

Autism Action

JULY/AUGUST 2002

Upcoming Chapter Events

CONFERENCE

October 14 & 15, 2002

Barbara Bloomfield, M.A. CCC-SLP

Topic: From ICON to I CAN

Two day conference on implementing a visually structured teaching approach. For more information contact Bobbie or Mary Lou at 858-490-8519 or 858-490-8520

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE

November 7, 8 & 9, 2002

Topic: "Building for the Future"

Ontario Airport Marriott
2200 E. Holt Blvd.
Ontario, CA
909-875-5000

POOL PARTY

August 18, 2002

Early evening

Location: Tierrasanta Pool

It's time for our annual barbecue party. Come have fun and socialize in a safe and secure environment. Food and drinks will be provided.

CHILDHOOD COMMUNICATION SEMINAR

September 26-27, 2002

Presenter: Barry M. Prizant, Ph.D

An approach that addresses core challenges in the education and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders using the SCERTS Model for enhancing communicative and socioemotional competence from early intervention to early school years. San Diego, CA
For more info visit: www.scerts.com

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The San Diego Autism Society is a member of the Combined Health Agencies and the Combined Federal Campaign

President's Message

If you review the Board of Directors in this newsletter, you will note some new names: Jennifer Ruiz, Shelly VanBrabant, Jennifer Oke, Sandi Hayslip, Carrie Alexander, Marilyn Rosenberg and Bill Cary. Please join me in welcoming them and the returning board members: Susanne Johnson, Victoria Ikerd, Cathy Schieffer, Kay Freeman, Shirley Fett, Marty Bosselman, Bobbie Kohrt and JP Lapeyre. An please join me in thanking the retiring board members: Bob Edwards, Andrea Chertkow, Tara Bellezza, Vennie Bosselman, Paul Dores, Kristin Farmer and Nancy Wiseman. It has been a real pleasure to be a part of the dramatic growth and success of this chapter and to have the opportunity to associate with such outstanding and dedicated members of the autism community.

Turning to the past twelve months in review, there were numerous events and accomplishments of which the San Diego Chapter can be proud. These events include the 2001 National ASA Conference, the second Casino Night fundraiser, Dr. Laura Schreiberman was named the Chapter's Health Hero, the Chapter helped fund an Autism Resource Library, Shirley Fett was selected the Chapter's Volunteer of the Year, the Strategic Plan was completed and the Chapter participated in Autism Law Enforcement Training. Also during the year, we enjoyed various special events as: the Annual Summer Barbecue, December Holiday Party, Annual Teacher Appreciation Night and our Monthly Pool Parties.

Looking ahead, the Chapter will host a golf tournament fundraiser in late summer and host an autism workshop in October featuring Barbara Bloomfield. Of course the big event this summer will be the first Camp I CAN summer camp for autistic children hosted by the Chapter and the Mission Valley YMCA. Eighty children will experience a summer camp program designed specifically to meet their social and developmental needs.

Each of us in the autism community has the opportunity and the responsibility to shape history for our family, our community and our nation. Our children, our family, our students, our clients and our neighbors all depend on us. They depend on us to be engaged in their education, to promote research, to advocate for their legal rights and to care about their quality of life. But most importantly, they depend on us to love them. Thank you for supporting the San Diego Autism Society ... and thank you for loving our children.

Greg Fletcher, President SDASA

For Your Information

Promising Futures Inc. announces the opening of the “**Center for Independent Achievement**” in the El Cajon area. This day treatment program encompasses a behavioral component as well as a center-based vocation program. All programs stress ACTIVE TREATMENT strategies and include staff ratios sufficient to meet the needs of individuals accepted. This community-based program is designed to teach meaningful communication skills and provide a rich social, emotional experience. Parents interested should call soon as they have limited the program to 30 individuals and it will fill up fast. Please call the Director Michelle Kerska @ 619-440-3300 or Martha Morrissey @ 619-390-4277.

AMIGO SDASA Bears in yellow, blue or red will be available starting August 1, 2002. They are beanie bear look-a-likes. Cost \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Contact Shirley Fett for more information 858-274-1787.

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Get your **Albertson’s Community Partners Cards !!!** Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a card to be used at any Albertson’s store. When you check out, have the cashier scan the card. A portion of each purchase made will be sent back to the San Diego Autism Society. This is an easy and great way to help with on-going funding for chapter activities. If you already have a card, please pass it on to a family member or friend. More cards are available by contacting the chapter.

2-Day PECS Training Workshop developed by Andrew S. Bondy, PhD., & Sarah Buswell, MS, CCC/SLP will be held October 29-30, 2002 in San Diego, CA. This workshop is intended for parents, professionals, and supportive staffs who deal with autism, and want to learn to implement the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) For more information contact Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc: 888-732-7462 or email edimaio@pecs.com or visit www.pecs.com

The **Autism Society of America** will host its annual conference from July 17-21, 2002. The conference theme will be **Champions and Challenges** and will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. For registration information email: conference@autism-society.org

Grossmont College offers an Occupational Therapy Assistant and Speech Language Pathology Assistant program. Upcoming classes include:

Fundamentals of Occupational Therapy (OTA 100)
5:00 PM—6:50 PM, Tuesdays
Val Plummer, OTR

Introduction to Speech Pathology and Audiology (SLPA 100)
6:00 PM—9:50 PM, Tuesday
Donna Swanson-Perrelet, SLP

Both programs have their initial classes starting August 26, and provide substantial training related to autism.

Contact Lois Knowlton, Ed.D., Dean of Business & Professional Studies Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020.

To view CURRENT ENROLLMENTS visit www.grossmont.net. For your convenience some FORMS now available at : www.grossmont.net/instructionaldeansoffice/Form.htm.

Endorsement Policy

The Autism Society of America does not endorse individual programs. References appearing in the Autism Action regarding programs, resources, treatment, etc. should not be interpreted as an indication of endorsement by the Autism Society of America. They are provided for information only.

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Resource Information

Support Groups

Autism Society of America, North County Chapter Meets 4th Monday of each month, 7:00 pm at the Well Being Center, 270 El Camino Real, Encinitas. Merryn Affleck 760-479-1420 www.zweb.com/northsdasa

Autism of Imperial County George McFadden 760-353-3191

Autism Parent Support Group "Coffee Klatch" Meets 10:00 am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, Tierrasanta. Val Saraf 858-571-0842

East County Children's Disability Council Focuses on children with physical, developmental and emotional disabilities, ages 0-22 years and the community they live in. Janet Light 619-465-2288

EFRC & HOPE Infant Family Support Group. Meets Thursdays 9:30 am (English); Fridays 9:30 am (Spanish) 276 Church Avenue, Suite B Chula Vista Mary Sebastyn 858-569-5370

Families & Autistic Children Together Succeed (FACTS) Cheryl Cisneros 909-302-5532 Fax 909-693-5695, P.O. Box 89-0685 Temecula, CA 92589-0685

Fragile X Resource Center of San Diego Meets 2nd Tuesday every other month at Children's Hospital. Cindy de Gruchy 619-697-6486 cdegruchy@aol.com

Parent Advocates Seeking Solutions (PASS) Parents of children 15 & older with disabilities. Meets 3rd Thursday, for 8 months of the year, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 16275 Pomerado Rd, Poway. Beverly Andrews 858-748-2594

Parent Support Group for the Resources for Students with Autism Program of San Diego Unified Schools. Bobbie Kohrt or Mary Lou Evans 858-490-8520

Supporting Parents of Autistic Young Adults (SPAYA) Meets every 4th Wednesday, 5-7 pm San Diego Regional Center, Room 101, 4355 Ruffin Road. Sophia 858-560-7376 SPAYA@prodigy.net

Sociedad Hispana de Autismo y PDD Meets 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30-8:30 pm Stein Center, 647 E Street, Chula Vista. Bricia Moreno 619-563-8695 or Soledad Acevedo 011-5266-30-14-11

Understanding Autism Together Meets 3rd Monday of each month 6:30 pm, Pediatric Conference Room Building 2-1 of the Naval Medical Center. Dr. Leavell 619-532-7291 or ASYMCA 619-532-8156

Information & Resources

Autism Society of America, National Organization 7910 Woodmont Ave. Suite 300 Bethesda, MD 20814 1-800-328-8476 www.autism-society.org

Autism Society of California P.O. Box 1295 Escondido, CA 92033 1-800-700-0037 ASAASC@aol.com

Autism Research Institute Research center, publishes quarterly journal, information packet on autism. Bernard Rimland, Director 4182 Adams Ave. San Diego, CA 92116 619-281-7165 www.autism.com/ari

Children's Hospital Laboratory for Research on the Neuroscience of Autism Volunteers needed for research studies. (858) 551-7937

Exceptional Family Resource Center Provides information & education for families of children with various disabilities. 9245 Sky Park Ct. Suite 130 San Diego 800-281-8252 Also: 1001 Fern St. Imperial Beach 619-423-8127

Kids Included Together (KIT) Assists children with disabilities to be included in community recreation and social programs. 858-794-8154

Protection and Advocacy, Inc (PAI) Non-profit agency for protection of individuals with disabilities. 800-776-5746 www.pai-ca.org

Services

Auditory Integration Training Terrie Silverman, MS Conducts sessions several times a year in San Diego 858-278-9534

Center for Autism Research, Evaluation & Service - Assessment and Behavior Clinic CARES:ABC—Comprehensive Behavior & Educational evaluation, ages 2-10, 6160 Cornerstone Ct. East #262, San Diego, CA 92121 (858) 623-2777 x397

Center for Autism Research, Evaluation & Service (CARES) - Intensive Behavior Intervention, 6160 Cornerstone Ct. East #265, San Diego, CA 92121 (858) 623-2777 x397

Children's Hospital and Health Center—Autism Intervention Center Provides parent training, professional workshops and inclusion services. Aubyn Stahmer, PhD 858-966-7453

I Can Too Learning Center Offers behavioral intervention for children with autism between 2-6 years. Kevin Dotts 760-815-4800 www.icantoole.com

Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center Inclusion Program Offers recreation and social programs for children with special needs 858-457-3030 ext 222

Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes Learning Center 445 Marine View Drive, Suite 290, Del Mar CA 92014 858-259-3206

Pacific Therapy Angela Desideri, Director/ Speech-Language Pathologist, 2801 Camino Del Mar #1 Del Mar, CA 92014 858-442-3071

San Diego Park & Recreation Disabled Services Program Organized activities for various age groups. Siblings & friends welcome. 619-525-8247 Fax 619-533-3930

San Diego Regional Center Information, referral, evaluation and advocacy services for the developmentally disabled. 4355 Ruffin Rd. Suite 204 San Diego, CA 92123 858-576-2996

Socialization Training and Reinforcement (STAR) Program. After-school social skills program. Dr. Linda Collins 858-292-6788

Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK) Workshops and advocacy training for parents 858-874-2386

UCSD Autism Research Laboratory Pivotal Response Training 858-534-6144

Educational Resources

Community Advisory Committee

San Diego 858-578-3148

Poway 858-748-0010, 858-679-2534

California Department of Education, Special Education Division 916-445-4613. Parent Information Line 800-434-2465 www.cde.ca.gov/spbranch

Hope Infant Family Support Program 858-292-3700 Fax 858-569-5394

San Diego City Schools Special Education Programs Division www.sdcs.k12.ca.us/special

Special Education Local Planning Areas (SELPA):

East County 619-590-3920

North Coastal 760-471-8208

North Inland 760-788-4611

Poway 858-748-0010

San Diego 619-225-3606

South County 619-498-8171

Special Education Parent Facilitators

Poway 858-748-0010

San Diego 858-573-5954

South County 619-498-8171

*See something that needs updating?
Please let us know!*



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Membership Application

San Diego County Chapter / Autism Society of California / Autism Society of America

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Dues (includes National, State & Local Dues)

- Full-time Student (\$25) Family Membership (\$45)
- Individual (\$35) Newsletter Only (\$10)

Make checks payable to: Autism Society of America
DUES AND DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Please Check if:

- New Member Renewing Member

What is your relationship to the person with Autism?
(check all that apply)

- Parent
- Care Provider
- Friend
- Grandparent
- Relative
- School Administrator
- Teacher
- Physician
- Aide
- Psychologist
- Other

Applications can be mailed to:

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May we use your name and address as a referral for other parents?

- Yes No

I am interested in serving on the SDASA Board of Directors

- Yes No

I am interested in volunteer opportunities within the SDASA

- Yes No

I am interested in helping on the following committees

- Program Public Relations
- Fundraising Newsletter/Website