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Concerned Persons for Adoption (CPFA) 2020 Program and Events Calendar *As of 1-17-2020*

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.cpfanjanj.org and find us on Facebook at CPFA NJ and Instagram at CPFA -NJ.

Thursday, January 23: 7:30 - 9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on two books, "*Where the Crawdads Sing*" (2018) by Delia Owens (Novel) & "*Far From the Tree: Parents, Children and the Search for Identity*" (2012) by Andrew Solomon (Non-fiction) (Chapters 1,2,3). **We will be reading 3 chapters in Far From the Tree (Solomon) at each of 4 meeting during the year.** Meeting held at Panera Bread, 187 Colombia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Check website for update in the event of inclement weather.

Saturday, March 7: 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 23: 7:30 - 9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on two books "*Before and After: The Incredible Real-Life Stories of Orphans Who Survived the Tennessee Children's Home Society*" (2019) by Judy Christie and Lisa Wingate (Non-Fiction) & "*Far From the Tree: Parents, Children and the Search for Identity*" (2012) by Andrew Solomon (Non-fiction) (Chapters 4,5,6). 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 2nd 2020: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm: NJ's 38th Annual "Let's Talk Adoption"sm Conference

Join us for a full day of 25 + workshops on pre- and post-adoptive issues at our 37th 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 Adoption Agency Council of NJ (AACNJ) 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 www.cpfanjanj.org to verify dates, times and topics.

Wednesday May 27th: 20th 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.

Sunday, May 17: 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. See website for details and registration.

Thursday, July 23: 7:30 - 9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on two books *"The Nickel Boys (2019) by Colson Whitehead (Historical Fiction) & Far From the Tree: Parents, Children and the Search for Identity (2012) by Andrew Solomon (Non-fiction) (Chapters 7,8,9).* Meeting held at Panera Bread, 187 Colombia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Check website for update in the event of inclement weather.

Saturday, July 18 or 25: 1:00 - 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.

Thursday, October 22: 7:30 - 9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on two books *"Finding Fernanda: Two Mothers, One Child, and a Cross-Border Search for Truth (2012) by Erin Siegal (Non-Fiction) & Far From the Tree: Parents, Children and the Search for Identity (2012) by Andrew Solomon (Non-fiction) (Chapters 10,11,12).* Meeting held at Panera Bread, 187 Colombia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Check website for update in the event of inclement weather.

Saturday, November 7: 3:00 - 5:00 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, Hanover, NJ. \$10 per family for non-members. Check website for details.

Saturday, December 5: 12:00 – 3:00 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 an unwrapped gift card or a donation 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.