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Concerned Persons for Adoption (CPFA) 2011 Program and Events Calendar *As of June 13, 2011*

CPFA changed its educational programming format in 2008. *Each seasonal program includes two simultaneous workshops (one for pre-adoptive parents and one for post-adoptive parents) plus a chat room.* The seasonal programs 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 takes place on Saturdays (note new date!*) We also have an Adoption Book Group which meets four times a year. *Please note that the 2011 dates and topics are tentative. Please check our website to verify.*

Wednesday, January 26 - 7:30 – 9:30 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on *"Ithaka: A Daughter's Memoir of Being Found"* by Sarah Saffian.

Wednesday, February 23 - 7:45 pm: Adoption Program - Winter Workshops

Topics to be determined.

Saturday, March 12: 12:00 – 3:00 pm

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. It's also fun for children as well as adults to explore and taste the richness of other cultures. 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.

Wednesday, April 27 - 7:30 – 9:30 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on *"A Love Like No Other: Stories from Adoptive Parents"* by Pamela Kruger and Jill Smolowe (editors). Special Event: book discussion with the authors.

Tuesday, May 10th (Please note new date): 13th 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) 722-0795.

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Please Note: Meeting Days are held 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 25 - 7:45 pm: Adoption Program - Spring Workshops

Marital Stress From Deciding to Adopt through Parenting Issues (for pre- and post-adoptive parents)

Meryl Dorf, PhD, will discuss areas where adoption can add a new level of stress to your marriage – from deciding to adopt through parenting the child. Bring your questions as she will allow ample time to address attendees' specific needs and questions. Meryl, the co-director of Adoption Support Associates in West Orange, has been in practice for over 20 years and is dedicated to helping others reach their full potential. Her areas of specialty include relationship and adoption issues

Saturday, July 23: Noon to Dusk: 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, July 27 - 7:30 – 9:30 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on "*The Women Who Raised Me: A Memoir*" by Victoria Rowell.

Wednesday, September 21: 7:45 pm: Adoption Program - Fall Workshops

Topic to be determined.

Saturday, October 1- All Day: (Please Note New Date): 30th Annual "Let's Talk Adoption"[™] Conference**

Join us for a full day of 36 workshops on pre- and post-adoptive issues at our 30th 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 Hours approved for social workers, licensed professional counselors, and school teachers.

Saturday, October 22 - 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 26 - 7:30 – 9:30 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on "*Pieces of Me, Who Do I Want to Be: Voices For and by Adopted Teens*" by Robert L. Ballard.

A Saturday in December - 12:00 - 3:00 pm: Holiday Party: 12/3 or 12/10

Please join us for a fun party! \$10 per family for non-members.

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.