

Steff Oates Honored with the 2017 ITAA Service Award

We are delighted to announce that former ITAA Secretary and current *Script* Coeditor Steff Oates will receive the 2017 ITAA Service Award for her contributions to the association over many years.

The group nominating her included John Heath (coordinator), Bill Cornell, Diana Deaconu, Laurie Hawkes, Lis Heath, Ann Heathcote, Mandy Lacy, Ed Novak, and Carol Solomon.

The guidelines for the ITAA Service Award describe that it was established “to recognize members of the ITAA who have made a significant contribution to the advancement of the ITAA and to its development as an organization that promotes transactional analysis internationally, supports its members, and offers a social benefit to the public. Honorees will be recognized for their commitment, the nature of their service, and the ‘I’m OK, You’re OK’ manner in which they conducted themselves in the process. The nominee will have demonstrated a generous spirit of service, responsibility, and effectiveness in their contribution to the life of the ITAA.”

In his nomination statement, John Heath wrote, “It is my great delight to propose that the ITAA Service Award for 2017 should go to Steff Oates. She is a much loved, active, and widely respected person in the ITAA. Her reputation has been built through a combination of hard work, dedication to the organization, a wide range of professional interests, and a seemingly endless supply of energy and goodwill.

“Steff is one of those people that every organization needs, especially if it relies heavily on voluntary effort. She has not only shouldered great responsibility in the ITAA, she has also been a major motivator of other people. She is persistent, charming, and always respectful. Two qualities in combination are the key to her huge con-



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Adrienne Lee Receives the 2017 Muriel James Living Principles Award

We are pleased to announce that Adrienne Lee, TSTA-P and director and principal trainer of The Berne Institute, is being honored with the 2017 ITAA Muriel James Living Principles Award. In nominating Adrienne for the award, Ken Mellor (coordinator) and other supporters (Charlotte Sills, Anne de Graaf, and Keith Tudor) remarked on all the ways that she exemplifies the qualities on which the award is based:

The Muriel James Living Principles was established to recognize members of the ITAA who have advanced the growth of transactional analysis by personal example as well as by contributions of an exceptional and lasting nature. Personal example involves consistently living the principles of transactional analysis, which includes but is not limited to clear Adult thinking, joyful creativity, compassionate ethics, and a lack of gaminess in transactions with others. Such a person models egalitarian relationships and promotes an “I’m OK, You’re OK” atmosphere in both professional and personal arenas. The nominee will have demonstrated commitment, concern, and caring for both individuals and the world community and will be active in the international advancement of the principles of transactional analysis either professionally or personally.

In his nominations statement, Ken Mellor noted that Adrienne Lee is “exceptionally well qualified for this honor, demonstrating in exemplary fashion how to live the principles of transactional analysis in all that she is and does. Adrienne has made an extraordinarily generous contribution to transactional analysis for more than 4 decades. She has steadfastly spread the word about TA, and her efforts have been highly significant in stim-



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