

# men talk

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## *Men Talk Interview with Randy Genrich - Andy Mickel*

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**R**andall (Randy) Genrich has actively volunteered and staffed at the Men's Center since 1985—over 28 years! He grew up in central Wisconsin and came to the U of Minnesota and graduated in 1953 with a master's in education as a specialist in deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Over the years he has been involved with Men's Center support groups, conferences and workshops as a facilitator and participant. He was a principal in the Man-Made Radio collective on KFAI Fresh Air Radio for many years. Randy plans to turn 85 on March 1, 2014.

**MT (A.M.) :** I remember you got active in the Men's Center (TCMC) after the 1985 Midwest Regional Men's Conference organized by Jim Lovestar and David Kaar. You began organizing regularly scheduled Wednesday workshops (now called presentations) and have been doing that ever since.

**RG:** Actually, I first came to the Men's Center after seeing a support group model demonstrated at my church and led by Ron Jervy of the Minnesota Men's Council (1984 Robert Bly Conference). My wife encouraged me to stay involved at TCMC, and I met Michael Kogan White at the Men's Center annual meeting in early 1986 at the Minnesota Church Center. He and I volunteered to organize presentations twice/week, but he dropped out, and so after the 1985 conference I continued to do this (ever since) scaled back to once/week and we moved to our current building in 1986.

**MT:** Your job as Office Manager began in 1992 initiated by board chair David Kaar so that we had regular office hours. In that role you have been available to hundreds of men who walk-in and ask for help or resources. What is this experience like for you?

**RG:** I actually volunteered in the office for 8 years prior to becoming paid staff. It's gratifying and humbling that to realize that I was of value to other people. A guideline for my life is a quote from Albert Einstein: "Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value." So as a retired person, it's important for me to have a job where I feel fulfilled and of value to people.

**MT:** What do you like best about the Men's Center?

**RG:** The association with other people—not only walk-ins, but also what I call "Men of the Men's Center"—the volunteer facilitators, board members, and regular participants in support groups and events. Another thing I like best is just how many men have been helped by TCMC. To quote a man from a support group recently: "There was a

miracle that happened to me at the Men's Center. I wouldn't be here without it."

**MT:** Describe the passion you have for the Men's Center as an organization.

**RG:** I believe there ought to be people lining up to get help here; men who don't realize there's a lot of help to get from men that they can't necessarily get from women. My passion is committed to men getting healthier, their becoming better citizens, better people in their homes and in their communities. I believe I'm able to give unconditional love to men because of the strong support I got from my father. I interviewed him for Man-Made Radio and he vowed that he would treat his kids differently than his father did.

**MT:** How much has your background as an educator helped you in your role as the "public face" of the Men's Center on a daily basis?

**RG:** I see more connection to my role as a befriender in my church where I learned to listen to people and not try to solve their problems. This idea is in our Support Group Guidelines—We don't solve people's problems; we give people the tools to be more healthy.

**MT:** In your judgment what are the Men's Center's best achievements?

**RG:** 1) The initiation of the Men Helping Men with Anger Management program.

2) Being a reliable place for men to get together with men to find a support group where they can feel comfortable in sharing their stories and being a witness to what's happening in their lives.

**MT:** What future do you want to see for the Men's Center?

**RG:** I hope we can have a temporary housing facility for so many men and their children who cannot find a place to live—that is one hope. But I think the future of the Men's Center is to continue what we're doing with support groups. I want to see more men take advantage of what we have to offer. I want us to do more outreach to more men and women, to encourage more men to come to the Men's Center, as my wife did for me 29 years ago.

*Andy Mickel is a long-time volunteer at the Twin Cities Men's Center, a many-year board member, and often referred to as "the historian of TCMC."*

## Library Corner

— JIM HEANEY, LIBRARIAN



There are more new books on the shelf.

GETTING TO RESOLUTION, Turning Conflict into collaboration, Stewart Levine.

HEALING THE SHAME THAT BINDS YOU, John Bradshaw.

HEALING THE SOUL IN THE AGE OF THE BRAIN, Becoming conscious in a unconscious world, Elio Frattaroli M.D.

A MAN'S RECOVERY FROM TRAUMATIC CHILDHOOD ABUSE, Robert Blackburn Knight with Mark Falstein.

MIND WIDE OPEN, Your brain and the neuroscience of everyday life, Steven Johnson.

STANDING IN THE SHADOWS, Understanding and overcoming depression in black men, John Head.

TRANSFORMING MADNESS, New lives for people living with mental illness, Jay Neugeboren

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## Greetings from the Chair

I think I speak for all who attended TCMC's 2014 annual meeting when I say that there was a tangible energy in the room and a strong desire by all present to strengthen and improve this organization that means so much to so many of us.

Among many other agenda items, there was discussion of a new support group, a review of our finances and revenue sources, and a demonstration of a presentation TCMC uses to promote itself to like-minded non-profit organizations. The new support group has been approved by the board and will be starting soon. It is a group for Sexual Trauma and Abuse Survivors. It will be open to men & women, and will be co-facilitated by a man and a woman, both professionals in the field. Please see the calendar section of Men Talk for details.

Treasurer Rick Charlson's report on 2013 showed a small shortfall compared to the budget for the year, but also showed that we have money in the bank. The budget for 2014 should restore more balance to our finances, but for this to happen, we need our 3 major sources of revenue, anger management classes, support group donations, and memberships, to perform better this year. There was also discussion of other ways that TCMC could raise our operating funds, and Board Alternate Harry Greenburg collected a list of people interested in joining a task group to focus on fundraising.

Board members Ken Knoll and Tom Weaver have been showing a slide show to organizations such as halfway houses and coun-

selling hotlines that are in a position to send their clients to TCMC. The slide show is funny, informative, and does a great job of covering the many ways that we help men in the Twin Cities.

Finally, there were many opportunities mentioned for you, the members of TCMC to volunteer. One of my goals for TCMC in 2014 is to streamline the process of finding and training volunteers. I would like to have a Volunteer Coordinator, or similar position, that was a single point of contact for anyone interested in helping TCMC. A Volunteer Coordinator could also better make the case for why we need volunteers. I recently realized that when I appeal for volunteers at TCMC, it may sound like a non-profit organization looking for free labor. Honestly, this is only a small part of it. The lifeblood of any non-profit organization is its volunteers, not just because they do the many things required to make the organization run, but primarily because they are the passionate and committed people who provide the energy and new ideas that carry the organization forward. Without them, any non-profit will wither and die. Because of this, it is less important what you do when you volunteer at TCMC, and much more important that you simply volunteer to do something. Your presence, enthusiasm, and life experience are what will ensure that this organization can continue to serve Twin Cities men for many years to come.

**JOE SZURSZEWSKI**  
**BOARD CHAIR**

### Give to the Gerald Obremski Anger Management Scholarship Fund

Gerald was a long time facilitator of the anger management program and a treasurer of the twin cities men's center. For over 12 years Gerald conducted classes and generously donated not only his time but also office space in Hopkins. Gerald was always reaching out to other men, giving them support to help men become more than their childhood patterns. Last September, Gerald passed away.

A scholarship fund to partially cover the cost of the class( now \$250) has been set up to honor Gerry's legacy and to continue the work of helping men. If you are grateful for the anger management class, please send a contribution so others can take this class. Please send in the coupon below with your contribution.

#### Obremski Scholarship Fund

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Dollar Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you, John Hesch, Anger Management Coordinator, cell 612-229-3102

The mission of the Men's Center is to provide resources for men seeking to grow in body, mind, and spirit; and from that foundation to advocate for healthier family and community relationships.

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## PRESENTATIONS

Nearly every Wednesday evening, the Men's Center is proud to offer a presentation on a wide range of subjects of interest to men as well as to the wider community. This tradition has been part of the Men's Center offering since its founding 35 years ago. These drop-in meetings require no pre-registration, and volunteer experts in the respective subjects conduct them all. Because of our primary mission, all presentations are for men only unless it is otherwise indicated in the individual descriptions

Please read through these various descriptions to determine which is of interest to you, and consider bringing a friend. This could be an excellent introduction to the Men's Center for them. Each presentation is intended to foster personal growth and to stimulate interest in the topic.

Our presenters are **Bill Baldwin, Tommy Jones, Kelley Lorix, Bob Manson, Mac McElroy, Andy Mickel, Bobby Schauerhamer, and Rasheen Tillman**

A small fee is collected at the door for each person attending:

Non-Members of TCMC – \$5.

Regular Members (\$20 level) – \$3

Sustaining Members – FREE

All presentations meet at The Men's Center, 3249 Hennepin Ave. So, Suite 55 Minneapolis, MN 55408

We welcome your suggestions for new topics and presenters. Please call Randy at 612-822-5892 with your ideas.

*The Men's Center does not endorse, takes no specific position, nor does it hold any opinion on the presentations, or of any information imparted, or of the presenter(s) themselves. Presentations are the sole product and responsibility of the presenter(s).*

## DESCRIPTIONS

### Family Law Clinic

Discussion Leader: Rasheen Tillman  
When: Wed, Feb. 5 7:00-9:00 pm

*Open to Men and Women*

Targeted to the needs of men or women going through or anticipating divorce or dealing with other family law issues, this Clinic will give you an opportunity to discuss your own questions on such topics as:

- Divorce
- Separation
- Paternity
- Property Division
- Custody
- Spousal Maintenance
- Child Support
- Financial Settlements
- Co-habitation

*Attorneys will volunteer their time and expertise for the benefit of those who attend. A nominal fee of \$5 is charged for the public. Members of the Men's Center receive a courtesy discount.*

### Mankind Project Open Circle

Presenter: Andy Mickel  
When: Wed, Feb. 12, 7:00-9:00 pm

ManKind Project Minnesota began in 1990 and over 800 men are in our community. We have more than 20 on-going men's groups which serve as places where men can develop their Emotional Intelligence, practice Accountability to their Commitments of Service to others, and practice Authenticity in Actions and declarations.

This Open Circle enables participants to witness other men practice clarity of self-expression from their hearts rather than their heads. Join us in our 5-round format and ask questions to learn more and even participate yourself if you choose. Our structure is based on the masculine archetypes of King, Warrior, Magician & Lover in Moore and Gillette's book.

Over 50,000 men have attended ManKind Project experiential weekends for men all over the world to empower men to improve their lives and work together to help other men and families.

*ManKind Project Minnesota offers two New Warrior Training Adventure weekends/ year.*

### Choose to Inhabit Your Life!™

Presenter: Mac McElroy  
When: Wed, Feb. 19, 7:00-9:00 pm  
*Open to men and women*

You are not alone - In feeling that life happens to you, and responding is confusing! Join with others in a joyful exploration of our dilemmas and stuckness. Gain appreciation for the gift of aliveness – learn to show up, open up, and share your precious gifts. Your world awaits!

*Mac McElroy can help increase your conscious engagement with all aspects of life, for a fuller and deeper appreciation of one's aliveness and ability to choose. An MA in Applied Psychology, a deep adoption of Indigenous Spirituality, and numerous opportunities to reframe and transform his life makes Mac an effective Change Agent/Manager. 612-201-9067*

### Let It Go!

Presenter: Bill Baldwin  
When: Wed. Feb. 26, 7:00-9:00 pm  
*Open to Men and Women*

Like it or not, emotions drive our lives. Negative, painful emotions, especially ones pushed down and buried for years, can destroy our health, our wealth, our joy, and our relationships. Come and learn how to quickly, easily, and permanently let go of any emotion you'd rather not carry with you any further, and move towards joy!

Bill Baldwin is a pastor serving two United Church of Christ congregations. Bill's passions are healing, spiritual growth, and whole-person health and well-being. Bill only teaches things he has had a positive track record with in his own life and seen great results. Bill is in his second year as a Men's Center board member.

### Family Law Clinic

Discussion Leader: Kelley Lorix  
When: Wed, Mar. 5, 7:00-9:00 pm

*Open to Men and Women*

See Feb. 5 Description

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### Choosing Healthy Sexual Boundaries: The First Ten Years

Discussion Tommy Jones/Bob Schauerhamer  
When: Wed, Mar 19, 7:30-9:30 pm  
\*\*NOTE: this starts at 7:30pm

Bob Schauerhamer and Tommy Jones started the TCMC support group, Choosing Healthy Boundaries, in April of 2004, nearly 10 years ago. Come and hear them discuss the birth, growth and success of their group. This is a great opportunity to learn about good boundaries, how men choose them and how they help keep themselves and the community safe.

*In April 2013, Thomas Jones and Bob Schauerhamer were recipients of the*

*Distinguished Service Award presented by MNATSA (Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sex Abusers.)*

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## Family Law Clinic

Discussion Leader: Bob Manson

When: Wed, Apr. 2, 7:00-9:00 pm

*Open to Men and Women*

See Feb. 5 Description

## SUPPORT GROUPS

*"The mission of the Men's Center Support Groups is to create a safe place, in times of personal and social challenge, for any men and women to receive and give support to one another and share feelings and experiences to facilitate SELF-ACCEPTANCE and PERSONAL GROWTH."*

*The Men's Center support groups are hosted by a trained facilitator. Although each group has a specific focus, all groups are Open to general discussions and attended as a Drop-In basis. Support groups begin promptly at 7:30, so arrive early such that you can browse the many resources and library materials. A donation of \$3-9 helps keep TCMC operational. Liquid refreshments are available at a separate donation rate. All groups are men only, except where listed for women and men.*

### • Minneapolis Location

3249 Hennepin Ave. S. Suite 55

### General Men's Issues/ Divorce/Uncoupling

*Open to Men Only*

Men express feelings about separation, divorce, breaking up with a lover, and topics such as child custody/legal hassles. Men can express what it means to be a man in our culture and other issues in their lives.

• Mondays 12:30 - 2:30 pm

• Thursdays 7:30 - 9:30 pm

### Addiction Busters

*Open to Men and Women*

Struggling with chemical or behavioral addiction? AA not helping you? Frustrated with twelve-step programs? Don't like feeling powerless?

Want to bust your addiction rather than being busted FOR your addiction? Would you like to talk about Rational Recovery, SMART Recovery, the works of Stanton Peele, Ann Fletcher, James Prochaska and others in a supportive, confidential, comfortable atmosphere? Come to Addiction Busters support group and discuss alternative, cognitive approaches that may help you battle your addiction in new and different ways!

• Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:30 pm

### Gay Issues

*Open to Men Only*

Men express feelings about life's challenges and experiences, and what it means to be gay and male (you don't have to be gay to attend.) This is the Twin Cities longest running gay support group.

• Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:30 pm

### Transitions

*Open to Men and Women*

This group is intended to focus on the difficulties persons face when leaving a prison environment and reentering the community, where a former prisoner can go for emotional support when he returns to the community, and where he can be openly honest about his discouragements, frustrations, temptations, and fear of public attitudes.

• Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:30 pm

### Healthy Sexual Boundaries-EAST

*Open to Men Only*

Do you have concerns about your sexual behavior? Are you receiving negative feedback about your sexual choices? Worries about excessive, compulsive or obsessive sexual activities? Too much pornography in your life? Too many strip clubs? Ever feel like a sex addict? Feeling uncomfortable about inappropriate fantasies/thoughts/urges? Hurting or disappointing someone you love?

This group is a safe, non-confrontational, non-judgmental place to talk with other men about healthy sexual boundaries.

The group is open to all men, not just Project Pathfinder clients or former clients. If you are currently in primary treatment at Project Pathfinder, please consult with your therapist before attending this group.

**Location:**

Project Pathfinder Group Room "B"  
Griggs-Midway Building (NE Entrance)

3rd Floor, Suite N385

1821 University Ave. W.

St. Paul, MN 55104

• Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:30 pm

### Sexual Trauma & Abuse

#### Survivors

*Open to Men and Women*

Co-facilitators: Jerry Buchmeier, PhD (Therapeutic Counseling) & Kathleen McDowell, MA (Human Development)

Many adults have been sexually abused in childhood or adolescence, or have experienced sexual trauma as adults. Whether you have clear memories or vague recollections, perhaps you experience feelings of shame, self-hate, guilt, fear, anger, grief, or embarrassment. Sharing your story and feelings with others can release these feelings, while creating and renewing patterns of comfortable, healthy, and rewarding interactions with people of both sexes. This support group provides a safe environment to share your experiences and learn about how others are coping with these issues. Join us in developing healthier attitudes and behaviors that transform us from survivors into living life to the fullest. Questions, call Jerry, 763-546-4133.

• Thursdays 7:30 - 9:30 pm

#### Bisexual and Gay Issues

*Open to Men Only*

Men of all orientations explore a wide range of personal issues including our sexuality. We focus on our feelings about who we are and how we choose to live in the future.

• Fridays 7:30 - 9:30 pm

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Healthy Boundaries welcomes all men who are currently participating in, or who have completed, sex offender treatment. Facilitated by Tommy Jones and Bobby Schauerhamer.

• Saturdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

#### Men Facing Retirement Issues

*Open to Men Only*

A support group for men thinking about retirement or who have already retired. It is an opportunity to share feelings with other men about the importance of work and what happens when paid employment is no longer part of a man's life.

• 3rd Sundays 5:30 - 7:00 pm

# Here and There – Edited by Andy Mickel

Upcoming **Monthly Men's Sunday Brunches, drop-in anytime 10AM-1PM** (bring something to share/cook up): **February 16 at Daniel Heist's** 2925 Monterey Ave S, St. Louis Park, 55416; 612-750-6990. (on the west side of Lake Calhoun, off Lake St.) & **March 16 at Stan Bookout's**, 2512 37th Av S Minneapolis 55406, 612-377-1414. More than a dozen men attended Frank Brandon's brunch in January and 10 men attended Stephen Sewell's brunch in December. – Andy Mickel, 2014-01-19.

The Crisis & Trauma Resource Institute (CTRI)'s public workshops in Minneapolis:

1. **De-escalating Potentially Violent Situations - March 20, 2014**
2. **Crisis Response Planning - March 21, 2014**

FFI: <<http://www.ctrinstitute.com/int/>> – Amanda Humphries, Public Workshop Coordinator, CTRI Inc. <[amanda@ctrinstitute.com](mailto:amanda@ctrinstitute.com)> 2014-01-09

**"Into the Belly of Ice & Snow" A Weekend Retreat for Men with Miguel Rivera and others** Fri eve., Sat., Sun., Feb 7-9, 2014, Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI \$225 FFI: Timothy Young, <[tim@twoboost.net](mailto:tim@twoboost.net)> or 612-968-7104 [www.feedingthestory.com/events](http://www.feedingthestory.com/events)

Once again in early February, men will gather to tell and hear the old stories, and to connect those stories to our personal lives, our communal lives, and our ritual lives. I encourage men, who has wondered about these weekend retreats, or the annual

autumn Minnesota Men's Conferences (out of which this weekend has come), to give our weekend a try. The \$225 fee is very affordable and a very good deal. -Tim Young, 2013-11-29

**"Women Writers Awash in a Sea of Toxic Internet Misogyny"** by Ross Douthat, *New York Times*, 2014-01-12 (*Minneapolis StarTribune*, 2014-01-14). (from the article): The year is new, but we already have a candidate for the most troubling magazine essay of 2014: Amanda Hess on **"Why Women Aren't Welcome on the Internet,"** in the latest issue of *Pacific Standard*... One potential magnifier, of course, is the Internet itself, which by its nature is a kind of unreal space for many users — a place where a range of impulses can be discussed, explored and acted out in what feels like a consequence-free zone.

There is some evidence that the emergence of this fantasy space has actually made the real world slightly safer for women: studies have shown correlations between access to online pornography and lower rates of sexual assault. But the flip side is that **many men who might have successfully regulated their darker impulses now have what seems like a green light to be "virtually" abusive** ... because they're just trying out a role, or because the woman on the receiving end seems no more real to them than a character in a pornographic film. Full article at: <[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/01/12/opinion/sunday/douthat-the-war-on-women.html?ref=rossdouthat&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/01/12/opinion/sunday/douthat-the-war-on-women.html?ref=rossdouthat&_r=0)>

**"Is the term 'bisexuality' coming out of the closet?"** by Michael Schulman, *New York Times*, 2014-01-16. Whatever you choose to call it, a more fluid understanding of sexuality may be gaining wider acceptance.

**"Retire and Avoid Cruise Control"** by Neal St. Anthony, *Minneapolis StarTribune*, 2013-12-22. Interview with Twin Cities executive coach and management consultant Richard Leider who writes about the importance of purpose and change and the founder and chair of Inventure Group since 1989. **Leider's new book, *Life Reimagined: Discovering Your New Possibilities***, was a joint effort with Fast Company's Alan Webber and they collaborated with AARP to advocate "choice, curiosity and courage" in retirement.

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**Number of Participants:** Limited to 12 men per class

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