November is National Adoption Awareness Month and we have lots of items on the schedule!

Membership Renewal: Our membership year runs from Oct 1 through Sep 30. If you haven't ready done so, please renew; it's easy! The form is online and we encourage you to use the online payment option via PayPal. http://www.fccstl.org/join.htm. We held a membership drawing on October 20 and the Newell Family is receiving a \$25 gift certificate to the Mandarin House!

Board Meeting: Our next meeting is on **Monday, Nov 3 @7pm**. Our meetings are open to all members! Please see our website for details about location: http://www.fccstl.org/leadership.htm

Book Club: Our book club will meet on **Wednesday, Nov 5 @7pm** to discuss the book *Pretty Woman Spitting*. The book is available on Amazon for 99 cents and is only 194 pages. Please see our website for details and to rsvp if you plan to attend: http://www.fccstl.org/bookclub.htm

Dumplings: The next gathering of our Dumplings group is scheduled for **Friday, Nov 7 @7pm** on the WashU campus. For details regarding Dumplings and other WashU China Care programs, please see our website at: http://www.fccstl.org/chinacareclub.htm. If you're wondering if Dumplings would be a good fit for your family, please feel free to stop by and check it out!

Trivia Night: We still have a few tables available for our FCC Trivia and Fundraiser Night, which will be held on **Saturday, Nov 15 6:30-10pm** at the Sunset Hill Community Center. Trivia Night is open to the public (21 or older) and we encourage you to 'advertise' this event to non-FCC friends and co-workers. The printable flyer (http://www.fccstl.org/FCC2014-TriviaNight.pdf) can be hung on bulletin boards in break/lunch rooms at work, school and church and a link can be emailed, posted on Facebook groups, and added to websites as well. Our MC and Question Man for the evening is John Tucci, who is well known in Saint Louis Trivia Night circles. We also have a wide variety of items for our fund raising auction, which will be held during Trivia Night. A few of the items are:

- VIP Brewery Tour and Tasting at Schlafly Bottleworks (\$100 value)
- Date Night in Webster Groves (\$60 dinner at Big Sky, Rep Tickets, and \$20 Dessert at Cyrano's)
- St Louis Rams Tickets
- St Louis Cardinal Tickets and Shirt
- Rain Tunnel Express Car Wash (gift basket with 12 car washes, \$150 value)
- Girls in the Know (gift basket with coupon for speaker series, \$150 value)

If trivia isn't your thing, no worries - we are looking for help during the event. In particular we need volunteers in the following areas: Snack and Soda counter attendants, Silent Auction monitor, Raffle Ticket sellers. Please contact <u>Laura Mackinson</u> or <u>Stacey Rosenberger</u> if you are able to help. More information, along with table reservations and payment, can be found on our website at: http://www.fccstl.org/trivia.htm

St Louis International Film Festival (SLIFF): As usual, the committee has selected lots of great films; a total of 389 films will be screened between **Nov 13 – Nov 23** at several different locations throughout the Saint Louis area. Details and full schedule can be found on the <u>SLIFF</u> website. However, there is one film in particular that FCC would like to draw your attention to: <u>Ricki's Promise</u> by Changfu Chang. This will be Mr. Chang's first visit to Saint Louis for a screening, but he has been very generous with his time and talents at several other FCC chapters nationwide. *Ricki's Promise* will be screened FREE on the following days: **Sun, Nov 16 @ 4pm** at St Louis University and Mon, **Nov 17 @ 8:30pm** at Plaza Frontenac.