicago, IL 60603

Link to our registration: <https://book.passkey.com/go/WilliamGlasserConference>

Upcoming Events & Courses

Difficult Discussions in Diversity February 17th - 2PM EST

The Difficult Discussions in Diversity calls are moderated by Gloria Cissé, who is a Glasser Scholar. These calls do not have titles, but listen to a few of them to get a sense of how powerful these conversations can be. These calls are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

<https://wgi-s-school.thinkific.com/courses/diversity>



Greet the Week



February 5th - Interest Added
February 12th - Develop Self and Others
February 19th - The Power of Self-Evaluation
February 26th - Knowing Who You Are and What You Stand For – Whatever? Or Whatever it takes!

Mondays - 1800 UTC (1:00 pm Central)

<https://wgi-s-school.thinkific.com/courses/greet-the-week>

Making Sense of It

February 7th - Stress-Free-Teaching: The Reality Therapy Teacher. Dave Hancock
February 14th - What is This Thing Called Love? Quotes on relating from Dr. William Glasser
February 21st - Wendall Walker – To be announced
February 28th - Thriving on too Many Projects – with Robert J. Martin

Wednesdays at 8 am PDT//9 am MDT/10 am CDT/11 am EDT
<https://wgi-s-school.thinkific.com/courses/Making-Sense-of-it>



Glasser Quality School Forum February 22nd - 5pm EST



<https://wgi-s-school.thinkific.com/courses/GQS>

Research Committee Meeting February 23rd - 3pm EST



<https://wgi-s-school.thinkific.com/courses/research-symposium>

Online Basic Training

Sign Up

Living Life with Choice Theory

There are 10 scenarios included in this course, each one depicting a different troubling situation. The slides then take you through the thought process of identifying your thoughts, feelings and actions. You are then asked to evaluate whether the actions are helping the character to get what they really want. Several concepts of Choice Theory are then introduced, which result in giving the character various options to move forward.



<https://wgi-s-school.thinkific.com/courses/living-life-with-choice-theory>

Glaser Class Meetings

Course includes 37 topics to:

- * initiate discussions to be better connected with your students.
- * help students to be more responsible for their own behavior.
- * teach students to become more tolerant of others.

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<https://wgi-s-school.thinkific.com/courses/glasser-class-meetings>

LEARNING
NEVER
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Take Charge of Your Life

This online course is adapted from Dr. William Glasser's book *Take Charge of Your Life*.



It's time to put yourself
back in the driver's seat!

Join us to learn:

- * Why you do what you do
- * How to stop letting people control you
- * What really matters to you
- * Letting people who control you
- * How to create a meaningful, fulfilling, & happy life!

Apply the universal system for empowering yourself
and improving your relationships with others.

<https://wglasser.com/tcoyl>

Reality Therapy Corner



Join us at the Reality Therapy Corner (RT Corner) for conversations exploring the full richness of the practice of Reality Therapy and so much more. These informal discussions can benefit anyone in a helping relationship. See you the 4th Tuesday of each month at 12 noon Eastern Time.

Please sign up for the course here:

<https://wgi-s-school.thinkific.com/courses/reality-therapy-corner>

Upcoming Trainings

Basic Training

March 22-24, 2024

Virtual with Brian Patterson

April 10-May 30, 2024

Zoom, in 3-hour weekly sessions
with Kim Olver

Advanced Training

March 22-24, 2024

Virtual with Brian Patterson

For more information & to register for trainings
<https://wglasser.com/events/training-certification/>