



# Multiple Messages

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## *A Note from the President*

## Next Events

**Monthly Meeting**  
None this month

**Summerville Support**  
Tue. April. 5th 7:00 PM  
Atlanta Bread Co.  
Main St. Summerville  
Contact Summer

**Mt. Pleasant Support**  
Tuesday the 26th at 6pm at  
Qudoba in Towne Center  
Christi 912-412-0320

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### Hello All!!!

First I would love to thank Dana, Keri, Kim and Denise for their help with the convention. Even though it was more work putting it on then going and showing up at the other clubs, I think ours was one of the most fun conventions of all. Next year, we are headed to Columbia for the PSPM convention. They promise to provide a weekend of lots of relaxation. You will learn to make your own salt scrubs even!! I could use a hammock and a book for a whole weekend, since no kids, someone else cooking and cleaning. More info will be provided on BigTent and closer to time of convention. Pictures of our convention will be posted on BigTent in a few weeks.

Two big events are going on this month. We will have our Easter Egg Hunt/Spring Fling on April 9th, Saturday and the following weekend is the Multiples Birth Awareness Festival in Columbia, hosted by PSPM, but NOMOTC will be there to run it. They are still looking for volunteers.

First, the **Easter Egg Hunt**...It was so beautiful last year, we have decided to have it at Charlestowne Landing again this year. If you go straight through the building and out the door on the other side, there is an area with picnic tables and the CAMOM banner will be hanging up. We will start a little earlier last year since it was too late to see the grounds afterwards. The park is open from 9-5, so we'll have the Easter party from 10-12, then you can go venturing afterwards. If you go to this website you can find a map of how to get there.

<http://www.charlestowne.org/visitus.shtml#map>. Admission is \$7.50 for adults/\$3.50 for children 6-15/children 5 and under are free. CAMOM will provide a tray again from Chic-fil-a, otherwise if your last name ends in A-H, please bring some drinks and ice, if your name ends in I-Q, please bring a side dish, finger food item and if your last name ends in R-Z, please bring a dessert! **Please also bring 10 filled/ plastic eggs per child for the Easter Egg Hunt.** There will be prizes awarded for the child from 3 different age groups who finds a special egg.

There is more information regarding MBA festival on page 3. Please help out in any way you can. I would like for someone to sit at a booth with CAMOM info. I have to work that night, so I am not sure if I am able to go or not.

here will be no regular meeting this month, but would like to see you all at one of the support meetings and definitely one of our events!!!

**Connie**

**Mom to Chase and Jackson (7) and soon to be Gracen!!!**

## Officers & Teams

**Interm Club President & V.P.**

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Keri Esthay-Miller

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**Librarian**

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**Summerville Support**

Summer Reyes

**Mt. Pleasant Support**

Christie Sanders

**State & National Reporter**

Keri Esthay-Miller

## April Birthdays

Ayden & Cameron Garcia 4/7/2006  
Loriana & Alysia Reyes 4/21/2010

### Siblings

### PARENTS

Lisa Phillips 4/13  
Summer Reyes 4/13  
Stephanie Auwaerter 4/18  
Jaime Kingston 4/20



### ANNIVERSARIES

Please make sure we have your current information on file. This info includes your address, phone number, e-mail address and family birthdays. This will help ensure everyone receives all info and updates! We appreciate your cooperation on this matter. Any changes make o www.BigTent.com—membership profile.

Shirley & Jack Hunter

7/13

## March 2010 Meeting Minutes

**Location/Time:** March 8, 2011, 7:00pm; Texas Fatz Cafe Restaurant

**Business:**

PSPM Convention which will be hosted by CAMOM.  
What: \*Hollywood at the Beach\* PSPM Convention 2011  
Who: Charleston Area Mothers of Multiples  
When: Fri Mar 11 - Sun Mar 13, 2011 EST  
Where: Coastal Retreat Center, Isle of Palms, SC.  
RSVP: <http://www.bigtent.com/home/calendar/event/31331287> (Big Tent)

**Membership Meeting:**

4 Members, one half of a twin attended the CAMOM meeting. We discussed elementary education and homework concerns of first and second graders. We also reviewed last minute details of the convention. Most of all we enjoyed the much needed companionship of all the attendees.

**Next Membership Meeting – May 10th**

Minutes submitted by Keri Esthay-Miller,  
CAMOM Secretary/Treasurer

## CAMOM March Treasury Report

Monthly Treasurer's Report		
Date:	Mar-11	
	Beginning Balance:	\$ 5,390.45
	<b>Income:</b>	\$ 2,487.94
	2011 Convention	2080.00
	2011 Convention	340.00
	Donation to March of Dimes	20.00
	Federated Media Payments	47.94
	<b>Expense:</b>	\$ 4,675.20
2011 Convention	2011 Convention Decorations	282.11
2011 Convention	Island Photographer	150.00
2011 Convention	Staples-Lanyard, birding	46.14
2011 Convention	Member of Year Gifts	46.98
Void	Void	0.00
2011 Convention	Food	348.98
2011 Convention	On the Border Catering	338.63
2011 Convention	Cake for Convention	60.00
2011 Convention	Cathering-Avon	28.00
2011 Convention	Texas Roadhouse-Food	552.50
2011 Convention	Wal-mart	42.02
2011 Convention	Kohl's, Wal-Mart, Piggly Wiggly	109.84
2011 Convention	Lutheran Retreat Center	2400.00
Donation	March of Dimes	\$ 270.00
Ending Balance:		\$ 3,203.19

2011 Convention Financial Report To-Date	
Date:	Mar-11
Income:	\$ 3,223.97
Expense:	\$ 4,773.53
Difference	\$ (1,549.56)

## Multiple Birth Awareness

### Family Festival

April 16, 2011

Palmetto Room

SC State Museum

Columbia, SC

10:30 am - 2:30 pm

(set up at 8:30 am)

I will be counting on you all for making this event a success for us and NOMOTC!

NOMOTC covers the cost of this event, and PSPM will need to provide volunteers for working the event, finding vendors, medical staff, researchers to set up a table. And most important is the PR and advertising so we can make this event a big success!

We would like to borrow carnival type games for kids to play. Does anyone have connections for this or other items needed to make this a great event?

A media blitz will take place to get the word out and also have media representatives there to cover the event. NOMOTC President and Executive VP will attend!

Please send me any ideas or contacts you may have and I will keep up with the information. I am looking for 300 people to attend, and I know we can make that happen!

The event is looking for family friendly vendors. I would love to have Usborne Books, Discovery Toys and Tupperware for sure. If anyone knows someone that has business for baby products or even pamper me products for moms please send a vendor form to them as well. Jewelry vendors would be acceptable as well. Be thinking of products that you would like to see at the event. It would be nice to have vendors that are also parent's or a family member of multiples

I am still in need of carnival games for the event. We also need a few more sets of multiples for the panel. We can use many more volunteers as well. When you send me an email saying you can help with the event let me know if you are available for 1/2 or the whole event. if you have sent me your information already you do not have to send it to me again. I have you down already for volunteering.

Take Care,  
Kim England (aikenmoms@aol.com)  
NOMOTC Publicity Chairman



### SC Aquarium Discount for our group!!

If you are interested in membership to the aquarium, they have sent me information on a discount. Just mention that you are a member of CAMOM and this code (MG-11) and you will receive a \$10 discount.

To purchase a membership, call (843) 579-8629

## CAMOM 2010-2011 Positions to be filled

*We need your help.*

*Please volunteer.*

*Each position does not take much. Any little bit would be greatly appreciated.*

**President/ VP:** 1-2 year commitment, lead monthly meeting, coordinate events, communicate with National and PSPM.

**Secretary:** Attend and submit minutes at monthly meeting, communication with National and PSPM.

### **Sale Coordinator and team:**

- 1) Getting and Returning the racks
- 2) Setting up and taking down the racks
- 3) Helping at the sale - cash register
- 4) Helping at the sale—CAMOM merchandise
- 5) Totaling and balancing the sale

## **Easter Egg Wreath**—By: FamilyFun.com

### **What you need:**

- 14 plastic pull-apart eggs
- Puffy paint
- Egg cartons
- 2 large heavy-duty paper plates
- Scissors
- Glue
- Green craft foam
- Twist ties

### **How to Create it:**

1. First, decorate 14 plastic pull-apart eggs with puffy paint and let them dry. (Overturned egg cartons make great workstations and drying racks; just set each egg half over a carton cup bottom.)
2. Cut the rims from the paper plates and glue them together. Glue green craft foam leaves around the ring, leaving 1 1/2 inches between them.
3. To attach the eggs, tightly wrap twist ties (one for each egg) between the leaves around the paper plate ring, then simply close the egg halves together over the ties.



## **Pop Up Egg Art** FamilyFun.com

### **What you need:**

- Card stock
  - Scissors
  - Double-sided tape
- Embroidery floss

### **Instructions**

1. Begin by cutting out three identical egg shapes from card stock (ours are 8 inches tall). Crease the eggs by folding them in half lengthwise and opening them back up.
2. Cut card stock into strips of varying sizes from 3/4- to 1 1/4-inch wide and 9 to 12 inches long. Accordion-fold the strips so that there's about one inch between each fold.
3. Attach the ends of several strips along one edge of an egg using double-sided tape. Trim the strips so that they make a shallow arc across the egg's width, then secure the other ends in place.
4. When you've covered all three eggs, use double-sided tape to join their backs as shown. Between two of the sections, insert a loop of embroidery floss for hanging. Tip: If the strips sag when you hang the egg, peel them off, shorten them, and reposition them.



**Come in your PJs and join the family fun at the  
Jaiden's Place Pajama Rama on April 9, 2011, 6:00 - 8:30 pm  
at the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry!**

Have fun in the museum playing on the pirate ship, dressing up in the medieval castle, "shopping" in the grocery store, and getting wet in the water world. Special activities exclusively for the Pajama Rama include: Design your own Pillowcase, Family PJ Photos, Bedtime Stories, Silent Auction, the PJ Parade, & the Kids' Dance Party! Everyone will enjoy "Breakfast for Dinner" and door prizes will be given throughout the evening to children & adults. Each child will receive a special goody bag as well.

**Tickets are \$15 for Adults & Children over 1, \$5 for Children under 1.**

**Space is limited, so purchase your tickets in advance at**

Jaiden's Place is a home for homeless mothers of newborn babies. The mission of Jaiden's Place is to provide a safe haven for homeless mothers of newborns that focuses on independent living, life skill training, and personal growth in an effort to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness three families at a time. The home provides basic necessities (food, shelter, clothing, diapers, formula, transportation, etc.) individual and group counseling, GED preparation courses, money management courses, parenting and nutrition classes, as well as job readiness training. [www.jaidensplace.com](http://www.jaidensplace.com)

*Merchandise Available*

**Contact Connie Moody  
or get yours at the next meeting**

**Ladies Shirts: aqua color**

(There are also a few original gray t-shirts and long-sleeve T's in select sizes remaining  
Long sleeve shirts at \$12 for s-xl and \$14 xxl)

**Men's shirt: burnt orange color**





# April 2011

**Sun**

**Mon**


**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

<p><u>Car Seat Safety Check:</u> 1st Tuesday of each month, Babies R Us, N. Charleston,</p>					1	2 Home Depot Kids Clinic 9-12 <b>Bridge Run</b> Flowertown Festival
3	4	5 Summerville Support- Atlanta Bread Co. 7pm Contact Summer	6	7	8	9 CAMOM Spring Fling Easer Egg Hunt @ Charles-towne Landing 12-2
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 MBA Festival @ State Museum in Columbia
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Happy Easter! 	26	26 Mt. Pleasant Support @ Qudoba Town Center 6 pm	27	28	29	30 <b>Safe Kids Festival @ Fire Museum</b>  Walk for Babies- March of Dimes

## May 2011

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

<b>1</b>	2	3 Summerville mtg 7pm	4	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10 Board mtg 7pm	11	12	13	14
	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Mt. Pleasant sup- port mtg.	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				

## June 2011

**Sun.      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Summerville mtg 7pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Board mtg 7pm	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Mt. Pleasant support mtg.	29	30		



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**ALL NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS PLEASE READ**

*We welcome all Mothers & "Mothers To Be" of Multiples to any of our meetings or planned events. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Hospital, West Ashley.*

*Our dues are \$25 a year which includes membership to local, state and national organizations. Dues are not prorated during the year. Dues paid prior to March 31st covers membership thru September and allows for back copies of the National publication. Dues paid after April 1st will cover membership through September the following year. The national publication, The Notebook, is mailed out bi-monthly beginning with the September/October issue.*

*Please contact the Membership Officer for more information.*

***Publication Information***

Deadline for the newsletter is the 20th of each month.  
Please send information to Kim Garcia at kgarcia2004@gmail.com or camom.org@gmail.com Please put name on all submissions.

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