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Hello SCPA! I hope you have been enjoying your summer and have been able to take some time to relax or travel or spend some time on the beach. I am excited to be writing my first column as the President of SCPA. Our organization's last several months have been busy. We voted in our annual election, we had a table at the Huntington Pride Festival, and we celebrated SCPA's 70th anniversary.

This year's election brought new faces to the Board. I am pleased to welcome Allison Lebowitz Elkoubi as Treasurer, Elizabeth Raffanella as Secretary, and Ryan Clements, Mary DiBenedetto, Gina Sita-Molz, and Zachary Rose as Members-at-Large. I am also happy to report that there are a number of members who are willing to help with the various committees with openings, and we are close to having a full slate of volunteers. I am also hoping to start an ad hoc committee for event planning, so if you are interested, please let me know.

Our anniversary party was a huge success, thanks to the tireless efforts of Tom DiBlasi, Danielle Zito, and Donna Thiele. It was a lovely evening filled with great friends, good food, and the making of new memories. If you haven't had a chance to take a look at the pictures from the party, you can view them [here](#).

As we look ahead, SCPA will be participating in the Out of the Darkness Walk at Smith Point County Park on September 21. You can join the SCPA team by registering [here](#), or you can donate to the team [here](#).

Donna Thiele, our new President-Elect and Programming Chair, has been hard at work this summer putting together a wonderful calendar of workshops for the year. Our first of the year, on Thursday September 18 at 6:30pm at Fusion Academy in Woodbury, will be presented by internationally recognized DBT expert Jill Rathus. Registration is open now.

As always, keep your eye on the listserv for information about workshops, IPC meetings, and more. If you have any questions or concerns about anything SCPA-related, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Warmly,
Beth Hollander, Ph.D.
SCPA President

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