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# The Bulletin

WINTER EDITION

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOTHERS OF  
MULTIPLES CLUBS INC.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

### JANUARY 2020

4th DEADLINE—  
Reports due to President/VP and OIC

6th DEADLINE—  
Resumes to Nominating Chairman for Elected Officers

18th SCMOMC Board Meeting @ 9:30 a.m.

### FEBRUARY 2020

4th DEADLINE—  
Scholarship Applications

4th DEADLINE—Proposed Amendments to Bylaws & Procedures mailed to Parliamentarian

24th DEADLINE-Bulletin articles to Editor

28th DUES Renewal No-

### MARCH 2020

6th BULLETIN emailed  
6th FIRST CALL for Convention 2020



We are 990 members strong  
SCMOMC Facebook Group

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Patricia Johnson, President

Hello ladies,

Can you believe it's already the end of the year, the end of the decade? It seems like we were just roasting during the summer and then the high desert got a snow storm over the Thanksgiving holiday. It already makes me miss the weekend we had in Buena Park! My family is staying close to home for the holidays and we'll probably head up to Big Bear to play in the snow sometime soon since we're only about 40 minutes away, the back route up the mountain. My son just turned 15 and the twins will be 13 next year so I'm all about making memories with the kids while I can.

Speaking of making memories, I want to thank Road Trip MoMs again for such a memorable Workshop! Teatro Martini was a hit and it was great meeting our first time attendees. We have an amazing Convention to look forward to in May and I can't wait to see what costumes everyone comes up with. The theme and venue that Beach Cities has chosen are perfect for each other, and I love it when I can return to the area where I grew up. I hope to see many of you there and wish each of our members a safe and memorable holiday season with your family and friends.

Hugs,

Patricia Johnson

SCMOMC President

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"One kind word can warm three winter months. "

--*Japanese Proverb*

## Angie Dargavage, Vice President

Hello MOMs,

I am so Happy that it is the Holiday Season, it truly is my favorite time of year! I hope that you all have a wonderful time with your family.

I will be moving to Florida in June with my family, my husband got a job that we could not pass up! We are excited for our next journey in life.

Having said that I would like to complete my job before I leave. Dues Renewal comes out on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and they are due May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Please try to be prompt with your payment.

Please continue to update the club directory with new information on your club.

Thank you so much Road Trip MOMs for hosting "Time for MOM-Me" it was a really fun weekend and super relaxing!! I am looking forward to "A Royal Extravaganza". The hotel looks really amazing and I am busy planning my attire!!

Hugs!!

Angie Dargavage

VP SCMOMC





## OCMOM Holiday party

### A RECIPE FROM DIANA PEDERSEN COE

#### SNOWBALL PEPPERMINT COOKIES

##### Ingredients

- 1/4 cup finely crushed peppermint candies (12 candies)
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 cup butter, softened Save \$
- 1/3 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup finely crushed peppermint candies (12 candies)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/4 cups Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

##### Steps

- 1 Heat oven to 325°F. Mix 1/4 cup crushed candies and 1/4 cup powdered sugar; reserve. Mix butter, 1/3 cup powdered sugar, 1/4 cup crushed candies and the vanilla in medium bowl. Stir in flour and salt.
- 2 Shape dough by level measuring tablespoonfuls into balls. Place about 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet.
- 3 Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until set but not brown. Immediately remove from cookie sheet; roll in reserved candy mixture. Cool completely on wire rack. Roll in candy mixture again.

# 2018 Philanthropic Project Update

The Convention 2018 Committee choose to have the Philanthropic Project be the Pasadena Shriners Medical Center and with the monies that was collected throughout that weekend and from friends who share our mission, SCMOMC received over \$5,000 for this project and was able to have our organizations name on twin (two) courtyard benches at the Pasadena Shriners Medical Center showing the donation name of: Southern California Mothers of Multiples, Inc.

Shriners for Children Medical Center — Pasadena is a specialty medical center providing comprehensive medical, surgical and rehabilitative care to children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burn scars, and cleft lip and palate. Patients receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the families' ability to pay.

Do you know a child that needs help? Please visit: <https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/pasadena>



## Jennifer Gardner - Corresponding Secretary

Hey all! Happy winter! Thought I would share a couple photos of my boys, Jack and Greyson Age 8 from our Saddleback Mothers of Multiples Photo Fundraiser PJ shoot. This photographer donates a good portion of the cost back to the club and she is a serious miracle worker in just 10 minutes of shoot time!!



I also have a couple of club-related things to share. First off we are placing an order for some new items. We have a convention/workshop disc holder with magnetic backing for \$10, a Logo badge with magnetic backing and drop bar holes for \$10 and, of course, name bars for \$4. Please place your order via this form by December 15th and I will have them by Board meeting in January. <https://forms.gle/xxZnQn18tX8FfN5F8>



We also officially opened our CafePress SCMOMC Merch store. A percentage of the proceeds from each sale will go back to SCMOMC as an ongoing fundraiser. These would be great gifts for your committee members or your SCMOMC pals. The website is [www.cafepress.com/scmomc](http://www.cafepress.com/scmomc). Happy shopping!!

Jennifer Gardner, Corresponding Secretary

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## Laura Teague—Meeting Planner

Season's Greetings Mothers of Multiples!

Thank you to all that attended Workshop 2019!

A super relaxing weekend was had at "Time for MOM-Me" in Buena Park.

Thank you to all the volunteers and the hard working moms of Road Trip that assisted our world travelin' Chairman- Jenny Davies and Co- Chairman Shari Locricchio.

Convention APRIL 30-MAY 3, 2020 "ROYAL EXTRAVAGANZA"

Hosted by Beach Cities Parents of Multiples Association- Chairman- Jennette Tardio Sides and Co-Chair Alissa Pappadake at the Beautiful Ayres Hotel in Manhattan Beach. \$120.00 SDTQ, free parking, free Wi-Fi, huge double queen rooms for all of you to be treated like the queens that you are! Right off the 405 Freeway and Tons of shopping right nearby!

Look for the SCMOMC 2020 Convention Facebook page for ongoing updates.

AND NOVEMBER 2020????

Where will we be??

The bid was approved for North County Mothers of Multiples to host with Chairman Christina Bell and co chair- Maria Giraldo! The search is on for a hotel that will meet our needs in the Carlsbad area.

I am also thrilled to announce that we have also approved a hosting bid for Convention 2021 from Temecula Valley Mothers of Multiples. Proposed Chairman Ashley Matics and co chairman Bethlene Wozniak. A hotel in the Temecula area will also need to be located.

**NOW is the perfect time for a MOM to volunteer for the Meeting Planner position and work with these amazing clubs to find our future locations. Please submit a resume online at [scmomc.org](http://scmomc.org) ASAP as a new Meeting Planner will be selected in May. I have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the hotel industry and working with all the amazing clubs we have in this organization. I am eager to start mentoring any mom that would like to shadow me during the upcoming months as we scout hotels for the next year and finalize details for Convention.**

I am happy to attend any club meetings to speak to your members about hosting future events.

We are also scouting restaurant locations for the January 18, 2020 Board Meeting, if you have any suggestions in your communities, please contact President Patricia Johnson or myself.

Laura Teague

Meeting Planner & Past President/Advisor

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## Tracie Bockhorst, Treasurer

Hi SCMOMC moms!

Thanks to Road Trip Moms for hosting the fun Workshop 19! Thanks to everyone's generosity, we donated \$300 to The Giving Spirit, an organization that helps the homeless in Los Angeles.

It's been a whirlwind for me since November. My job has been crazy busy - lots of family time too. We did our annual Oceanside 5k Turkey Trot tradition on Thanksgiving where it rained the whole time - that's me in the red poncho! Then we spent a few days at Universal Studios. Such a fun place!



North County Moms had their annual holiday party in December, where some of us HOTT moms (have older twins and triplets) had a fabulous time! Looking forward to some relaxation and more family fun this holiday season.

Happy New Year everyone!

Tracie Bockhorst, SCMOMC Treasurer

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# SADDLEBACK MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

## VISIT SANTA

Article By Jeff Gritchen in the Orange County Register

DOUBLE, AND EVEN TRIPLE, THE JOY WHEN FAMILIES OF MULTIPLES VISIT

36 families of multiples kids visit Santa Claus

Santa Claus was seeing double at South Coast Plaza early Thursday, Dec. 12.

No, his eyes weren't blurry from a long night out with the elves – he was visited by 36 sets of twins and triplets in Costa Mesa.

The Saddleback Mothers of Multiples hosted the annual event that allowed parents to bring their kids to see Santa two hours before the mall opened.

Twins and triplets and their families pose for a picture with Santa Claus at South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa, CA, on Thursday, Dec 12, 2019. The Saddleback Mothers of Multiples club arranged the early visit with Santa before the mall opened.

"When things are set up nice and neat and organized for you, it just relieves so much stress and anxiety," said Lauren Nicholson, a mother of triplets. About raising identical twin brothers and their fraternal twin sister, she said: "Only moms and dads who have multiples understand what it's like".

In addition to meeting Santa, the parents and children rode the carousel, made crafts and had breakfast in the mall.

The group is not only a social club for parents, Misty Mahoney said the group also adopts at the holidays families with multiples who are in need.

You can read the story online here - <https://www.ocregister.com/2019/12/12/double-and-event-triple-the-joy-when-families-of-multiples-visit-santa>

(Photos by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)



**Chase Lee, 5, right tries to hide his face as he and his twin brother, Pierce Lee, left, take a photo with their sister, Reese Lee, 2, and Santa**

**Ricardo Salazar takes a picture of his twins, Jude and Elian, with Santa Claus**



**Twins and triplets pose for a picture with Santa Claus**



**Megan Turnage stands with her twins, Madison and Mackenzie, 4, as she takes a picture of her son, Jack, with Santa Claus**



**Twins and triplets and their families pose for a picture with Santa Claus at South Coast Plaza**



**Tensley Kinerson, 3, center, smiles as she poses for a picture with her twin brothers, Preston Kinerson, left, and Beckett Kinerson, 2, during a visit with Santa Claus at South**

**Sima Lopez, left, and Branden Lopez, right, get their twins, Niki and Niko, ready to sit with Santa Claus at South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa, CA, on Thursday, Dec 12, 2019. The Saddleback Mothers of Multiples club arranged the early visit with Santa before the mall opened. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)**



# OUR CALIFORNIA WINTER

BY A. J. WATERHOUSE.

ROSES at the Christmas time! Where's the like of this,  
Save in California, where winter glories gleam?  
Bloom and gold of oranges that gentle breezes kiss—  
Winter is a fiction, or a half-remembered dream,  
For every day's a messenger to tell us life is sweet,  
And every moment bears a smile to cheer us on the way,  
And the song that nature murmurs is the song that we repeat.  
For our California winter is September merged in May.

SCENT of dewey blossoms that greet us from the sod—  
Just one California, wherever we may go—  
Days with sunshine laden by the loving thought of God,  
And birds that strive to tell us what the songsters only know.  
Not an hour for winter between the fall and spring,  
And snow and ice are but a dream of a forgotten day;  
For the autumn turns to summer in a ceaseless, rhythmic swing,  
And our California winter is September merged in May.



Dear Secret Sister...thank you so much for the goodies and the Word Find book. My brain is staying busy and my sweet tooth is getting satisfied. Diana P-C

To My Secret Sis - oh my gosh - thank you so much for ALL the fantastic stuff - you truly are super! My turkey was used for Thanksgiving...my family sign is next to my new found sisters picture and picture of my Dad....I did loose y Day of the Dead bag and boxes to my granddaughter who fell in love with them. I

## Shari Locricchio- Workshop 2019 Co-Chairman

I would like to thank everyone who came and supported Road Trip MOMs at the 2019 Workshop!!!!

Our little club had a great time hosting this event. I believe everyone enjoyed ALL the raffles thanks to so many clubs and individuals that donated baskets.

As always it is a good time to spend and catch up with friends you don't see every day. I have always loved going to conventions and workshops. I hope to see some new faces in the future.

Happy Holidays to all and thanks again.

## National Rep - Carla Hall

Well, it's official....San Antonio, TX will be the site of the 2020 MOA/ NOMOTC Convention. We will be staying at the St. Anthony Hotel at a rate of \$169 per night (plus taxes and fees). The 60<sup>th</sup> Convention theme is Past, Present and Future...and the dates are July 22 - 25, 2020. You can book your rooms NOW.....we would love to have Southern California represented as we all strolled the Boardwalk together!! Other information will be forthcoming as to events and activities.

Also, the password for the upcoming year is changing this month. If your National Rep does not share by the end of December, please contact me and I will be more than happy to pass along. It is not to be published in any form that goes to the general public.

So start planning now and join us for a great way to see another part of our country. If I can be of any other help, please don't hesitate to ask.

# Melissa Lewis, Nominating Chairman

Ladies,

I hope you are all having a wonderful holiday.

As you may have heard, there are some changes to our bylaws that need to be voted on at our January meeting so that we can elect new officers to our Executive Council at Convention 2020. To give a brief explanation to those that missed the Friday night Board Meeting, we have realized that under our current bylaws we don't have enough people who qualify to run for the Executive Council, specifically for the position of VP. I can't stress enough the need to get new "blood" into our Board of Directors so that these types of issues don't come up in the future. It is important that you go over these changes that we are proposing with your club and make sure that you have a voice in the discussion at the upcoming board meeting.

I want to thank the members of the Nominating Committee, Linda Payne, Lisa Edwards, Amy Zebrack, & Diana Pedersen Coe, as well as our Parliamentarian, Terry Buchanan, for all of their roles in getting these changes together for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Melissa Lewis

Nominating Chair

You will notice that our proposed changes are in **bold type**.

## ARTICLE V

### Officers

SECTION 1: The elected officers shall be President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected and shall assume office upon installation. Officers shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected. No officer may serve for more than two consecutive terms in the same office. The appointed officer shall be the Parliamentarian.

### SECTION 2: Eligibility

a. Nominees for President must have served at least two years as a member of the Executive Committee within the past five years, plus at least one year as a member of the Executive Committee of a member club.

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**b. Nominees for Vice President must have served one year as a member of the Executive Committee within the past ten years and two years as a member of the Board of Directors within the past five years as well as being a member of the Board of Directors of a member club within the past five years.**

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## From the Editor

### Michele Franzese Rustigan

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to send me a little something to add to our newsletter. The Bulletin this quarter is a whooping 17 pages. It's been a busy Christmas season so far. I've attended several Christmas party's already. The picture shown is of my local Las Vegas club. We are known as the MOOTS (Mothers of Older Twins Society). We had a fun party at a members house. I also attended a work Christmas party which was a lot of fun. For the first time I participated in a Christmas parade. My boss/ friend and I designed and decorated a flat bed trailer into an amazing float. The parade was great. Happy Holidays to everyone.



## Seasons Greetings from the Las Vegas Mothers of Multiples

This year seven of us joined a "social bowling league" called Better Off Bowling. It's only six weeks long, so we figured if we hated it, the commitment was short. Well, we've enjoyed it so much that come January we will be in our 3rd season. It's been a blast socializing with not only each other, but other teams. When our president, Courtney Cromer, first proposed this idea, she thought it was too much of a commitment and no one would join. We hope this inspires other groups to try something new with your members. You never know if your "out of the box" idea will spark a new weekly or monthly night out!

Sincerely,

Jessica Paxton

National Representative

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# EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED BY NCA

Hello NCA Members,

NCA is proud to be able to offer three \$500 education scholarships next year! They will be awarded at our Spring Convention in Santa Cruz on April 4, 2020.

Below you will find the updated NCA Scholarship application. This application is due to Erica Davis, scholarship chair, by February 21, 2020. All details about where to send packets is on the first page of the application.

As requested, we have also attached the judging form, so you can see how your application will be judged.

You may be wondering who is eligible to apply?

1. Applicant must be a twin or higher order multiple, mother or father of multiples, or sibling to multiples (Foster children are not eligible). Parents or applicants must be members in a local club for a period of no less than one (1) year. Local club must be in good standing of the State Organization (NCAMOTC).
2. Applicants must attend or plan to attend (in the upcoming school year) an accredited school. This can be a college, university or trade school. (Pre-schools and private schools for grades K-12 are not eligible).

Other application guidelines are on the very last page of the attached application. There are essays to write and letters of recommendation to get...so don't delay!

Submitted by Linda Grise' Payne

See files for application and rubric attached to this post