

WHAT IS SEARCH-FINDERS?

Search-Finders of Idaho, Inc. was founded in 1987 as a non-profit search and support group for adult adoptees, birth parents, adoptive parents, and others searching for relatives. Our motto is "Identity Is Important." We strongly advocate the opening of sealed adoption records to adult triad members. As a member of the American Adoption Congress, we work in cooperation with other groups which have similar goals and objectives. We promote openness and honesty, and encourage those qualities in adoption.

MISSION STATEMENT

We recognize that adoption is a life-long process and that a unified voice is a strong voice. We advocate for truth and honesty on behalf of all members of the adoption triad. We pursue personal empowerment, community awareness and social change through support, education and the promotion of openness in adoption practices, policies and law.

THE STAFF

Our staff, some of whom are certified search consultants, volunteer their time and contribute years of combined experience. They frequently attend workshops, seminars and local and national conferences to keep current on issues and techniques, and to network with others involved in search. Search-Finders' members should expect to take an active role in their search.

THE SECRECY OF SEALED RECORDS

Deprives adoptive parents
Access to critical information
Regarding their children;

Denies adoptees full adult
Status regarding their origins,
And limits their access to
Medical information;

Forces birth parents who have
Relinquished a child to live forever
In ignorance regarding his or
Her well being.

AFFILIATIONS

American Adoption Congress
Independent Search Consultants, Inc.
International Soundex Reunion Registry
Search-Finders of California
Treasure Valley Interagency Adoption Council
Idaho Genealogical Society

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the
Second Thursday of each month at:

WARM SPRINGS COUNSELING CENTER
(formerly the Idaho Children's Home)
740 Warm Springs Ave., Boise, ID
on the corner of Warm Springs Ave. and Laurel.
Please use the east side entrance

For additional information please call:
208-375-9803
FAX 208-368-9885
email: jano25@juno.com

THE MEETINGS

The meetings consist of two parts. First is our support group. During the first part we have announcements and members have the opportunity to share concerns, personal stories of recent finds or reunions. We often have guest speakers who are associated with adoption issues on a personal or professional level. We feel it is important for members to attend meetings and participate in this part of the group. Searching involves a lot of conflicting feelings and it is helpful to share with others who have had similar experiences.

The second part of the meeting is for those who wish to join and talk to a search consultant about their search. Search consultants are available to advise and guide those who are beginning a search or are involved in their search. Please bring copies of any information you have. We feel it is important for everyone to participate in their search process.

We ask that you not bring children to the meeting. We want our members to feel comfortable discussing sensitive issues.

If you live outside the area and are unable to attend meetings, Search-Finders can still help you with your search. If you would like to join, please send us copies of the information you have concerning your search, along with your membership fee. We will correspond with you by mail.

Our goal is to make your search experience a positive one.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

To become a member of Search-Finders:

1. Fill out the following information

Name _____
Agency (if applicable) _____
Street _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____

I am a(n): Adoptee
 Birthparent
 Adoptive Parent
 Other _____

How did you learn of Search-Finders?

2. Enclose your membership fee

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|--|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual New Member | \$40.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Professional | \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agency | \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support/Donation | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Member | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Welfare Search | \$50.00 |

3. Detach and return this form to:

Search-Finders of Idaho
P O Box 7941
Boise ID 83707

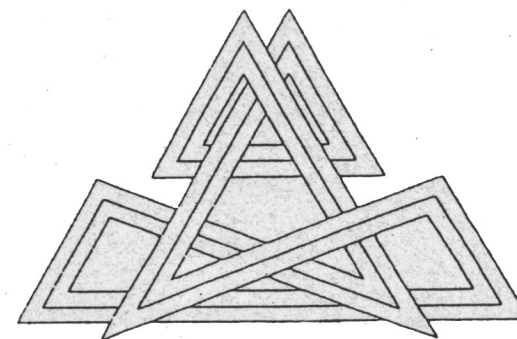
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