

Concerned Persons for Adoption (CPFA)

2023 Program and Events Calendar

Revised June 26, 2023/

*** Indicates new or change in event*

Celebrated 50 Years as a Adoption Support Group in 2022!

Each year CPFA has four family social events, four book club meetings, virtual “Can We Talk” discussions, as well as our flagship annual conference with Rutgers University. *We hope you will join us!* Please check our website, www.cpfanjanj.org, for updates, and follow us on Facebook (Concerned Persons for Adoption-CPFA NJ) and Instagram (@CPFA_NJ).

Thursday, January 26: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group (via Zoom and in-person)

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on “*Small Things Like These*” by Claire Keegan. If you would like to join us please e-mail CPFANj.adoptionbookgroup@gmail.com to be included in the Zoom invite, add "CPFA Book Group Zoom" in the email subject line. In-person location at Chatham – Summit Quaker Meeting, 158 Southern Boulevard, Chatham, NJ 07928.. See www.cpfanjanj.org for more details. To view the book please visit: https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/58662236-small-things-like-these?ref=nav_sb_ss_1_24

Saturday, February 4: Bowling Party for the Whole Family!

Please bring a snack or dessert to share. Drinks will be supplied by CPFA. Come and enjoy some fun in the warmth of your CPFA friends! FREE to CPFA members. Hanover Lanes, Route 10 East, Hannover, NJ. \$10 per family for non-members.

Sunday, February 12: 3:30 – 4:30/5:00 pm “Men’s Only” Super Bowl Sunday Gathering (via Zoom)

A great opportunity for the Dad’s to gather and talk about sports, family life, challenges and joys. Register via our website or email to receive the day of event link. Have ready your favorite beverage and join the fun.

Saturday, March 11: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm:

40th Annual CPFA "Let's Talk Adoption"sm Virtual Conference!

Join us for our 40th annual adoption conference! This all day conference is coordinated by Concerned Persons for Adoption and is co-sponsored by the Adoption Agency Council of NJ (AACNJ) and Rutgers University School of Social Work, Institute for Families. Continuing Education Hours approved for social workers, licensed professional counselors, and school teachers. Please check www.cpfanjanj.org and emails for details and registration.

Thursday, April 27: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group (Zoom and in-person)

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on “*Demon Copperhead*” by Barbara Kingsolver. If you would like to join us please e-mail CPFANj.adoptionbookgroup@gmail.com to be included in the Zoom invite, add "CPFA Book Group Zoom" in the email subject line. In-person location at Chatham – Summit Quaker Meeting, 158 Southern Boulevard, Chatham, NJ 07928. See www.cpfanjanj.org for more details. To view the book please visit: https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/60194162-demon-copperhead?ref=nav_sb_ss_1_16

Friday, May 5: 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm: “Can We Talk?” (via Zoom)

Join us by joining experienced adoptive parents and talking to other adoptive parents about various topics. Come share thoughts, ideas and more. Register via our website or email to receive the day of event link. Selected topic TBD

Sunday, May 21: Family Day at Turtle Back Zoo

Please join us for a great time at the Turtle Back Zoo! Fun starts at 12:30 pm. Group rates for 15 or more people are \$10.00 per person. To get the discounted rate we must have at least 15 registered people and pay in advance to CPFA. See website for details and registration.

****Thursday, July 27: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group (in-person only)**

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on “Somewhere Sisters: A Story of Adoption, Identity, and the Meaning of Family” by Erika Hayasaki. This July meeting will be held **IN PERSON** only at Panera Bread, 187 Columbia Turnpick, Florham Park NJ. See www.cpfanjanj.org for more details. To view the book, please visit: <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/59891842-somewhere-sisters>

****Sunday, July 30: 1:00 – 5:00 pm: CPFA Summer Family Picnic!**

Come join our group of adoptive families for a fun afternoon in the sun and water at Sunrise Lake in Lewis Morris Park. Please bring a picnic meal for your family, chairs, towels, and beach toys. CPFA will supply snacks, drinks and a dessert for the special celebration. You will find us under the beach tent! Attendance into Sunrise Lake is free, but you must register with us. Admission does not include the Wibit water feature; families may pay for that separately. For details on Sunrise Lake Beach Club please visit: <https://www.morrisparks.net/index.php/reservations/sunrise-lake-beach-club/>. More details to follow.

****Saturday, October 21: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm: CPFA’s 9th Annual Mini Conference**

Please join us for our eighth Annual CPFA “Mini Conference” that will feature topics that are sure to be of interest to many families, including workshops for prospective parents, adoptive parents and children ages seven to teens. See website for location and details.

Thursday, October 26: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group (via Zoom and in-person)

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on “A Place Called Home: A Memoir” by David Ambroz. If you would like to join us please e-mail CPFAnj.adoptionbookgroup@gmail.com to be included in the Zoom invite, add "CPFA Book Group Zoom" in the email subject line. In-person location at Chatham – Summit Quaker Meeting, 158 Southern Boulevard, Chatham, NJ 07928. . See www.cpfanjanj.org for more details. To view the book, please visit: <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/60021178-a-place-called-home>

Friday, November 10: 8:00 – 9:30 pm: “Can We Talk?” (via Zoom)

To help celebrate National Adoption Awareness Month, please join us for a special virtual Zoom presentation. Topic TBD. More information to follow.

Saturday, December 2: Ice Skating Event!!

Join CPFA families at Warinanco Park in Roselle NJ for a fun time of ice skating! During November and December we will also offer the opportunity to donate through our website so CPFA may purchase holiday gift cards for foster children within the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P). Website will be updated with details.

Visit us at www.cpfanjanj.org,

“Like us” on Facebook at **Concerned Persons for Adoption-CPFA NJ** and Instagram (@ CPFA_NJ).

Concerned Persons For Adoption (CPFA) is a non-profit organization in the State of New Jersey dedicated to the belief that every child deserves a family. CPFA is not an adoption agency, but a volunteer organization working to support those who wish to adopt, and to provide educational and networking resources for those who have adopted.