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PACER CALENDAR NEWS

for May, June, 1983

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Mon. May 9	East Bay Birth Parents	Lee Bignall, 940 East Street, Lafayette, 284-2989, 7:30 P.M.
Wed. May 11	Peninsula Adopted Persons	Dirck Brown, 727 Holly Oak Dr., Palo Alto, 494-0397, 7:30 P.M.
Fri. May 13	East Bay Adopted Persons	Virginia Keeler-Wolf, 5677 Florence Terrace, Oakland, 654-3099, 7:30 P.M.
Tues. May 17	San Francisco Triad Group	Linda Reeves, 440 Davis Ct. #2108, San Francisco, 982-5784, 7:30 P.M.
Tues. May 24	Peninsula Adoptive Parents	Sally and Steve Meyerson, 100 Camino Alto, Millbrae, 697-8767, 7:30 P.M.
Thurs. May 26	East Bay Adoptive Parents	Nancy and Bob DeGoff, 638 San Luis Rd., Berkeley, 526-6088, 7:30 P.M.

Wed. June 8	Peninsula Adopted Persons	Karen Randall, 819 Northampton Dr., Palo Alto, 327-6189, 7:30 P.M.
Fri. June 10	East Bay Adopted Persons	Virginia Keeler-Wolf, 5677 Florence Terrace, Oakland, 654-3099, 7:30 P.M.
Sun. June 12	East Bay Adoptive Parents (Family Picnic)	Nancy and Bob DeGoff, (place and time to be announced) 526-6088
Mon. June 13	East Bay Birth Parents	Lee Bignall, 940 East Street, Lafayette, 284-2989, 7:30 P.M.
Tues. June 21	San Francisco Triad Group	Linda Reeves, 440 Davis Ct. #2108, San Francisco, 982-5784, 7:30 P.M.
Tues. June 28	Peninsula Adoptive Parents	Sally and Steve Meyerson, 100 Camino Alto, Millbrae, 697-8767, 7:30 P.M.

PACER WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS (Community Outreach)

Sat. May 7	PACER workshop "Adoptive Parenting...The Adolescent Years" by Dirck Brown for the Adoption Awareness Center of Lutheran Social Services of San Antonio, Texas.
Tues. May 17	PACER Presentation for the juvenile officers of the Northern California Juvenile Justice Association
Thurs.-Sun. May 19-22	PACER Workshops "Adoption Education: Taking Adoption into the Community" and "Fundraising" with Dirck Brown and Susan Varian Hammond, annual meeting of American Adoption Congress, Columbus, Ohio
Tues. May 31	PACER Presentation to Marin County Department of Social Services, San Francisco, 7:30 P.M.

(June dates on back)

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PACER WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS (Community Outreach)

Fri. Sat. Sun.
June 3,4,5
PACER Weekend Retreat for Adopted Persons with Dirck Brown and therapists Diane Eckstein and Jo Salada from Phoenix, Arizona (Adoption Education and Counseling Center). Call the office (326-8120) for reservation. House near Pigeon Point Lighthouse on coast. Cost: \$30 per person/PACER members \$20 per person.

Sat. June 18
PACER Workshop co-sponsored with Holt International Children's Services, "Understanding Transracial Adoption". Workshop co-ordinator is Margaret Lovejoy Baldwin and special guest will be Glen Noteboom, Director of Social Services, Holt ICS of Eugene, Oregon. 9:00-3:30 P.M. San Lorenzo Community Church. Call office for reservations. Cost: \$15/individual; \$20/family (PACER members: \$10/individual; \$15/family). Includes lunch; child care provided at no extra charge.

PACER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

Mon. May 2
PACER Board of Directors meeting, PAMF Building, 7:30 P.M.

Tues. June 7
PACER Board of Directors meeting, PAMF Building, 7:30 P.M.

Tues. May 10
Support Group Coordinators' Meeting, Linda Reeves, 440 Davis Ct. #2108, San Francisco, 982-5784, 7:30 P.M.

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WHAT'S NEW AT PACER!

PACER IS GROWING! Director Dirck Brown is establishing PACER-EAST in Ohio. PACER's unique program of information, education, research and service will be available to members of the adoption triad and the community in the mid-western and eastern part of the United States. Dirck and Molly Brown, founders of PACER will be moving to Granville, Ohio on July 1, 1983.

PACER BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTS SUSAN VARIAN HAMMOND TO SUCCEED DIRCK BROWN.

By a unanimous vote at its meeting on April 18, 1983 Susan Varian Hammond was selected to assume the duties of PACER Director upon the departure of Dirck Brown. A Palo Alto native, Susan graduated from Castilleja School in Palo Alto, received her B.A. from the University of California, Davis, and has studied at Arizona State and Stanford University. Susan is the daughter of Dorothy and Russell Varian and is the mother of Kelsey, her five year old little daughter. Susan will be leaving a position at the Stanford Hoover Institution to become PACER director. Active in the adoption community, she is herself an adopted person and has served as member of the board of directors of the adoption triad group in Phoenix, Arizona. She is a member of the American Adoption Congress and is editor of their Western Regional Newsletter. In her spare time Susan enjoys skiing, hiking, and running.

SPECIAL WEEKEND RETREAT FOR ADOPTED PERSONS will be held June 3,4, and 5 (Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning) at a retreat house on the coast (near Pigeon Point Lighthouse). This will be a chance for adopted persons to work together more intensively than is possible in the support groups, get better acquainted, and have some fun and recreation. The weekend will be facilitated by Dirck Brown and two individual and family therapists, Diane Eckstein and Jo Salada from Phoenix, Arizona. Diane and Jo are co-founders of the ADOPTION EDUCATION AND COUNSELING CENTER in Phoenix. Due to limited space, reservations for the retreat will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Do call the PACER office as soon as possible to reserve your place. The cost for the weekend will be \$30.00 per person.

A SPECIAL EVENT: A PACER WORKSHOP CO-SPONSORED WITH HOLT INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES on "Understanding Transracial Adoption". The date is Saturday, June 18, 1983 from 9:00 to 3:30 P.M. at the San Lorenzo Community Church. Workshop co-ordinator and PACER member, Margaret Lovejoy Baldwin explains that, in attending this workshop, you will be able to increase your understanding of transracial adoption by meeting other families who have adopted Asian children, sharing your experience as an interracial family, exploring the special needs of persons with bi-cultural identity, learning about community resources and materials related to Asian cultures, and listening to the personal perspectives of adoptive parents, birth parents, and adopted persons. Glen Noteboom, Holt Director of Social Services, from Holt headquarters in Eugene, Oregon, will be the special guest. The cost is \$15/individual; and \$20/couple (PACER members \$10/individual and \$15/couple. Child care will be provided at no additional charge. To register, send your check made out to PACER to 860 Bryant St., Palo Alto, CA 94301. For additional information call PACER at (415) 362-8120.

ROBERT DEGOTT and AMY FONDA are elected to the PACER Board of Directors. Robert DeGoff, an adoptive parent, is the co-leader with his wife, Nancy, of the East Bay Adoptive Parent Support group which meets monthly at their home in Berkeley. Robert is Director of Facilities Planning for Levi Straus in San Francisco. He is an architect having received his MBA from Cal Berkeley. Amy Fonda is an adopted person who is completing her Ph.D. at the California

School of Professional Psychology with her thesis on a study of birthparents.

THE PENINSULA ADOPTED PERSONS GROUP WILL BE FACILITATED BY KAREN RANDALL after June 1st. Karen Randall is a long-time PACER member as well as a member of the Board of Directors. She looks forward to taking responsibility for the group that has met for the last six years at the home of Dirck and Molly Brown. June 8th at 7:30 P.M. is the date of the first meeting at Karen's house, 819 Northampton Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303; telephone 327-6189.

PACER HELPS LAUNCH MOTHERLODE ADOPTIVE PARENT FAMILIES GROUP. On April 15th Molly and Dirck Brown presented a workshop at Jackson, California for the Motherlode Adoptive Families, a new group just getting under way.

ADOPTIVE PARENTING....THE ADOLESCENT YEARS is the theme of an intensive workshop being presented to the Adoption Awareness Center of Lutheran Social Services of Texas, and it will be co-led by Dirck Brown and Pat Dorner. Highlights of the workshop include characteristics of adolescence, impact of adoption during adolescence, techniques for improving communication, and sharing adoption-related information.

PACER INVITED TO ADDRESS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA JUVENILE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION on May 17th. This is part of a statewide association of juvenile officers which includes many youth serving professionals. The focus of the presentation will be on the adoption experience as it relates to issues and concerns of adoptive families and adolescent adopted persons.

PACER PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL MODEL STATEMENT OF POST LEGAL ADOPTION SERVICES. The model statement, which is the final stages of preparation, will consist of four sections: the rationale for services, methods and resources, administrative concerns, and funding. PACER director, Dirck Brown has been responsible for methods and resources; Ken Watson of the Chicago Child Care Society is writing the rationale; Valerie Preston of the Child Welfare League of America is concerned with administrative structure; Marietta Spencer and Roger Toogood of the Children's Home Society of Minnesota are coordinating the entire project.

"COME GROW WITH US" is the theme of the national conference of the American Adoption Congress, May 19-22 in Columbus Ohio. Dirck Brown and Pacer director-designate Susan Varian Hammond will present two workshops, "Adoption Education: Taking Adoption into the Community" and "Fundraising." PACER member Martin Brandfon will present a workshop on "Adoption and the Law." Keynote speaker is Elizabeth S. Cole of the Child Welfare League of America and special guest speaker will be Jill Krementz, author of How It Feels to Be Adopted. For information and registration materials write AAC National Conference, c/o Reunite, Inc., P. O. Box 694, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

DON'T BE LEFT OUT...JOIN PACER! Membership in PACER means you will receive this monthly calendar/news, get discounts for all PACER workshops, hear about new publications and research studies, and perhaps, most important, know about the monthly meeting dates and times for the seven PACER support group meetings. We hope you will join us and support our programs. Membership on an annual basis is \$25 individual/\$40 family. Make your check out to PACER and send it to 860 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. It's tax deductible.