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Hello Adoption Friends,

In this edition of the ThinkingOfAdopting.com Newsletter I want to share with you some news and information - including our January 2007 live telecourses and webinars - that I hope will be helpful to you on your adoption journey and beyond. The topics include:

1. Talk Live with an International Adoption Doctor this Sunday
2. Want to Learn about Attachment and Why It's so Important?
3. What You can do to Prepare as You Wait for Your Referral
4. The Adoption Community Responds to Paula Zahn and CNN
5. Celebrating Chinese New Year? Plus Other February Holidays ...
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7. Show Your Support for Adoption
8. Need Personal Answers to Your Adoption Questions?

**1) Talk Live with an International Adoption Doctor this Sunday (1/21/07)**

Do you have medical questions related to adoption? Are you (like us) not fortunate to live near a doctor who specializes in international adoption? If so, join Alla Gordina, MD, FAAP, an international adoption pediatrician specializing in Russia, Kazakhstan, and the countries of the former Soviet Union, as she hosts a 90 minute LIVE Q&A session for pre and post-adoptive parents via teleconference. And, it's a great opportunity to talk with an international adoption expert prior to the referral stage of your adoption. Certificates of completion will be available upon request, and we're also making a special offer to those who also want to take Dr. Gordina's recorded webinar, "Medical Aspects of International Adoption". Use the link below to learn more (including examples of questions Dr. Gordina has answered in previous sessions) or register:

[http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/adoption\\_telecourses.html#AskDoctorLive](http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/adoption_telecourses.html#AskDoctorLive)

**2) Want to Learn About Attachment and Why it's so Important?**

ThinkingOfAdopting.com is proud to announce Dr. Lark Eshleman's new webinar, "Attachment and Adoption: What is It and Why is It so Important", which includes the opportunity to talk LIVE with Dr. Eshleman on Sunday, January 28th. Dr. Eshleman is the author of *Becoming a Family: Promoting Healthy Attachments with Your Adopted Child*, and founder and director of the Institute of Children and Families. This is a great opportunity to build on what you've learned in *Healing Hannah* and to ask your questions live from your own home. Certificates of completion will be available upon request, and Dr. Eshleman is making autographed copies of her book available. Class size is limited. To learn more or register, click on the following link:

[http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/adoption\\_telecourses.html#AttachAdopt](http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/adoption_telecourses.html#AttachAdopt)

PS: Here's a great article by Dr. Eshleman with ideas on how to "Start Your Adoption Out Right" ...

[http://www.instituteforchildren.org/adoption\\_article.asp](http://www.instituteforchildren.org/adoption_article.asp)

**3) What You can do to Prepare as You Wait for Your Referral**

Join Robin Bartko for a free LIVE webinar on 1/31/07 (Wednesday) on "What to Expect During the

Referral Stage". Robin will share some very practical tips on what you can do to prepare for this very exciting but stressful time. One past participant said, "Even though we thought we have done a lot of research already, we still picked up some very good information tonight. Very well presented.

Thanks." To register, go to:

[http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/adoption\\_telecourses.html#ReferralStage](http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/adoption_telecourses.html#ReferralStage)

#### **4) Paula Zahn and CNN hear the Voices of the Adoption Community**

Paula Zahn recently ran a very controversial segment on Chinese Adoption on her CNN show, "Paula Zahn Now" - a segment that many adoptive parents (including myself) found very offensive. Adoptive parents made their voices heard by sending "thousands" of emails, and CNN felt compelled to air a second segment that, in my opinion, had a different tone and included the perspective of adoptive parents. If you missed it or would just like to learn more, here's the links to the blogs I wrote about the shows. Feel free to post your comments!

<http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/blog/2007/01/shame-on-you-paula-zahn-cnn.html>

<http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/blog/2007/01/paula-zahn-and-cnn-try-again-on-china.html>

#### **5) Celebrating Chinese New Year? Plus Other February Holidays ...**

If you're celebrating Chinese New Year, I noticed that the party store, Party City, has some great, reasonably priced party supplies to help you celebrate. If you're interested, go to

<http://www.partycity.com> and enter "Chinese new year" in the search box in the upper right corner.

Also in February, Lent processions begin in Guatemala and in Russia February 23rd is "Protector of the Motherland Day".

#### **6) The Hague Convention and Guatemalan Adoption - US Dept of State Update**

Adopting from Guatemala? The Joint Council on International Children's Services has posted this update from the US Department of State dated 12/15/06 that you should read. You can access it by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.jcics.org/DOS%20Guatemala%20Update%20-%20Dec%2015.pdf>

#### **7) Show Your Support for Adoption**

Show your support for adoption! Place one of our "Adoption the Loving Option" ribbon magnets on your car and help spread the word. Your adoption friends will also love receiving these as gifts. Use the following link to learn more:

<http://www.thinkingofadopting.com/html/magnet.html>

#### **8) Need Personal Answers to Your Adoption Questions?**

If you want to talk about your personal adoption situation, I offer free, one-on-one "Adoption Help" sessions. Please send me an email at [Robin@ThinkingOfAdopting.com](mailto:Robin@ThinkingOfAdopting.com) and we can arrange a time to talk via phone.

#### **Help Spread the Word**

As always, I'd certainly appreciate if you would help spread the word about adoption and ThinkingOfAdopting.com. Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone who you feel would be interested. I'd sincerely appreciate your help in getting the word out. There are so many children who need homes!

My best to you on your adoption journey. If there is anything I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

**Robin Bartko**

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