

# Post Adoption Center for Education and Research

**PACER**

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NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1984  
CALENDAR/NEWS

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Friday, Nov. 2	Peninsula Birthparents	Mari Speyer: 1st Lutheran Church corner Homer & Webster, Palo Alto, 940-1261, 7:30
Thursday, Nov. 8	East Bay Adoptees	Virginia Keeler-Wolf: 943 Aquarius Way Oakland. 654-3099. 7:30 P.M.
Monday, Nov. 12	East Bay Birthparents	Diane Stein: Capital Federal Savings & Loan 1406 N. Broadway, Walnut Creek. 829-5182. 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday, Nov. 14	Marin Triad	Anita Eagleton: Garden Court Bldg. 1125 A St. San Rafael 3rd floor. 454-9399 7:30.
Monday, Nov. 19	MidPeninsula Triad	Carlos Alden: 812 Cleveland St. Redwood City. 368-1775. 7:30 P.M.
Tuesday, Nov. 20	San Francisco Triad	Linda Reeves: 440 Davis Ct., #2108, San Francisco, 982-5784, 7:30 P.M.
Tuesday, Nov. 20	Peninsula Triad	Dirck Brown: St. Mark's Episcopal Church 600 Colorado, Palo Alto. 858-2102 7:30 P.M.
Tuesday, Nov. 20	Marin Birthparents	Lori Kearney: West America Bank 1177 Magnolia Ave. Larkspur. 459-2833. 7:30 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 20	East Bay Adoptive Parents	Colleen Houlihan: 2301 Russell Berkeley 848-8071. 7:30 P.M.
Monday, Nov. 26	Male Triad	Martin Brandfon: 606 S. Fremont, San Mateo. 342-9357. 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday, Nov. 28	Marin Adoptive Parents	Anita Eagleton: 50 Quisisana Dr. Kentfield 454-9399. 7:30 P.M.

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Friday, Dec. 7	Peninsula Birthparents	Mari Speyer: 1st Lutheran Church corner Homer & Webster, Palo Alto, 940-1261 7:30
Monday, Dec. 10	East Bay Birthparents	Diane Stein: Capital Federal Savings & Loan 1406 N. Broadway, Walnut Creek. 829-5182. 7:30 P.M.
Thursday, Dec. 13	East Bay Adoptees	Virginia Keeler-Wolf: 943 Aquarius Way Oakland. 654-3099. 7:30 P.M.
Friday, Dec. 14	<u>All Marin Groups</u>	Carol Schaefer: <u>Christmas Party</u> bring family. Call for location 461-1264 or Anita Eagleton 454-9399
Monday, Dec. 17	Mid Peninsula Triad	Carlos Alden: 812 Cleveland St. Redwood City. 368-1775.
Tuesday, Dec. 18	San Francisco Triad	Linda Reeves: 440 Davis Ct.#2108 San Francisco, 982-5784, 7:30 P.M.
Tuesday, Dec. 18	Peninsula Triad	Dirck Brown: St. Mark's Episcopal Church 600 Colorado, Palo Alto. 858-2102 7:30P.M.
Tuesday, Dec. 18	East Bay Adoptive Parents	Colleen Houlihan: 2301 Russell, Berkeley 848-8071. 7:30 P.M.

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

Thursday, Nov. 29	BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Catholic Social Services 2045 Lawton St. San Francisco. 7:30 P.M.
Thursday, Dec. 6	GROUP FACILITATORS	Virginia Keeler-Wolf: 943 Aquarius Way Oakland. 654-3099. 7:30 P.M.

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NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK IS NOVEMBER 19 TO 25 WHY NOT VISIT A SUPPORT GROUP IN NOVEMBER!

HALF WAY TO MEETING THE PACER CHALLENGE GRANT: If you haven't renewed your membership or joined PACER now is the time to do it. We must match the rest of the grant by Dec. 31st.

TWO NEW PACER SUPPORT GROUPS THIS MONTH: Anita Eagleton will facilitate an adoptive parents group in Marin County. The topic for the first meeting will be "What Does It Mean To Be An Adoptive Parent?". For more information call Anita at 454-9399. Carlos Alden former facilitator of the Marin Triad group has moved south. He will be starting a Mid Peninsula Triad group in Redwood City. For more information call Carlos at 368-1775 (keep trying). Carol Schaefer, a birthmother, and Anita Eagleton will be taking over the Marin Triad.

PACER FORUM ON COOPERATIVE ADOPTION TO BE GIVEN BY SHARON KAPLAN ON JANUARY 18TH: Sharon Kaplan, coauthor of a new book with Mary Jo Rillera called Cooperative Adoption will discuss her book and this fascinating new/old concept in adoptions. Sharon is director of PARENTING RESOURCES an agency providing support, referral and educational experiences to adoptive families in Southern California. As both an adoptive parent and an adoption worker, Sharon has plenty of experience in the world of adoption. Come ask your questions and share your ideas at this unique forum. We will meet on Friday, January 18th at 7:30 PM at Herbst Hall Mt. Zion Hospital, San Francisco. A donation of \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members will be requested at the door. Ample parking at Post and Divisadero Sts.

SPECIAL THANKS TO RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS DONNA OMAN AND ROBERT DE GOFF for your many years of service to PACER. We will really miss you!

PACER PRESENTATIONS: Diane Stein participated in a training session for Planned Parenthood counselors and spoke on the topic of independent adoption. Karen Henry, Anita Eagleton and Virginia Keeler-Wolf will speak on a panel moderated by Jean Benward entitled Adoption As A Life-long Experience for the convention of The Society for Clinical Social Work on Nov. 10 in Palo Alto.

MARY JO RILLERA OF TRIADOPTION LIBRARY GRACIOUSLY AGREED TO FILL IN FOR BETTY JEAN LIFTON: Because a conference in L.A. was rescheduled at the last minute, Betty Jean was unable to appear at September's PACER forum. Mary Jo presented a slide documentary on the Triadoption Library of which she is director, and a very moving multi-media event called COME TOGETHER. The evening was enjoyed by everyone and Mary Jo's generous sharing of her time is much appreciated. Betty Jean Lifton will probably be rescheduled in early 1985.

TURN ON YOUR TVS: PACER'S PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT TO AIR SOON: Bonnie Taylor of PACER's East Bay Adoptive Parent's group has put the final touches on a beautiful announcement about PACER's services that was filmed at our July picnic. Watch for it initially on Channel 2, but it should air on many channels by the new year. Thanks also to Pacific Bell.

SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE MAKE PACER GO: Without our large core of volunteers we could not exist. This month we want to especially thank Greg Purves of the E.B. Adoptee group who has taken on the task of bookkeeping. The system was set up for PACER by Jan Masaoka, an adoptive parent who is a specialist in financial planning for non-profits. Jan will continue to work with Greg and will also be helping the Board to develop itself. Janine Baer, an adoptee has recently proofread the Phone Counselor's Manual in preparation for an effort to publish it. Linda Reeves, a birthmother has coordinated the preparations for the PACER Forums. Bernie Kenney, an adoptee and birthmother, and Pat Smyklo continue to provide invaluable clerical support to the PACER office. We would also like to thank the people who have helped with mailings and those who are currently working to develop our 1985 workshop series. If you have time or a skill you can volunteer, WE NEED YOU!

TWO NEW THEATRE PRODUCTIONS ABOUT THE BIRTHPARENT EXPERIENCE TO BE PERFORMED LOCALLY: they said )pretend it didn't happen--written and directed by Sheila Ganz of the EB Birthparent Group, this autobiographical story is about a woman who is raped and becomes pregnant. Having no other recourse she relinquishes the baby for adoption. The play will be done on Dec. 6th 8P.M. in the Little Theatre, Creative Arts Bldg. San Francisco State Univ. entrance Holloway near 19th St. in S.F. Tickets \$5, \$2.50 for students. For info call 826-2544. ...A NAME YOU NEVER GOT, Written and performed by Ronda Slater, of the S.F. Triad, is a theater piece about her experience as a birthmother. It will be presented every Thurs., Fri., & Sat. from January 10th-26th, at Valencia Rose, 766 Valencia St. San Francisco. Performances begin at 7:30p.m. tickets are \$6 for info or reservations call 567-6632. Ronda searched for and found her 18 year old daughter.

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Here in the poetic words of an orphaned child are intense longings for "Angel Mother and Father." Opal grew up in Oregon lumber camps feeling different from those in her unschooled surroundings. She treasures her memories and the "gifts" left by her departed parents, while making the best of her life in "God's good world". After compiling her diary in 1920 from scraps torn by a jealous stepsister, Opal has spent the rest of her life searching for her heritage in France and India. Her finds are astonishing--now in her 80's, Opal calls herself Françoise d'Orleans.

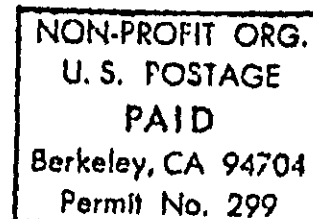
OPAL has just been republished by a PACER member (who made a donation for this space). She stated that a compelling reason for bringing OPAL again to public attention is its evocation of the loneliness felt by people who do not have a clear sense of identity.

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