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Concerned Persons for Adoption (CPFA) 2009 Program and Events Calendar

Revised as of 3-9-09

CPFA changed its educational programming format in 2008. We are now providing three seasonal programs instead of ten monthly programs. *Each new seasonal program will include two simultaneous workshops (one for pre-adoptive parents and one for post-adoptive parents) plus a chat room.* The seasonal programs will occur mid-week on **Wednesday** evenings beginning at **7:45 pm**. New Member Orientation will take place at 7:30 pm. Social Events and our Annual "Let's Talk Adoption"sm conference will continue to take place on Saturdays. We have also introduced a new Adoptive Parents' Book Club which will meet several times a year. ***Please note that the below dates and topics are tentative. Please check our website to verify topics.***

Wednesday, February 18 - 7:30 – 9:30 pm: Adoptive Parents' Book Discussion Group

Please join us for a thought provoking discussion on *Girls Who Went Away: the Hidden History of Women Who Surrendered Children for Adoption in the Decades Before Roe vs. Wade* by Ann Fessler. (Date changed from January 28 due to weather).

Wednesday, March 25 - 7:45 pm: Adoption Program - Winter Workshops

- 1) Birthparents Panel
- 2) International / Hague Update
- 3) **General Adoption Chat** provides an opportunity for you to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about your adoption journey with CPFA board members and other adoptive parents.

April 18: 12:00 – 3:00 pm: Cultural Heritage Party

Come celebrate your heritage with us! We come from many backgrounds through adoption and birth. This is an opportunity to teach our children about those traditions and for them to feel a sense of pride in their heritage. This event will have a special emphasis on the Guatemala through music on the marimba by Nick Robinson. Bring a dish to share from your heritage, your child's heritage, or both! Drinks will be supplied by CPFA. FREE to CPFA members. \$10.00 per family for non-members. RSVP by April 12th to lriker@verizon.net.

Wednesday, April 29 - 7:30 – 9:30 pm: Adoptive Parents' Book Discussion Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion of the book *Identical Strangers: A Memoir of Twins Separated and Reunited* by Elyse Schein and Paula Bernstein. Co-sponsored by NJ ARCH; moderated by Barbara Rall, LCSW.

Thursday, May 7, 2009 11th Annual CPFA Golf Classic: Held at Black Bear Golf Course in Franklin, NJ. This is the only fundraiser for CPFA; the cost of the event includes breakfast, door prizes, greens fees, and a great luncheon. For more information please contact Hugh O'Neill, Ways & Means Chairperson at (973) 343-7735.

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*** Please Note: Meeting Days are now on Wednesday Evenings!**
Programs and Events will continue to take place at the
First Presbyterian Church of Whippany, 494 Whippany Road, Whippany, NJ 07981
Visit us at www.cpfanji.org to verify dates, times and topics.

Wednesday, May 27 - 7:45 pm: Adoption Program - Spring Workshops

- 1) **Financing Your Adoption**
- 2) **Parenting – Talking to Your Child about Difficult Issues**
- 3) **General Adoption Chat** provides an opportunity for you to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about your adoption journey with CPFA board members and other adoptive parents.

Wednesday, July 29 - 7:30 – 9:30 pm: Adoptive Parents’ Book Discussion Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion of the book *The Language of Blood: A Memoir* by Jane Jeong Trenka.

A Day in July - 12:00 – 5:00 pm CPFA Summer Family Picnic

Come join our family of adoptive families for a fun afternoon in the sun and water at Sunrise Lake in Lewis Morris Park in Morristown. Please bring a picnic meal for your family, snacks, chairs, towels, beach toys and beach umbrella. Come play! Free for members. Small cost for non-members.

Wednesday, September 30 - 7:45 pm: Adoption Program - Fall Workshops

- 1) **Adult Adoptees Panel:** A panel of adult adoptees will share their personal stories.
- 2) **Sensory Integration Disorders**
- 3) **General Adoption Chat:** An opportunity for you to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about your adoption journey with CPFA board members and other adoptive parents.

October 17 - 2:00 - 4:00 pm: Halloween Party

Please bring a fall/Halloween themed snack or dessert to share. Drinks will be supplied by CPFA. Come in costume (Yes, adults consider dressing up!) FREE to CPFA members. \$10 per family for non-members.

Wednesday, October 28 - 7:30 – 9:30 pm: Adoptive Parents’ Book Discussion Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion of the book *Secret Thoughts of An Adoptive Mother* by Jana Wolff.

Saturday, November 7 - All Day: 28th Annual “Let’s Talk Adoption”^m Conference

Join us for a full day of 36 workshops on pre- and post-adoptive issues at our 28th annual adoption conference at the Rutgers University Busch Campus Center, in Piscataway, NJ. This conference is coordinated by Concerned Persons for Adoption and is co-sponsored by the New Jersey Interagency Adoption Counsel and Rutgers University School of Social Work; Institute for Families: Continuing Education and Professional Development Program. Continuing Education credits approved for school teachers, guidance counselors, and social workers.

A Saturday in December - 12:00 - 3:00 pm: Holiday Party: Please join us for a fun party!

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.