President’s Corner

Christina Metze, PSPM President

Happy Thanksgiving PSPM Moms,

We say every year that it’s hard to believe that the holidays are upon us again. The holidays are real busy for us. My twins Mark and Christopher will be 21 on Nov. 28, the Carolina-Clemson game. WOW! What a day to turn 21! "Go Gamecocks!" One is at USC and the other at Midlands Tech, transferring to USC soon. Christmas is my birthday and I have a BIG one this year. (guess which one) The newlyweds are good. They have been married almost 5 month already. Melanie and Michael’s wedding was beautiful; a very special day for all of us.

Coming up quickly after the holidays is registration for convention. The registration packet is online. Let Donna Miller or me know if you need details. The GEMS club in Greenville is hosting "Mardi Gras." The Drury Inn is the hotel site, March 5-7. Mark your calendars for the 2011 convention in Charleston, March 11-13. Also coming up at convention will be the election of all 4 offices: President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer. Please consider one of these offices. Let me or Ruth know if you’re interested.

Again, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to all of you.

Twincerely,
Christina
PSPM News

Here are a few highlights that need action by your clubs:

• Be sure you have paid your club dues.
• Club rosters with all members’ addresses should be in Word and sent to Karen Shealy as soon as possible.
• Information is needed for a PSPM brochure.
• New officers needed for next term. All positions are open. Applications should be sent to Ruth Walkup, Nominating Chair.

PSPM Website

The link for the PSPM Website is: palmettomultiples.wordpress.com/
If you have anything you would like to see on there, photos or information to add please contact our Webmaster, Jenny Martin at emmakatemom@gmail.com

Big Tent

We would really like to see Big Tent become more of a hub for PSPM members to connect. Contact Christa Willoughby for your invitation to join the Big Tent group. If we want people to know what PSPM can do for them this can be a great perk.

Club News

Ages & Stages

Congratulations to Kim England, who has been elected as the NOMOTC Board of Directors Research Vice President for the 2009-10 year.

GCAMOTC will have their annual Christmas party on December 1 and their annual children’s Christmas party on December 12. They have also adopted a family with 14 year old twins and a 16 year old singleton to provide assistance this holiday season.

The GCAMOTC sale will be March 25-27, 2010.

MUMMs are getting ready for the Christmas season with the annual Ornament/Cookie exchange.

Several of the MUMMs members have been busy working as committee members and board members for the York Preparatory Charter School opening August, 2010.

GEMS hosted the Midterm meeting on September 12, 2009. That evening, several PSPM Moms went to a dinner theater and spent the night at the Drury Inn, site of the 2010 PSPM Convention.

Wednesday, September 2, 2009  Tribune/Times

Notable

Dona Miller of Mauldin was appointed copy editor of Notebook, the quarterly magazine for the National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs, Inc. at its 40th annual convention held recently at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Miller has been a national volunteer for four years. Miller and her husband, John, are the parents of Walt and Brad, 23, and Dayton, 28. She is a member of the GEMS Mothers of Older Twins and Upstate Mothers of Multiples, both local chapters of NO-MOTC. The Upstate Mothers of Multiples meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at GHS Toomey Conference Center.

2009-10 PSPM Officers

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Board Meeting Minutes

Karen Shealy, PSPM Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2009

Christina Metze called the meeting to order. 20 members were in attendance. Alice Arwood, Chaplain read an inspirational story.

Minutes were read from the 2 previous meetings by Karen Shealy and accepted.

Sherry Crofts gave the Treasurer’s report. The PSPM Treasurer will take over the making and distributing of the PSPM Convention disks.

A motion was made by Judy Whitsell that $0.50 of each dues be delegated to a Convention Fund. The next club hosting Convention may apply to receive up to 75% of the balance of that account. The Executive Committee will decide on the application of those funds. Second by Ann Smith.

Currently we have 8 clubs in PSPM.

Sherry Crofts proposed that $25.00 be given to help cover costs the Historian, Sandi Boney, spent on updated our scrapbook. Unanimous agreement by all.

Judy Whitesell gave 2008 Convention report.

There was a question of where Scholarship money was to be sent. Scholarship money is to be sent directly to the College of the recipient.

Information needs to be sent to Jenny Martin, Webmaster, for construction of our new website.

Monica Roveri gave 2009 Convention report.

Midterm meeting date was tentatively set for September 12th in Greenville

Monica Roveri will now do PSPM newsletter. Alice Arwood will do mailing of the newsletter. All members will start receiving a hard copy. The information needed in the newsletter was discussed.

A motion was made to have all information for the newsletter to Newsletter Editor by April 1st and November 1st. Mailing to go out by the end of that month. Second by Christene Wallace. Money for printing and mailing of the newsletter will come out of general funds.

Sherry Crofts discussed the hotel they are looking at for the Greenville Convention.

The club hosting the 2013 convention will be Aiken and Sumter will host 2014 convention.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Shealy

Midterm Minutes
Greenville, SC
September 12, 2009

15 members attended the Midterm meeting held at the home of Sue Davis in Greenville. Prior to the meeting brunch was provided by the hosting club, GEMS MOOT.

Christina Metze, President, called the meeting to order at 11:45 am.

Alice Arwood, Chaplain, gave a devotional.

Karen Shealy, Secretary, read the minutes from the Board Meeting on March 8th.

Motion was made by Donna Miller to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded and approved by voice vote.

Sherry Crofts, Treasurer, read the Treasurer’s Report. Motion was made by Regina Connor to approve the report. Motion seconded and approved by voice vote.

Sherry Crofts reminded everyone that it is now time to pay club dues.

Monica Roveri, Newsletter Editor and VP, talked about the newsletter and agreed to put it together again but needed someone to take over the mailing. Karen Shealy agreed to do the printing and mailing. Information for the newsletter should be given to Monica by November 1st. Club rosters with all members’ addresses should be in Word and sent to Karen as soon as possible.

Christina Metze read a letter she received from NOMOTC announcing Kim England, Parliamentarian, was elected NOMOTC Research Vice President.

An article from the Tribune Times newspaper announced that Donna Miller has been appointed Copy Editor for the Notebook, The NOMOTC’s quarterly magazine for members.

Donna Miller gave the 2009 National Convention Report. The National Convention’s 50th anniversary will be held August 1- August 7, 2010 in Toledo, Ohio. The 2011 convention will be in Chicago. The 2012 convention will be held in Charlotte, NC. Sandi Boney, Historian, asked for pictures form the Las Vegas Convention for the scrapbook.

Barbara Thompson, Scholarship Chair, gave the 2009 Scholarship update. There is currently $702.00 in the Scholarship Fund. Judy Whitesell made a motion to award $250.00 as the Scholarship. Motion seconded and approved by voice vote.

Motion was made by Kathy Hornsby to hold a 50/50 raffle at the meeting to support the Scholarship Fund. Motion seconded and approved by voice vote. Sue Davis was the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

Donna Miller, 2010 Convention Chair, gave the 2010 Convention report. 2010 Convention will be held March 5-7th at the Drury Inn in Greenville, SC. The Drury Inn provides a free breakfast and free evening beverages and snacks. The theme is Mardi Gras. They are planning speakers, wine tasting, twin panels, and possible book club. No old business to discuss.

New business : Need to get more involvement on Big Tent. Karen Shealy to post information emailed to Donna, about a tv show looking for pregnant mothers of multiples.

Information is needed for a PSPM brochure. New officers needed for next term. All positions are open. PSPM needs to find members to fill them. Applications should be sent to Ruth Walkup, Nominating Chair.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Shealy
The PSPM will be offering two (2) scholarships this year.
The amount of each scholarship will be $250.00

Scholarship Information and Application Instructions
The purpose of the PSPM is to promote awareness of and interest in children of multiple births; to participate in research pertaining to multiples and their families; to exchange ideas and information with parents and guardians of multiples throughout the state of South Carolina; and to use its proceeds, as possible, to assist charitable organizations which aid multiples and their families. The PSPM shall be non-profit, non-sectarian and noncommercial.

Terms of Scholarship:
- The scholarship may be used to cover the cost of registration fees and/or books
- Scholarship will be for the school that will be attended in the upcoming school year
- The amount & number of scholarships is based on the total held in the PSPM scholarship fund at the close of the previous State Convention's Board Meeting.

Who May Apply:
- The candidate must be a member of the PSPM, a spouse or child of a PSPM member
- The candidate must have at least 2.5 cumulative GPA, if currently a High School Senior or attending college.

How To Apply:
Candidates must submit the application, to include:
- Completed Application (See Page 2)
- Essay (See Page 3)
- Member Club Involvement Form (See Page 4)
- Faculty Recommendation Form (See Page 5)
- Submit the above to the PSPM Scholarship Chairperson at the following address:
  Barbara Thompson
  137 Volley Court
  Lexington, SC 29073

Note: The candidate will need to have the faculty member of their choice to complete the Faculty Recommendation Form and mail it directly to the PSPM Scholarship Chairperson above.

Submission Deadline:
The complete application must be received on or before January 31, 2010.

Award Notification:
The award notification will be made ten (10) days prior to the PSPM State Convention. The awarded applicants will be invited to attend the Saturday Luncheon to receive their award certificate.
Palmetto State Parents of Multiples
Scholarship Application

Deadline: January 31, 2010

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Name ______________________  SSN ______________________

Address ____________________________________________

City __________________ State __________ Zip ____________

Home (___) - _____ Work (___) - _____ School (___) - _____

Mother of Multiples’ Name ____________________________

Mother’s Occupation ________________________________

Name of Local Club _________________________________

Number of year as a member of PSPM __________________

Husband/Father’s Name ______________________________

Husband/Father Occupation __________________________

I Am … √

- a multiple
- a mother of multiples
- a sibling of multiples
- a father of multiples

Accredited College or
State Licensed School to attend/apply to: ________________________________

Address ____________________________________________

City __________________ State __________ Zip ____________

Contact __________________________________________

Occupational Goals ___________________________________
**List all persons dependent on household income** (including students & financial aid recipients, if any)

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**List Schools you have attended**

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Date of High School Graduation: ________________

**Community and Civic Involvement:**

__________________________________________________________________________

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**Work Experience:** (You may attach a copy of your current resume)

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**List confirmed financial aid you will receive from other sources:**

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Have you previously been awarded a PSPM Scholarship? ________ How Many times? ____________.

**Essays Requirements:** each to be 100 words or less on:

1. How will this scholarship benefit me:
2. My experience as a multiple or living with multiples:
# Palmetto State Parents of Multiples
## Member Involvement Form

**Member Name**

**Date of Application / Member Since**

**Relationship to member**

Please list all board positions, committees, activities, etc that your family sponsor/member has been involved in during their membership.

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**Member Signature**

**Applicant Signature**

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**PSPM Scholarship Chairperson:**  
**Barbara Thompson**  
137 Volley Court  
Lexington, SC 29073
Palmetto State Parents of Multiples Scholarship Application

Faculty Recommendation Form Section

Applicant's Name

In what way are you acquainted with the applicant (i.e. as a student in one or more of your courses, as a work study, student, etc..)?

What special abilities does applicant have?

What is your opinion of the applicant's character?

Please evaluate the following traits of the applicant

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Additional Comments:

Facility Member ________________________________ School _______________________

Title ________________________________ Date _______________________

Signature ____________________________
**Newslettter**

**PSPM Scholars**

MARDI GRAS IN THE UPSTATE

2010 PSPM Convention
March 5-7 in Greenville, SC
Hosted by GEMS Mothers of Older Twins

**Registration $50**
All registrations must be received by 2/20/10.
Make checks payable to GEMS

**Drury Inn & Suites**
10 Carolina Point Parkway
Greenville, SC 29607
864-288-4401 or 1-800-DRURYINN

PSPM rate: $84.00 (up to 4 people)
All rates are per night
(Includes Manager’s cocktails 5:30-7:00 each evening and breakfast buffet 6:00-10:00 each morning)
Deadline for PSPM rate **Feb. 20**

Name__________________________________________
Club Affiliation_______________________________
Street_________________________________________
Home Phone_______________________________
City/State/Zip_______________________________
Cell Phone_______________________________
Spouse’s Name_________________________________
E-mail_____________________________________

Children’s Names   Age   Gender   Type*
____________________________________
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*Twins, Triplets, more-write F=fraternal, I=identical

Mail registration and payment to:

Sherry Crofts
103 Summercrest Circle
Simpsonville, SC 29681

**Registration fee/ $50**
_____Guest(s) attending banquet/ $25 each
_____Jewelry Workshop/ $15
_____T-Shirt  short sleeve $15
   ___long sleeves $18
Size: ___ sm ___ med ___ lg ___ xlg ___ xxg ___ xxx lg

_____Ad for program booklet (attach)

_____TOTAL INCLUDED

**Contact Information:**
Donna Miller  (864-288-5949)
Cell (864-320-3880)
Email: dmill22451@charter.net

Sherry Crofts  (864-962-5940)
Cell (864-906-5259)
Email: Crofts0917@aol.com
MARDI GRAS in the Upstate
2010 PSPM CONVENTION
HOSTED BY: GEMS MOTHERS OF OLDER TWINS
March 5 - 7, 2010
DRURY INN & SUITES

FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH
7:00-8:30 PM  REGISTRATION
8:30 PM  BOARD MEETING
8:30-11:00  MEET AND GREET (digital scavenger hunt-weather permitting-or chatting by the indoor/outdoor pool and hot tub, or movies)

SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH
8:30-9:00  REGISTRATION
9:00-10:00  WELCOME
GENERAL MEETING
VOTE ON NEW OFFICERS
2011 CONVENTION PREVIEW
CLUB SHARE
10:05-10:50  SESSION A: (CHOICE)  1. BOOK TALK
2. JEWELRY (MAKE & TAKE $15.00)
11:00-11:45  SESSION B:  TWIN PANEL
12:00-1:30  LUNCH
KEYNOTE SPEAKER ~ DR. PAUL RASMUSSEN
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED
1:30-1:45  SHOW & SELL SET-UP
1:45-2:45  SHOW & SELL
2:45-6:30  FREE TIME
SUGGESTIONS: HAYWOOD MALL, SHOPPES @ GREENRIDGE,
DOWNTOWN GREENVILLE/RIVER FALLS PARK-Ask a GEMS Member
6:30  “THE SOCIAL SIP” (CASH BAR)
7:00  BANQUET
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH
9:30 AM  BOARD MEETING
More Very Important Information:

After much consideration about a book for the book talk, Donna has chosen Bill O’Reilly’s *A Bold Fresh Piece of Humanity*. It has been on the best sellers list since it was published in October 2008. You may not appreciate his politics, but he has received excellent reviews, even from his staunchest critics. Since it has been out so long, you can find inexpensive copies on the Internet, or check it out from your local library. Read it before convention, come with thoughts and opinions, and be prepared to discuss the book with your friends. Donna looks forward to both reading the book and sharing her thoughts with you.

We GEMS ask for your support by placing an ad in our program booklet:

- Full page ads $25
- Business Card ads $5
- Half page ads $15
- 2 line comment $3

Please send in with your registration or to Crofts0917@aol.com by February 20.

Who is your Member of the Year? Please send your member’s name and any interesting information about her to Crofts0917@aol.com by February 20.

Each club is asked to please bring one basket or item to be raffled (Approximate value of $35 or more). Proceeds will benefit the Scholarship fund.

GEMS will be selling purple t-shirts with our Mardi Gras logo on them. You may get long or short sleeves. Please indicate on the registration form what size and sleeve length T-shirt(s) you would like to purchase. All orders must be submitted by February 20. Short sleeve shirts are $15 each, and long sleeve shirts are $18.

Each club is allowed one Show and Sell table, with additional tables available for $10 for members and $20 for non-members. Please let us know if your club will need a table so we can let the hotel have an estimate of what will be required.

**EXTRA, EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!**

We GEMS are asking each club or small groups from clubs or individuals to design and make a float for our Mardi Gras Parade. Use a shoebox as your base and get creative. We will display the floats on Saturday and hope to have a really long parade of colorful, clever, fun floats. We chose to do this instead of decorating hotel doors because we are old and don’t want to hunt all over the hotel for your doors to judge! There will be prizes for most original, most multiples related, most creative, most colorful, most Mardi Gras related, and most whatever else we can come up with. Have fun and get busy designing those floats! To borrow a former theme, “The sky’s the limit!”
PSPM Conventions & Events

January 31, 2010
PSPM Scholarship Applications Due

February 20, 2010
Registration for PSPM Convention due
Last day for PSPM rates at the Drury Inn

March 5-7 2010
Hosted by the GEMS - Greenville
Mardi Gras Style
Wear your beads or earn some there...Will there be a Mardi Gras queen?

2011
Charleston
Convention Hosted by CAMOMS

2012
Columbia
Convention Hosted by GCAMOTC
30th Anniversary

2013
Aiken
Convention Hosted by Ages & Stages

2014
Sumter
Convention Hosted by Sumter Mothers of Twins Club

Monica Roveri
Palmetto State Parents of Multiples
1008 Labrador Lane
Lake Wylie, SC 29710

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