

# Positive Discipline Association

*Developing Respectful Relationships*

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As Positive Discipline continues to grow internationally, we are working hard to keep up with the ever changing needs of our members. At Think Tank we hosted an international brainstorming meeting. One of the ideas that came from that meeting was having more International Advisers to serve the Board. We have invited several International Trainers to contribute as Board Advisers. You will find a complete list on the [Board of Directors](#) page. We feel it is increasingly important for the Board to receive input from our international community as we discuss the needs of our organization.

## NEW BOARD CO-CHAIR

We are pleased to announce that Cathy Kawakami accepted the role as Co-Chair on the Positive Discipline Association Board of Directors. Nadine Gaudin has been serving as the only co-chair for the past several months, so she is very grateful to have Cathy join her.

Cathy Kawakami is a Certified Positive Discipline Trainer from San Jose, CA. She offers Positive Discipline training for parents and schools who are looking for an effective discipline approach that integrates social and emotional learning while reducing challenging behaviors. She has been working with schools in the US and abroad for over 10 years. Cathy specializes in parent participation and cooperative school programs and has additional training in early childhood education. She is passionate about sharing Positive Discipline with others and improving relationships for all. She and her husband, Stan, are the parents of 13 and 16 year old daughters.



## JOIN US IN SAN DIEGO!!!

We have finalized our contract with the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina for Think Tank and Conference 2018. The new location in San Diego will be fabulous! Right on the water with views from every room.



### **Please Save the Dates:**

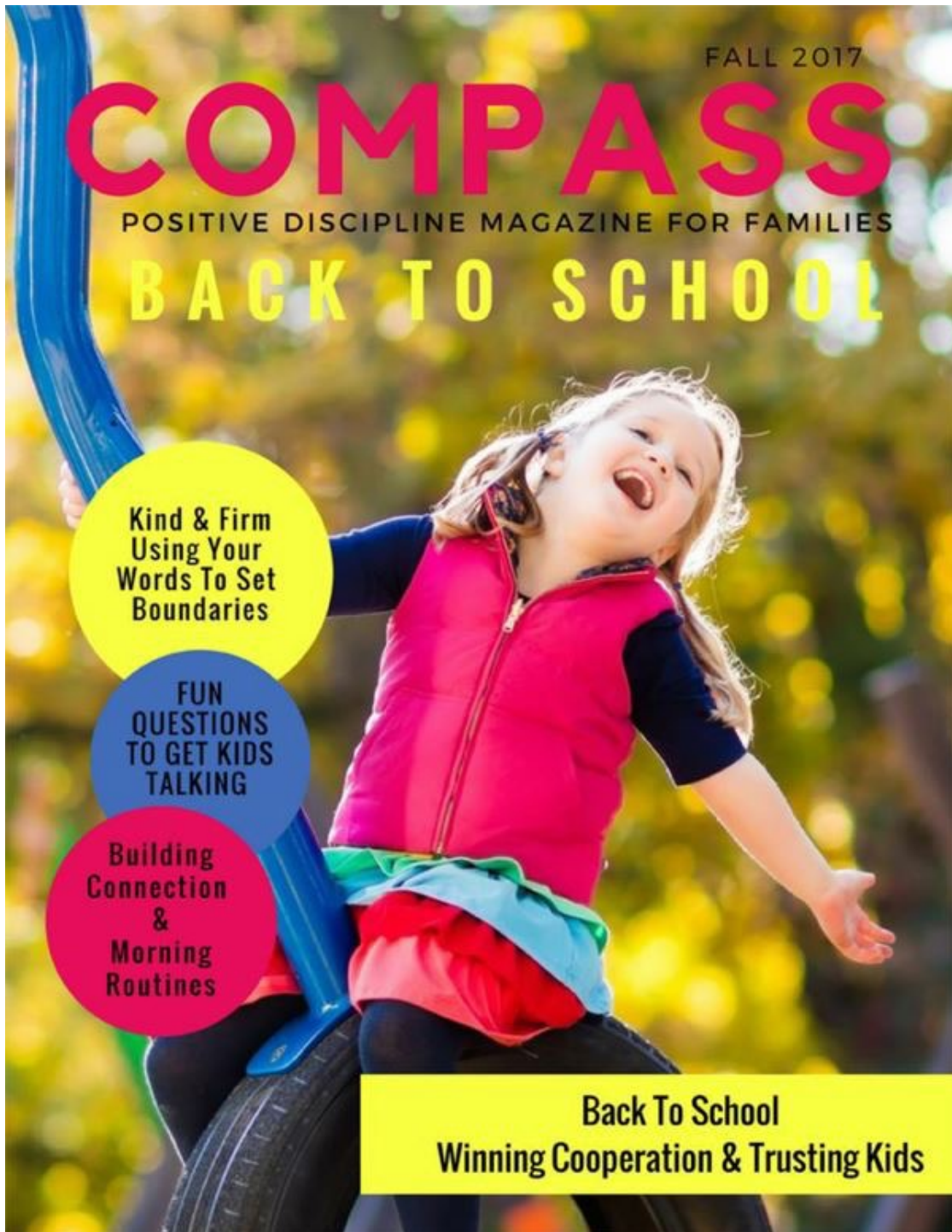
**Public Conference - Saturday, July 7th, 2018**

**Think Tank - July 7-9, 2018 (Saturday Evening through Monday)**

*Registration details will be available in January 2018!*

# COMPASS

The Fall Edition of the COMPASS E-Zine is now available for sharing. [Click Here](#) to view the current issue. Please share on your social media platforms.



## COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

We are starting a new virtual meeting called [Coffee and Conversation](#). This meeting does not have an agenda. It is just a chance to connect with other members around the world. Since we don't get to see each other in person very often, it is nice to at least see each other online. To start we will schedule these Zoom meetings once a month on the last Sunday of the month. The time will be 7:00am US Pacific Time. [Click Here](#) to sign up to receive notifications.



## VIRTUAL MENTOR GROUPS

We now have several virtual mentor groups listed on our website. Click on the links below to learn more and sign up for notifications.

[North America Virtual Mentor Group](#)

[Latin America Virtual Mentor Group](#)

[European Virtual Mentor Group](#)

[Spain Virtual Mentor Group](#)

Visit the [China Association](#) to learn about WeChat mentor groups.

## MARKETING TIP OF THE MONTH

### Post Your Parenting Classes!

As a member of the Positive Discipline Association, you may post your parenting classes. You will find the "Post Your Class" link on the [Educator's Home Page](#). When you post your class it automatically appears on <https://positivediscipline.org> and <https://www.positivediscipline.com>.



## IMPORTANT CORE WORKSHOP AND POLICY UPDATES

We have been updating and improving the [Guide to Facilitating Core Workshops](#) on the Trainer Section of the website. It is very important that each time a Trainer begins the process of planning a core workshop, you refer to this page for step-by-step guidelines for posting your workshop, planning or updating your agenda, and then managing post workshop documentation. As a reminder, all required post workshop documentation should be sent to [workshops@positivediscipline.org](mailto:workshops@positivediscipline.org). Taisha Likes, PDA Workshops Coordinator, created a new webpage as a post workshop resource for trainers. [Click Here](#) for details

Trainers are asked to submit workshop rosters as quickly as possible, so participants hear from the Positive Discipline Association in a timely and professional manner. The welcome letter which includes an offer for a free one-year Educator level membership is sent as soon as the workshop roster is received. Trainer post-workshop documentation is important: only participants included on these rosters are added to the PDA training database. This process assures we have accurate certification records worldwide.

If you are doing whole school or district wide school training, we are transitioning to providing a whole school module option for PDC's. Several options will be piloted this fall. Please contact Kelly Gfroerer at [Kelly@positivediscipline.org](mailto:Kelly@positivediscipline.org) for more information.

## ANNOUNCING NEW TRAINER CANDIDATES



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