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A REMINDER Our next meeting will be held this Saturday, August 21 at the main building at El Dorado Park, 2311 No. Miller Rd., Scottsdale, from Noon to 4 p.m.

IMPORTANT NOTE As of September 1, 1982, membership in ALMA will be raised from \$30. per year to \$35. All membership renewal requests accompanied by a check will be honored at the old fee until that date. Also, because of the high costs of printing, postage, etc., only current members, with dues paid, will receive the Arizona Chapter newsletter after Sept. 1. This brings us to.....

ANOTHER FORM OF SEARCH It's time for each of us to search our conscience regarding our willingness to commit to ALMA. Paying a yearly due to assist ALMA in its legal fight and to keep a name in the Registry hardly qualifies as a real commitment to an organization that will do its best, if it hasn't already, to assist you in finding your loved one(s). Perhaps you are not aware that each local chapter is entirely self-supporting. Not one penny of the dues you pay comes back to your local chapter, yet this is the part of ALMA that does what it can to assist you on a local level by holding monthly meetings, workshops and individual conferences in an attempt to help you in your search.

To date, the average attendance at the monthly meetings has been eight people out of a membership of 80. Granted, a number of you live so far from the Phoenix area as to make it difficult to attend, but there are over 50 members in the Phoenix area who never attend. As a result four or five persons are shouldering not only the work load but the financial load as well. It has been customary to ask those attending the meetings to make a donation in lieu of dues. At least \$1.00 per person has been given, but with so few attending, there is little money to pay for the printing of newsletters and postage and any other incidentals that might occur, such as rental on a meeting place. These meetings are for you. Perhaps you should search your conscience, ask just what it is you want from ALMA, attend the meetings or at the very least, send a donation to help those who are working actively to further the goals of ALMA.

Remember the man who had the dream about visiting Heaven and Hades. St. Peter was his guide. As they entered Hades, the man saw many people standing at tables laden with delicious food. Each person had a four-foot fork strapped to one arm and a four-foot spoon attached to the other. They were all crying with hunger and frustration as they attempted to put food on the long, ungainly utensils before trying to feed themselves. There was such air of sadness and hopelessness in that room. The man was close to tears as St. Peter gently took him by the arm and led him to Heaven. Here, the man encountered an identical scene; tables laden with delicious food, men and women with four-foot forks and spoons tied to their arms, but they were all smiling and happy and looked well-fed. Why? Because they were feeding each other!

We in ALMA can do that too! We can 'feed' each other! We can do more with our resources!

SPECIAL PROGRAM...SPECIAL LOCATION Our regular October meeting will be held at the Genetic Research Center Conference Room at 123 E. University in Tempe. This will be on October 16, Saturday beginning at Noon (time is tentative at this point). We will be hearing a lecture by Dr. Frederick Hect and Mr. Rick Wagner on the problems confronting adoptees who cannot find their natural families, but need answers of a medical or genetic nature. They will give some insight into some of the things science can do to help. Because we are asking these gentlemen to give of their time and talents, we want to insure there is enough interest in this subject to warrant having the lecture. Therefore we would like to ask that you fill out and return this reservation form. Thank you.

I will _____ will not _____ be able to attend the special lecture on October 16, 1982

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Number in my Party _____