

YESTERDAY'S CHILDREN  
P.O. BOX 1554  
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS  
#475-1700

Donna Cullom - President

BUSINESS MEETING AND SEARCH WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 2, 1976

Thursday evening 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

AT

Evanston Public Library

1703 Orrington

(Corner of Orrington and Church)

PROGRAM OF THE EVENING

DR. ROBERT P. CUTLER, a well-known Chicago-area psychiatrist and staff doctor at Forest Hospital, will be our guest speaker. Dr. Cutler has done much research with adoptees seeking their roots and the problems many have in their search for their identity.

Dr. Cutler will give us a presentation and then answer questions. The evening will be a very informative and interesting one to all of us involved in the adoption experience, so please invite anyone you may wish to attend with you. THIS IS THE PROGRAM that can help explain to all why we adoptees ask the question WHO AM I? So do invite your friends and family.

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THE SEARCHLITE

September, 1976

The Newsletter of Yesterday's  
Children

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

It's hard to believe we're starting our third year in Y.C. We have taken tremendous strides in the past two years. I am confident we will continue to accomplish much in the adoption movement and will ultimately win a victory for all adoptees.

I know at times that the waiting seems endless, however we must not sit back and let someone fight our battle for us. If YOU truly believe it is your RIGHT TO KNOW then act on that belief. Of course, people who do not understand will say you're being unreasonable but let me share a thought I recently heard "ALL PROGRESS DEPENDS ON THE UNREASONABLE MAN."

To all of you who have given your support financially and physically these past two years, I offer my sincere gratitude and thanks.

We that have completed our searches should never forget the help we received when we did not know our birth identities. Therefore, as we enter this third year, let us set forth having high ideals and standards in helping all adult adoptees have access to their birth history.

Warm wishes to all of you,

Donna Cullom

HURRAY.....MORE SEARCHES COMPLETED.

Debbie-----located her father.  
Tina-----located her mother.  
Sharon-----located her deceased mother's family.  
Chris-----located her mother's family.  
Mariann-----located her mother.  
Leslie-----located his mother and two foster families.  
John-----located his deceased mother's family.  
Jane-----located her deceased mother's family.  
Steve-----located his mother.  
Joyce-----located her father and a full brother.  
Colleen-----located her deceased mother's family.  
sue-----located her father.  
Linda-----located her mother.  
JoAnn-----located her father.  
Cathy-----located her mother.  
Jim-----located his mother.  
Carol-----located her mother.  
Joan-----located her mother.  
Barb-----located her mother.  
Bob-----located his mother.  
Arlene-----located her mother.  
Rona-----located her mother, father, grandmother, two full  
                  brothers and three full sisters.  
Stephanie----located her father.  
Virginia----located her father.  
Margo-----located her mother.  
Alan-----located his grandparents.  
Mark-----located his mother.  
Karen-----located her mother.

Many of these people have half brothers and sisters. Congratulations to all of you who had the perseverance to hang on in spite of all the negative opposition you encountered.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

August 26, 1976.....Phil Donahue Show, Channel 9, Chgo., 11-12 a.m.  
September 2, 1976.....Yesterday's Children Meeting  
September 13, 1976.....Discussion group for Yesterday's Children.  
October 11, 1976.....Yesterday's Children meeting at EVANSTON  
COMMUNITY BLDG., 828 DAVIS ST., EVANSTON, IL. 1ST.FL.-BACK  
ROOM. PLEASE NOTE - THIS IS A NEW LOCATION!

NEW BOOKS

Poet, Rod McKuen has written a new book, FINDING MY FATHER: ONE MAN'S SEARCH FOR IDENTITY. Rod was not adopted however he searched for his father because he was illegitimate. He is quoted as saying, "I was born a bastard - some people spend their entire lives becoming one."

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POETIC CONTRIBUTIONS

MOTHER

This is a special Mother's Day  
Special in a different way.

Different from the years that's past  
For we have found each other at last.

The reuniting of a bond of love  
That's been in the care of one above.

Even though so many years have gone by  
And all the people ask me why?

It is something that I had to do  
I couldn't really be me until I knew you.

My years as a child were full of laughter  
And the love for my parents I'll have forever after.

But this bond of blood and parenthood  
Is something that cannot be understood.

By anyone who has not been there  
And then they ask me is this fair?

To them I cannot really explain  
All the questions or the pain.

But since I've found you I have known  
The love inside me now has grown.

I have another family now it's true  
And it started out of love for you!!!

Your daughter,

Kathy

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DUES

It is that time of year again. The dues in Y.C. are \$20.00 a year. Please pay your dues quickly as we are in need of funds to keep our pace going in our lawsuit for open records. Y.C. is a not for profit organization so please support us - WE SUPPORT YOU.

NEWSLETTERS

As you know, the practice in Y.C. has been to publish a newsletter every month. Because of our tremendous growth, we can no longer afford the expenses or time involved in a monthly newsletter. Our newsletter will now be published between 4-6 times a year.

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SPECIAL THANK YOU

Bob, who recently found his birth mother, deserves a very special thanks from all of us for donating over \$500.00 in the past year to Yesterday's Children. Needless to say, this donation helps all of us fight our legal battle for open records.

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Nancy Frederick, our genealogist for the past two years, has agreed to help us again this year. Thank you Nancy for your support and valuable time.

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GOOD EATING

Many of you who know our attorney Patrick T. Murphy might want to know of his latest endeavor: For an Irishman, I know this is hard to explain, but he is a partner in a Serbian restaurant called Little Europe. The food is superb, the prices fair and the music (Violins and Guitars) is delightful. For those interested food lovers, the address is:

Little Europe  
4520 N. Lincoln  
Chicago, Illinois  
#275-8866

SERIOUS THOUGHTS

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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"...tis not the present only, the past is also stored in thee..."

Walt Whitman

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BUSINESS MEETING

JANUARY 17, 1977

Monday evening 7:30-10:00 p.m.  
(Please be prompt)

Evanston Community Building  
(PLEASE NOTE-CHANGE OF LOCATION)  
828 Davis Street  
Evanston, Illinois  
1st Floor, Rear

PROGRAM OF THE EVENING

Our program will be an open panel discussion  
conducted by people who have life involvement  
with adoptees.

This is an open meeting so please invite your  
family and friends.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 24th - Monday Evening 7:00-10:00 p.m.-  
Discussion Group - R.S.V.P. 475-1700 for more info.

Thank you,

Donna Cullom

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GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 12, 1977

Tuesday Evening 7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m. (BE PROMPT)

AT

Evanston Public Library

1703 Orrington- 2nd Floor

(Corner of Church & Orrington)

PROGRAM OF THE EVENING

DR. RONALD A. MOLINE, a Chicago area psychiatrist, will be our guest speaker. Dr. Moline is also an adoptee who has searched for his roots. He will share with us his personal and professional perspectives regarding THE ADOPTEE IN SEARCH.

We invite you to bring along your friends and family as this will be an interesting program we know you won't want to miss.

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THE SEARCHLITE

April, 1977

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Hello Again...it has been a few months since we've put out a newsletter and I have much I want to share with you.

Most of us are involved in Y.C. because we are searching for our roots. We have suffered so much frustration, and sometimes anger, in getting the non-adopted world to recognize our basic need and RIGHT to have access to our historical bio-roots.

Enter Alex Haily and his book ROOTS. Suddenly, the world seems to be chasing around in all directions looking for their roots. Was it not the adoptee who understood all along how important and precious to ones own growth as a person to know of where and who they came from.





















































