



# Multiple Messages

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Charleston Area Mothers of Multiples

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## *A Note from the President*

Well everyone, it is that time of the year. The September meeting is the time to vote and volunteer for positions in the club. This allows us the ability to run in a smooth manner so that we can meet the needs of our members. Please remember, this a volunteer organization, and if people do not volunteer, there is not an organization. The Mission Statement of this organization is:

***“The purpose of the CAMOM club is to offer support for mothers of multiples through camaraderie, educational materials and speakers.”***

This support and camaraderie can only occur when members take an active role in their club. I remember when I first started attending the meetings, it was intimidating because I did not know anyone. But current members welcomed me and spent time talking to me. (Thank you Julie Van de Meulebroecke.) No one walks out with a new best friend, but I kept coming back, and the faces started getting familiar, and people would say ‘Hi Sandi, how are the kids.’ I started getting more active by attending and hosting play dates and through that I got to know other moms. Now some of those moms are my close friends.

At the time I joined, I really needed the support of the other members. But in no time, the tables turned and I found that I was able to help out someone else through my experience. It was a very eye opening experience for me, because I still needed a lot of support, but I was able to help someone else. This, in my opinion, is what being an active member is. Being an active member does not mean you are at all functions, but you are involved in the club.

In this edition, we will give a description of all the positions, estimated time per month spent on the position, who holds the position, who is nominated (board only), and what the ballot for the September meeting looks like. If you are interested in a board position, contact me at 821-9814 before the September meeting. If you are interested in a Chair position contact me. If you are interested in being on a committee, contact the chair person or me. A great way to get to know other members is by serving on a committee. It lessens the work and is more fun.

We look forward to seeing all of you.

Sandi Hopkins  
MOM to Jared and Rachel

## Next Meeting

**Tuesday, September 9, 2008**  
**7:00 p.m. regular Meeting**  
**St. Francis Hospital**

**Thursday, September 18, 2008**  
**7:00 p.m. Support Meeting**  
**Starbucks Mt. Pleasant**  
**Houston Northcutt Road/Harris**  
**Teeter Shopping Center**

**Thursday, September 25, 2008**  
**7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**  
**Biggy Coffee**  
**Old Trolley Road, S’ville**

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# Officers & Teams

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**Treasurer**

**Web Master**

Anne Lundgren  
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**\*For a full list of officers and teams,  
please visit our website:  
[www.camom.org](http://www.camom.org)**

Email courtesy request...Please limit emails to the club regarding in-home type parties to ONE. Many members use their work emails and are often submerged in unnecessary emails.



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Annie & Gracie Loyd	9/11/2007
Wilson & John Brookes	9/14/2004
Ashleigh & Ethan Blair	9/16/2005
Madison, Caitlyn & "Will" Liles	9/28/2001
AJ & Avery Currais	9/29/2004

### SIBLINGS

Dylan Bass	9/12/1997
Charles Lundgren	9/15/2004
Ryan Lamantia	9/24/2002

### PARENTS

Matt Doscher	9/5
Laura Faust Gaddy	9/21
Liesl Hallman	9/22
Antonio Currais	9/22
Bobbie Chestnut	9/28
Blake Hallman	9/30
Anthony Lamantia	9/30

### ANNIVERSARIES

Tricia & Jason Broadus	9/24
Susan & Andrew McIntyre	9/26

## Installment Dinner

Mark October 10th on your calendar and line up your baby sitter. Our Installment dinner, with spouses, will be held at Sticky Fingers in North Charleston. Buffet dinner @ \$9.95 per person, gift certificates will be drawn at the September meeting. RSVP to Sara Hughes at [MYALBLECOOP@aol.com](mailto:MYALBLECOOP@aol.com) by September 26.

### Tip of the Month

Submitted by: Sandi Hopkins



Next time you are making meatloaf, bake them in a mini muffin pan. They bake up quicker and the kids get their own little meatloaf. We will then have meatloaf for one leftover meal. After that we have spaghetti and 'meatballs'. My kids do not even realize that are the same.

## MEET A MEMBER

### Leslie Clark

I reside in Goose Creek with my Husband Dave and my three and a half year old fraternal twin boys Davis and Drake. I work at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Charleston as the administrative assistant to the Sector Commander.

**Do you have any nicknames?** No

**Where were you born?** Charleston, SC

**When is your birthday?** August 29, 1967

**Where did you grow up?** Hanahan, SC

**What brought you to Charleston?** I was born and raised in the area.

**What did you want to be when you grew up?**  
A lawyer

**Did you play any sports when you were growing up?** No

**Where did you attend High School and College?** I graduated from Hanahan High School and Charleston Southern University

**Do you have any siblings?** Yes, identical twin brothers who are almost two years younger than me.

**Are you married?** Yes

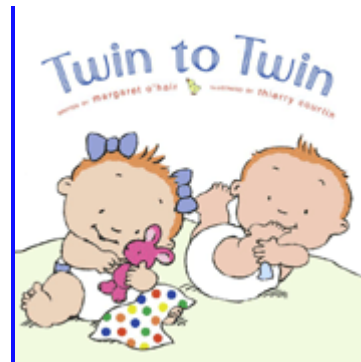
**How did you meet your significant other?** We attended high school together, but didn't know each other. We met almost ten years later when my office was on his UPS delivery route.

**Who is the most interesting person that you have ever shared a meal or a drink with?** My late Father, Billy Drake

**What hobbies do you enjoy?** Photography

**What is your favorite quote?** The Golden Rule - Do unto others as you would have them do unto you

Submitted by **Becky Melancon**



Twin to Twin by Margaret O'Hair A simple, rhyming picture book that's fun to read for both children and parents. "Double born/ Twice the blessing/ Double kids/ Twice the messing" Reading level is baby - pre-school.



Unplugged play: No batteries. No plugs. Pure fun. 710 games and activities for ages 12 months to 10 years. by Bobbi Connor I think the title says it all. The author is the host of public radio's "The Parent's Journal"

**Both of these titles are available at the Charleston County Public Library.**

## **Board- Nominated and Voted In**

President – Connie Moody has accepted nomination

- Lays out agendas for Regular and board meetings
- Leads regular and board meetings
- Takes an active role in leading the club
- This position is held for a max. of 2 years.
- 3-4 Hours/month

Vice President – Sara Hughes has accepted nomination

- Lines up Guest Speaker
- If President can not attend a meeting, VP leads meeting
- 2-3 Hours/month

Treasurer – Jamie Currais has accepted nomination

- Collect annual dues, fundraising monies, clothing & equipment sale monies, etc.
- Pay National & State Organization dues on time
- Keep checkbook balanced and report current balance at all regular meetings & board meetings
- Provide annual financial report to National for tax exemption
- Provide annual financial report (Aug-July) to all members
- Prepare budget each July for next fiscal year (Aug-July)
- Pay bills & reimburse members as needed
- Get board approval for requests that exceed budget
- This position is held for 5 years.
- Average 3 Hours/month – most of that is in the 2 months of the sale.

Secretary – Sandi Hopkins has accepted nomination

- Gifts and Thank you for speaker
- Takes notes and submits to newsletter
- 1 Hour/Month

## **Chairs - Volunteers**

Hospitality Chair – Sara Hughes/Dana Liles

- Do you like to plan parties? Then this is the chair for you.
- Often 2 people work this chair as a team to schedule and plan parties.
- These parties are not at your house, but members often do volunteer to have them at their home. These are the big parties, Halloween, Christmas (kids and adults), Spring Fling, Pumpkin patch.....
- Average 1-3 hr/month depending upon if there is a party or not

Membership – Julie Van de Meulebroecke

- Update membership roster and send out to members periodically
- Add to email list
- Send monthly birthdays and anniversaries to the newsletter editor
- Pass on the pregnant moms to the Support Chair

State and National Reporter – Julie Van de Meulebroecke

- Keeps us up with what State and National are doing
- Receives monthly packet from NOMOTC and distributes information to the appropriate members
- 1 Hour/Month

Newsletter Editor – Jamie Currais

- Edits submitted info into newsletter
- Sends out the newsletter online
- Tracks Newsletter ads (pay for 3 months, only in for 3 months)
- 2 Hour/month

CAMOM sales Coordinator – Krissi Harris and Sara Hughes

- Coordinates the sale
- Lines up location, workers, maintains member numbers
- Delegates a lot
- Average 4 Hour/month – most of this occurs in the 2 months of the sale.

Publicity – Melissa Flynn

- Sending out info to newspapers, TV, and Radio about upcoming events, mostly the sale
- 20 Min/month

Librarian – Jamie Currais

- Should try to attend most meetings, to distribute/collect books
- Yearly buys books, within our budget, to add to the library
- Occasionally submits something to the newspaper about the new books or great tried and true books that we have
- 30 Min/month



Merchandise – Sandi Hopkins

- Need to keep some of the merchandise at their home to bring to meetings.
- Needs to bring merchandise to the sale and set it up.
- 20 Min/month

WebMaster – Anne Lundgren

- Updates the website with the newsletter
- Keeps the website up and running
- 1 Hour/Month

Mentoring- Becky Melancon

- This will pair a new member with an existing member
- Experienced member will call, see how the new mom is doing, remind her of meetings
- When the new member goes to the meeting she will have a familiar face
- 1 Hour/Month

## Open Positions that need to be filled (Volunteer)



### **Sunshine- Open**

- Contact and follow up with new moms
- Line up some meals for the new moms
- If new mom is having problems, try and put her in contact with someone who has some experience with that problem
- 1-2 Hrs/month – this really can vary, sometimes you have few moms and sometimes you have a baby boom.

### **Prospects- Open**

- Follow up on members who have contacted us for 3 months.
- Call to check up, call with meetings reminders
- Make sure they get the newsletter
- The only thing they can not do is sell at the sale and check out books from the library.
- 1 Hr/month - this really can vary, sometimes you have few moms and sometimes you have a baby boom.

### **Support- Open**

- Contact pregnant moms, prospects or members, to check on them.
- This may need to be done twice a month
- If they have some special needs, try to line up someone who had a similar experience.
- If we have a lot of moms at a time, delegate, so they are getting personal attention
- We are looking at doing a Mentor program
- 1 Hour/month

### **Thursday Support Meeting– North Charleston and Mt. Pleasant - Open**

- Be at or make sure someone is at the support meeting to meet the new moms.
- Call new moms who have attended to remind them of next meeting
- Average 3 Hours/month with the meeting running 2 hours.

### **Playgroups – Open**

- Like to send out e-invites to parties, then this is you for you.
- Send out the e-invite so people can see who is coming.
- Encourage people to host parties, hosting does not mean they are at your home. You can host a party at the Children's Museum, the Aquarium, Chick-fil-a.....
- Average 1 Hour/month



Please keep in mind that many of these positions do not require a lot of time, and they can be very rewarding. It is a really great way to meet and help other moms who will be, are, or have been in the same positions you are in.

## Playdates & Nights Out

**Sept 10th**– Creepers & Crawlers (up to 2 yrs)  
Tia's House, Summerville  
**RSVP Tia 425-4345**  
**t41basketball@yahoo.com**

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Tia's House, Summerville  
**RSVP Tia 425-4345**  
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**Sept 25th**– School-aged Night Out  
Olive Garden  
**Sara Hughes 767-9365**  
**myallieoop@aol.com**

## Classifieds

- Graco Sungride infant car seat- pink- w/ base- excellent condition \$50
- Joovy's Big Caboose Stand-On Triple stroller- 8 months old (paid \$430)- excellent condition- \$200 OBO
- Matching twin girls clothes 0-9 months- excellent condition- no stains- Twins where born Nov 1- weight 6 lbs 4 oz – lot 50+ sets (2+ outfits per set)
- 2 Cute Pink Crib Mobiles with Plush Flower plays music- \$10 each or 2 for \$15
- Powered Good Start formula –yellow cans- \$5 per can – lot of 20 plus cans-

**Jennifer Gregory** 568-9237 Im

[jgregory@exitcharleston.com](mailto:jgregory@exitcharleston.com)

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**Courtney Murren has offered these website ideas:**  
[www.wholesometoddlerfood.com](http://www.wholesometoddlerfood.com)

<http://howdoyoudoit.wordpress.com/2008/08/15/toddler-meals/>

If you know of any websites that would be good resources please e-mail to **tcurren@aol.com**

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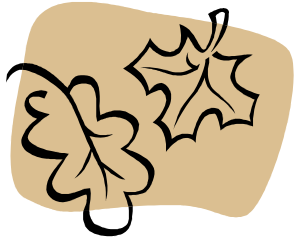
Please make sure we have your current information on file. This info includes your address, phone number, e-mail address and family birthdays. This will help ensure everyone receives all info and updates! We appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

## Wanted

I am looking to buy 2 booster seats for the table for my parent's house and also 2 potty chairs

Kim  
[kc15@homesc.com](mailto:kc15@homesc.com)

**PLEASE NOTE:** All classifieds must be renewed on a month to month basis. To include your ad, email Jamie at [tcurren@aol.com](mailto:tcurren@aol.com) no later than the 20th of each month. Ads not submitted or renewed by that date will NOT be included. Be sure to include a description of your item, selling price, your name and phone number.  
Thank you



# FALL SALE

SEMIANNUAL SALE SEPT 19-20

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET, ATTIC AND TOY ROOM  
WE WANT EVERYTHING!!!!!!!

## FRIDAY SEPT 19

1-5 Set up

5-5:45 Dinner Break

5:45-6:30 Sales Committee/Board Member Shop

6:30-7 Members Shop

7-8 Friends & Family Shop

## SATURDAY SEPT 20

7-11 Open Sale

11-2 Breakdown & Cleanup

**LETS MAKE THIS THE BEST SALE EVER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
WE WANT TO SEE EVERYONE PARTICIPATE SOME HOW  
PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY FRIDAY NIGHT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**WE ALSO WILL BE HAVING A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BOTH DAYS  
KNOW ANYONE EXPECTING OR HAVE MULTIPLES? INVITE THEM INTO OUR  
ORGANIZATION**

North Charleston United Methodist Church

1125 East Montague Avenue

North Charleston, SC 29405



# September 2008

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

<p><u>Car Seat Safety Check:</u> 1st Tuesday of each month, BabiesRUs, N. Charleston, 4 pm - 6 pm</p>						
	<p><b>1</b> Labor Day</p>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	<p><b>9</b> Regular Meeting St. Francis Hospital 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>10</b> Playdate Tia's House S'ville 425-4345</p>	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	<p><b>18</b> Support Meeting Mt. Pleasant Starbucks 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b> FALL SALE Member shop</p>	<p><b>20</b> FALL SALE Open to public</p>
21	22	23	24	<p><b>25</b> Support Meeting S'ville 7:00 pm School-aged night out- Olive Garden</p>	26	<p><b>27</b> Playdate Tia's House S'ville 425-4345</p>
28	29	30				



## October 2008

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

			1	2	3 Installment Dinner—Sticky Fingers	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 6:30 Board Mtg 7:00 Reg Meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Kids Halloween Party
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween 	

## November 2008

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

		 Election Day				1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 6:30 Board Mtg 7:00 Reg Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving 	28	29
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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 Jamie Currais at [tcurrais@aol.com](mailto:tcurrais@aol.com). Please put name on all submissions.

Member advertisers will be charged \$25 for 3 months . Outside persons or businesses wishing to advertise will be charged \$60 for 3 months or \$90 for 6 months.