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Although not all of us live in snow country, we all can't help but see pictures of winter as we approach the Holiday Season and "visions of sugar plums" start "dancing in our heads." Can you believe another year is coming to a close and the New Year is rapidly approaching?

For those of us whose intense focus has been the growth of HTP and HTPA, this past year has ☐own by. We have so much for which to be grateful and so much of which to be proud with regards to our accomplishments -- but there would be nothing if it weren't for YOU, our Healing Touch Community. So we **THANK ALL OF YOU** for your enormous support, love and inspiration that makes our "work" so validated.

This year we brought the **Institute of Spiritual Healing and Aromatherapy** into our HTPA Membership with the support of Linda Smith (an HTP Elder) and we are soon to be including **Healing Touch for Animals** with the support of Carol Komitor (an HTP Elder). The addition of these two Communities broadens our HTPA Purpose to include all who study, practice, teach and are friends of Healing Touch. In essence we are delighted to **Welcome ALL** who aspire to help us grow Healing Touch worldwide. To learn more or to JOIN HTPA click here.

There are many benefits HTPA offers members like **Liability Insurance** and many benefits we have in development. Full details of these can be viewed on the HTPA website.

In September 2009 we began monthly **Business Support "Live" Interview Conference Calls** that are held the second Tuesday of the month. These calls are open to all who are interested in "making a living" practicing, teaching and/or coordinating Healing Touch. We have recorded each call for those who are not available to attend the evening of the call. The calls will continue monthly throughout 2010. Please add a link here to the conf call info get from Lisa. During these

Business Support conference calls there is an energy that builds which is inspiring and motivating. In addition participants have an opportunity for Q&A so all are encouraged to attend "live." At the 2010 Healing Touch Worldwide Conference in Denver our plan is to offer a full year compilation of the calls as CD recordings with a Tip Sheets for each call.

If you have suggestions for topics for the Interviews or would like to be interviewed, please e-mail Sharon at info@HTProfessionalAssociation.com

Another project on which we are focused that is close to launching is a **Volunteer Bank**. Keela Marshall (one of our HTPA Leadership Team Members) is heading this project. Our Plan is to have multiple Special Interest (Volunteer) Committees headed by Volunteer Committee Chairs. Some of these projects are:

- Outreach Development such as Rapid Response for local needs post natural disasters, as well as, service for the Military and their families
- Support Projects such as helping develop quarterly local HTPA gatherings (Jim Brauner another HTPA Leadership Team member is heading this project)
- Expanding local HT practice groups
- Offering mentor support
- Adding more business resources
- . . . And more.

We also are planning to call for nominations for **Special Recognition Awards** and we will have a committee handling this project (Dave Barnett, HTPA Leadership Team member is spear-heading this project). We look forward to activating these committees and would love to hear from you if you would like to be a part of our volunteer network. Please e-mail your interest to info@HTProfessionalAssociation.com

Our **Message/Forum Board** continues to be a benefit through which HTPA Members can communicate with each other about their Healing Touch practice. More Business Support Tools are now available as bonuses through the Forum Board. In addition to Marilee Tolen's e-book "Eight Steps to Kick Start Your Practice," we have just added a complete series of videos, an e-book and a special discounted package for "Becoming THE Sought After Expert in Your Community" given to us by Bryan Casteel and his LGM3 partners. Please visit the Forum Board which can be found in the HTPA Member Area of the website for this and other offerings. If you are not currently an active HTPA member you can [click here to renew or join](#).

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming **2010 Healing Touch Worldwide Conference in Denver** where we will have our **Annual HTPA Membership Meeting Saturday, August 7th**. Be sure to mark your calendars – with the way time flies – it's just around the corner!!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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