

# SEARCH

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**Policy:** Search Triad Inc. is an independent, non profit organization offering a free service of idea exchange, volunteer support and educational guidelines in the adoption triangle. We are a member of the American Adoption Congress, a coalition of individuals and groups nationwide who support more openness in adoption.

We offer an open meeting to adults in search, although we do not advocate birthparents searching for minors or minors searching for birthparents. Counseling is available.

"To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without root."

-Chinese Proverb

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NEXT MEETING:

February 11th at 7:30pm  
All Saints' Episcopal Church  
(Manning Hall)  
6300 North Central Avenue  
Phoenix

Executive Board meets at 6:30pm.

The general meeting will include reunions and business. Two special rap sessions are scheduled this month. Diane Eckstein will be working with those who are having difficult searches and are discouraged by this. The pre-reunion group will be looking at copies of documents with Helen Leech. PLEASE BRING ALL OF YOUR SEARCH MATERIAL!!!

Teen rap group will meet on Tuesday, February 16th at 7:30pm. Call Lorraine 838-4270 or Lynne at 997-2557 for details.

March meeting: Thursday, the 11th at 7:30pm.

SEARCH ASSISTANTS:

Jan Deahl	841-7693
JoAnne Lee	247-2498
(evenings & Sat)	
Karen Tinkham	935-9702
(1 to 3pm ONLY)	
Maury Trager	967-7641
Barb Wodrich	938-2597

CARING NUMBERS:

Vi Pierce/Birthparent	972-3483
Lorraine Kazmier	838-4270
Teens/Adoptive Parents	
Fairy Mae McKiernan	944-4729
Adoptive Parent Class	
Lynne Hellmers/Teens	997-2557
Diane Eckstein	277-7138
Individual & Family Counseling	

Please be considerate in your calling. Some of us get up late and others turn in early!

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Reunions are the conveyor belts of our individual histories. They reaffirm the thread of continuity, and transmit a family's awareness of itself from the youngest to the oldest.

-Alex Haley

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"Let them approach all problems (whether life situations or their own behavior) as if ignorance was the only problem and understanding the only solution. No shame. No blame. Learning is the issue."

SEARCH TRIAD NEWS

Member Marilyn Boddy has spent the last two weeks in Boswell Hospital in Sun City. We are not sure when she will be released from Boswell. Why not send her a card to let her know you care! Her home address is 13418 100th Ave. Sun City 85351. Daughter Karen is in town and will deliver any mail to Marilyn.

Thanks to Sue Irby for doing the D.E.S. panel in January. We forgot to mention this in the last newsletter.

Bill Friedman and Linda Dickey provided a panel for the prospective adoptive parent class at Jewish Family Services on January 27th. (Bill made the supreme sacrifice by giving up two Phoenix Suns games to do two panels!)

Diane Eckstein spoke to an adoptive parent group meeting in the Phoenix Encanto area. She covered "problems adopted kids have growing up." We hope she will share highlights at our Feb meeting.

SPECIAL THANKS FOR DONATIONS from Gladys and Joe Harrison, Jan Deahl and Lynn Kays. Also to Marilyn Boddy for a copy of Search for Anna Fisher.

REUNIONS/UPDATES

Esther Cadle has met her first blood relative. She will share details at the meeting.

Jeanie Lewis, who has met her mother and two sisters, had a most unique rendezvous with fate at the Wendys in Scottsdale. Don't miss the meeting or you'll never know.....

Barbara Matthews continues to touch base with new relatives and friends of her birthparents. A cousin from Long Beach plans to visit Arizona this month for a reunion.

SEARCH TECHNIQUE

When you complete your search you face the decision of how to make first contact. Usually a phone call or a letter are considered most seriously. But how dependable is our postal service? A letter was mailed by Karen in May to a C.U.B. rep in Houston, and the Post Office just returned this letter marked "not deliverable at this address" 8 months later.

The term Search Consultant comes up quite often when we refer you to other groups for assistance. Many of you have been referred to Independent Search Consultants in Costa Mesa, California. When you are referred to an ISC consultant, that means they have documented 500 hours of search assistance, passed a difficult test and are given recommendations by three people. Some ISC consultants charge a fee, others don't. If you contact a group and the term Search Consultant is used, don't automatically assume they are ISC, they might not be. Find out a person's qualifications before you pay them a fee for doing research.

Devious deception by discretion is a phrase coined by Bill Friedman at our last Board Meeting. We again caution you to be protective of your mother's identity when doing your search. Birthparents remember the adoptee may not know he or she is adopted. It may not be wise to tell everyone you are searching for a birthparent when using research facilities. Many people are sympathetic, many are not. One of our members recently faced this at the Mormon Library and was not allowed to use the micro-film.

## We're AAC . . . Won't You Join Us?

**What is the AAC?**

- A coalition of individuals and groups across North America who care about making adoption more open.

- An acknowledgement of the many people who, on their own or in groups, are working toward this goal in a variety of ways.

- A means of educating ourselves about this and a channel through which we can educate the rest of the adoption community and the general public.

- An opportunity for groups, large and small, to learn from each other, and for individuals, whether in a group or not, to connect up with the larger network.

**How can you join AAC?**

- Groups can become Affiliate Organizations (\$25) or Sustaining Affiliate Organizations (\$100). This does not make their own members Individual Members of the AAC.

- Individuals can become Individual Members (\$10), Sustaining Individual Members (\$20), or Life Individual Members (\$150).

- Checks should be made out to "American Adoption congress" and mailed with the form below to:

**AAC**

c/o Heidi Taylor, Treasurer  
573 Hollyburne Lane  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91350

Members will receive the *Open A.R.M.S.* quarterly and will be informed of AAC activity within their regions.

An Annual Meeting will be held June 3-6, 1982, in San Antonio, TX. It is being hosted by Lutheran Social Service, an agency which supports open records and open adoption. There will be workshops covering issues for individuals, issues for groups and issues for the adoption reform movement as a whole; and it will draw attention to support from all sides for openness in adoption (in a state where there is considerable backlash against our movement).

### "Open Minds/Open Records"

Name of Person or Group \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Membership: Indiv. (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_ Sustaining Indiv. (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Life Indiv. (\$150) \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliate Org. (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_ Sustng. Org. (\$100) \_\_\_\_\_  
Optional: If an individual, check all categories that apply.  
Adoptee \_\_\_\_\_ Adoptive Prnt. \_\_\_\_\_ Birthprnt. \_\_\_\_\_  
Adoption Professional \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
Learned of AAC through: \_\_\_\_\_

Search Triad member Mary Norton is gathering information to be used for a history research paper on Adoption with particular emphasis on birthmothers. This information will be the subject of her thesis for graduate work. Those who wish to remain anonymous may do so. The participants are invited to share anything which they feel may be of interest. Contact Mary for more information at 11021 N. 38th Place, Phoenix 85028. We will also try to have some copies of her questionnaire at our meeting.

Search Triad's Library

The library is available at all meetings and is for members only. PLEASE make sure you sign the library card before taking a book home. OVERDUE books need to be back in February....Ann Lacy, Holly Lloyd, Judie Smith, Gale Thornton, Ethel Otis, Sue Irby, Alene Ward, Dorothy Foster, Susan Hammond. Missing books include Adoption Triangle and Search for A Stranger. When you return a book make sure you cross your name off the library card. Also, any books dealing with search technique MUST BE RETURNED IN ONE MONTH. We want these special books circulating among the membership! If you can't make the February meeting make other arrangements with Librarian JoAnne Lee - 247-2498.



**GROWING & CHANGING — BECOMING & KNOWING**

Almost as soon as our children get here, they start leaving. It's a natural part of growing.

As parents, we try to make them feel safe and secure, and at the same time give them the freedom to grow. But we tend to equate security with sameness, home, and family, and this notion sometimes makes going forth seem sad and scary.

But this definition is too narrow. Security that depends on "place" becomes stifling; love that depends only on family ties becomes too full of "shoulds" and deteriorates into conflict. We need to expand the idea of security to include growth and change; to expand the idea of love to include all kinds of goodness.

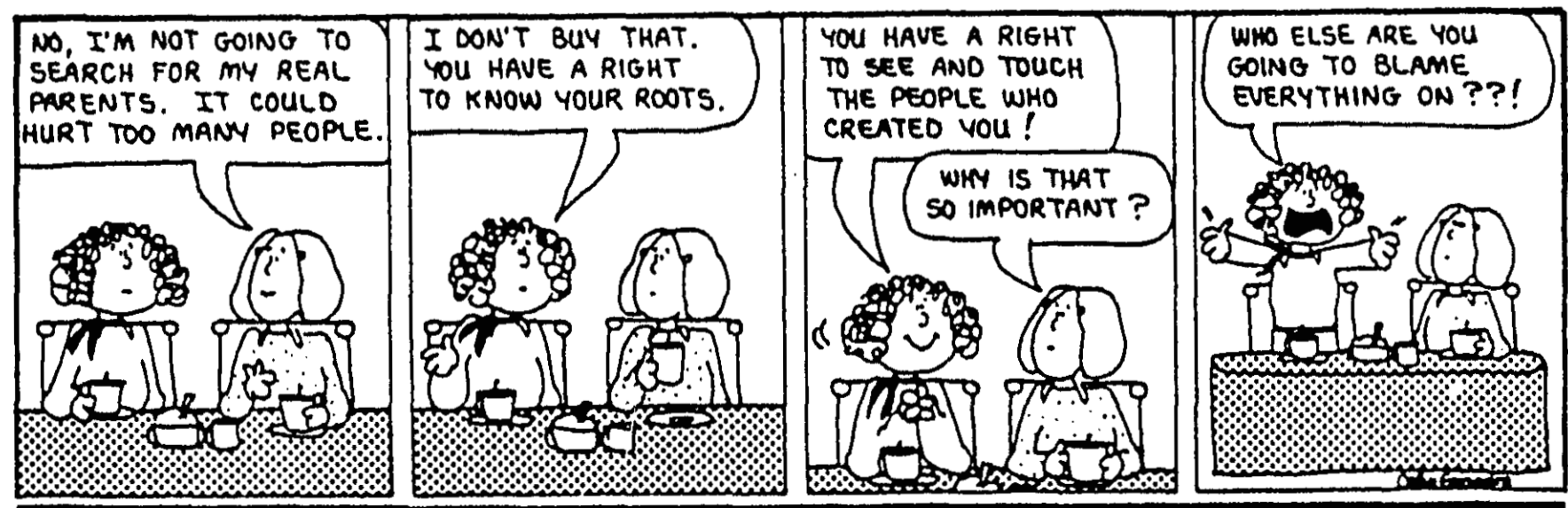
We do not have to convey this understanding to our children. They are born with it. From their tremendous curiosity we see that they expect life to be orderly; they derive security from discovering underlying order. And they assume life to be good. So they are naturally equipped to travel out, away from parents and home, to discover the world.

Learning is the best, safest, surest and most suitable possible means of travel. |

*"Let them approach all problems (whether life situations or their own behavior) as if ignorance was the only problem and understanding the only solution. No shame. No blame. Learning is the issue."*



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from Operation Identity

The Board of Directors voted to increase our yearly membership fee to \$15 per year as of February 1, 1982. We currently have 150 paid members and our bank balance as of 1/13/82 was \$758.16. The proposed expenses for the year 1982 made no allowance for increases in postage or printing, books or materials for the library; mailings to the Board, monthly mailings to Search Assistants (new membership forms), advertising, checks for our account and other unforeseen expenses.

Proposed 1982 expenses:

Bulk mailing application	40.00
Bulk mailing permit/yearly fee	40.00
Bulk mailing stamp	7.35
Newsletter printing	720.00
@ \$60 per month/12 months	
Newsletter mailing Feb-Dec	123.20
5.6¢ per item/200 items per month	
Monthly 1st class mail to new calls	72.00
& mail inquiries	
30 per month 360x .20	
AAC Membership	100.00
All Saints' Monthly Rent	240.00
\$20 x 12 months	
Stationary	25.00
Envelopes	10.00
Soundex form printing	40.00
Membership form printing	?
Incorporation renewal	10.00
	<u>\$1427.55</u>

Your questions or comments regarding our expenses are always welcome.

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ARIZONA LEGISLATION

## Bill defining life's start offered

### Penalties for manslaughter would be applied in abortion

A bill defining life as beginning at conception and imposing manslaughter penalties for willfully causing the death of an unborn child was introduced Wednesday in the state Senate by Sens. Anne Lindeman, R-Phoenix, and Robert Udane, R-Scottsdale.

The proposal, Senate Bill 1086, is a reborn edition of last year's child-protection bill.

Abortions could be performed after a fetus was

viable only to preserve the life of the mother or if a physician determined that the child would not live.

"It's almost a complete redo of last year's child-protection bill," said Udane, chairman of the Senate Health Committee. "We've had people working on it for part of a year, and we think it's as close to constitutional as we can get."

Despite that, the bill carries an insurance clause declaring that if any part of it is found invalid, the rest remains in force.

SB 1187 (Udane)

Authorizes the Superior Court to retain jurisdic-

tion of a child for purposes of entering an order of adoption of child even if child reaches 18 before final adoption hearing. Copy of this bill will be in our library.

## 18 Years Ruled Cutoff In Adoptions

Superior Courts may not order adoption of anyone 18 or older even if the adoption process starts before the child is 18, the Arizona Court of Appeals ruled today.

Upholding the decision of Maricopa County Superior Court Judge C. Kimball Rose, the Appeals Court noted that petitions for adoption were filed when a boy, identified by the court as Timothy, was 17 but legal delays prevented any adoption order until after he was 18.

"The jurisdiction of the Superior Court to order Timothy's adoption terminated when he reached 18 years of age," Appeals Judge Robert Corcoran wrote.

## in Senate

No taxpayer funds could be provided to any organization counseling abortions.

A physician performing an abortion on a viable fetus born alive would be required to have another physician on hand to aid in saving its life. The state immediately would take custody of such a child and proceedings would be instituted to terminate the parent-child relationship on grounds of abandonment.

Detailed records of all abortions would be required of hospitals and clinics where such surgery is performed.

Northwestern University Law  
Review: 1980

\* The concept of a fundamental right inhering in the blood tie can also be inferred from WYNN v. SCOTT.<sup>70</sup> The district court in WYNN held unconstitutional an Illinois statute providing that when an abortion is performed

for a reason other than to save the life of the mother, and the fetus is born alive, the parental rights are automatically terminated and the child becomes a ward of the state.<sup>71</sup> One basis used for striking down the statute was its violation of the basic parent-child relationship.<sup>72</sup> 70 449 F. Supp. 1302 (N.D. Ill.) appeal dismissed, 439 U.S. 8 (1978) (remanded to appellate court) aff'd 599 F. 2d 193 (7th Cir. 1979).

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"A few work; so many may benefit! That seems to be the general ratio of this movement.

We all seem to want, but how many of us are willing to give? Where couldn't we go - 'if only' we ALL gave a little of ourselves. Instead 'we' seem to expect those few to give ALOT of themselves.

In groups across the country we see people coming in droves to 'learn' how to search. They EXPECT, (and most times receive) knowledgeable, friendly and inexpensive help. They EXPECT their coordinator or president to be there at meetings, at the other end of their letters, or their many phone calls. They EXPECT the boards to make things run smoothly and to have the necessary time and money to do so. Most EXPECT to complete their search/ and once they do, usually they EXPECT there is no reason to go back to the group. It has served their expectations, why return?

Why is there a need for such groups in the first place? Because for many years the policies and practices of adoption were sometimes wrong. Who is going to change these wrongs and educate the public? Do 'we' EXPECT the board members of these groups to do so 'in their spare time' - but only AFTER they have helped us first?

Where do these active and knowledgeable people come from? Can we EXPECT them to give forever? Take a good look - they are people too! People who once knew as little or as much as you! People who thought they just couldn't speak in front of crowds, or accept all that responsibility. People who are busy without all this adoptee business, who are married or single, whose parents or spouses just don't understand. People who have children to care for, bills to pay, etc.

But they found the time to give to you and your EXPECTATIONS! What is your excuse? Show you can care. Give a little, it will mean alot down the line!"

#### NATIONAL NEWS

American Family Records Assoc. reports that the 1910 census (U.S.) will be opened to researchers in late 1982. It evidently will not be alphabetized or soundexed.

New address for AID (Adoptees' Identity Discovery) is Box 2159 Sunnyvale, Calif 94087. Their information number is 408-243-2000.

Were you adopted, or did you relinquish a child in Dade County, Florida? A new system to petition the court for info (no charge) now set up. Write to Diane Robie 9320 SW 170th St. Miami, Fla 33157. Include a SASE!

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#### "PHOOEY ON YOU!!!!"

I decided to have this space in this edition. I am hopeful that I will not have to have it again but I needed it this time to vent four years of frustration!

...PHOOEY on those of you that have never bothered to let your search consultant know the outcome of your search. Those folks that gave their time, expertise and many times their money to help you.

...PHOOEY on those of you that have promised to help and have not.

...PHOOEY on those of you that have completed your search with our help and have sat on your behinds and never given a portion of what you received.

...PHOOEY on all of you that call my home, get my recorder and leave no message. I have the recorder on so that I may return your calls not hear you hang up. GIVE ME A BREAK!!!

...PHOOEY on all of you that think your search consultant has nothing else to do but your case.

...PHOOEY on those of you that have been given things to research and have not done them. "

The PHOOEY column is followed by a HOORAY column.

#### COMMENT FROM KAREN

These two items were reprinted to help me vent six years of frustration! Also to hopefully make each of you realize a responsibility to Search Triad. We need you!

Many of you complete your search and then drop out, never thinking of the next guy that might need your friendship and encouragement. We can't change attitudes or the LAW without you. We need you to help new people feel welcome at the meetings, to do research for out-of-town searchers, to clip articles for our newsletter, to help with the Library, to help with mailings, to be on a panel, work with the teen group, attend a National Conference, give the AAC your support.

Each of your contributions will make our group that much better. Think about it.

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Sandra Lott is a graduate student in Psychology and is doing a survey on adoption and surrogate mothers. Her thesis will deal with some aspect of adoption. Send her a legal size SASE at RR 1, Morton, Ill. 61550.





















