

The Daily Double

Fredericksburg Area Mothers of Multiples Club

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OCTOBER

FAMOMC Meeting

DATE: October 2, 2002

TIME: 7:00 Business Meeting

LOCATION: Harrison Road

Community Center

Directions: Take I-95 to the Fredericksburg/Massaponax Exit at mile marker # 126. Go North on Rt. 1 towards Fredericksburg. At the 5th traffic light, make a left on Harrison Road/Rt. 620. The Community Center is a little way up on the left.

This month, we will have our annual Silent Auction. Members are asked to bring items to auction. Members will then have the opportunity to place silent bids on the various items. The highest bidder will pay for and collect the item. Time permitting, following the auction, we will have a twin chat.

Kristine asked that we please bring snacks to share!

Donations: I would like to thank everyone who donated left over items not sold at the Yard Sale. The items were split up between The Pregnancy Help Center, and to an orphanage in Romania. We have a member who knows someone who works in one of the orphanages there and will be trying to do more for those children. We hope to have Donita Wagner in with more information for us concerning how we can help in the next few months



Halloween Safety Tips! Tips for Safe and Happy Trick-or-Treating

13 Rules for Trick-or-Treaters

The single safest thing you can do is to accompany your child on his rounds. But at some point, growing adventurers will want to ramble off with their friends. It's up to you to determine when your child is ready. And before your child steps out the door, make sure he knows all the rules of the road.

- ? There is safety in numbers. Kids should always travel with a group; never let your child go off alone.
- ? Review your child's route beforehand. Limit her territory to familiar streets, and make it very clear if certain areas or houses are off-limits.
- ? Have your trick-or-treater carry your cell phone and wear a watch. Arrange to touch base at regular intervals.
- ? Emphasize that your child should stay out of the street and use the sidewalk.
- ? No sidewalk? Then march right next to the curb on the left side of the road, facing traffic.
- ? Eager trick-or-treaters often choose the shortest route over the safest one. Remind your child to cross only at corners.
- ? Be sure to look both ways (left-right-left) before launching across the street.
- ? Riding a bike or skateboard is not a good idea. Period.
- ? Tell your child to be polite but cautious around neighbors they haven't met.
- ? Kids should never enter a stranger's home or car.
- ? Beware of black cats-and other nocturnal critters. Advise your child not to approach pets she doesn't know.
- ? This one is never popular...but children should not eat their treats until you inspect them.
- ? Establish a curfew so you know when to expect your child.

Candy Cautions

- ? Although food tampering is rare, inspect all your child's candy right away. Discard treats with loose wrappings, or anything that doesn't look quite right. Better safe than sorry!
- ? Ditto for homemade treats, unless you're friendly with the baker.
- ? Be extra careful with toddler's goodies. Remove all choking hazards or treats that are age-inappropriate-including hard candy and toys with small parts. (To avoid protests, you may wish to keep a surprise substitution on hand.)
- ? Set rules regarding candy consumption in the days to come.

If you exercise caution and use common sense, your child will have a safe, BOO-tiful Halloween.

Fall Social Events

MOM'S MORNING OUT

All members including honorary and prospective members are invited to join us for some playtime each month. Moms can bring their children or come alone. Mornings Out **usually** last from 10 am to 12 pm. If you would like to host a morning out please contact Joanna Melton or Selma Kossol.



Kenmore Park

Clean-up on Tuesday, October 15th (Rain date - October 17th) Moms bring your gloves and a bag to help clean up the park as your children enjoy the playground.

Directions: Kenmore Park is located on Kenmore Ave., which crosses William St./ Rt. 3 near Maury Stadium in Fredericksburg. From William St., turn onto Kenmore Ave. (at light) heading north. The park will be on your right

Mom's Day Out at Pots and Palettes

Saturday, October 19th at 2:00PM. Join us at Pots and Palettes for an afternoon of painting and visiting with your fellow club members. You pick out a piece, or two, of pottery and then get to paint it. It's a lot of fun.

Directions: Route 3 to Downtown Fredericksburg. Left on Sophia Street. Left on Amelia Street. Left on Princess Anne Street. The shop is on the left hand side of the street.

Riverside Dinner Theater Children's Lunch 'N Show



Saturday, October 26th at 1:00PM We will be going to the theater to see "Tiny Thumbelina." The cost is \$11.00 per person and includes lunch and the show. **If you are interested in going, all money needs to be paid by October 6th so tickets can be purchased.** If you have any questions, please contact Joanna Melton at 775-0053 or cjmelton@crosslink.net.

Pumpkin Picking and Bonfire

Sunday, October 6th at Snead's Farm from 2:00 to 4:00PM Come pick your Halloween pumpkin(s) for a reasonable price and then join us as we toast and eat smores around the bonfire. There will be a signup sheet at the October Meeting. If you plan on joining us for the afternoon and can't make it to the October meeting, please contact Selma Kossol or Joanna Melton so we can add you to the list.



Directions: From Rt. 1: Take Rt. 1 south to Massaponax where you will pick up Rt. 17. Snead's Farm is about 3 miles past Belvedere Plantation. **From King George:** Take Rt. 3 west over the river. Exit at the Rt. 2 South/Business Rt. 17 South exit. Follow the road until Rt. 2 South meets Rt. 17 South. Turn left onto 17 South and go 3 miles past Belvedere Plantation to Snead's Farm on the right. **From 95:** Take Massaponax exit. Go right heading south on Rt. 1. Follow directions above.

Fall Festival

Sunday, November 3rd from 3:00-6:00PM at Countryside Nursery on Mullen's Farm. Come out and join the fun as we celebrate Fall. There will be hayrides, a moon bounce, playground, and crafts to enjoy as well as small gourds for the children to take home (2 to 3 per child). The club will supply a main meal, but we ask that you bring either a side dish or dessert to share. A signup will be at the October meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to join us at the Fall Festival, then please contact Selma Kossol or Joanna Melton.

Directions: Route 3 West. Drive about 10 minutes past 5 Mile Fork. Countryside Nursery is on the right hand side off of Route 3.

August Minutes by Lisa Marsden

Members Present: Lisa Earnest, Sheri Pierce, Carey Sealey, Beth Bowen, Stacey Watson, Stephannie Hartwig, Kim Schneider, Selma Kossol, Joanna Melton, Astrid (did not get last name), Rebecca Thomas, Barbie Baugh, Kristine Keesecker

President: Call to order, introductions

Secretary: Motion to approve August minutes

made by Selma Kossol, seconded by Stacey Watson

Treasurer: Motion to approve August budget report made by Stacey Watson, seconded by Staphannie Hartwig. Amend budget \$523.50 from August to September.

1st VP: Bingo tonight, next months meeting at Harrison Road Community Center, Silent Auction

2nd VP: Oct. 6th bonfire and pumpkin picking 2-4 at Snead's farm, Sat. 19th Pots and Palettes (adults only!) 2:00, 26th Tiny Thumbolina 1:00 Children's matinee \$11.00

MMO: Canal Walk, Lunchtime at Hurkamp Park

Big Sis/Lil sis: no new matches, 4 last month

Sunshine: 15 Honorary, 5 perspectives

Membership: 35 paid members, new phone tree

Ways and Means: Art Expo, Contact Rebecca Thomas for First Friday, Yard sale sign up sheets going around, talked about buying 3 adding machines.

Social Welfare: 9-14 Hospice-Tality need volunteers contact Selma Kossol. Hope house tree Noah's Ark Theme

Newsletter: deadline Sept. 20th

Tri-State: Meeting on Oct 19th

Chub Club: Last month Renee Hamlett won lost 12 pounds!

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Stacey Watson and seconded by Stephannie Hartwig

Yard Sale Follow-Up

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the yard sale. It was a great success once again. Our total in sales was 4,846.85. We made a profit of 622.65. I would like to especially thanks Kim Hupp for allowing us to come to her home to count tags and money. I would also like to thank Barbie Baugh, Joanna Melton, Kim Hupp, and Selma Kossol for assisting with the counting of tags and money. We were troopers until well past 5:00 pm.

Sheri Pierce

Treasurer's Report September by Sheri Pierce

Beginning Balance: \$5,738.77

INCOME:

*Dues 02-03 \$150.75
50/50 Raffle-Ways & Means \$6.00
First Friday (September-Table) \$243.60
Ways & Means -Hurkamp Park \$12.75
Yard Sale \$4,797.85

Total Income: \$5,210.95

EXPENSES:

Ways & Means-J. Melton-Hurkamp Park \$83.20
Ways & Means-R. Thomas-Hurkamp Park \$56.07
Yard Sale- B. Baugh \$39.98
Yard Sale- R. Thomas \$93.99
Yard Sale-Club Member Checks \$4,175.20
2nd VP-J. Melton-Backyard Carnival \$69.33
1st VP-R. Thomas-Meeting Supplies \$21.00

Total Expenses: \$4,538.77

Checkbook Balance: \$6,410.95

Cashbox: \$200.00

Ending Balance: \$6,610.95

***Dues Paid By: 02-03** 34) Kim Schneider 35) Stacey Watson 36) Selma Kossol 37) Donita Wagner 38) Courtney Southwell 39) Marilyn Brown 40) Suzanne Poe

Placing an Ad

If you have an item to sell or looking for something to buy, this is a good place to advertise. Please let Stephannie Hartwig know by emailing me at twinadoes@mail.com or call me at 540-834-4172. Your ad will be ran for 3 months, unless I am notified otherwise.



For Sale

Two Chicco Mamma highchairs
Has five-point harness, six height adjustments, three recline positions, rolls on lockable casters and easily foldable. Bought for \$150 each, selling for \$70 each.

Graco 4 in 1 stroller/infant car seat with 2 stay in car adjustable bases. \$60. Evenflo Infant car seat \$20, Primo's "Euro Bath" White plastic molded tub – 0-2 yrs. Bought for \$25, selling for \$10, Graco Exersaucer \$20. Please contact Aji Joseph at 288-0408

Two white wooden baby cribs and matching changing table all in excellent condition - ONLY \$125.00 for all three pieces! Also, have matching crib sheets, bumper pads, will sell for CHEAP. Crib tent (keeps child in crib so will not climb out and injure self) retails for \$70.00 will sell half-price. Other miscellaneous baby items for sale. Please call: Lesley Moore 891-9453.

Free

Anne Nans has a Runabout triplet Stroller. It needs a new rear wheel and a new handlebar grip. She would like to give it to someone who is in need. Please contact her.

Silent Auction

We will have our annual silent auction at our October meeting. The event is a fund-raiser that is a lot of fun. This is a great event to pick up an item or two for the upcoming holiday season, a birthday, or maybe just a little something for your self. All prospective and honorary members are invited to this event, or maybe bring a friend or family member.

Members are asked to donate at least one item to bid on. A bid sheet is placed with each item and for 20 minutes we walk around placing bids. The last person to bid on this item is the lucky winner.

Suggestions for donations are things such as craft items, wreaths, flower arrangements, a handmade item. You could also donate books, videos, picture frames or maybe even a homemade goodie basket. Hope to see a lot of you at the meeting and don't forget your checkbook. If you have any questions you can contact Brenda Stout at 898-3264.

Shhhhhh! **Secret Pals**

The 2002-2003 Secret Pals have been handed out. So Secret Pals, remember to send or bring a small gift or such to your person starting in October

Membership Handbooks

The 2002-2003 FAMOMC Membership Handbook inserts will be available at the October meeting for those who did not receive them last month. The inserts include an updated roster, help line, and phone tree. If you can not attend the meeting, the insert will be mailed to you upon request. If anyone is in need of a new folder, please contact Renee Hamlett at (540) 891-2530

Festival of Trees Two by Two

For the past three years we have participated in the Downtown Festival of Trees. This is a fundraiser that helps to benefit Hope House. We decorate a tree that is displayed and then a few days later it is auctioned to the public. The theme for the tree is Two by Two. We have used this theme the past few years and done very well. At this point the only item we have for this event is the tree. We will be asking that club members please donate either pairs of animal ornaments or you may do cash donations if you would choose not to shop. You can bring your donations to the meetings in order to be added to our collection. If you collect an ornament, but are unable to attend the meetings please let us know so that we may add it to our on going list. If you have any questions please contact Stephannie Hartwig at 834-4172. I know with everyone's help we can make this the best year yet!



Convention 2003

Please keep a lookout for any arts and crafts supplies or dress-up clothes/accessories on sale. So far, 2 - 50 marker sets and a nice art supply set have been donated for the Arts 'n Crafts raffle basket. Thank you, Kim Schneider. If you have any donations or would like to make a monetary donation, please talk with Joanna Melton at the meetings or contact her at 775-0053 or cjmelton@crosslink.net.

"A Magical Mystery of Multiples" April 25-26

Hosted by the Tidewater Mothers of Multiples Club

Convention 2003

Convention 2003 is just months away, and the Tidewater Moms are busy preparing for your arrival.

Williamsburg Marriott, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg is the gathering place for an exciting magical weekend. The hotel direct phone line is 757/220-2500. Hotel reservations can be made by phone, 1-800-442-3654, or via either of these web pages www.marriott.com/phfcw, www.geocities.com/Heartland/Bluffs/2918. Click on reservations and enter code TMMTMMA to get the \$139.00 room rate. Plan on a 2 day stay.

We have excursions and entertainment planned for Friday and Saturday evening. Tours of Colonial Williamsburg, Williamsburg Winery, local Plantations, Yorktown, Jamestown, and of course shopping at the many Outlets await our arrival. The agenda provides you with time to relax before the afternoon General Session, Main Speaker, Saturday evening dinner, and the long awaited Mystery Evening Social.

Registration for convention is set at \$47.00. There will be a drawing for those who register by February 1.

Looking forward to hosting you at our club's 35th anniversary party. If you require any help you may email me Kim Cross at kcross@series2000.com.

The Mystery of Multiples Committees Tidewater MoMs.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and More... ..

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Contact Kristine Keesecker @ 891-5087

Brigitte Perry.....834-2322
 Carey Sealey.....371-1872
 Cathy Loving.....710-0866
 Shelly Forcier.....
 Jennifer Sims.....657-9945

HONORARY MEMBERS

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Terri Lumpkin.....559-7811
 Tresha Tidwell.....286-0706
 Jessica Ney-Grimm.....295-1554
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 Karin Linkous.....876-1054
 Tammy LaPrad.....786-2082
 Heather Myers.....288-8888
 Charlene Lewis.....720-2728
 Cindy Vischer.....972-6967

Congratulations to Honorary Mom, Jennifer Stoy and her family on the birth of her boy/boy twins, Tyler Gregory who weighed 6 lbs., 1 oz and Gabriel Connor who weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz. They were born on September 7, 2002.

Congratulations to Honorary Mom, Johanna Friess and her family on the birth of her boy/boy twins, Jacob McCullen who weighed 4 lbs., 6 oz and Tyler Christian who weighed 3 lbs., 8 oz. They were born on August 2, 2002



FAMOMC DUES

Dues for the 2002-2003 club year are now due. Dues for **Renewing Members** are \$22.00. Dues for **New Members** joining in September, October, and November are \$18.75 Please make checks payable to **FAMOTC** and send to:

FAMOMC
P.O. Box 252
Fredericksburg, VA 22404

For more information about the club, please call Membership Chair mom, Renee Hamlett at 540-891-2530



Chub Club



We have starting a new club for those members trying to loose weight. At each of our regular monthly meetings we will have private weigh ins. Each participating member will pay a \$2.00 fee and the person who has lost the most weight for that month will win the take. For the month of August, Renee Hamlett was the winner of the pot with a 12 lb. loss. For September, Sheri Pierce and Stephannie Hartwig won the pot each with a loss of 4 lbs.

Kids Birthdays:

Allen & Jasmine Brown..... 10/2
 Christina Harvey..... 10/4
 Michael & John Altemose..... 10/8
 Joshua Ernest..... 10/18
 Benjamin Jobrack..... 10/11
 TJ Altemose..... 10/14
 Caleb & Jacob Ernest..... 10/18



Parent's Birthday:

Bill Schneider..... 10/8
 Mark Colson..... 10/9
 Kristine Keesecker..... 10/14
 Rebecca Thomas..... 10/15
 Kenneth Thomas..... 10/17
 Angela Clayberg..... 10/21
 Laura Wright..... 10/27

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Marilynn & Allen Brown... .. 10/1
 Jane & Jeff Hudgins... .. 10/4
 Susan & Nate Nastase... .. 10/8
 Donita & Kenneth Wagner... .. 10/10
 Debbie & James Harvey... .. 10/11
 Stephannie & Matt Hartwig... .. 10/15

October 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
A LOOK AHEAD -Fall Festival Sunday November 3rd from 3-6pm at Mullen's Farm		1	2 Meeting at Harrison Rd Community Center 7 pm	3	4 Last First Fri- day of the Year 	5
6 Pumpkin picking & Bon fire at Snead's Farm 2-4 pm	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 MMO Ken- more Park Clean-Up	16	17	18	19 Mom's Day Out at Pots & Palettes 2 pm
20	21	22	23	24	25 Newsletter Deadline	26 Riverside Dinner Theater Children's Lunch 'N Show 1 pm
27 Daylight Savings Time. Time to turn those clocks back 1 hour!	28	29	30	31 Halloween 		

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_____ If this is checked this is your last complimentary newsletter. Please contact Renee Hamlett to become a member. Thank You!