



Caregivers of Kern County

Foster a Child's Journey Home

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SKATE PARTY

March 2014 Edition



Dear Caregivers,

Saturday, March 22, 2014 at Rollerama West is our annual skate party. The event committee has put together skating, with pizza, drinks and cake. Please rsvp with Dahlia (661) 900-4376.

Our annual Easter celebration is set for April 12 at Centennial park. This is a BBQ potluck. CKC will provide the main dish and we are asking membership to bring eggs for hunting, your own drinks and a side to share. We will be moving to purchase two baskets to raffle off to the kiddies at our next meeting. I hope you, *membership*, can attend to cast your vote. Thank you RDS group for your donation. It is appreciated.

Recently, I attended the Bakersfield College Kinship Training meeting. We need to update our training requests for this upcoming year. Please let CKC know if there is a special training interest you have. We can request Mary Halberg to see if training is feasible.

Also, it is time to ask permission of our good neighbors the Kern County Department of Human Services if they can provide a meeting and training room for us again this year. The partnership bldg. has been working out well. It is a great blessing to have DHS as one of our partners.

SAD NEWS

Our Ombudsman Margarita Soza was unable to find a foster parent to represent for the QPI training in Reno. She had to cancel her request due to lack of interest. I did explain that as foster parents we lack the resources to care for our children when out of town. Most families take their kids with. Our children depend on us and sometimes we are the only ones that know their complete needs. I don't know about you; but it is scary for me to leave them!

President's msg. cont...

On a happy note California State Assemblyman, The Honorable Roger Dickinson is accepting letters of encouragement for an assembly bill that will increase funds for county foster/kinship homes. CKC mailed out their endorsement and I hope individual families will do the same. You can mail an endorsement to:

California State Assembly
Attn.: The Honorable Roger Dickinson
State Capitol, Room 2013
Sacramento, CA 95814

Thank you for your support!

Opal (661) 345-2626

The Goals of CKC

- Support all caregivers
- Safeguard children in our homes
- Network with Child Welfare Agencies
- Socialize events for families
- Education and information on current policies and regulations.
- Share ideas in a friendly atmosphere.

Dues

Please pay your membership dues this month. Dues are very reasonable \$40 per family per year. Please see Gayla Gibson, our treasurer, she will be glad to assist. They can be paid at the meetings or mailed to our mailing address P.O. Box 10051, Bakersfield, CA 93389

Meeting Spot – 1st Thursday of each Month 6pm

The Community Partnership Building
Department of Human Services
100 E. California Avenue, Bakersfield, CA



MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to assist all caregivers of foster/adopt/kinship children by offering our experience, support, training, understanding and love. Our goal is to work closely with agencies, each other, and community partners to meet the needs of caregivers and to assist in better outcomes for these children and families.

Bakersfield College Thursday Evening Trainings

Date: 1st Thursday of each month immediately following the CKC meeting. You must pre-register by 6:15 p.m. You will then receive 1.5 hours of training.

- 3/06/14 6:30-8pm Asthma and Allergies
4/03/14 6:30-8pm Parenting Traumatized Children/Loss and Grief
5/01/14 6:30pm-8pm Nutrition & Obesity – Cultural To be rescheduled due to foster parent appreciation dinner
6/05/14 6:30-8:30pm 1st Aide/CPR re-certification

These trainings are free and child care is offered. Please come and be a part of our team. Our dues are \$40 per year per family. Thank you for considering us as your support group.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 22** – Rollerama West Skate Party 4:30pm to 6:30 pm
April 12 – Easter Celebration, Centennial Park, 11am to 2pm, CKC providing BBQ item, bring a dish to share
May 3 – Yard Sale 6am, Dahlia's Place, Items wanted
June 7 – Swim Party, BBQ potluck, 5-9pm Dahlia's, bring a dish to share
August 30 to Sept. 2 – Pismo Beach Camp Trip, North Beach Campground next to Pismo Coast Village
Oct. 23 – Halloween Party TBA
Oct. 31 – Harvest Party TBA
Dec. – Christmas Party TBA

FUNDRAISING

This past month my daughter Cassie, Gayla Gibson and myself participated in Bunco for foster kids and the Valentine Heart sell. We were able to raise an additional \$130 dollars which brought us to \$593 for the camping trip planned for Labor Day Weekend at Pismo Beach. Thank you to our partners the Bakersfield #93 Fraternal Order of Eagles who allowed us to sell in their lobby and host a bunco. They have made a difference! I also want to thank our neighbors on Easy Street who always support our sales. They are awesome too!

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