

# Marriage and Family Counseling Service



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## Monica McGoldrick - the 50th Anniversary Master Therapist

### 2nd 50th Anniversary Event

Monica McGoldrick presented a community-wide workshop for over 75 family therapists, counselors and the MFCS Alumni on Friday, May 5, 2017. Best known for her initial book, *Geograms: Assessment and Intervention*, Dr Goldrick was introduced by Dr. William Hiebert who commented that every graduate student who has interviewed for the internship at MFCS in the last 20 years has said that when they are working with a couple, they start with the genogram. "What Alexander Graham Bell is to telephones, Monica McGoldrick is to family therapy," said Dr. Hiebert.

Dr McGoldrick is part of the The Multicultural Family Institute (MFI), incorporated in 1991, is a non-profit educational institution devoted to post-graduate family therapy training, research, and consultation to community institutions from a Multicultural Systemic perspective.



Monica McGoldrick with William Hiebert and Derek Ball



Ami Wells, Mike Drymiller, Mary Bunte Drymiller, Pat Walton, and Doug Wells

Dr McGoldrick was the guest of the 50th Board of Directors Cocktail Party and Annual Meeting at the home of Don and Marsha Pedersen on Thursday evening, May 4.

## 2016-2017 Leadership:

Karen Brooke  
President

John Horn  
Vice President

Laurie Skjerseth  
Secretary

Jerry Goddard  
Treasurer

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### 50th Anniversary Committee:

Marsha Pedersen, Chair

Chuck Austin

Mike Drymiller

Jerry Goddard

Jim Horstmann

John Horn

Laurie Skjerseth

Lance Willett

## Officers, New Board Members Elected at Annual Meeting

The current officers were re-elected to serve on the 2017-18 Board of Directors. Karen Brooke will continue to serve as president with John Horn as vice president, Laurie Skjerseth as secretary and Jerry Goddard as treasurer.



Board members Ana Kehoe and Marsha Pedersen, Party Host

Elected to the Class of 2020 were Tim Long, Scott Tunicliff and Alan Carmen.

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## Birdies for Charity

The 2017 John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity pledge cards have already been mailed. “We are urging supporters of the agency to make their contributions through the Birdies program. Each year the agency not only receives the amount you designate, but also an additional amount based on the greater fund totals raised by the Birdies program,” said Lance Willett, chair of the Development Committee

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## Early Intervention Hispanic Play Groups begun by MFCS and Child and Family Connections

MFCS, partnering with Child and Family Connection (an Illinois state agency) to provide Early Intervention Hispanic Play Groups (EIHPG), has conducted two Play Groups. While the focus was to be Spanish-speaking parent, the groups have ended up bilingual, Spanish and Burmese.



Staff members Jackie Tome, Xochai Pannel and Erica Bucy

This is a new initiative in Illinois and has been identified by the state as an unmet need for all children. For budgetary reasons, the state has never initiated the Early Intervention Spanish Play Groups program.

This EIHPG provides services to identify infants and toddlers who are at risk of developmental delays. The project also assists parents to learn play skills that are essential to their growth and development.

The EIHPG is offered free to parents and children birth to five years of age. Entire families attend the groups.

Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation, Moline, funded the first several EIHPG's.

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## MFCS Recipient of Several Grants

MFCS received two grants during the winter of 2016, according Lance Willett, Chair of the Development Committee. These grants added \$2,000 to the work of the agency.

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Trinity Lutheran Church (Moline) Foundation  
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## 50th Alumni Anniversary Master Reunion

Former interns gathered for their reunion and took part in several anniversary events. Starting on Thursday evening, some interns arrived to participate in the Cocktail Party at the Pedersen's home. (Monica McGoldrick and Sue Ann Weber (FL) stayed with the Pedersens.

Others arrived to participate in the Monica McGoldrick Workshop on Friday. Friday evening, the alumni held a social hour and dinner at the Outing Club in Davenport.



Former interns, left to right, Daniel Stillwell, Aggie Waterstreet, Robert Byram, Shelley Clymer, Sue Ann Weber, Xochi Pannel, Robert Donohoo, Erica Bucy, Linda Manternach, Carol Daniels. Terry Shapiro, Betsy Zmuda Swanson, Derek Ball, Jackie Tome, Robert Stahmann, Suzanne Hanna, Gay Patton and William Hiebert

Saturday was spent at the office with the alumni sharing their stories about their experiences as interns and then their reflections on their lives and family therapy. Robert Stahmann, the first intern, was present. He was director of the University of Iowa Counseling Center who sensed that while his faculty and graduate students knew how to work with individuals, they did not know how to work with couples from a systemic point of view. He began a relationship with MFCS that resulted in two of the staff or students coming over weekly to be trained and later credentialed. Four Brigham Young University graduates were present including one former intern, Rich Whitaker, who has just returned to the QCA after 20 years to be the CEO of Vera French Mental Health Center, Davenport.



BYU former interns Carol Daniels, Richard Whitaker, Robert Byram and Robert Stahmann