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### New Interim Executive Director



We're pleased to announce **John Dukakis** as Interim Executive Director of the Schwartz Center. John brings a wealth of professional experience to the Center, including successful stints in the political and entertainment worlds, most recently building the branded content offering at Hill Holliday. He has also been involved with the Schwartz Center since its earliest days and was friends

with our founder, Ken Schwartz. We are very excited that John is bringing his vision, creativity and management skills to help guide the work of the Schwartz Center. Please join us in welcoming John!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Compassion in Practice Continuing Education Course



Save the Dates!

#### Compassion in Action Webinar

**Tuesday, May 9, 2017**  
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. ET

"Compassion Integration:  
Connecting Hearts and  
Minds with Action"

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#### Facilitation Workshop

**Wednesday, May 31, 2017**  
San Leandro, CA

View the [details](#) for our  
2017 session

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members only*

#### Annual Compassion in Action Healthcare Conference

**Sunday - Tuesday**  
**June 25-27, 2017**

Westin Copley Place  
10 Huntington Ave.  
Boston, MA

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Register today for our second annual interprofessional course, Compassion in Practice: Achieving Better Outcomes by Maximizing Communication, Relationships and Resilience course to be held on **Oct. 29-30, 2017** in Boston. The course is accredited by Harvard Medical School and the Norman Knight Nursing Center for Clinical and Professional Development at Massachusetts General Hospital. After a highly successful 2016 inaugural course, we are thrilled to offer it again featuring **NEW** research, speakers and experiential workshops, as well as dedicated time for networking with leading experts in the field.

As a Schwartz Center healthcare member benefit, we are pleased to offer \$100 off registration for the first 100 members who register for the course. Please enter the discount code **Compassion100** at registration.

[Learn More & Register](#)

## Organizational Compassion and Culture Change with Stanford University's Monica Worline

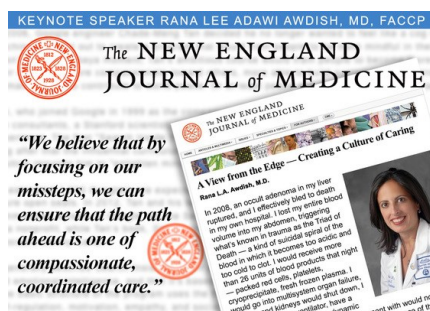


We spoke with **Monica Worline, PhD**, about her new book, *Awakening Compassion at Work: The Quiet Power That Elevates People and Organizations*, and the workshop she will be presenting at our inaugural [Compassion in Action Healthcare Conference](#). Monica is a research scientist at Stanford University's Center for Compassion and Altruism, where she

engages in action research projects with organizations seeking to activate their social architecture of compassion. She has outlined four steps for meeting suffering with compassion that show how to build a capacity for compassion into the structures and practices of an organization.

[Read the Interview](#)

## Member Day Keynote



At our upcoming conference, **Rana L.A. Awdish, MD, FACCPC**, will deliver the Member Day keynote presentation about her life-altering experience as a patient in her own hospital when a tumor in her liver ruptured while she was seven

months pregnant, causing her to almost bleed to death. She will share her perspectives on how we can maintain compassion in healthcare from the view of a practicing clinician, as well as a patient suffering from critical illness.

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Healthcare Dinner

**Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017**

Boston Convention and  
Exhibition Center  
415 Summer St.  
Boston, MA

More details to come

[Join Our Team!](#)

We're seeking talented candidates to fill the following roles at the Schwartz Center:

- Development and Events Intern – Fall 2017
- Communications Intern – Fall 2017

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### A Patient is More Than Their Cancer



In their experience caring for critically ill cancer patients, the **Medical Intensive Care Unit** of the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute has learned that simple acts of kindness can go a long way in making patients feel at ease, from painting the toenails of a teenage girl in the unit or turning a bedridden patient’s pillow to the cool

side. We hope to support teams of caregivers just like them across the country, but we cannot do this without you. You can spread the gift of compassion to patients and caregivers alike by making a donation today.

[Donate Now](#)

### Compassion in Action Webinar



On Tuesday, May 9, we look forward to having **Rebecca Hawkins, MSN, ANP** and **Mark Rosenberg, MD, FACP**, both of Providence St. Joseph Health, as our featured [Compassion in Action webinar](#) speakers. Their

webinar, "Compassion Integration: Connecting Hearts and Minds with Action," will describe how to build a compassionate healthcare system through creativity, communication and connection, previewing their workshop at the inaugural [Compassion in Action Healthcare Conference](#).

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### March's Top Facebook Posts



Here are the top three [Facebook](#) posts that resonated most with our followers last month:

1. [Honoring 2015 NCCY Award finalist, Terry Yoas, CNA](#)
2. [Breathe, Exhale. Repeat: The benefits of controlled breathing](#)
3. [#CinA17 speaker, Dr. Lucy Kalanithi's, emotional story](#)

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