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Russian Adoption Workshop in Waterloo

Sunday, October 24th, 2004, Caring Homes and Waterloo adoption practitioner, Marcy Lemon-Lawrence jointly hosted a Russian adoption workshop at the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex.

Around fifty people were in attendance. There were some adoptive families, some parents who are waiting for a court date, some couples in the middle of a homestudy, and some just considering adoption from Russia.

Marcy worked hard to put together this wonderful afternoon. Her dedication and concern for everyone was readily apparent. She educated, enlightened and inspired us.

Also attending the workshop was Dr. Simone, a Board Certified Paediatrician and Endocrinologist, the Chief of Paediatrics for the Trillium Health Center in Mississauga. Dr. Simone provides pre-adoptive and post-adoptive consultations at his clinic.

He gave a very informative and useful presentation about the medical issues relating to international adoption from Russia; what diagnoses parents can expect in their proposals from Russia and what some typical medical issues can be for children adopted from Russia.

For more information about Dr. Simone, parents can refer to his web site:

<http://www.cdnclinicadoptedchildren.homestead.com/CdnMedClinic.html>

Tanya Bekker, CHOC's coordinator on the Russian side of things, fielded questions about the regions, and comforted us with her descriptions of the attentive personal care received by children in the various orphanages and baby homes.

Three adoptive families were also on hand to relate their own unique experiences from the various regions, and to take questions from the audience:

*Joel and Karin G.
adopted Alexandra
from the Moscow
Region in the first
part of 2004.*



*Sue B. and Bruce C.
adopted Colin this
summer, also from
Moscow Region.*



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Mark and Melanie H. adopted Aleksandr this summer from Moscow City.

Milk and cookies were enjoyed by all!

A few more words about Bill C 246, the Adoption Expense Bill

This Bill had First Reading on October 20, 2004, in the House of Commons. It was re-introduced by Mr. Jay Hill who has been attempting for some time now to get this legislation passed.

There are new terms to the Bill. If passed, it will allow up to \$10,000 in expenses to be tax deductible. Expenses can include the adoption homestudy, counselling to the child's biological parents, travel and other costs.

For details of the bill, visit www.parl.gc.ca and look under Private Members' Bills.

Mr. Hill's office will be issuing occasional updates on the progress of this legislation.

If you have not already done so, please contact your Member of Parliament, as well as the Prime Minister and Finance Minister, to request their support for the Bill. The Prime Minister's e-mail address is: martip@parl.gc.ca.

The Finance Minister's e-mail address is: goodar@parl.gc.ca. To obtain the e-mail addresses for all other Liberal MPs, please consult the Parliamentary website at www.parl.gc.ca.

Jay Hill is the MP for Prince George- Peace River. His Ottawa office # is (613) 947-4524.



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Upcoming Events

Dec. 4, 2004, Burnaby BC -- "First Steps - Your Adoption Options." 9 am-1 pm. AFABC office. The essentials, before you start the process. \$35 members, \$40 non-members. To register: Adoptive Families Assn. of B.C., #200-7342 Winston St., Burnaby BC V5A 2H1, 604-320-7330, info@bcadoption.com, www.bcadoption.com

Dec. 4, 2004, Burnaby BC -- "Between Two Worlds - Intercountry Adoption". 9am-4pm. AFABC office. Medical issues, race, culture and heritage, institutionalization and attachment. Panel of adoptive parents. You should be referred by your agency and must have an understanding of intercountry adoption. The process, specific countries and laws will not be discussed. \$75.

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Dec. 6, Toronto -- "Adopting from Eastern Europe". Information evening about adoption in Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Albania, Armenia and Bulgaria. 8 p.m. FACE support group (Families Adopting Children from Eastern Europe). For location: Lisa Nerman, face.adopt@sympatico.ca, or Louise La Rocca 416-484-4588

Dec. 18, 2004, Nanaimo BC -- AFABC Christmas Party. 11 am - 1 pm. Nanaimo Aquatic Centre. \$10/family for children's entertainer. Adoptive Families Assn. of B.C. Register: Cathy Gilbert, 250-722-3872

Jan. 22, 2005, Toronto -- One-day International Adoption Seminar. Prepare for adoption; medical issues; attachment; talking about adoption with your child; mixed race adoptions. Includes videos, presentations, hand-outs, breakfast and lunch. \$315/couple; \$195/single+tax. Sofie Stergianis, International Adoption Centre, 416-483-0003, sofie@ica.net

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November Birthdays!



**Happy
Birthday**

to:

Maksim D. on your 12th birthday on November 2nd
Alexander E. on your 7th birthday on November 5th
Samara K. on your 5th birthday on November 5th
Jennifer S. on your 9th birthday on November 13th
David G. on your 4th birthday on November 16th
Katarina M. on your 12th birthday on November 20th

Sorry if we missed yours! 😊