

CONFERENCE THEME

"ADOPTION ...
Where The Joy Begins"

This is the theme of the 29th Annual APC Adoption Conference presented by the Adoptive Parents Committee, Inc.(APC). This year's conference, a day-long event, will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2009 at St. Francis College, located at 180 Remsen Street., Brooklyn, NY.

APC's annual conference serves to promote a better awareness and understanding of adoption and provide members with accurate information concerning adoption and parenting issues. Conference participants will have the opportunity to attend numerous workshops, seminars, lectures and panel discussions. Led by professionals and experts in the adoption field including attorneys, social workers, physicians, adoptive parents, agency representatives, adoptees, and educators, the workshops provide up-to-date information as well as a forum for discussions.

Our conference is for those who are considering adoption as a way to build their family, those who have already adopted and for those professionals and advocates who are involved in the adoption and foster care fields.

Come and learn with us, share ideas and join together in promoting the joys of adoption.

On November 22, 2009
celebrate adoption
and remember.....



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TOPICS COVERED IN
PAST CONFERENCES

- *Independent Placement Adoption
- *Making the Decision to Adopt
- *International Adoption
- *Preparing for Homestudies
- *Adoption Agency Programs
- *Adoption in NY, NJ, CT
- *Adoption and The Schools
- *Adoption and The Media
- *Self Esteem and Adoption
- *Adoption Legislation
- *Non Traditional Adoptions
- *International Adoption Paperwork
- *Medical Issues in Adoption
- *Adopting Over 40 & 50
- *Birth Parent Perspective
- *Transracial Adoptions
- *Parenting "Special Needs" Children
- *Discussing Adoption With Your Child
- *Adoptive Parent Networking
- *Fears and Fantasies of Adoption
- *Adult Adoptee Perspectives
- *Child Development
- *Adopting The Waiting Child
- *Adoption and the Internet



Don't Forget to Visit the Bookstore & Exhibit Hall
located on the 4th floor in the Genovesi Center Gym.

Keynote Speaker:
Holly van Gulden,
Adoption Counselor



Since 1985, Holly van Gulden has been training adoptive and foster parents and professionals throughout the United States, England, Scotland and Canada. In

addition, for over fifteen years, Holly has co-directed Adoptive Family Counseling Center with Claude Riedel.

Holly has co-authored books including, "Learning the Dance of Attachment", "Real Parent, Real Children": Parenting the Adopted Child. Holly is herself an adoptive parent who grew up in a multi-racial, international family comprised of six children born to the family, four adopted children and several foster brothers and sisters. This blend of professional and personal experience has given her extra insight into what it's like to grow up adopted and to parent through adoption.

CONFERENCE EARLY REGISTRATION

Register early and Save !!
NOTE: Registration the Day of Conference is an ADDITIONAL \$15. per person.



(please print)
 NAME:1 _____
 NAME:2 _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____
 STATE _____ ZIP+4 _____
 PHONE HOME:(____)- _____- _____
 EMAIL: _____

PLEASE CHECK CHAPTER AFFILIATION

- New York City
- New Jersey
- Long Island
- Hudson Region & Connecticut

CONFERENCE FEES

Fill in A or B

(A) FOR CURRENT APC MEMBERS

(2009-2010 Dues already paid to chapter)

of People attending _____ x \$25 = \$ _____
 Membership renewal \$35 = \$ _____
 (if 2009-2010 Dues not already paid to chapter)

OR

(B) FEE FOR NON MEMBERS

(Includes 1 year Membership)

One Person (\$90) \$ _____

Two People (\$115) \$ _____

Prepaid Lunch # of __ People @\$8pp \$ _____

CONTRIBUTION TO APC \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

(Make check payable to Adoptive Parents Committee, Inc.)

Advance Registration must be received by
November 9, 2009

MAIL TO:

Edna Fitzgerald
APC 2009 Conference
194-12 48th Avenue

Fresh Meadows, NY 11365



APC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Name:1 _____

Occupation: _____

Name:2 _____

Occupation: _____

Pre-Adoption or Post Adoption? _____

If Post-Adoption: _____

of children-Ages?

Although APC, Inc., through its members, seeks to gather information, including adoption source data and gratuitously assists its members, neither APC, Inc., its officers, or members, accept responsibility for those who follow any particular channel or source in the course of adoption.

I have read and understand the above statement. *(all members must sign.)*

Signature

1: _____

Signature

2: _____

Note: All membership data is kept confidential and for the exclusive use of APC in order to better serve membership needs with regard to activities and discussion groups.

**WELCOME TO THE
ADOPTIVE PARENTS COMMITTEE, INC.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT.**

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THE ADOPTIVE PARENTS COMMITTEE, INC.

The Adoptive Parents Committee, Inc. (APC) is a volunteer organization dedicated to improving all areas of adoption and foster care. Our goal, and motto is to **"LET EVERY CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION BECOME AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION."** APC is dedicated to the belief that every child deserves a secure and loving family.

Now in its 54th year, the organization consisting of four chapters - New York City, Long Island, Hudson/Connecticut, and New Jersey, - is concerned with educating the public, the media, elected officials and its membership about all concerns and issues affecting the adoption and foster care community.

APC publishes ADOPTALK, an informative monthly newsletter comprised of topical adoption information. We maintain an active Resource Committee which provides the most accurate up-to-date information to our membership on adoption related topics. The Legislative Committee and Legal Advisory Board keep members abreast of the latest legislation regarding foster care and adoption. The Adoption Awareness and Education Committee reaches out to inform the community at large about adoption-related topics.

Members are welcome to attend chapter meetings which feature guest speakers, panels, discussions and various Pre-Adoption and Post Adoption workshops. APC also provides parent training as required by the Hague International Treaty on Adoption.

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Brooklyn, NY

For further information call,

212-304-8479

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The 2009 APC Adoption Conference

Of Special Interest To:

- *Prospective Adoptive Parents
- *Adoptive and Foster Parents
- *Mental Health Professionals
- *Educators
- *Agency Workers
- *Social Workers
- *Medical Professionals
- *Legal Professionals
- *Community and Civic Leaders
- *Child Advocates

Please note: While APC is committed to children, some of the topics discussed at our conference may be sensitive to younger children. Therefore, we do not allow children to attend any workshops.



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