

MOMS Club of San Dimas

Quarterly Newsletter

April-June 2019



Welcome New Members!

Patty Toledo
Raquel Byerrum
Crystal Hodges
Bianca Sausedo
Tawny Figueroa (Welcome back!)
Nadia Crystal DeMott
Araceli Mireles
Rocio Gutierrez

A message from the outgoing President

Being a part of this MOMS Club chapter has been an incredibly heartwarming and fulfilling experience for me as a mom and a friend. I thank you ALL for the effort you have placed into making our chapter such a positive and fun environment. It's so wonderful to see how many of you have taken ownership of our chapter, but more importantly, how you support one another. I have some parting thoughts/advice:

* DO what works for YOU! LOL!!! I know, I know, I'm a broken record....but seriously, the reason our calendar is full is because everyone plans what works for them!

* It's not about how many people attend your meetup. Even if ONE person shows up to your event, that's a SUCCESSFUL event....because that mom needed the support. Most of the time, smaller playdates allow for you to get to know each other better :)

* If you're new or haven't had the chance to get to know many of the moms, get involved. You can become a chairmom, be part of a committee, or just go to as many playdates as you can...better yet, go to MOMS Night Out! It's easier to get to know each other without having to take off running after your toddler.

I will always be a part of MOMS Club and our chapter in one way or another. I leave you in great hands and sincerely wish you nothing but the best!

XOXOXO,

Lucy De Teresa

Year in Review

As most of you know, MOMS Club International fiscal year runs from July to June. As we're nearing our end of year reporting, we are taking stock of all that our chapter has done and it's been a busy yet amazing year. Part of our mission as a chapter of MOMS Club International is to do *at least* one community service project a year, which usually includes a fundraiser(s). This year we took on quite a bit! Here are a few highlights:

- **Garage Sale** - our group pulled together donations and put on a garage sale which generated over \$550 for the homeless and a local foster therapeutic center, Serenity House.
- **2nd Annual Preschool Expo** which netted over \$2040! This event allowed us to distribute \$500 to Serenity House's garden boxes, \$500 to Literally Healing Program and Children's Hospital of LA, \$350 for San Dimas High School Adopt a Family (went to 3 displaced kids), paid for our Conference Luncheon tickets and expenses! We still will have funds left over to donate to our MOMS Club Mother to Mother Fund (or other selected charities)!



- **San Dimas Christmas Parade** - This event has become a favorite for the kids and our sneaky pleasure of making our husbands walk in the parade! Hopefully the tradition continues and maybe we can do a float this coming year!
- **MOMS's Tea Party** - such a fancy and fun event! Thanks Laura and Kara for planning!



- **Spring Egg Hunt/Open House** Thanks to Jeannine & Laura for putting on such a great event! Not only was it a ton of fun, we gained lots of new members!
- **2019 Founders Day Luncheon** - this was a blast! 12 members were able to attend and hopefully 20 for next year....see below for more details.
- **CPR class** coming up in June! Last year our club voted to allot \$300 for education and we voted to do a CPR class. Next year, you can decide to repeat or do something else!

MOMS Club International Founder's Day Luncheon 2020

It's already time to start planning for the MOMS Club International Conference 5 Founder's Day Luncheon. Next year's theme will be "Motherhood ROCKS!" with a rock 'n' roll theme. It will be held in Anaheim on Saturday, March 28th, 2020.

The luncheon is held once a year for all of the Southern California chapters. It begins in the morning with large raffles, voting on chapter displays, and interactive games. Then lunch is served and a few speakers will give brief addresses. After, moms can choose to continue the evening at the conference with more planned activities and even spend the night (optional). This is an opportunity to leave the kids at home and get out there with your fellow moms and have an amazing time, and maybe even bring home a raffle prize!



Important things to note:

1. The club must have a procedural vote in to agree to attend. The vote may also include whether fundraising and/or dues will pay for any part of the costs.
2. Nursing babies are always welcome to attend. However, this year the conference center cannot accommodate strollers and car seat carriers. If you need to bring your baby, moms are encouraged to wear their babies during the luncheon.
3. Registration this year is going to be done **individually** rather than by chapter, which means YOU will be responsible for your own registration. Jeannine, the AVP will be sending out the registration information as she receives it.
4. Every year, each chapter is given the option to contribute a raffle gift basket and/or a display (which reduces the price per ticket). Our luncheon committee decides whether they would like to do one, both or neither. The gift basket and display items must be attained through fundraising and donations....these cannot come from our club dues.
5. If you plan to attend the luncheon, plan to be gone from 9am to 4pm (at the earliest). You must participate in at least the first luncheon committee meeting to get all the pertinent information, vote on the basket/display and determine how you would like to participate.
6. Also, many of our members have already decided that they would like to spend Saturday night after the luncheon at one of the Anaheim hotels (tbd). This is OPTIONAL and details to come.

If any new members are interested in learning more about the luncheon, contact a Jeannine Alvarez at avp.sandimas@gmail.com or any board member.

About our annual Great Preschool Expo.....

What is it? It's our BIG community service project and fundraiser rolled up in one. It's a one-stop shop for all things preschool! We gather 25+ vendors, preschools and family businesses in one place and invite parents from our surrounding communities to meet and vet local preschools and businesses for their kids needs.

When is it? Typically on a Saturday in February or March.

Why do we do it? During a conversation sometime in 2016, a bunch of us were discussing local preschools. Only a few preschool names were mentioned but we KNEW there had to be a lot of options in our area. However, who has the time to research and visit all of them, much less with kids in tow? When we discovered other MOMS Club chapters put on preschool fairs, we decided to take the plunge and plan one of our own. We found MANY local families were in the same predicament, and our one-stop shop helped them! It's also a great way to help support our local preschools find QUALIFIED families. Lastly, through the fees that we charge the vendors, we are able to fundraise for our charities and our conference! It's a win-win-win event! If you'd like to be involved in the planning process, speak with Jeannine and/or Katie for more details on the expo committee!

How can I become more involved? Be a Chairmom or get on a committee!

MOMS Club International is a 100% volunteer membership run organization. Every activity you see on the calendar is planned by our members. The best way to get integrated into the group is to participate and taking on a chairmom role or serve on a committee. Our chairmom roles are broken down into smaller tasks that are manageable and are a one year commitment (July-June). **Open chairmom and NEW positions will be announced at the June meeting**, we hope you can volunteer!

2018-19 Chairmoms:

Book Club: Melissa Antunovich

Field Trips: Rachael Corcoran

Crafts: Reachel Hempel

Newsletter: Allison Jeppson

Hospitality: Andrea Karganilla

Parties: Laura McGuire

Sunshine Meals: Katie Hedlund

Mom's Night Out Q & A:

Q: What is MNO/MNI?

A: Mom's Night Out/In is the one night a month we plan to get together WITHOUT the kids. Typically we host it on a Friday....sometimes it's out on the town, sometimes it's at someone's home. Breastfeeding babies usually may come, just double check with the host.

Q: Who plans MNO?

A: Any member! If there's no MNO planned for the upcoming months, just run it by the President or Secretary first and plan one!

Q: Must MNO be approved by the chapter?

A: Yes! That's why we ask that MNO be planned a month in advance and it must be approved at the chapter meeting (our activity calendar must be voted on).

Q: Can we plan more than one MNO event per month?

A: Technically, no. It cannot be on the monthly meetup calendar. HOWEVER, if you plan an activity the WHOLE family can attend, then you can do a "family night". You can only have one night with no kids per month (officially).

Q: If there is a cost associated with MNO, who pays for it?

A: Each individual member is responsible for any costs incurred. If prepayment is involved and you cannot attend last minute, and cannot find a replacement, you may have to forfeit your funds.

Upcoming MNO's

→ **May 31st** - Bunco Night and Secret Mom Gift Exchange

→ **June 29th** - Saturday! - End of year party

→ **July** (Open) Maybe pool party???

→ **August or September** - tentative for Glen Ivy night (group must vote)! Glen Ivy is a beautiful spa resort in Corona. It is pricey...so for MNO...we will be attending the twilight special which is \$40 per person from 4pm to 9pm to use their therapeutic pools and enjoy live entertainment. We're letting everyone know way in advance so they can start saving and/or planning for babysitting. The date will be set once Glen Ivy releases their schedule.

Outgoing Board 2018-19

Treasurer - Jamie Stelmack (former Hospitality, Sunshine, and Newsletter chairmom)

President - Lucy De Teresa (former Hospitality chairmom)

Incoming Board 2019-20 - beginning July 1st, 2020

President - Katie Hedlund (former Sunshine Meals chairmom)

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- The President runs the monthly membership and board meetings. Oversees all the chapter budget, activities, committees and communication with MC International.

Administrative VP - Jeannine Alvarez (former MVP)

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- The AVP Oversees our community service projects and club events like the Christmas Parade, Conference luncheon and the Great Preschool Expo.

Membership VP - Kara Smith (former AVP)

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- The MVP is the first point of contact for potential new members. She vets incoming members and introduces them to our chapter.

Treasurer - Pavlina Snyder (former Secretary, Newsletter chairmom)

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- The Treasurer collects our deposits, member dues & renewals, balances our budgets, generates monthly financial reports, and helps President with end of year reports.

Secretary - Laura McGuire (former Parties, Craft, and Sunshine meals chairmom)

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- The Secretary updates our Anniversary list, Membership roster, reviews our monthly meetup calendar, sends out quarterly newsletter, monthly financial report and roster.

**** Please note, our Regional Coordinators and Area Coordinators will be changing in July.**

MOMS Club International

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