

# Autism Action

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2002

## Upcoming Chapter Events

### POOL PARTIES ARE BACK

starting in September, on the second Friday of each month from 6-8:00 p.m., at the Girls and Boys club on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Pizza and drinks provided. Come Join the fun!!! Please RSVP each month by calling or e-mailing us by the Wednesday before the event.

### SDASA SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

at TMI building 4740 Murphy Canyon Rd.

**September 05, 2002 – 6 p.m.**

### OPEN FORUM

Jennifer Oke, Ph. D., Moderator

**October 03, 2002 – 6 p.m.**

### HOW TO BE A PARENT ADVOCATE

By Merryn Affleck, President, North County Chapter of the Autism Society

### CONGRATULATIONS

to the newlyweds:

Victoria & Justin and Susanne & Scott

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

80 of our children had the time of their lives in the first ever "Camp I CAN". Thanks to all the volunteers and contributors who made it a huge success. Special thanks to:

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** – Marty & Vennie Bosselman, Shelly Van Brabant, Stephanie Yoo, and Jennifer Naylor

**PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS** – Layla Feldhaus, Angela Desidieri, and Lynn Wallace-Brown

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Foundation, The Samuel & Katherine French Fund, Casino Night 2002, Karen Macauley-Exec. Board Member of Mission Valley YMCA, North County Chapter-ASA, and Foundation for Developmental Disabilities

Every dollar donated helped us reach over \$62,000!!! This was a great team effort and a job well done.

-Shirley Fett, Chairman, Camp I CAN

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The Autism Society of America, San Diego Chapter, is a member of the Combined Health Agencies and the Combined Federal Campaign #5580

## President's Message

There's lots of news to report for the national, state and local autism communities. One of the biggest events nationally was the **2002 Autism Society of America National Conference** held July 17-21, in Indianapolis. Some 1,500 parents, educators, caregivers, chapter leaders and professionals participated in "Champions and Challenges" this year's theme.

The big event locally was the first **Camp I Can** summer camp hosted by the San Diego County Chapter and the Mission Valley YMCA. During four weeks, eighty campers experienced a program specifically designed to meet the social and other needs of autistic children. The program was a huge success and we extend our gratitude to all the individuals and organizations that made the summer camp possible. A video recording of the summer camp was commissioned, which we look forward to sharing with the community.

Another major local event was the Chapter's **Annual Summer Barbecue and Pool Party** held August 18th at the Tierrasanta Recreational Center. Over 100 people turned out to enjoy swimming, socializing, and the barbecue fare. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped to make the annual event so much fun!

Many of our children participated in a specially designed four-day **Surf Camp** with one-on-one instruction and supervision. Thanks to the Aqua Pros Swim School, the surf campers enjoyed surfing, beach sports, arts & crafts and just basic beach fun.

Another event you may wish to mark on your 2003 calendar is tentative plans by the Autism Society of California to host an autism conference and rally in April 2003. The vision is to sponsor a regional Autism Awareness Month event similar to the ones held in Washington, D.C. in prior years. Watch this newsletter for future updates and check the Autism Society of America website at [www.geocities.com/poetchem/ASC-HomePage](http://www.geocities.com/poetchem/ASC-HomePage).

Be sure to check out the San Diego County Chapter's new and improved website at [www.sd-autism.org](http://www.sd-autism.org). It's a very informative and extremely user friendly...even I can navigate it!

Be sure to stay tuned to this newsletter and website for more info. Have a great Autumn!

## For Your Information

**AMIGO SDASA Bears**  
in yellow, blue or red now available.  
Cost \$10 each or 3 for \$25.  
For more information  
contact Shirley at  
858-274-1787.

**2-Day PECS Training Workshop**  
October 29-30, 2002  
San Diego, CA  
Andrew S. Bondy, Ph.D., &  
Sarah Buswell,  
For more information contact Pyramid  
Educational Consultants, Inc.  
at 888-732-7462  
or email edimaio@pecs.com  
or visit www.pecs.com

**LEARNING DISABILITIES  
ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA**  
2002 STATE CONFERENCE  
Building for the Future  
November 7-9, 2002  
Ontario, CA

**FALL DAN! CONFERENCE**  
October 25-27, 2002  
San Diego, CA  
For more information contact the Autism  
Research Institute

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**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

**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

**GROSSMONT COLLEGE FALL  
SEMESTER**  
Occupational Therapy Assistant and  
Speech Language Pathology Assistant  
programs. Registration for the fall starts  
Aug 26. For information Contact Lois  
Knowlton, Ed.D., Dean of Business &  
Professional Studies at Grossmont  
College, 8800 Grossmont College  
Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020  
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visit <http://www.grossmont.net>

**ONE WAY YOU CAN HELP**  
our chapter raise money is just by  
shopping through the E-Scrip program.  
Visit our web site and sign up using our  
ID # 785161 for more info contact  
Shelly at (619) 334-0739

**MEETING OF THE MINDS**  
Behavioral Health Conference and  
Resource Fair  
Thursday, 17 October, 8 am – 4:30 pm  
Town & Country Convention Center

**CHILDREN'S AUTISM  
INTERVENTION CENTER**  
is pleased to offer a parent lecture series  
geared toward parents of young children  
with ASD. This six-part lecture series will  
be at Children's Hospital on Weds  
evenings from 6:30-8:30 starting Sept. 25  
Cost is \$150.00 for the series. For more  
info contact Melissa at (858)966-7453

**KIDS BEING KIDS:**  
Recreation opportunities for Imperial  
County children with special needs.  
A new project of Easter Seals, supported  
by San Diego Regional Center. Contact  
Tara Gehler at  
(760) 482-2777

**PDD / AUTISM AND RELATED  
DISORDERS EDUCATION SUPPORT  
GROUP**  
Panel of Speech and Language  
Pathologists introduce different methods  
used to treat children with severe speech  
and language impairments.  
October 16, 2002.  
Santa Clara, CA.  
For information call  
(408) 727-5775

**WESTFIELD WORKS WONDERS**  
Sunday, 10 November, 6-9 p.m.  
This annual event features an exclusive  
evening of shopping and holiday  
festivities. SDASA keeps all proceeds  
from their ticket sales. Tickets are \$5 and  
available at all chapter functions or  
contact the chapter office at  
(619)298-1981.

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The Autism Society of America does not  
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## Resource Information

### Support Groups

**Autism Society of America, San Diego Chapter** Meets 1st Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at the TMI Building 4740 Murphy Canyon Rd.

**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

**Escondido Autism Coffee Groups** Meet the 1st Wednesday 10am til noon, at Safari Coffee Roasters, 1012 W., El Norte PKWY, in Escondido. Val Saraf 858-571-0842

**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 Andreos 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 8600 Long Beach, CA 90808 1-800-700-0037 DWilson80@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. La Jolla, CA (858) 454-7239

**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 (CARES)** Academic and Behavior Clinic, 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. Cynthia Carter Ph.D 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.icantoolc.com

**Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center Inclusion Program** Offers recreation an 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!*

