

## **Russell Kramp -- Brave Gorilla**

I was initiated in New England at Bullard Farm in April 2000. I started staffing weekends shortly after. I have staffed 29 NWTAs. In the New England community I have coordinated a weekend and led 2 Cycle-1 workshops (now called PITS). I was the Training Coordinator for 2 years in my local community. I have completed BSDT, LT-1, LT-2, LT-3, and Issues & Isms. My wife and I completed and staffed several times The Couples Weekend. I have been a CLC for 1 ½ years and plan to sit for certification in 2012.

In the winter of 2011, I was asked to join the “Fund the Plan” Committee. I accepted the offer to work closely with and get to know a remarkable caring group of men. After the success of that effort I was asked to join the MKP-USA Finance Committee. This is a committed group of men watching over the finances of MKP-USA. Over the last few months I have worked with other men exploring the creation of the Northeast Area.

Professionally I have been a successful “holistic” financial advisor for over 30 years, counseling individuals and business in investments and working with families regarding the challenges that having money brings. I have advised many small start-ups. Over the years I have been on numerous not-for-profit Boards.

I believe we are at a major cross-road as an organization. MKP-USA does great work and it is time to tell the world. As an organization I believe we are at Friday night of the Weekend doing the process “What’s At Risk?” What’s at risk if we keep doing what we’ve done in the past and what might happen if we do things differently? I envision an organization where there is more visibility, more transparency, the taking of credit for what we do right, and the acceptance of responsibility for what we do wrong – and the willingness and guts to fix it! If I am elected I will bring my energy, my creativity, my enthusiasm and my intelligence to make this happen.

The shadow in my life that might cause men to have reservation about supporting my candidacy is my self-doubt, which invokes an immature ego, which leads to an arrogance of “knowing” what should be done and running people over to achieve it.

The gold I bring is my loving acceptance of differences and ability to operate with a collaborative style, and my great skill in getting things done.

My mission is to create a loving accepting world of oneness by revealing my truths and fostering sacred connections. This sustains and nourishes me daily.

I live in Wayland Mass with my wife Stephanie and 6 year-old son Gabriel. I am blessed to have their support and ever-present counsel.