

Concerned Persons for Adoption (CPFA) 2018 Program and Events Calendar As of 2-6-18

Each year CPFA has four family social events, four book club meetings, a yearly fundraising event as well as a the flagship annual conference at Rutgers University in the spring and the mini-conference in the fall. *We hope you will join us!* Please check our website for updates at www.cpfanj.org and find us on Facebook at CPFA NJ.

Thursday, January 25: 7:30 – 9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on the book, *Little Fires Everywhere, A Novel by Celeste Ng.* Meeting held at Panera Bread, 187 Colombia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Check website for update in the event of inclement weather.

Saturday, March 10: 12:00 - 3:00 pm: CPFA Heritage Party

Come celebrate your heritage with us! We come from many backgrounds through adoption and birth. This is an opportunity to teach our children about those traditions and for them to feel a sense of pride in their heritage. It's also fun for children as well as adults to explore and taste the richness of other cultures. Bring a dish to share from your heritage, your child's heritage, or both! Drinks will be supplied by CPFA. FREE to CPFA Members. \$10.00 per family for non-members. Held at First Presbyterian Church of Whippany, 494 Whippany Road, Whippany, NJ. See website for details.

Thursday, April 26: 7:30 - 9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on the book "Akin to the Truth: A Memoir of Adoption and Identity" by Paige Strickland. Meeting held at Panera Bread, 187 Colombia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Check website for updates. Meeting held at Panera Bread, 187 Colombia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932.

Saturday, May 5, 2018: All Day: NJ's 36th Annual "Let's Talk Adoption" Conference

Join us for a full day of 30 + workshops on pre- and post-adoptive issues at our 36th annual adoption conference at the Rutgers University Busch Campus Center, in Piscataway, NJ. This conference is coordinated by Concerned Persons for Adoption and is co-sponsored by the New Jersey Interagency Adoption Council and Rutgers University School of Social Work, Institute for Families. Continuing Education Hours approved for social workers, licensed professional counselors, and school teachers. Please check website for details.

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Some Programs / Events take place at the First Presbyterian Church of Whippany, 494 Whippany Road (Rte 10W), Whippany, NJ 07981 Visit us at <u>www.cpfanj.org</u> to verify dates, times and topics.

Thursday May 10: 18th Annual CPFA Golf Classic:

Held at Black Bear Golf Course in Franklin, NJ. This is the only fundraiser for CPFA; the cost of the event includes breakfast, door prizes, greens fees, and a great luncheon. For more information please contact Hugh O'Neill, Ways & Means Chairperson at (908) 552-9342.

A Sunday in May (Tentative Date: May 20): Family Day at Turtle Back Zoo

Please join us for a great time at the Turtle Back Zoo! Fun starts at 12:30 pm. Group rates for 15 or more people are \$10.00 per person. To get the discounted rate we must have at least 15 registered people and pay in advance to CPFA.Details TBA.

Thursday, July 26: 7:30 - 9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on the book, "The Love Wife" by Gish Jen. Meeting held at Panera Bread, 187 Colombia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Check website for update in the event of inclement weather. Meeting held at Panera Bread, 187 Colombia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932.

A Saturday in July: 12:30 – 5:30 pm: CPFA Summer Family Picnic

Come join our family of adoptive families for a fun afternoon in the sun and water at Sunrise Lake in Lewis Morris Park in Morristown. Please bring a picnic meal for your family, snacks, chairs, towels, beach toys and beach umbrella. Come play! Free for members. Fee for non-members.

Saturday, October 13 or 20: 9:00 - 2:00: CPFA MINI CONFERENCE

Please join us for our sixth Annual CPFA "Mini Conference" that will feature topics that are sure to be of interest to many families, including workshops for prospective parents, adoptive parents and children ages seven to teens. See website for location and details.

Saturday November 3: 4:00 – 6:00 pm Bowling Party for the Whole Family

Please join us for our Family Bowling Party! If your family would like to dress up in costume to continue the Halloween theme please do so! FREE to CPFA members. Hanover Lanes, Route 10 East, Hannover, NJ. \$10 per family for non-members. Check website for details.

Thursday, October 25: 7:30 – 9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on the book, '*Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*" by Lisa See. Meeting held at Panera Bread, 187 Colombia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Check website for update in the event of inclement weather. Meeting held at Panera Bread, 187 Colombia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932.

Saturday, December 1: 1:00 - 4:00 pm: Holiday Party:

Please join us for a fun party! \$10 per family for non-members (free for members). Please bring a gift for your child (no more than \$10.00 - \$15.00 please) as well as a gift card for funds for us to purchase a gift card for a foster child within the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), formerly known as DYFS. Held at First Presbyterian Church of Whippany, 494 Whippany Road, Whippany, NJ. See website for details.

Concerned Persons For Adoption (CPFA) is a non-profit organization in the State of New Jersey dedicated to the belief that every child deserves a family. CPFA is not an adoption agency, but a volunteer organization working to support those who wish to adopt, and to provide educational and networking resources for those who have adopted.