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# Mom's "Sani-tea"

THE OSWEGO CHAPTER OF MOTHERS&MORE NEWSLETTER

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## Join us for holiday fun at our Wrap and Rap Party!

Have presents you need to wrap? Meet and greet your fellow Mothers and More members while you wrap your holiday presents. Bring to our wrapping party your unwrapped presents and unwanted wrapping paper, bows, ribbons, etc. that you would be happy to share! We will provide drinks and snacks, but if you would like to bring a snack to share please feel free - the more the merrier!



**Happy Holidays!**

### DECEMBER PROGRAM NIGHT:

- It's a Wrap...
- **TUESDAY, December 8**
- 7:30pm
- **810 Preston Lane, Oswego-land Park District South Point Bldg**

## Kids Holiday Party

Date: Thursday, Dec 10th

Place: Hunt Club Elem

Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm

It is that time of year for Holiday spirit and cheer! Enjoy good eats, good treats, singing, dancing, crafting, games or a snowball fight. We need everyone's help to have the perfect Christmas spread. So please bring your favorite potluck dish to pass. We do need a variety of entrees, desserts, and drinks. So please go the extra step in your reply and let us know what you will bring. We don't want ALL desserts right!! (Cont'd on page 2.)

## MOM'S NIGHT OUT

Need a last minute holiday gift....or maybe just a glass of wine and a break from the holiday rush?? Join us for a fun Mom's Night Out at **Wildside Pottery Studio** in Yorkville on **Wednesday, Dec 16th**. We will meet at **7pm** (feel free to come a bit late if need be, the studio is ours until 10pm). The cost is a \$5 studio fee + the cost of your pottery piece. They offer a big range of pieces to choose from and prices start at just \$8. The friendly staff will be on hand for tips and guidance to make your piece perfect!



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Don't forget about "Member Money"...members who refer a friend who joins will receive \$5 off of their next renewal

## Kids Holiday Party

(cont'd from page 1) Please tell us how many children you will be bringing and their ages.

Please RSVP by December 3, 2009. (There is additional parking for the school behind it. You have to drive past the school and take first left, go to next block and take next left. Come in door #7 the gym is right next to it.)

Jennifer Florian  
jenniferflorian@att.net

## MOM'S NIGHT OUT

(cont'd from page 1) Please bring your favorite bottle of wine (or soda) to share, snacks will be provided! The pottery pieces will be fired and ready within 5 to 7 days. We will *meet* you in Oswego or drop your piece off before Christmas!

We need at least 8 moms to come in order to cover the studio fee! If we have 10 moms, everyone will get 10% off of their piece, 15 moms=15% off per piece! **\*\*As of 12/1/09 there are 16 "Yes" RSVP's—The discount will be 15%\*\***

Gather your friends and join us for a fun and relaxing night out! No need to be a great artist!

## Membership Updates

We now have 84 members!

**Happy Anniversary to:**  
**Julie Buonincontro (6 yrs)**  
**Kim Fontana (6 yrs)**  
**Courtney Havlik (1 yr)**  
**Chelsea Wellington (1 yr)**

*Time flies when you're having fun -- It's time to renew your membership with Mothers and More!*

(If you have already sent your renewal to National, please let Jen Mitchell know so that our records are adjusted and you will continue to receive your newsletter. Join the fun again this year! Please remember that National rules state you must be a current member in order to participate in a playgroup.)

*\*\*Don't forget to let Jen know if you change email address, mailing address, or phone numbers so she can update the roster.\*\**



## WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Please join me in welcoming Kimberly Mitchell to Mothers & More. Kimberly heard about our group from Missy D. Kimberly lives in Oswego and has a 23 month old son named Killian. She also has 2 step daughters, Kenzie & Reilly, who reside in Rhode Island. She enjoys reading, music, cooking/baking, walking, working out, volleyball & being outdoors. You reach Kimberly at 630-636-9125 or at [celtickim71@yahoo.com](mailto:celtickim71@yahoo.com). She is also interested in joining a playgroup. Welcome to our group, Kimberly! We are happy to have you on board!

# December 2009

**Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat**

|    |   |   |   |  |   |                                      |
|----|---|---|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|
|    |   | 1<br>Happy Birthday<br>Katrina Kinzel   | 2   | 3<br>7:00 Unfinished<br>Project Night &<br>Cookie Exchange<br><br> | 4   | 5                                    |
| 6  | 7<br>Happy Birthday<br>Laura Bakosh<br><br>7:00 Recipe<br>Night—Holiday<br>Appetizers | 8<br>6:30 Chapter<br>Meeting<br>7:30 Program<br>Night                                 | 9   | 10<br>5:00pm-7:00pm<br>Kid's Holiday<br>Party  | 11  | 12<br>Happy Birthday<br>Sarah Matile |
| 13 | 14<br>9:30am Coffee<br>Clutch @<br>Janelle's  | 15  | 16<br>7:00 Mom's<br>Night Out @<br>Wildside Pottery | 17   | 18  | 19                                   |
| 20 | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24<br>Happy Birthday<br>Dawn Krapez<br><br>CHRISTMAS<br>EVE  | 25<br>CHRISTMAS<br>DAY<br><br> | 26                                   |
| 27 | 28  | 29<br>Happy Birthday<br>Nancy Vesta<br><br>12:00pm Mom &<br>Kid Movie Out-<br>ing—TBD | 30<br>Happy Birthday<br>Jennifer Florian            | 31<br>NEW YEAR'S<br>EVE<br><br>                                  |   |                                      |

Refer to Social Event Schedule for more information on some of the activities listed above. Most items are also listed on the group calendar on Yahoo! More detail is provided on that calendar also.

# SOCIAL EVENTS!!

**December 3 – 7p, Unfinished Project Night/Cookie Exchange.** Hosted by Rebecca Kilian. Bring your craft or project: scrapbooking, stamping, photo albums, holiday cards - anything you'd like to work on! Also, if you would like to join in the cookie exchange, bring along 4 dozen cookies and copies of the recipe to share. Please RSVP to Rebecca; [bexstarr990@hotmail.com](mailto:bexstarr990@hotmail.com)

**December 7 – 7p, Recipe Night.** This month's host will be Andrea Childers, please RSVP directly to her at [jamchilders@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jamchilders@sbcglobal.net) and let her know what you will bring! Bring your favorite holiday party appetizer or dessert to share. To make this night extra special we will be having an optional \$5 ornament gift exchange, games (with prizes!), and lots of socializing.

**December 8 – 6:30p, Chapter Meeting.** Join your board members to discuss current chapter business at South Point.

**December 8 – 7:30p, Program night. "Wrap & Rap".** Bring Presents to "Wrap", along with paper to share and "Rap" with your friends about what's new. Make new friends too! Snacks provided, but feel free to share in that also. RSVP to Evite.

**December 10—5:00pm-7:00pm Kid's Christmas Party at Hunt Club Elementary.** Please RSVP to Evite. Please bring a dish to pass—treats for the kids!

**December 14 – 9:30a, Coffee Clutch.** Join us at Janelle White's. Coffee, snacks and chatting for the moms, playtime for the kids! Please RSVP directly to Janelle at [ericand-janelle@comcast.net](mailto:ericand-janelle@comcast.net) and let her know what snack you can bring to share. Beverages will be provided.

**December 16 – 7p, Mom's Night Out.** Need a last minute holiday gift or maybe just a break from the holiday rush? Join us for wine & pottery painting at Wildside Pottery Studio in Yorkville. See the Evite for details and to RSVP.

**December 29 – Time TBD, Mom/Kid Outing.** Meet up at the Kendall 10 Movie Theater for a kid friendly movie. Movie will be late morning/early afternoon and G/PG rated. Details will be made available at least one week in advance by Evite. The contact person for this event will be Micheline Hanna.



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|--------------------|--------|------------|
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| 3x5 Size           | \$20   | \$25       |



Playgroup Open House was held on Friday November 20th. The lists of everyone who is looking for a group is currently being reviewed and worked on. If you have any questions regarding playgroups, contact Rebecca Kilian our current Co-Leader.

Results of the "Socials Poll" are IN! See below to find out what the group favorites are. If you are interested in

| New Activity Idea           | Votes | %  |
|-----------------------------|-------|----|
| Book Club                   | 12    | 14 |
| Scrapbooking Club           | 12    | 14 |
| Knitting/Crafting Club      | 9     | 10 |
| Coupon Exchange             | 13    | 15 |
| Bunco Club                  | 22    | 25 |
| Monthly Meal Planning Group | 17    | 20 |

helping start one of these clubs please contact Chelsea or Julia. I know they would love to have some more "hands" to help out!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLEMM FAMILY!**

Their bundle of joy surprised the family and came early!

Kevin Charles Clemm  
Born November 18<sup>th</sup> 2:41 am  
9lb 20 oz

Congrats Kerry, Matt, Molly & Lilly



Thank you to the following for making meals for Jackie Huhn after the birth of her baby:

**Lisa Eloe,  
Micheline Hanna,  
Celeste  
Pinello,  
Julie Fijas,  
Kati Conklin**



Helpers still needed for the Christmas Party. Set Up and Clean Up crew needed. Please contact Jennifer Florian at [jenniferflorian@att.net](mailto:jenniferflorian@att.net)

**HOSTS needed!!** If you are interested in Hosting a "Coffee Clutch" or a "Mom's Night In" please contact Chelsea or Julia in Socials. Please keep in mind...this is OUR group. It is up to everyone to participate and volunteer in order to make it fun for everyone! Volunteering is a the BEST way to get to know fellow member and a lot of fun too!!!



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#### Fundraising update:

The fundraiser will be rescheduled to the end of January with pickup being just before Super Bowl. I had a few orders come in and that's it. We only had sold 24 items and 14 of them were mine. Sorry ladies who gave me your orders but if I can hold on to them and put them in January. Let me know what works. In the mean time, let's see if we can get a much BETTER turn out. I want a minimum order of 100 kits sold and yes we do make \$5 profit from EVERY item sold. The pizzas average out to \$6 for each pizza! That's not bad and it is really good pizza. Let me know if you need a form or you can check out everything online at [www.pizzakits.com](http://www.pizzakits.com) to see all they sell. Thanks!

Dawn Aagesen

#### We're on the WEB

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Do you have a friend or family member interested in joining a Mothers & More chapter, but there isn't one near them? If so, please ask them to contact Missy D. for more information. Our organization is revamping its New Chapter Start-Up Program and we have lots of great resources available to potential new Leaders! Every mother out there, regardless of her location, should have the opportunity to experience a great group like Mothers & More!

**Mothers and More Oswego Chapter Meeting** November 10, 2009  
Attendance: Sherry Orrell, Robin Schmidt, Missy D, Stacy Hulak, Chelsea Wellington, Rebecca Christiansen, Julie Fijas, Jen Mitchell  
General Members: Kristy and Holly

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Sherry Orrell started the meeting by reading the mission statement.

#### Old Business

**We received a nice letter from nationals thanking us for our donation to the scholarship fund**

- Open house was a huge success with 12 new members. Great job Missy D. and committee.
- Bowling night is planned for Nov. 15 starting at 6 pm. There are about 28 people attending. Missy to bring the prizes left over from the open house.
- Playgroup Open House is planned for Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at the Church Hill clubhouse. The time is from 9:30 – 11:00. We will supply drinks and people should bring snacks to share. Chelsea Wellington will be adding this event to the facebook calendar.
- Secret Sister- Rebecca Killian has decided to try this program again starting Jan 1, 2010.
- Little Caesar has been postponed. Dawn Aagesen will send out an email with the new information.
- New website looks great thanks to Stacy Hulak. Board members

will send her headshots and a short bio for the website.

#### New Business

- Hosting new members coffee – Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Julie Fijas and Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> Sherry Orrell
  - Socials is changing the password to Evite for security reasons
  - Socials are looking into the idea of some kind of ID tags for all members to wear at events to easily identify M&M members. They will research this idea before the next meeting.
  - Sherry Orrell will confirm with Jen Florian the date and time for the children holiday party
  - Suggestions were made that we do more for the community for the holiday season and next year. These ideas will be passed along to Community Outreach. Some suggestions were
    - Toys for Tots
    - Soup Kitchen volunteering
    - Habitat for Humanity
    - Adopting a family for the Holidays
    - Feed my Starving Children
    - Next program night Wrap and Rap. Relaxed evening to wrap holiday gifts and talk with friends!
- Socials are considering giving event hostess some guidelines to help events run more smoothly.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm