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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.

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## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:stealthproductions@cox.net) or Kim Oakley at 760 749 4083 or [queenofresearch@nethere.net](mailto: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](mailto:s.tasin@centerforautism.com)), Sandi Hayslip (619-216-9891 [Shamus13@msn.com](mailto:Shamus13@msn.com)) and Lori Kay (619-287-7086 [aklk@cox.net](mailto: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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Mcfadden 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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

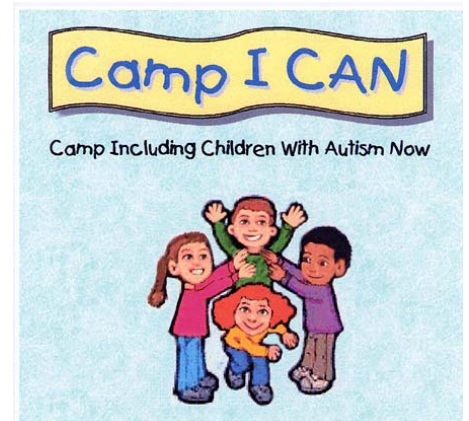
**South County** ☎ (619) 498-8171

**Special Education Parent Facilitators:**

**Poway** ☎ (858) 748-0010

**San Diego** ☎ (619) 225-3623

**South County** ☎ (619) 498-8171



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# 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  
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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.autism-society.org).

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FRIEND        | <input type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER     |                                       |

DUES (INCLUDES NATIONAL AND STATE DUES):

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

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