

# The Daily Double

Fredericksburg Area Mothers of Multiples Club

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**December**

**FAMOMC Meeting**

**DATE:** December 3, 2002

**TIME:** 7:00 Business Meeting

**LOCATION:** Mary Washington Hospital

**Directions to MWH:**

From Rt. 3 take Rt. 1 north go to fourth light and take a left at light onto Mary Washington Blvd. Follow signs to hospital. Parking is in the front.

We will have our annual Cookie and Gift exchange at this months meeting. Please see this newsletter for participation information

**Kristine has asked that we please bring snacks to share!**

**Donations:**

Items for adopted Christmas Family. See this page for information

## Annual Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8th at Lee Hill Community Center/Cosner Park from 3:00 to 6:00 pm

Please join us for our Annual Christmas Party. We will play a few games, make a few crafts, and eat dinner. The club will supply the main dish and beverages. We ask the club members to bring either a side dish or dessert to share. We will also have a special visitor. He will arrive around 3:30 pm. He will leave gifts for the children so please sign-up at the December meeting or contact Joanna Melton at 775-0053 or [cjmelton@crosslink.net](mailto:cjmelton@crosslink.net). If anyone has an adult size union suit or two and are willing to let us use it for a game, please let Joanna know.

**Directions:** From I95 take Route 3 East to Bus Route 17 South (Dixon Street). Drive about 3 miles passing the Fredericksburg fairgrounds, Shannon airport, and Fredericksburg Country Club. Turn left onto the road for Lee Hill Community Building/Cosner Park. Follow the road around to the community building.



## A Few Christmas Wishes

We have a club member who is need of a little help this Christmas. This is a single income family, and the main bread winner has been out of work for a while with an injury. He is in hopes of going back to work in the near future. Just the same we would like to help them make this Christmas nice for their four children. Here is a list of things that each child has on their Christmas list:

**10 year old daughter** would like a Bratt Doll, the Bratt Car (for those of you who don't know what this are, they are like Barbie but for an older child.) She would also like a Hair Crimping curling iron. She is into make-up. Clothes sizes are as follows: Shoes-women size 9, Jr. size 5 jeans, and shirts Medium.

**8 year old son** would like Spiderman Table top Pinball, Pokemon Yu-Gi-OH cards, kids ATM savings Bank. Clothes sizes are as follows: shoes boys 6, jeans/sweatpants-boys size 6 (slims or regular) Sweat shirts size boys large.

**B/B Twins** Plastic Wagon (the ones that Step 2 or Little Tykes make) Luvs Diapers size 4. Winter clothes size 24 mths -2T. Shoes size 7. These sizes are for both boys.

I would like to take up the donations at this months meeting. I realize that this gives you little time to shop. If you would choose to give cash donations that will be fine also. Lisa Ernest and myself will be glad to do the shopping. The club will also be giving a gift card to Wal-Mart in order for them to shop for groceries, or other needs they may have. The only other request I would have is if you are gonna buy one of the specific items on one of the children's list please let Lisa or myself know so that would do not get duplicate items. Also I have "shopped" for these items and can tell you where to find them. If you would like or need more information please contact Stephannie Hartwig at 540-834-4172 or Lisa Ernest at 540-786-8003.

# A Note From Our President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that you are now ready for the Christmas holidays. Our December meeting is going to be great. We'll have our annual cookie and gift exchanges, we'll be collecting gifts for our family, and we'll be discussing plans for the Christmas party. I hope to see you there.

I want to thank everyone for their donations for our Thanksgiving baskets. The families were very grateful.

I also want to thank everyone who donated or painted ornaments for our tree for the Festival of Trees. Special thanks to Kim Schneider for making the tree skirt, to Joanna Melton and Selma Kossol for helping our chairperson Stephannie Hartwig decorate the tree. Stephannie worked very hard on this tree. She order the tree for us, she put it up several times to make sure it would work, she found and painted a Noah for the tree top-per, she located and bought raindrops for the tree, she painted many ornaments for the tree with some help from her mother-in-law, she found an ark for under the tree, but it accidentally got broken at my house.

My husband quickly built an ark for us and he also cut out many ornaments for the tree. Thanks, Jim. This tree is a lot of work for everyone involved, but it is for a good cause. All of the money made from the tree auction and admissions go to Hope House.

We've been very busy as a club. I hope that you come out to the December for some fun and fellowship. Hope to see then.

Lisa Ernest



## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the newsletter is Dec. 27th, 2002.

Send entries to:

Stephannie Hartwig or FAMOMC  
302 Azalia Drive P.O. Box 252  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408 Fredericksburg, VA  
22404

You can also e-mail me at [twinadoes@mail.com](mailto:twinadoes@mail.com)

## FAMOMC OFFICERS

President .....Lisa Ernest ..... 786-8003  
1st VP .....Rebecca Thomas ..... 373-9339  
2nd VP .....Selma Kossol ..... 785-9820  
2nd VP .....Joanna Melton ..... 775-0053  
Secretary .....Lisa Marsden ..... 659-2075  
Treasurer .....Sheri Pierce ..... 752-4262

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMOMS

Newsletter Editor ..... Stephannie Hartwig...834-4172  
Membership ..... Renee Hamlett .....891-2530  
Webmaster ..... Renee Hamlett .....891-2530

### **Sunshine .....**

Honorary ..... Debbie Harvey .....972-9021  
Prospective ..... Kristine Keesecker ...891-5087  
Packets ..... Stephannie Hartwig ..834-4172  
Librarian ..... Beth Burns .....898-7584  
Historian ..... Selma Kossol .....758-9820  
Refreshments ..... Kristine Keesecker ...891-5087  
Scholarship .....

Mom's Morning Out ... Selma Kossol .....785-9820  
Joanna Melton .....775-0053

### Mid-Atlantic Delegates

Lisa Ernest .....786-8003  
Selma Kossol .....785-9820

### Alt Delegates

Dianne Albrecht .....898-1131  
Kim Altemose .....752-1650

National Rep ..... Laurie Kosloske .....286-1649

Big Sis/Little Sis ..... Sheri Pierce .....752-4262

Social Welfare ..... Stephannie Hartwig ..834-4172

Bylaws ..... Barbie Baugh .....758-9711

**Ways and Means .....** Lisa Ernest .....786-8003

Hurkamp Park ..... **OPEN**

Yard Sale ..... Barbie Baugh .....785-9711

Silent Auction ..... Brenda Stout .....898-3264

T-shirts/Hats, etc ..... Kim Hupp .....786-8723

Convention Sales ..... Joanna Melton .....775-0053

### **First Fridays .....**

May ..... Joanna Melton .....775-0053

June ..... Selma Kossol .....785-9820

July ..... Lisa Ernest .....786-8003

August ..... Barbie Baugh .....785-9711

September ..... Donita Wagner .....898-4260

October ..... Rebecca Thomas .....373-9339

### **2nd Vice President Committees .....**

Summer Picnic ..... Selma Kossol .....785-9820

Fall Festival ..... Joanna Melton .....775-0053

Selma Kossol .....785-9820

Christmas Party ..... **OPEN**

Easter Party/Egg Hunt . Lisa Ernest .....786-8003

Installation Dinner ..... Sheri Pierce .....752-4262

Progressive Dinner ..... Joanna Melton .....775-0053

## THE DAILY DOUBLE

The Daily Double is the official publication of the Fredericksburg Area Mother of Multiples. It provides information about the club meetings and activities, as well as other articles of interest. The purpose of FAMOMC is to broaden the understanding of those aspects of child development and rearing that relate especially to multiples. The policy of FAMOMC shall be to give assistance and understanding to mothers of multiples and those responsible for the care and raising of multiples.

## 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.



#### **Gingerbread House Making Party**

This month we will make gingerbread houses at Lisa Ernest's home on Thursday, December 19th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. What delicious fun!

**Directions:** Take Rt. 3 W past the mall and BJ's, turn left onto Salem Church Rd., turn right at the third stop light onto Harrison Rd. Go left at the next stop light onto Piedmont Rd. Go approximately 1 mile and turn into Piedmont Landing on the left. Lisa's home is the first house on the right. The actual address is 11222 Piedmont Landing Dr.

### **Big Sister/Little Sister Program**

I am currently in the process of rewriting the Big Sister/Little Sister information sheet to be completed by prospective and honorary members so that it is applicable to their needs.

We agreed at our September meeting to open up the Big/Little Sister program to those who were not members, but were listed on our prospective or honorary list. I welcome any suggestions.

If you could, please call me at 752-4262 with your suggestion or share them with me at the December meeting.

### Cookie and Gift Exchange!

Its that time of year, time for our annual Christmas meeting. This is a great meeting to attend. We will once again have our cookie and gift exchange. The rules of each are as follows:

If you wish to participate in the cookie exchange, the rules are as follows:

bring a 1/2 dozen cookies to share with the club and then bring as many bags of cookies as you wish to swap with other club members. Bring as many bags as you like. For every bag you bring you get a bag of someone else's cookies. It is that easy. If you choose you may also bring along the recipe to share.



The gift exchange is just as much fun. Each person brings a gift (this gift should be under \$10 or less). Each person that brings a gift takes a turn at picking a gift. Let me just say that Lisa Ernest's hand painted slate seems to be very popular! Will we see one of those again this year? Guess you will have to join us to find out. Good luck.

Please note that both of these events are optional, but be sure to attend the meeting even if you choose not to participate or you just do not have time to shop or bake. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



**Congratulations to Chubb Club Winner  
Renee Hamlett!  
Keep up the good work ladies!**

**November Minutes by Lisa Marsden**

**President:** Call to order, looking for ideas of incentives to get people to hold office, we decided on if your an officer you pay no dues and you get free membership if you have been a member for over 10 years.

**Members Present:** Lisa Earnest, Debbie Harvey, Selma Kossol, Joanna Melton, Lisa Marsden, Jane Hudgins, Stephannie Hartwig, Stacey Watson, Sheri Pierce, Kim Hupp, Renee Hamlett, Rebecca Thomas, Aji Joseph

**Secretary:** Motion to approve Oct. minutes made by Selma Kossol and seconded by Debbie Harvey  
**Treasurer:** Motion to approve Oct. budget made by Stephannie Hartwig and seconded by Kim Hupp

**1st VP:** Tonight bow making and painting animals for the festival of trees, Dec. cookie/gift exchange

**2nd VP:** Had a nice time at bonfire, Christmas party on Dec. 8 at Lee Hill-Cosner Park  
MMO: Chuck E. Cheese on Nov. 19 at 11:00 and gingerbread party at Lisa Earnest house on Dec. 19

**Big Sis/Lil Sis:** no new requests

**Membership:** 43 paid members

**Ways and Means:** discussed some yard sales issues about working two shifts

**Social Welfare:** We are doing 3 thanksgiving baskets. Nov. 24 set up for the festival of trees 12-8, looking for a family for Christmas.

**Newsletter:** deadline Nov. 22

**Tristate:** meeting on Nov. 9 from 9-12

*Motion to adjourn meeting made by Joanna Melton and seconded by Stephannie Hartwig*

**SECRET PAL THANK YOU'S**

I loved the Candle sooooo much. I have already burnt it. Matthew's only complaint was he kept coming home thinking that I had been baking. Yeah Right, he wishes :)  
Thanks Again.

Stephannie Hartwig

Thanks to my secret pal for the great candles and the snickers.

Lisa Marsden

Thank you for my gift certificate. I love to shop. You are very generous.

Lisa Ernest

**Treasurer's Report  
November by Sheri Pierce**

**Beginning Balance:..... \$6,274.86**

**INCOME:**

\*Dues 02-03.....\$18.75  
50/50 Raffle-Ways & Means..... \$5.50  
Donation-Yard Sale..... \$2.40

**Total Income:..... \$26.65**

**EXPENSES:**

2nd VP- S. Kossol- Fall Festival..... \$223.13  
2nd VP-J. Melton- x-mas & fall festival.... \$168.30

**Total Expenses:..... \$391.43**

**Checkbook Balance:..... \$5,710.08**

**Cashbox:..... \$200.00**

**Ending Balance:..... \$5,910.08**

**\*Dues Paid By: 02-03 43) Julie Cain**



### 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

Double side-by-side stroller, "Instep", brand new canvas, \$150  
2 Hike N' Roll back packs (a back pack that converts to a stroller-type carrier or stationary position), new, in boxes, both for \$110. 2 Noah's Ark theme complete crib sets, very new condition, "Serendipity" both for \$162 2 crib mattresses, new condition, both for \$60  
Aerosaucer, new, in box, airplane design \$45. If you have any questions or want digital pictures, give Susan Koban a call at (540) 663-5376

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. 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

### 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

### "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.marriotthotels.com/phfcw](http://www.marriotthotels.com/phfcw), [www.geocities.com/Heartland/Bluffs/2918](http://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 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. If you require any help you may email me Kim Cross at [kcross@series2000.com](mailto:kcross@series2000.com).

The Mystery of Multiples Committees Tidewater MoMs.

## A Cute Story

Submitted by: Selma Kossol

Gold, Common Sense and Fur

My husband and I had been happily (most of the time) married for five years but hadn't been blessed with a baby. I decided to do some serious praying and promised God that if he would give us a child, I would be a perfect mother, love it with all my heart and raise it with his word as my guide. God answered my prayers and blessed us with a son. The next year God blessed us with another son. The following year, he blessed us with yet another son. The year after that we were blessed with a daughter. My husband thought we'd been blessed right into poverty.

We now had four children, and the oldest was only four years old. I learned never to ask God for anything unless I meant it. As a minister once told me, "If you pray for rain, make sure you carry an umbrella." I began reading a few verses of the Bible to the children each day as they lay in their cribs. I was off to a good start. God had entrusted me with four children and I didn't want to disappoint Him. I tried to be patient the day the children smashed two dozen eggs on the kitchen floor searching for baby chicks. I tried to be understanding when they started a hotel for homeless frogs in the spare bedroom, although it took me nearly two hours to catch all twenty-three frogs. When my daughter poured ketchup all over herself and rolled up in a blanket to see how it felt to be a hot dog, I tried to see the humor rather than the mess.

In spite of changing over twenty-five thousand diapers, never eating a hot meal and never sleeping for more than thirty minutes at a time, I still thank God daily for my children. While I couldn't keep my promise to be a perfect mother - I didn't even come close - I did keep my promise to raise them in the Word of God. I knew I was missing the mark just a little when I told my daughter we were going to church to worship God, and she wanted to bring a bar of soap along to "wash up" Jesus, too. Something was lost in the translation when I explained that God gave us everlasting life, and my son thought it was generous of God to give us his "last wife."

My proudest moment came during the children's Christmas pageant. My daughter was playing Mary, two of my sons were shepherds and my youngest son was a wise man. This was their moment to shine. My five-year-old shepherd had practiced his line, "We found the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes." But he was nervous and said, "The baby was wrapped in wrinkled clothes." My four-year-old "Mary" said, "That's not 'wrinkled clothes,' silly. That's dirty, rotten clothes." A wrestling match broke out between Mary and the shepherd and was stopped by an angel, who bent her halo and lost her left wing. I slouched a little lower in my seat when Mary dropped the doll representing Baby Jesus, and it bounced down the aisle crying, "Mama-mama." Mary grabbed the doll, wrapped it back up and held it tightly as the wise men arrived. My other son stepped forward wearing a bathrobe and a paper crown, knelt at the manger and announced, "We are the three wise men, and we are bringing gifts of gold, common sense and fur."

The congregation dissolved into laughter, and the pageant got a standing ovation. "I've never enjoyed a Christmas program as much as this one," Father Brian laughed, wiping tears from his eyes. "For the rest of my life, I'll never hear the Christmas story without thinking of gold, common sense and fur."

"My children are my pride and my joy and my greatest blessing," I said as I dug through my purse for an aspirin

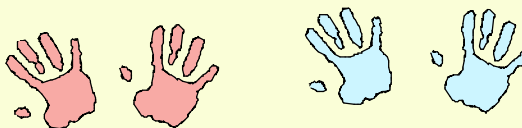
# Birthdays, Anniversaries, and More... ..

## 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  
 Erin Edmonds.....659-2426  
 Astrid Kouwenhoven.....361-1863

*Congratulations to Honorary Mom, Heather Myers and her family on the birth of her boy/girl twins, Kenny who weighed 3 lbs., 13 oz and McKenzie who weighed 4 lbs., 13 oz. They were born on November 4th, 2002.*



## HONORARY MEMBERS

Contact Debbie Harvey @ 972-9021

Jessica Ney-Grimm.....295-1554  
 Johanna Friess.....720-9302  
 Beth Bowen.....580-5802  
 Cabell Melson.....368-5569  
 Jennifer Stoy.....288-8283  
 Diana Wheeler.....582-8188  
 Stacey Broughton.....654-5338  
 Karin Linkous.....876-1054  
 Tammy LaPrad.....786-2082  
 Heather Myers.....288-8888  
 Cindy Vischer.....972-6967  
 Farzaneh Azimipour.....  
 Heather Augustine.....288-3260

### Please Add The Following New Members To Your Handbooks!

1) Toni Podrasky 720-9022  
 13 Jamestown Court  
 Stafford, VA 22554  
 Email: kennytoni@earthlink.net  
 Birthday: 10/31  
 Anniversary: 7/6  
 Twins: BG Steven and Elizabeth  
 4/5/00

2) Suzanne Poe 720-3069  
 1103 John Paul Jones Drive  
 Stafford, VA 22554  
 Email: spoe@racs.state.va.us  
 Birthday: 12/13  
 Anniversary: 2/14  
 Husband: Lane 9/3  
 Twins: FG Wendy & Ellen  
 12/8/00

### A BLESSING TO PONDER:

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

Have a good day, count your blessings, and pass this along to remind everyone else how very blessed we all are.

## Convention 2003

Convention 2003 in Williamsburg, VA is just a few months away now and we still need donations for the club's raffle baskets. Please be on the look out for arts and craft supplies and dress-up clothes/accessories for boys and girls. So far we have 2 smocks, 2 - 50 marker sets and 1 nice art supply set. Contact Joanna Melton at 775-0053 or at the meetings if you have any donations

### Kids Birthdays:

Wendy & Ellen Poe.....12/8  
 Asha & Shireen Cook.....12/15  
 Kirk & Ashley Albrecht.....12/19  
 Natalie Foley.....12/20  
 Jordan Cain.....12/30  
 Michael Harvey.....12/30

### Parent's Birthday:

David Cain.....12/2  
 Wilson Cook.....12/8  
 Bill Kossol.....12/8  
 Brian Patrick.....12/10  
 Don Hupp.....12/12  
 Judy Jobrack.....12/12  
 Suzanne Poe.....12/13  
 Susan Nastase.....12/17  
 Jeff Hudgins.....12/28  
 Kim Altemose.....12/29

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Kim & Bill Schneider.....12/11  
 Angela & Kirk Clayberg.....12/20  
 Julie & David Cain.....12/30



# December 2002

| Sun                                    | Mon | Tue   | Wed   | Thu                                    | Fri                           | Sat                    |
|--|-----|---|---|--|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1                                      | 2   | 3 <i>Monthly Meeting—Cookie &amp; Gift Exchange</i> | 4 <i>Last Day of Festival of Trees</i>  | 5                                      | 6                             | 7 <i>Hanukkah Ends</i> |
| 8 <i>Annual Christmas Party 3-6 pm</i> | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12                                     | 13                            | 14                     |
| 15                                     | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19 <i>MMO Gingerbread House Making</i> | 20                            | 21                     |
| 22 <i>Winter Solstice</i>              | 23  | 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>                             | 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>   | 26 <i>Kwanzaa Begins</i>               | 27 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> | 28                     |
| 29                                     | 30  | 31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>                            | <i>Look Ahead Into January 2003</i><br>—Parent's Night Out-Progressive Dinner/Dinner Party<br>—MMO at Chuck E. Cheese's |  |                               |                        |

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