



Double Scoop

Member of Massachusetts Mothers of
Twins Association
Hampshire/Franklin County Chapter
Member of National Organization of
Mothers of Twins Clubs



February 2009

Calendar of Events

Saturday,
February 7, 2009

UMASS Men's Hockey Game
vs. UMASS Lowell
7pm - Mullins Center

Wednesday,
March 11, 2009

HFCMOTC Monthly Meeting
7pm
Calvin Coolidge Nursing Home,
Northampton

Sunday,
April 5, 2009

Swimming Party
Red Roof Inn, So. Deerfield

Letter from the President:

I hope your 2009 is off to a good start. I can't believe how cold it's been! It's been a challenge keeping my boys entertained and busy due to the weather.

One thing that helped was our visit to the bowling alley. I want to thank everyone who came out for the outing. It was a blast to see Trevor and Brandon bowl for the first time. The looks on their faces when a pin went down was priceless!

We have more fun events including UMASS Hockey in February and our annual swimming party in April and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting in March.

Until then.....

In Twinship,

Samantha

Family Event - UMASS Men's Hockey Game

Please join us on Saturday, February 7th at 7pm for the UMASS Men's Hockey game against UMASS Lowell at the Mullins Center. It's sure to be an exciting game and fun for the whole family. We'll meet at 6:45 at the entrance by the ticket booths.

Family Co-Pay: \$10

If you would like to attend, please contact Samantha by Thursday, Feb. 5th --413-253-9377; samanthaadamson@yahoo.com

Multiples in the News

A British couple has defied the odds again by giving birth to a second set of black and white twin girls.

Alison Spooner and Dean Durrant welcomed daughters Lauren and Hayleigh into the world seven years ago. Lauren takes after her white mother, while Hayleigh, takes after her father.

When the couple announced earlier this year that they were having another set of twins, they didn't think lightning would strike twice.

"I honestly didn't think that it would happen again. I thought that we'd have two of the same. Well I didn't think that we'd have twins again for a start," Spooner says.

This time, baby Miya has her father's dark skin, while Leah looks like her mother.

Doctors say the phenomenon is so rare, that there are no statistics to illustrate the probability of it happening.

"Even non-identical twins aren't that common. Non-identical twins from mixed parents, of different races, less common still. To have two eggs fertilized and come out two different colors, less common still. So, to have it happen twice must be one in millions," explains Dr. Sarah Jarvis.

The twins were born premature in December and breathing problems kept them in a special care unit for a few weeks. But the family is all home now, looking forward to a happy health New Year times two.

To submit items for the newsletter, please email one of the following: articles, tips, recipes, photos, items for sale, ideas, etc....to editor Samantha Adamson at samanthaadamson@yahoo.com. Please forward by the 20th of each month. This newsletter is for you, members of HFCMOTC. I would appreciate any of your comments or ideas!

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Twins Websites

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The User ID for the members-only site is
nomotc50 and the password is ohio2010

Directions to monthly meetings

Club meetings are held the second Wednesday of the following months (September, December, March and June) at 7:00 p.m at the Calvin Coolidge Nursing Home. The address is 548 Elm Street, Northampton. Take Rte 9/Elm Street west from downtown Northampton. Turn left at small island directly in front of the high school, then turn right. You are still on Elm Street. The football field will be on your left. Continue straight. Look for the sign on your left approx. 2-3 blocks from the high school. The sign is set slightly back off the road between two homes (look for a fence). Turn left into the driveway.

YAHOO GROUP WEBSITE

Join us on our Yahoo Group Website!
What is it?....A great resource for our members. You will have on-line access to:
1) Club newsletters
2) helpful documents such as the list of discounts for families with multiples
3) bookmarks to other websites with helpful information
4) photo sharing
5) calendar of upcoming MOTC activities and area events of interest to families with children

There is also a place to discuss and share resources with other club members. Messages can be sent to your inbox or accessed on-line. Old messages are automatically archived and are searchable by topic.

Membership is restricted to HFCMOTC members. To join, please e-mail Bert Szala: bert@oit.umass.edu

