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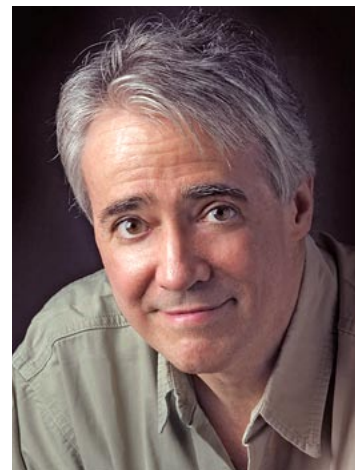
## Barker's 65th Anniversary Conference to Highlight Rich Diversity of Contemporary Adoption

For sixteen consecutive years, the Barker Foundation has organized and hosted an annual adoption conference that is an integral part

by adoption, Michael Oher, the 2009 first-round draft pick for the Baltimore Ravens. The story, made famous in the *New York Times* best-seller and blockbuster motion picture, *The Blind Side*, has shined a spotlight on foster care and the urgent need for permanent, loving homes for older youth.

Bringing the conference to an inspirational close will be Scott Simon, host of National Public Radio's *Weekend Edition Saturday*, which has an audience of over four million listeners. Simon and his French-born wife, filmmaker Caroline Richard, adopted their two daughters from China in 2004 and 2007, and he has frequently written and spoken about his complex blended family and the meaning of adoption in his own life. Speaking on "The Miracle of Adoption," Simon will also take questions from the audience and then sign books and greet conference participants.

Scott Simon. Photo by Will O'Leary



*Baby, We Were Meant for Each Other*, his adoption memoir, is scheduled for release in the summer of 2010.

Throughout the day, attendees will choose from eleven workshops led by authorities in the field, each session designed to strengthen adoptive families and stimulate adoption professionals. In a rare opportunity, one workshop brings together leading scholar and researcher Dr. Rita Simon of American University, and Rhonda Rooda, who was adopted by a white family and now consults across the country on adoption and racial reconciliation. Simon and Rooda will share their blue print for strengthening adoptive families long-term. Another presenter, Boston therapist Ellen Sarasohn Glazier, has focused her work on infertility, assisted reproduction, and adoption, and is the author of six books on adoption-related topics.

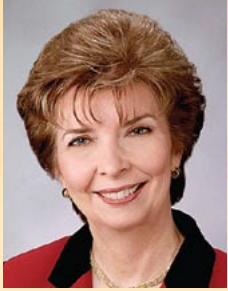
Other presenters include Susan B. Alvarado, Dr. Andrea Malkin Brenner, Beverly Clarke, Rachel Eidelman, Sandra Fulton, Sue Hollar, Tabitha Kelly, Abbe Levine, Varda Makovsky, and Dr. Marilyn Regier. As in past years, birth parents, adoptive parents, and adoptees participate as panelists, and our popular book sale tables are hosted by staff and board members. For more information, please call Kathleen Porter at our office, 301-664-9664, or download the program and registration on our website: [www.barkerfoundation.org](http://www.barkerfoundation.org). ■



Collins Tuohy with her brother Michael Oher.

of the Washington landscape. This year, with generous support from **Booz Allen Hamilton** and **Reznick Group**, our 65th Anniversary Conference, *From Patches to Quilt: The Joys and Challenges of Complex Blended Families*, will be held on Saturday, April 10, at the University of Maryland's Shady Grove Conference Center in Rockville, Maryland.

The conference features two national figures who are part of the "family of adoption" and who care passionately about adoption—Collins Tuohy and Scott Simon. Opening the conference, Keynote Collins Tuohy will share the story of her bond with her brother



## FROM THE *Executive Director*

The year 2010 is no ordinary year for The Barker Foundation, for we are celebrating our 65th anniversary. We are observing this milestone year with an exciting array of programs and events. Some are more ceremonial, some more informal. But all are intended to foster connections among those who care deeply about our core mission to sustain children in permanent, loving homes.

At such a juncture, I cannot help but ask myself: if they were living today, what would Richard and Ruth Barker think of the organization that still bears their name? By now, most of you know their story: In 1945, Richard and Ruth Barker opened their hearts and their home to women facing unplanned pregnancies and to families seeking children to love and cherish. Expectant birth parents were housed in the Barker's home in Washington, DC. Prospective adoptive parents gathered in their living room every Sunday evening for something akin to today's information meetings. From such modest beginnings, our organization grew and flourished.

Over the years, there have been those who predicted that adoption as an institution would become unnecessary and even obsolete. Among the factors cited when predicting the demise of adoption were the wide availability of abortion, the greater acceptability of single parenting, assisted reproduction and "test-tube" babies; cutbacks in international adoption; and media stories that sometimes pathologize adoptees. Yet if our experience at Barker is any barometer, the institution of adoption is still very much alive and well. Its vital signs are strong. Our information meetings are packed, applications have increased, and prospective families lead with both heart and mind, as they consider where the need for homes is most compelling at any given moment. Board member and American University Professor, Dr. Andrea Brenner, finds that students consistently have strong interest in the adoption unit of her "Sociology of the Family" class. In her words, "They find it one of the most eye-opening areas of the class, and many students walk out of the class with the intent to adopt in their future."

Society and adoption practice have changed dramatically over the past 65 years. Yet in a

compassionate society, I believe there will always be a place for ethical adoption programs as a vital part of our child welfare practice. Yes, we've come a long way from the Barker's living room. Yet I am confident that Richard and Ruth Barker—were they alive—would fervently support and approve of the agency which they began 65 years ago, for the mission and the values have remained constant, even as programs have changed to reflect current needs.

Someone has observed that ceremonies are "the punctuation marks of life, which help us to pause and possess our lives, rather than being simply rushed along by them." In this milestone year, let's pause to reflect on what The Barker Foundation has meant in each of our lives, in our community, and in our world. I invite each of you to commit your energy and your financial resources in a special way during our anniversary year. Please help ensure that Barker is here to keep the dream alive for future generations! ■

*Marilyn Regier*

## Introducing Our Newest Staff Members

One of Barker's most distinguishing assets has always been its well-trained and experienced professional and administrative staff. In recent months, four new staff have joined the Barker team.

**Abbe Levine, LCSW-C**, is the new Director of Family & Post-Adoption Services. Ms. Levine comes to Barker with 25 years of experience as a social worker and clinician, focusing on children and families, both in agency settings and in private practice. While her most recent adoption work has been with Children's Home Society and Family Services in its Silver Spring office, Abbe has past ties with Barker, having facilitated pre-adoption groups from 2004-2006.

Reflecting on her new position, Abbe observed that "for the past 15 years I have had the privilege of working with adoptive families in the *earliest* stages of becoming a family. I have witnessed the joys of beautiful children joining their

family from all parts of the world. At Barker, I have the opportunity to work with those affected by adoption in the months and years *after* the initial stage of family formation. As Director of Family & Post-Adoption Services, I am now touched daily by stories I hear from those whose lives have been impacted by adoption."

Stepping into the directorship of *Project Wait No Longer*, **Beverly Clarke, LCSW-C, LICSW**, is enthusiastic about becoming "a part of such a wonderful and supportive adoption community." She has already found that "Barker families are extremely loyal and committed to furthering the agency's mission in any way they can."

Bev arrived at Barker with 13 years of social work experience, most recently at Children's Home Society and Family Services, where she worked with families in international and domestic adoption programs. Bev's professional



Barker's four new staff members bring valuable experience, talent, and commitment to our organization. Pictured at the entrance to our Maryland office are, left to right: Joanna Carmusciano, Lokia Murphy, Beverly Clarke, and Abbe Levine.

background also includes significant experience with the foster care system and with family preservation programs. An adoptive parent herself, she brings passion and dedication to her work and notes that "my professional and personal

experience with adoption has made me a true believer that 'every child deserves a family.' It is an honor to be part of a program (PWNL) that is focused on making this dream a reality for older children."

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# Save the Date for Barker's Birthday Bash!

The Barker Foundation's 65th Anniversary Gala Celebration will be held Saturday, November 6 at the beautiful National Museum of Women in the Arts. Cocktails, silent auction, seated dinner, great conversation, and gorgeous art will offer something for everyone. With the help and oversight of Barker Development Committee Chair **John Freeman**, Co-Chairs **Rachel Firschein**, **Maureen Golden** and

**Mary Jaffe** are building their committee now!

If you want to be involved with any aspect of the party, please contact Mary Reyner at Barker, 301-664-9664 or [mreyner@barkerfoundation.org](mailto:mreyner@barkerfoundation.org), or please attend our first Gala Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00pm in The Barker Foundation conference room.

The National Museum of Women in the Arts is the only

museum solely dedicated to celebrating the achievements of women in the visual, performing and literary arts. The museum honors women artists of the past, promotes the accomplishments of women artists of the present, and assures the place of women artists in the future. Centrally located in an historic Masonic temple on New York Avenue in downtown Washington, DC, the museum is the

dream of Wilhelmina Cole Holladay and Wallace F. Holladay. (Watch for news about the Museum's bold public art project by French artist Niki de Saint Phalle to be unveiled this spring!)

All contributions to this special anniversary event benefit the high-quality programs and services provided by The Barker Foundation for women, children and families in our community. ■

## Announcing Barker's 6th Annual Teen Weekend

Barker's 6th Annual Teen Weekend is coming on April 17-18 at the 4-H Center in Chevy Chase. This annual event is a great opportunity for teens to have fun, surround themselves with other adopted teens, and share thoughts on being adopted. As in previous years, facilitators are experienced professionals, many of whom are adult adoptees. The weekend provides a unique opportunity for teens to explore shared experiences as adopted persons. Both domestically and internationally adopted youth are welcome. The staff reflects this diversity, as well. Our wonderful staff includes: Susan Branco-Alvarado, Michelle Howard, Kristen England, Seth Solondz, Megan Hoover, and Abbe Levine.

Indoor and outdoor activities begin on Saturday, April 17 at 9 am. Participants spend the night and continue to enjoy activities throughout the day on Sunday. The weekend winds down Sunday at 3:00pm, and includes an opportunity for parents to hear from staff about the weekend's activities and topics of discussion.

A previous participant describes the experience best...

*"Teen weekend was great. It was great being with a bunch of other adopted teens, hanging out in the game room, seeing people's pictures and learning about their histories. Next year it needs to be longer!"*

The cost of the weekend is \$195. Financial assistance is available.

Contact Abbe Levine, Director of Family & Post Adoption Services

301-664-9664 or email [alevine@barkerfoundation.org](mailto:alevine@barkerfoundation.org). ■



Pictured at the 4-H Campus are some of last year's Teen Weekend participants.

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Joining the busy domestic team as a pregnancy counselor is **Lakia Murphy**, MSW. Lakia counsels and supports prospective birth parents—women and men facing unplanned or crisis pregnancies. She also provides post-partum support to birth parents and adoptive parents.

With her MSW from Clark Atlanta University, and her B.S. in Psychology from Xavier University in New Orleans, Lakia's internship sites provided excellent preparation for her Barker position and included Roots Adoption Agency and Nicholas House (a transitional homeless shelter), both in Atlanta.

Lakia says she is "very excited to join the staff of The Barker Foundation" and looks forward "to helping birth parents make an informed decision about their future and their child's future. I hope to provide my clients with support and be a stable presence as they work through their crises."

**Joanna Carmusciano** joined our staff as an Administrative Assistant in January, but she is no stranger to Barker, having both interned here and worked as a summer employee. Joanna first learned about Barker through a member of our Board of Trustees: "I began interning at The Barker Foundation

in the fall of 2008 after taking a sociology class with Dr. Andrea Brenner. After graduating from American University, I am now fortunate to continue my work with Barker. Being here is unbelievably gratifying, and I look forward to contributing to Barker's mission of creating loving and permanent families through adoption." In her current position, Joanna is primarily responsible for assisting in our older child program, as well as supporting our post-adoption department.

**Sue Hollar**, Director of Professional Services, summarizes the sentiments of our staff since welcoming these four talented

individuals: "We are fortunate to have such passionate, committed and skilled staff join our already outstanding team. Their contributions have had an immediate and significant effect on our work, and we look forward to the positive impact that they will bring to the entire Barker community." ■

### Save the Date: Barker Family Picnic

Sunday, June 6  
1:00-4:00 pm  
Cabin John Regional Park

# Barker Salutes the Freddie Mac Foundation in Memorable

The Barker Foundation kicked off its 65th Anniversary Year with **A Salute to the Freddie Mac Foundation** at Ben's Next Door, one of Washington, DC's top new night spots on February 25, 2010. The reception, featuring Ben's famous crab cakes, half smokes, ribs and more, was both a thank you to the Freddie Mac Foundation for its commitment to achieving permanency for foster care youth in our community and also a fundraiser for Barker's *Project Wait No Longer*. **Sonya and Kamal Ali**, of Ben's Chili Bowl and Ben's Next Door, hosted the event and are Barker parents.

*Project Wait No Longer (PWNL)*, made possible with a generous grant from the Freddie Mac Foundation, places children from public foster care into permanent, loving adoptive homes. This staff-intensive program recruits and trains prospective parents who have accepted the challenge of adopting an older child, goes to great lengths to match parents and children, and offers tremendous support and counseling to sustain these families. *PWNL*, one of the most important new initiatives in Barker's 65-year history, addresses the national issue of finding homes for more

than 500,000 children who linger in public foster care. Now, also supported by other foundations and individuals, the program's launching was made possible by the Freddie Mac Foundation, which continues to provide generous support for *Project Wait No Longer*.

A brief program highlighted the evening. Honorary Chair **Maxine B. Baker**, Barker Trustee and Former President and CEO of Freddie Mac Foundation, welcomed guests and expressed appreciation and respect for Barker's and the Foundation's work for youth and families in our community. Maxine introduced

**Barbara Harrison**, NBC 4 News Anchor and host of *Wednesday's Child* which airs interviews with foster children who are legally available for adoption. The program is a partnership among the Metropolitan Council of Governments, NBC 4 and the Freddie Mac Foundation. Barbara spoke passionately about finding permanent homes for children in foster care and offered her thanks to the Foundation for its support and leadership on this issue.

**Veda and Greg Russ** came to the podium, and the crowd grew silent. They offered a very personal



A. The evening's Co-Chairs, Madeleine Longano and Cherisse Robinson, unveil the beautiful framed quilt, designed by Jean Diamond and Mary Reyner, with photos lovingly given by families who adopted through *Project Wait No Longer*.



B. DC City Council Member and Barker parent, Phil Mendelson, takes the podium to underscore the importance of the work of The Barker Foundation and the Freddie Mac Foundation.



C. Maxine Barker speaks for the entire crowd when she thanks Kamal and Sonya Ali, who were the evening's gracious host and hostess.



D. John Duff, President of the Board of Trustees (far left), listens with other guests to the moving program.

# Evening at Ben's Next Door

testimonial of how they came to adopt Ebony, at age seven, from public foster care through Barker's *Project Wait No Longer*. Initially planning to adopt an infant, they shared with the audience their journey and transition to Barker's older child program, which resulted in creating their family and a "forever home" for Ebony.

The evening would not have been complete without a special award to Freddie Mac Foundation honorees **Margaret Meiers**, Vice President of Programs, **Renette Oklewicz**, Senior Program

Manager, and **Lori Vacek**, Program Manager. Event Co-Chairs and Barker parents **Madeleine Longano** and **Cherisse Robinson** came to the microphone for presentation of a beautiful quilt to the foundation representatives. Cherisse noted that "At Barker, we say 'families are like a patchwork quilt'—many different pieces make a beautiful thing." As they held up the 40" framed piece, Madeleine invited the Freddie Mac Foundation honorees to receive the award and added, "Barker parents have created this handmade quilt square with photos of children who

have found loving parents and their 'forever home' through *Project Wait No Longer*."

Margaret Meiers, Vice President of Programs thanked Barker for the unique award which she said "will grace the wall of our offices." She reiterated Freddie Mac Foundation's mission and its commitment to the community and to our vulnerable youth.

Maxine Baker closed the program by thanking hosts Sonya and Kamal Ali, and recognizing DC Council member and Barker parent **Phil Mendelson**.

More than 60 guests attended the event including social workers and staff from Washington, DC Child & Family Services, and from Maryland and Virginia child welfare departments; from Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments; Leadership Greater Washington; and Barker Trustees and parents. It was a wonderful kick-off event as we begin the year-long 65th anniversary celebration. ■



E. Gathered around the framed quilt award are, left to right: Cherisse Robinson, Madeleine Longano, Renette Oklewicz, Marilyn Regier, Margaret Meiers, and Lori Vacek.



F. Barbara Harrison of NBC 4 News, thanks the Freddie Mac Foundation for its support of *Wednesday's Child*.



G. The crowd enjoys a magnificent spread at Ben's Next Door.  
H. Greg and Veda Russ share the story of Ebony's adoption.



I. Executive Director Marilyn Regier and Honorary Chair Maxine Baker smile at the end of a beautiful evening.



J. Barker parents Patrick Corvington and JoAnn Volk were among the evening's guests.

**Sue Hollar** has taken on expanded responsibilities as she was named Director of Professional Services at Barker on January 1, 2010. She will continue to coordinate the Korea Program as she has for the past three years, while assuming significant new duties in her leadership role with the social work staff. Sue comes with 20 years of child welfare and adoption work, locally, nationally, and internationally.

We congratulate **Tabitha Kelly** on her new position as Bureau Chief, Child and Family Services Division, Arlington County Dept. of Human Services. We are delighted that she is continuing in a consultant role with *Project Wait No Longer*, where she provided great leadership during her time as Director. **Varda Makovsky**, formerly Director of Family & Post-Adoption Services, has now also moved into a consultant role, working with families

during the all-important home study process. We are delighted that both Tabitha and Varda will continue to be affiliated with Barker.

**Meg Herman**, our bi-lingual birth parent counselor and Colombia Homeland Tour team member, married Major Benjamin Alan Dawson (U. S. Army) in a beautiful ceremony at the chapel at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia on September 26, 2009. The new Mrs. Dawson

greeted guests, including many Barker staff, at the reception in the Belvoir Officer's Club.

**Kathy Caputo** continues to organize our cooking teams who lovingly prepare meals for **Robin and Dwight Allen** during Robin's medical treatments. The Barker community sends loving best wishes to Robin and family.

## Congratulations to Our New Adoptive Families

### Domestic Placements

Paul and Danielle welcomed BeccaHope  
 Patrick and JoAnn welcomed Chloe  
 Geoff and Carlea welcomed Isabel  
 Alberto and Chris welcomed Sophia  
 Donald and Suzanne welcomed Sabina  
 Michael and Jennifer welcomed Mikey  
 Doug and Grace welcomed Sophia  
 Clay and Michelle welcomed Amelia

Michael and Ann welcomed Fiona  
 Kurt and Robin welcomed Jordan  
 Bob and Nikki welcomed Ashley  
 Joe and Beth welcomed Samuel  
 Fulmer and Patrice welcomed Cameron  
 Wayne and Vickie welcomed Faith  
 Matt and Karen welcomed Jaxson  
 Adam and Carolyn welcomed Skylar  
 Jamie and Shelly welcomed Kaleb

Frank and Lynette welcomed Frankie Lynn  
 Stephan and Crystal welcomed Stephan, Jr.  
 Blake and Leslie welcomed Nathan  
 Mark and Tulin welcomed Soren  
 Jesus and Corinne welcomed Benjamin  
 Roger and Heidi welcomed Amy  
 Simone and Maria welcomed Alessandro  
 Ray and LeAnn welcomed Aaron

### International Placements

Larry & Casey welcomed Leah  
 Scott & Natascha welcomed David  
 Matt & Lauren welcomed Caroline  
 Phillip & Cynthia welcomed Mia  
 Sharon welcomed Frederick  
 Kevin & Lauren welcomed Eloise  
 Tony & Jennifer welcomed Lily  
 Ted & Stephanie welcomed Jacob  
 Dae Sung & Lâle welcomed See-Eun  
 Matthew & MaryAnne welcomed Shane  
 William & Nancy welcomed Caleb  
 David & Kristie welcomed Daysie

Phillip & Kathleen welcomed Addison  
 Jeff & Chris welcomed Caroline  
 Branson & Loree welcomed Aubrey  
 Steve & Nora welcomed Jamie  
 Jimmy & Giovanna welcomed Laura  
 John & Janet welcomed Joshua  
 Richard & Kelly welcomed Nathan  
 Joel & Shauna welcomed Keller  
 John & Morgan welcomed Andrew  
 Ted & Jessica welcomed Beatrice  
 Michael & Bethany welcomed Samuel  
 Jason & Erin welcomed Max  
 Greg & Nancy welcomed George

Joseph & Jayne welcomed  
 Abreham and Markos  
 Bobby & Shelley welcomed Lyttie  
 Douglas & Heather welcomed Masresha  
 Amy welcomed Emily  
 Matt & Kris welcomed Owen  
 Merritt & Mandee welcomed Maggie  
 Greg & Michelle welcomed Charlotte  
 Kevin & Karen welcomed Pierce  
 John & Beth welcomed Max  
 O'Ree & Maria welcomed Sean-Pan  
 Karl & Jennifer welcomed Nicole

# CHT Reunion: Unwind with Friends, Old and New

by Diane C. Rolfe, Ridgefield, CT

Join us in Bethesda on June 26 for Barker's first-ever Colombia Homeland Tour Reunion, an evening reception with a Colombian-American flair. The get-together is dedicated to Homeland Tour alumni and other FANA loved ones—parents and young adults, staff members, adoption professionals, and the ever-widening circle of Barker friends.

All are welcome to mark the foundation's 65th anniversary year, and to celebrate the heritage of our Colombian-born sons and daughters. Families from each of Barker's five Homeland Tours will have the opportunity to visit with each other and with young people who may never have returned to their birth country. Photos will showcase the scenic beauty of this spectacular land and highlight the ties that bind us together.

There will be catered hors d'oeuvres and a dessert buffet, along with Latin music, prizes, and surprises for the teens and twenty-somethings. The private venue is homey and relaxed: a house-turned-gathering-place with backyard space for casual sports and plenty of room to mix and mingle. Reservations are required, and electronic invitations will be sent out in early May.

We hope to have as many people as possible involved in planning a fun and festive event. Any level of participation is appreciated—behind the scenes or at the party. We're looking for volunteers, sponsors, and host families for those who are traveling and may need a place to stay. We'd love to have help with decorations, flowers, or photographs, and also would appreciate borrowing any Colombian memorabilia that families are willing to share.



Angela Moebius, James Rolfe, Katie Leitner, and Gabe Kahn in downtown Bogota (CHT 2009).

If you can contribute in any way to the success of this effort, please contact parent coordinators Diane Rolfe (203-431-0905) or Debra Bass (202-409-7974), or call Mary Reyner at the Barker office (301-664-9664). To update your e-mail address for the reservation mailing,

write [dianerolfe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianerolfe@sbcglobal.net) (subject "CHT Reunion") and we'll be sure that you receive an e-vite.

Don't miss this special evening and the chance to connect with others. Summer is just around the corner, and friends await! ■

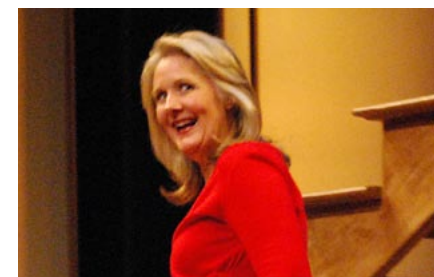
## An Unforgettable Evening with the English American

Internationally acclaimed comedienne and Barker adoptee Alison Larkin packed the Roundhouse Theatre in Bethesda with more than 400 guests for a one-night-only performance that previewed the launching of Barker's 65th anniversary year one month later. Barker adoptive parents, birth parents, adopted young people and guests from the business community enjoyed food and drink, a silent auction, and

memorable reunions with friends before the meaningful performance by Ms. Larkin.

Topping off the evening was John and Sally Freeman's "Meet the Artist" party following the show where over 100 guests enjoyed festive desserts, champagne and a chance to talk with our own Barker star. Larkin is currently writing the screenplay for a feature film based on her best-selling book *The English American*.

Filled with wit and warmth, the successful event brought many friends of Barker together and was co-chaired by Chris Intagliata, Rachel Firschein, and Mary Jaffe. In addition, *An Evening with the English American* raised \$80,000 to support The Barker Foundation's mission to find families for children who need them and to provide lifelong services to adopted persons and the birth parents and adoptive parents who love them. ■



The English American, Alison Larkin, takes center stage, ready to regale the audience with her one-woman show.



Enjoying the pre-performance activities in the Roundhouse Theatre lobby are, left to right, Kathryn Bucher, Maureen Minehan, Stephen Jessey, and Pascal Luck.



Dennis Corbett, Ann Humphrey, and Joanna Phinney arrived early and had a chance to catch up on news, bid at the silent auction, and mingle with the large crowd.



Barbara Delucia and Chris Intagliata enjoying the fabulous reception.

# Save the Date

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE** – Saturday, April 10, UMD Shady Grove Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland,  
9 AM–4:30 PM (Registration begins at 8:15 AM)

**Teen Weekend** – April 17–18 – National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, MD

**Barker Family Picnic** – Sunday, June 6, 1–4 PM, Cabin John Regional Park

**Colombia Homeland Tour Reunion** – Saturday, June 26, Evening Reception, NIH/FAES Academic and Social Center,  
9101 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Reservations Required.

**65th ANNIVERSARY GALA CELEBRATION** – Saturday, November 6, National Museum of Women in the Arts,  
Washington, D.C.

**Parents of Teens** – 2nd Tuesday of month – 7 PM

**Older Child Adoption Support Group** – 2nd Wednesday of month, 6:30–8:30 PM

**Birth Parent Support Group** – 2nd Thursday of month – 7 PM

**Adopted Persons' Discussion Group** – 3rd Thursday of month – 7 PM



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