

The Murray Bowen Archives Project

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NEWS

"The Murray Bowen Archives Project: Past, Present and Future" is the topic for the **Thursday Professional Lecture at The Bowen Center** for the Study of the Family on May 5, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. Carol Jeunnette, Executive Director of *The Murray Bowen Archives Project* will present. Joanne Bowen, President, will also be in attendance to assist with questions. The work of the archives project is moving forward, and exciting new possibilities are emerging. We appreciate the invitation to describe this project. If you are in the D.C. area, we hope that you will be able to attend.

The Murray Bowen Archives Project is now, legally, The Murray Bowen Archives Project.

When Andrea Schara graciously offered her non-profit organization, "Leaders for Tomorrow," to be used for the work of the Murray Bowen Archives, the name, "Leaders for Tomorrow" was retained. Recently, the name of the organization was legally changed to *The Murray Bowen Archives Project*. To keep things easy, however, we also are able to do business as "Leaders for Tomorrow."

Coming soon - the "**New and Improved**" **Murray Bowen Archives Website**. Due to come on-line this July, the new website will feature an ever-growing overview of Dr. Bowen's life and work that includes excerpts from family letters. As well, it will include links to Oral History Interviews, the latest news on the work of *The Murray Bowen Archives Project*, and (if all goes well) the first online video clip of Dr. Bowen. The website will continue to expand and grow as additional materials are developed. Watch for the email announcement.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Opportunities

Please Donate! The work of *The Murray Bowen Archives Project* is extensive. Making the collection accessible takes time, volunteers, and financial support. Your donations are greatly appreciated! Checks, payable to "The Murray Bowen Archives Project" can be sent to our Treasurer, Bill Dwyer, M.D., at 301 Belvoir Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37411. Donations also can be made through PayPal on our website: www.murraybowenarchives.org.

Volunteer

Three specific opportunities are available now for volunteers.

Online, Metadata Building. Did you know Dr. Bowen, or see him in person? We have a large collection of photographs taken over the years at different professional events, and we would like

to identify the "who, what, where, when and how" of the images. Can you help? This entails going online to view photographs and enter data about them. It is a straightforward process, with careful instructions and assistance when needed. You can do this without ever leaving your home!

Processing of the Williamsburg Collection continues at the office of *The Murray Bowen Archives Project* in Williamsburg, VA. Helping to sort and organize the materials before moving them to the National Library of Medicine offers volunteers an opportunity to see some of Dr. Bowen's extensive work firsthand. Summer dates are: June 13 - 15, July 11 - 13, and August 6 - 9. If you are unable to come during these times, consider putting together a group of 3 people to work together on processing and contact Carol (information below) to set up a time to come. We take care of lodging and lunch.

Work with Audio-Visual Materials in Bethesda, MD. Dr. Bowen was a leader in using new technology to record client interviews, presentations and seminars. The collection of AV materials housed at the National Library of Medicine is extensive. We are gathering a group of people to assist with further assessment and evaluation.

Can you help? Contact [Carol Jeunette](#), Executive Director, for more information.

The Chalkboard: Quotes from Dr. Murray Bowen



For each email blast from *The Murray Bowen Archives Project*, we include "The Chalkboard," quotes from Dr. Bowen. These words are from a "Dear Family" letter written in August, 1976 - an election year.

This week I have to finish my chapter on societal regression. This has been the most monumental thing I have ever tried to do. it is very complex head work. Maybe I will not succeed. The Republican Convention came along to help point up the very societal issues I have been trying to define. I have been intrigued with the ways people try to

solve these problems with "feelings". Now we are going to have a "debate" about something called "issues" that contain more emotional debate points (polarized viewpoints) than principle. The conventions are oriented around "getting votes" and deference to popular feelings.

...The form of government that we call "democratic" will not survive another century. The so called "liberal" emotional forces are driving us fast toward extinction and the so called "conser-

vative" forces are driving us slowly there... The direction the nation follows is identical to that of a family about 2/3rds the way into psychosis. It may take us another 25 years to get there but we are well on the way.

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