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The Newsletter of the
San Diego County Chapter
Autism Society of America
Serving the needs of individuals with autism and their families
through advocacy, education, public awareness and research.

SUPPORT GROUP SPEAKERS

Thursday, May 1st, 2003

Teacher Appreciation Night

Invite & recognize your child's teachers at this popular annual event.
Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to 619-298-1981

Thursday, June 5, 2003

SDASA Annual Meeting & Elections

Come hear about the past year's accomplishments & plans for the future.
Elect the 2003-2004 Board of Directors.

Meetings are held at the TMI Building, 4740 Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego. From I-15, take the Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Exit and go west. The first traffic light is Murphy Canyon Road. Go South (left) on Murphy Canyon .4 mile. The TMI building is on the west (right) side of the street. Meeting held on the 2nd floor.

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SUPPORT GROUP MEETING FORMAT

6:30-6:45 P.M. Informal/Social/ Networking Time
6:45-7:00 P.M. President's Message
7:00-8:00 P.M. Guest Speaker
8:00-8:30 P.M. Questions/ Answers

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Gregory Fletcher

These are indeed exhilarating times for autism. There are so many exciting things to report on at the national, state and local levels. The national Autism Society of America is currently in the process of reorganizing its entire structure. These changes are designed to create a structure similar to our peer non-profit organizations; by expanding diversity on the board and streamlining operations. Concurrent measures to recognize and strengthen the contribution of the over 200 Chapters comprising the ASA were the recent creation of the Chapter Advisory Panel and the Chapter Services Committee.

The Autism Society of California (ASC) has been extremely active in the cause of unifying the voices of autism. On April 6, the ASC hosted the inaugural meeting of the California Autism Coalition (CAC) in Sacramento. The CAC is comprised of the local chapter members of the ASC plus ten California based autism organizations. During the meeting, the Coalition developed a Consensus Statement regarding proposed changes to parent's rights and the delivery of services by the state's Regional Centers. The Consensus Statement, outlining the Coalition's concerns, was delivered to Governor Gray Davis the next day.

The San Diego County Chapter has been very busy as well with various activities; but the most significant event was the Third Annual Casino Night Fundraiser held on April 5. The theme was "Back in School" and over 200 guests enjoyed an evening of dinner, silent auction, karaoke and casino games at Cuicacalli Hall of San Diego State University. The evening was a great success and resulted in over \$20,000 raised for Camp ICAN and other Chapter sponsored recreational activities. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this wonderful event.

This President's Message is a somewhat bittersweet one for me; because this missive will be my final one as your president. It has been an immense pleasure to serve as the San Diego County Chapter President for the past three years; and I am grateful to have served during such an exciting and dynamic time. There have been so many highlights during my tenure including: the Resource Fair, Camp ICAN, the Casino Night Fundraisers, the ASA National Conference and countless others.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the San Diego Autism Community; to every parent, relative, care giver, educator, tutor, therapist, professional and concerned person. But in particular, I wish to thank the finest collection of selfless, dedicated and hard-working individuals in the world: the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Chapter of the Autism Society of America.

The opportunity to serve as the president of the best chapter in the Autism Society of America has been a blessing and an honor I will always cherish.

Thank you.

Board of Directors

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Mission Statement

The mission of the **Autism Society of America** is to promote lifelong access and opportunities for persons within the autism spectrum and their families, to be fully included, participating members of their community through advocacy, public awareness, education and research related to autism.

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.

Child Care

Please note that childcare is not provided during the support group meetings.

Autism Advice Column

Please submit any question(s) for use in upcoming issues of "Ask the Expert" an autism advice column. Questions can be sent to us via email (to info@sd-autism.org) or mail (P.O. Box 420908, San Diego, CA 92124). Thanks!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SDASA POOL & PIZZA PARTIES

Mark your calendars to attend our fun and popular monthly pool parties. They're held the 2nd Friday evening of each month at the Boys & Girls Club in Clairemont. 4635 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. 6:00-8:00



pm. Free pizza & drinks! The whole family can swim in an indoor, heated pool. Lifeguards provided. **Please RSVP at least three days in advance to insure sufficient**

food and beverages for all 619-298-1981 or info@sd-autism.org.

Upcoming dates:

- ♦ May 9 ♦ June 13 ♦ July 11

EASY WAY TO SUPPORT THE SDASA

Sign up for the **E-Scrip Program** and help our chapter raise money is just by shopping at stores you regularly shop! Visit the E-Scrip web site to sign up—www.escrip.com. Our ID is **785161**. E-Scrip allows you to donate to up to 3 non-profits of your choosing. E-Scrip also makes it easy to **donate ANY vehicle to the SDASA!** You may be eligible for a tax deduction! Visit www.escrip.com and click on vehicle donation program. Choose "Donate Now" and then fill in the form provided. For more info contact Sandi at 619-216-9891.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Congratulations go to Bob Edwards & Cathy Schieffer, our 2002 Volunteers of the Year. They were selected due to their going above and beyond in their volunteer efforts for the Chapter; including serving as Treasurer, Membership Director and Co-Chairs of the Casino Night Fundraiser. The annual Volunteer of the Year Award will be presented at the Combined Health Agencies Annual Meeting to be held June 25th. The Combined Health Agencies is a federation of 26 local health agencies which participates in the United Way/CHAD Campaign.

SELF-INJURIOUS

CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

If you are the parent of an autistic child who is significantly self-injurious, and are interested in participating in the production of an informative videotape on methods of controlling compulsive self-injurious behavior please contact Joe Guidi at 619 299 9799 or stealthproductions@cox.net or Kim Oakley at 760 749 4083 or queenofresearch@nethere.net. Bernard Rimland, Ph.D., Autism Research Institute, 4182 Adams Ave., San Diego, CA 92116, Fax 619 563 6840

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION

On June 5th the Chapter will hold its Annual Meeting for the year ending June 2003. The event promises to be an enjoyable evening of socializing and delicious hors d'oeuvres. Definitely an evening you will not want to miss!

Also planned for the Annual Meeting will be the election of Chapter officers and directors. All members in good standing of the Chapter are eligible to vote. If you wish to nominate yourself or another member of the Chapter, please contact the Nominating Committee. This year the Nominating Committee is Susanne Tasin (858-278-6603 s.tasin@centerforautism.com), Sandi Hayslip (619-216-9891 Shamus13@msn.com) and Lori Kay (619-287-7086 aklk@cox.net). We are seeking an individual to join the board to fill the position of Treasurer. We need someone who has experience in accounting and/or bookkeeping. Please contact the chapter with your information. Thank you.



AUTISM AWARENESS BRACELETS

Just in time for Mother's Day from Unlocking Autism. Designed by Heartifacts these bracelets have a sterling silver puzzle piece, cause ribbon, and UA heart key together with silver accents and an array of beautiful glass beads in the color of the autism ribbon. Available at unlockingautism.org for \$30.00

SURF CAMP

Aqua Pros Swim & Surf School will be holding a 4-day Surf Camp for Children with Autism at La Jolla Shores Beach August 25-28, 2003. Registration is limited to San Diego County Chapter ASA mem-



ber families only. Registration fee is \$100. Aqua Pros will provide wetsuits, boards and sunscreen. Surfers should come with a sack

lunch, beach towel, hat, sweatshirt and beach gear. All children will be provided with a one-on-one aide for the entire 4-day camp. Contact Aqua Pros for more information—619-209-2990.

CAMP I-CAN

Summer 2003 Dates

Teen Week	July 21 – July 25
Ages 6-12	July 28 – August 1
Ages 6-12	August 4 – August 8
Ages 6-12	August 11 – August 15
Ages 6-12	August 18 – August 22

PATHWAYS RANCH

Pathways Ranch in Oceanside offers animal assisted therapy using miniature horses that stand just 32 inches high and are specially chosen for their amiable personalities. This is not a horse riding program, but a mental health oriented equine education, using an interactive, hands-on therapeutic approach. For more information call 760-630-6163

RECREATIONAL PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS

The East County Children's Disability Council gives scholarships to children with disabilities for camps and recreation programs year round. These scholarships are available to East County residents only. For an application contact Janet Light at the East County Disability Council at 619-465-2288.

RESOURCE INFORMATION

SUPPORT GROUPS

Autism Society of America, San Diego County Chapter. ☎ (619) 298-1981

info@sd-autism.org 📧 www.sd-autism.org
Meets 1st Thursday of the month, 6:30—8:30 PM at the TMI Building, 4740 Murphy Canyon, 2nd Floor Conference Center, San Diego.

Autism Society of America, North County Chapter. *North County Coastal Group* meets 4th Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Well Being Center, 270 El Camino Real, Encinitas. Merryn Affleck (760) 479-1420. *Inland Group* meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at Penasquitos Lutheran Church in Poway from 7 to 9 pm. Contact Kimberly Thompson at 858-748-3230. *HF/Asperger Group* meets the 1st Monday of every month at the Levante Community Center on the La Costa Heights Elementary School 3035 Levante Street in South Carlsbad. Contact Sharon at 760-758-7321 or nccasa@cox.net or Vanessa Garcia at 760-945-2122. asanorthcountysandiego.homestead.com/home.html

Autism of Imperial County. George Mcfad- den 760-353-3191

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

Escondido Autism Coffee Groups Meets 10:00 a.m. 1st Wed. of the month, at Safari Coffee Roasters, 1012 W., El Norte PKWY in Escondido. Val Saraf 858-571-0842

EFRC & HOPE Infant Family Support Group. ☎ Mary Sebastyn (858) 569-5370 or Tessie Salcedo (619) 409-3127. Meets Thursdays 9:30 am (English); Fridays 9:30 am (Spanish), 276 Church Avenue, Suite B, Chula Vista.

Families & Autistic Children Together Succeed (FACTS). Cheryl Cisneros PO Box 89-0685, Temecula, CA 92589-0685 FACTS-families@aol.com 📧 www.factsfamilies.org

Fragile X Center of San Diego ☎ Cindy de Gruchy (619) 697-6468. Will meet May 13 & Oct 14, 2003, 7-9PM Children's Hospital. www.fragilexsandiego.org

Kaiser Support Group Meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Vandever Kaiser location 5:30 to 7:00. Must be a Kaiser member to attend. Krissy Hallauer 858 573-5216

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

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

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

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

Understanding Autism Together. ☎ ASYMCA (619) 532-8156. Meets 3rd Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m., Pediatric Conference Room, Building 2-1 of the Naval Medical Center.

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Autism Society of America, National Organization. 7910 Woodmont Ave., Ste 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 and Health Center - Autism Intervention Center Inclusion Assistance Program offers specialists assistance to children in inclusion settings. Gabriella Albaisa ☎ (858) 966-7453.

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. 📧 pai-ca.org.

SERVICES

ACES, Inc - Comprehensive Educational Services Behavior Intervention programs, Assessments, Tutoring, Parent training, Program consultation 3731 6th Avenue, Suite 100, San Diego 92103 (619) 278-0884 acesangels.com

ACES, Inc - Dolphin Assisted Therapy Program Structured, interactive behavioral program utilizing swim and contact between dolphins, trainer, ACES therapist and child at Sea World. 619-497-2450

AquaPros Swim School offers swim lessons for children with autism. Home pool programs or at Boys & Girls Club in Clairemont. 619-209-2990

Auditory Integration Training Terri 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, (858) 623-2777 x397

Children's Hospital and Health Center - Autism Intervention Center parent training, professional workshops and inclusion services. Cynthia Carter Ph.D 858-966-7453

Coast Music Therapy Provides music/assisted learning approach in special education, or adapted music lessons in home. Michelle Lazar 858-453-5211

Community Coaching Center Community Based Behavioral Life Skills Coaching Program for children on the moderate to severe Autism Spectrum. Tina Waters (800)303-8582 #00, ccckids@attbi.com

Coyne & Associates Offers In-Home Early Intervention programs; In-school services; psychological, educational and behavioral assessments. Dr. Paul Coyne PhD 760-634-1125 coyneandassociates.com.

DTC - Developmental Therapy Center Direct Occupational Therapy assessment and treatment, sensory integration, activity-based groups including yoga, art, and sensory motor for children of all ages. 3731 6th Avenue, Suite 103, San Diego 92103 Bridgette Anderson 619-295-4500

Excel - A Center for Speech, Language and Learning. Kara Dodds (619)692-1919 or excelspeech@hotmail.com

Giant Steps Therapy Center Berard Auditory Integration Training (AIT) & Interactive Metronome (IM) Training. Jackie Rockwell 800-952-0288 email giantsteps@earthlink.net

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 and social programs for children with special needs 858-457-3030 x222

**RESOURCE
INFORMATION**

CASINO NIGHT 2003

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

Kelly McKinnon, M.A. – Autism & Behavior Consultant specializing in social skills. www.kellymckinnon.com

Pacific Therapy, Inc. Angela Desideri, Speech-Language Pathologist, 14667 Via Azul San Diego CA 92127 (858) 442-3072

San Diego Park & Recreation Therapeutic Recreation 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.

Sandy Shaw, Ph.D. Psychotherapy, support and consulting to parents and families with children with developmental disabilities. (619) 645-8618

STAR Program, Inc. Socialization Training and Reinforcement. After-school social skills program for children with pervasive developmental disorders. Dr. Linda Collins, Exec Dir. & President 619-866-0980

Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK). Workshops & 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 or (858) 679-2534.

California Department of Education. Special Education Division. ☎ (916) 445-4613. Parent Information Line: (800) 434-2465. www.cde.ca.gov/spbranch/sed.

Hope Infant Family Support Program. ☎ (858) 292-3700. FAX (858) 569-5394.

San Diego City Schools Special Education Programs Division web page: www.sdes.k12.ca.us/specialed.

Special Education Local Planning Areas

East County ☎ (619) 590-3920

North Coastal ☎ (760) 471-8208

North Inland ☎ (760) 788-4611

Poway ☎ (858) 748-0010

San Diego ☎ (619) 225-3606

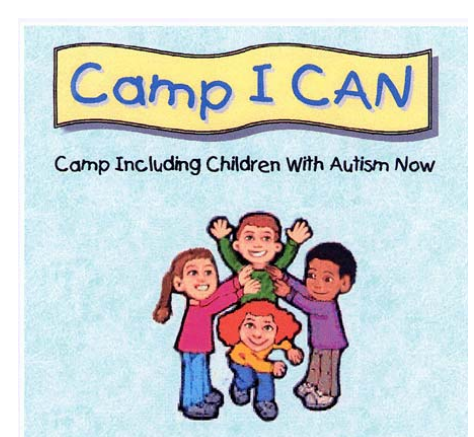
South County ☎ (619) 498-8171

Special Education Parent Facilitators:

Poway ☎ (858) 748-0010

San Diego ☎ (619) 225-3623

South County ☎ (619) 498-8171



Notice something that's missing? Please let us know! info@sd-autism.org

CASINO NIGHT 2003

On April 5th, Casino Night 2003 was held at Cuicacalli Hall, San Diego State University. Generous donations from local businesses and community members and attendance by over 200 guests helped the SDCC ASA double the 2002 net by raising over \$20,000. The evening, hosted by Dave Mason, from "Mason in the Morning" on San Diego's Oldies Station, KOOL 95.7, was a tremendous success with the fun meter pegged at the casino, silent auction and prize raffle drawings. Dr Jennifer Oke won over \$600 in the 50/50 card raffle, Tony Powell won the Olhausen 2 in 1 game table, Karleen Driggs won the his and hers Citizen Watches from Blumenthal's jewelers, and Lisa Keith won the Beauty Treasure Chest chock full of fabulous prizes. Thanks to the planning committee and volunteers. Your hard work and tireless effort are the building blocks for maintaining our popular and successful recreation programs, Pizza & Pool Party, Surf Camp, and of course Camp I CAN! Thanks for your loyal patronage!

Thanks go to the following local businesses and community members for their generous support of Casino Night 2003:

Outback Steakhouse
 Kayou Clinic
 Aqua Pros Swim and Surf Club
 Franklin Industries of San Diego
 R & D Machine Inc
 Home Depot
 Dr. Jennifer Oke
 Callaway Golf Company
 Kristie Powell, State Farm
 Jami Lyn of Createscapes
 Starbucks
 Bill Ley of Detroit Red Wings
 Bob Edwards & Cathy Schieffer
 Shirley and Bruce Fett
 Special Kids Company
 San Diego Spirits Soccer Team
 Fran Long of Discovery Toys
 Lorrie Moore
 Nancy C. Oke
 Thinker Things Toys-John Naisbitt

Desirae Spangler
 Marty & Vennie Bosselman
 Barona Casino
 Rancho Bernardo Inn
 San Diego Balboa Park Resort
 Casino Concepts
 North Coast Repertory Theatre
 Birch Aquarium at Scripps
 San Diego Maritime Museum
 La Jolla Playhouse
 San Diego Natural History Museum
 Hornblower Cruises and Events
 Mr & Mrs Haggan Henderson
 United Sport Fishers Of San Diego
 Old Town Trolley Tours
 Bread & Cie
 Julie and Mike Cork
 The Safeway Companies
 Henry's Market El Cajon
 Chevy's Mission Valley
 Rock Rental
 Gary Wigdahl Photography
 Treemaker Geneology
 John & Shelly VanBrabant
 Olhausen Billiard Mfg Inc
 Hollywood Video
 Reynolds Composites
 Mission Valley YMCA
 Sunshine Hair Design
 Alante Hair Design
 The Perfect Polish Hair Nails Mary Mahoney
 Prova-Kenneth Padilla
 Pamela A Ray -- Massage Therapist
 Sea View Chiropractic Center
 Better Body Salon-Michele Brewer
 Kimberly Naylor
 Valley Day SPA
 Shumway Institute Laser & Cosmetic Surgery
 Gordon Biersch Brewery & Restaurant
 Tony Roma's Restaurants
 Viejas Enterprises
 Qwig's Bar and Grill
 Ladeki Restaurant Group
 Nancy Gillcrest
 Schock Foundation
 Deanna Hansen at Zinos
 Sephora

Legoland California
 Chimney's R Us
 Black Angus Steakhouse
 Rosalie Perez
 Joseph Bellows Gallery
 Olga Holland
 Mayer/Johnson
 Aztec Shops
 Mary Kay Cosmetics—Andrea Chertkow
 Office Depot
 Laura Frontiero
 Movies 2 Sell
 Golden Bagel
 Applebees
 The Sporting Club
 Thee Bungalow & 3rd Corner Restaurant
 Karl Strauss Brewery
 Bed Bath & Beyond
 Christian Community Theatre
 Legoland California
 See's Candies
 Reuben H Fleet Science Center
 Triple Espresso Company
 Chicken of the Sea Inc
 Strider Knives Inc
 Design Synthesis
 Creative Metal Inc
 Quattro Composites
 Sweetpea Children's Shop
 Industrial Metal Supply
 Performance Bicycles
 Roundtable Pizza — Joseph Sassano
 Rock Bottom Brewery
 Anthony's Fish Grotto
 Dad's Café & Steakhouse
 Catamaran Restaurant
 Joseph Schieffer
 Paul & Leah Messenger
 Debra Daenzer
 Mayra Nieulandt
 Mr & Mrs C O VanBrabant
 Amalia Bruning
 Laverne Bosselman
 Robert & Shawn Poole
 John & Ellen Giagiari
 Martha Scott

UPCOMING EVENTS

Autism & Social Skills—presented by Roger Cox, Ph.D—Division TEACCH, Director of Training & Susan Boswell, M.Ed. University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. Monday, May 5, 2003, 8:30—3:30, in San Diego. Cost for this 1-day workshop is \$100. For more information contact Bobbie Kohrt at 858-490-8520

Fundamentals of TEACCH —presented by Roger Cox, Ph.D—Division TEACCH, Director of Training & Susan Boswell, M.Ed. University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. Three-day workshop intended for professionals. The workshop will be held May 6, 7 and 8th at the Neighborhood House Conference Center in San Diego. Tuition for this 3-day workshop is \$425. For more information contact Bobbie Kohrt at 858-490-8520

5th Annual Conference on Autism—San Diego presented by T.E.R.I., Inc. & Dr. Paul Does. “Autism Through the Lifespan: What We Know About What Works” Friday, May 9th, 2003. For more information contact T.E.R.I., Inc at (760) 721-1706 or tracyk@teriinc.org

Parent Support Group for the Resources for Students with Autism Program of San Diego Unified Schools. “A Celebration of Parents” Friday, May 23rd, 9:30—11:00am. Contact Bobbie Kohrt or Mary Lou Evans 858-490-8520 for more information.

Sensory Integration and Young Children Featuring Carol S. Kranowitz, MA and Lucy Jane Miller, Ph.D., OTR. In San Diego on May 9, 2003. For more information, call Sensory Resources at 1-888-357-5867

Parent Training featuring Olga Holland, author of *The Dragons of Autism*. May 10, 2003 10am-4pm at the San Diego Regional Center. \$20 registration fee includes a boxed lunch. Come learn real-world strategies from this mother on how to have a better quality of life for your family. Contact the SDASA office for more information 619-298-1981 or info@sd-autism.org

Making the Most of Music with Autism—May 10 from 9:00-1:00. Cost \$50. **Behavior and Autism**—June 7 from 9:00-1:00. Cost \$50. Both conferences put on by Pasadena Child Development Associates. For info contact Barb Bobier 626-7937350 ext.408.

Defeat Autism Now! (DAN!) Spring Symposium May 16-18, 2003 at the Downtown Marriott in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This is the 11th DAN! Conference and is sponsored by the Autism Research Institute. The conference will present science for clinicians and take home practicalities for parents. For more information visit www.DANconference.com.

East County Children’s Disability Council’s Annual Award Recognition Event “Celebrating Our Differences” will be held Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at the El Cajon Community Center. This event honors families and children with disabilities and recognizes members of the community dedicated to making a positive difference in their lives. Dinner is \$15 per person. Children with disabilities (up to age 18) are free and siblings 12 and under are free. Tickets are available from Lorelei Nielsen 619-593-8017 or Janet Light 619-465-2288. RSVP by May 15th.

IEP Rights & Strategies Workshops presented by TASK (Team of Advocates for Special Kids). May 8th 9:30-2:30, IEP Rights and Strategies in Spanish. May 21st 9:30-2:30, IEP Rights and Strategies. June 11th 10:00-1:00, Basic Rights. June 12th 8:30-1:00, IEP Rights and Strategies in Spanish. June 24th 9:30-2:30, IEP Rights and Strategies. June 26th 10:00-1:00, Basic Rights in Spanish. Workshops will be held in San Diego at a location TBA. Please contact San Diego TASK office for more information on these workshops (858) 874-2387.

Discovering New Pieces Conference Learn about the most recent findings on the biological, behavioral and educational therapies for Autism, PDD and Hyperactivity Disorders. June 21-22, 2003 Anaheim Convention Center, California. Organized by The Great Plains Laboratory, Inc. in conjunction with CAN, TACA, CARD, CASD. Speakers include: Soma and Tito Mukhopadhyay, Portia Iversen, Dr. William Shaw, Dr. Woody McGinnis, Dr. Karoly Horvath, Doreen Granpeesheh, Dr. John Kucera, Lisa Ackerman, Dr. Shawn Centers, Lori Knowles. For info and registrations call 1-888-347-2781 or use online registration form at www.greatplainslaboratory.com. Registration fees: Before May 1 Internet registration \$149.00, mail, fax or phone \$159.00. After May 1, 2003 Internet registrations \$189.00, mail, fax or phone \$199.00. Spanish session only (Saturday night) \$25.00.

2003 ASA National Conference on Autism: Bridges To The Future! July 16—20, 2003 at the Westin Convention Center Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Speakers to include Carol Gray, Jerry & Mary Newport, Pat Mirenda, Ph.D, Temple Grandin, Ph.D Registration information is available at www.autism-society.org.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHAPTER / AUTISM SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA / AUTISM SOCIETY OF AMERICA

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ - _____
 PHONE: _____ E-MAIL _____

YOU MAY USE MY NAME AND ADDRESS AS A REFERRAL FOR OTHER PARENTS YES NO
 YOU MAY GIVE MY NAME TO OTHER PARENTS IN MY AREA YES NO

WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE PERSON WITH AUTISM (CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY):

- PARENT GRAND PARENT TEACHER AIDE
- CARE PROVIDER RELATIVE PHYSICIAN PSYCHOLOGIST
- FRIEND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR OTHER

DUES (INCLUDES NATIONAL AND STATE DUES):

- FULL TIME STUDENT: \$25.00
- INDIVIDUAL: \$35.00
- FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$45.00
- NEWSLETTER ONLY - 1 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION: \$10.00

PLEASE CHECK IF:

- NEW MEMBER
- RENEWING MEMBER

APPLICATIONS CAN BE MAILED TO: Autism Society of America, P. O. Box 420908, San Diego, CA 92124

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AUTISM SOCIETY OF AMERICA • ***DUES AND DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE***

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