

Emerald Valley Mothers of Multiples



President – Kelley Mendoza

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I just returned from the OFMOTC Fall Board Meeting feeling grateful and truly blessed for everyone and everything I have in my life. At our meeting, we made fleece tie-blankets for a non-profit organization out of Dayton, called “Snuggle Up”. It was started by an inner-city Dayton school teacher who realized one day that more than half of her 6 and 7 year old students slept on the floor. Snuggled Up provides children with a sturdy cot with a washable mattress, a new pillow, new sheet set, and a new thick cuddly blanket. They call them “Snuggle Kits.” Hearing her story really touched my heart and made me reflect on how fortunate and blessed I am, but also made me feel that I could be doing more for others. I have always loved the idea of philanthropy and helping. Just last week my family went to the Ronald McDonald House on the Cleveland Clinic campus and cleaned and disinfected toys and furniture. It was an awesome experience. I really hope all of us can find just a little bit of extra time to help someone in need or help out a charity this thanksgiving season.

I would like to thank Courtney for planning our fun Fall Party at Ramseyer Farms last month. I also want to thank Katie Hardin for an awesome Jazzercise workout at our last meeting. She really is a rockstar and a great motivator. I am very excited for our November panel of experts. They will have useful information that will pertain to a variety of age groups. Bring friends or family if you would like. The more the merrier!

Don't forget that each chair should be filling their binders with notes, costs, spreadsheets, attendance records, event contact info etc. for all of the events, projects and activities that are taking place throughout the year. Please fill the binders along the way with the needed information. Additionally, we will be having a mid-year Board Meeting in January to review and discuss each chairman's position, their goals and expectations, and review the bylaws for any needed changes.

Please continue to visit our website <https://www.evmomc.org/> for up to date calendars, event postings, other information and our cute pictures! If anything needs to be changed or updated, please contact Rikki Price. I wish you all a safe, healthy & Happy Thanksgiving. I am very grateful and thankful for each one of you! Your support, friendship and efforts toward Emerald Valley is deeply appreciated. I feel truly blessed to be surrounded by such wonderful members and supportive MOMs throughout EVMOMC. Enjoy your families and give thanks for all of your blessings!



November 2018

Reminders:

Meeting Location:

**SW General Hospital in
Anderson Hall meeting
room located in the
Free garage parking.
Use garage elevators
to HB then follow signs
to Anderson Hall room**

**After meeting social at
Two Bucks in Middleburg**

**UPCOMING NOVEMBER
MEETING:
11/6/18 - 6:45pm**

**Support our
FUNdraiser - \$5
Super Bowl
Squares!!**

Mailing Address:

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Middleburg Hts., OH 44130**

Visit Our Web Site:

www.evmomc.org

**Search “EVMOMC” on
Facebook - Public Page &
Members Only Page**

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1st Vice President – Kim Baga

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For our November meeting we will have an awesome panel of experts lined up. We have an intervention specialist, a speech language pathologist, and an occupational therapist. Please feel free to bring a guest to the meeting. Come ready to ask some questions!

2nd VP/Membership – Jeanette Louis

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Welcome to our newest member, Tricia Cardilino, who is from Brunswick. Tricia and her husband, John, are due with twin boys in January. Tricia also has two stepsons, Devon who is 20 and Spencer who is 16.

Thank you to each member who has renewed their membership for the 2018-2019 club year. The new club year directories will be available at the meeting on November 6.

Don't forget to always have a few EVMOMC business cards and flyers to pass out to those multiple moms that you meet when you are out and about. Don't forget to pass on any information that you may get from new moms that you meet. I will be happy to contact them to give them more information about the club and personally invite them to one of our upcoming meetings. You can reach me at 216-210-4749 or noahark6405@yahoo.com.

Treasurer - Katy Baddorf

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We recently found out that our club must register as a charitable organization with the state of Ohio. We have now back-filed as a charitable organization from the past three years. This will be added as a duty for the treasurer to complete each year.

Membership dues, receipts (originals only, please) & other correspondence can be given to me at meetings or can be mailed to:

EVMOMC PO BOX 30433 Cleveland, Ohio 44130

Keep using our Amazon Smile account when making purchases on-line through Amazon. Use the link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1248997> to get directly to our club's page. Feel free to share it with any friends and family that shop through Amazon. Our group gets a percentage of qualifying purchases sent directly to our bank account each quarter.

Secretary – Sheri Bickerton

sheri.bickerton@yahoo.com

Monthly meeting minutes will be emailed out to all members within one week of the meeting date. Rikki will then publish them on our EV website: www.evmomc.org. Be sure to check it out and catch up on the latest EV news and information so that you are up-to-date on what's happening and know the club's scheduled events & activities.

Alumni Advisor – Rikki Price

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Hey everyone! Hope you are having a lovely fall! We are looking forward to our move next month and getting everything ready to go! Although I will be an hour away, I am still here to assist with anything with your procedures. If you have any questions feel free to call, text, or email me!

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Fundraising (Secondary) – Kelley St. Clair

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Chipotle Fundraiser!

November 17th, 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Strongsville Chipotle (Pearl Rd. Location)

Bring in the flyer posted to FB or show on your smart phone – 33% of the proceeds will go to Emerald Valley!

Historian – Kimberly DeGross

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Please be sure to send me any pictures you have taken from Emerald Valley events, playgroups or get togethers of any kind so they can be included in the end of the year slide show. I will also be using pictures posted to our Facebook page.

Mentoring – Jeanette Louis

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Thank you to those of you who signed up to be possible mentors for any new members that join this year. If anyone else is interested in becoming a mentor, please let me know and I will include you on the contact list. All new members will be given a mentor that is willing to guide them through the various aspects of what our club has to offer. This mentor can be of help with any questions pertaining to the daily life of raising multiples, a supportive and understanding friend to remind these moms that they are not alone, and a friendly face to make them feel comfortable and welcome them at meetings and events. Feel free to text or email me with your interest or any questions that you have. 216-210-4749 or noahark6405@yahoo.com.

Mother of the Year – Katy Baddorf

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Please fill out the Mother of the Year Informational Form by November 15, and then bring it to a meeting, send it to the PO Box, or email it to me at smylz89@yahoo.com. This will make the nomination process easier in January. I will bring extra forms to our meeting in October and November.

Our yearly MOY dinner will take place on May 7th. If you have any suggestions on where to have this year's MOY dinner, please let me know. If I do not get any ideas, I will look into having the dinner at the same place as last year.

Newsletter – Kimberly DeGross

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The monthly EVMOMC newsletter will be sent out about a week prior to the upcoming meeting. Enjoy reading all the amazing highlights and events Emerald Valley has to offer!

Parties – Courtney Gall

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The Christmas party will be Sunday, December 9th. Place still being determined. It will be a dinner with Santa – Maybe a dinner dancing with Santa, but we will see!

Philanthropic – Christine Mazzeo

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Please turn in your beautiful Veteran's Day cards to me by our next meeting on November 6! Thank you to those who have already contributed! I will be helping out on October 28 for our dance party hosted by Special Needs Chair Christine Caudill. There will be lots of fun activities, including Veterans Day card making ☺ We hope to see you there! In the coming winter months, EV will be partnering up with Chelsea Cares, a great organization committed to donating cozy blankets and pillowcases for children in the Akron Hospital system. Our club will be making tie fleece blankets, and for those of you who like to sew, you can make pillowcases! If you're out and about and see some cute fleece patterns on sale, pick it up and save it for when we get together to make our blankets. The fleece is relatively inexpensive, especially with a coupon.

For more information on the Chelsea Cares organization, visit their website at:

<https://www.chelseacares4kids.org/>



Publicity – Megan Perkins/Rikki Price

Emerald Valley needs your help with publicity so that we can reach new members and grow our fabulous club! You can help in the following ways:

1. If you are surfing the web and randomly see Emerald Valley Meetings/Social Events posted somewhere online please either create a screen shot or print out a copy of that posting so that Kelley can use it in her recognition report, this Spring. Thanks for your help everyone!

2. Also, I can't possibly be in every moms/Facebook group so if you are in a group please share the following message in your private groups to spread the word about our great club:

Hey everyone! The school year is beginning and that means that our group will begin meeting again. If you are a mother of twins, triplets, quads, or more please consider joining Emerald Valley Mothers of Multiples Club for our October meeting on Tuesday, November 6th, 2018! We meet in the basement of Southwest General Hospital in Anderson Hall. People usually arrive around 6:45-7, meetings start around 7 and usually go until 8:30 or so. The address for the hospital is 18697 Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130. Please park in 'Parking Garage D' off Old Oak Blvd. Take the elevator from the garage to HB (hospital basement) then turn left towards the cafeteria. There will be signs pointing you in the right direction! If you aren't sure we are for you check out our website for more information:

<http://www.evmomc.org> or check us out on Facebook: [fb.me/EVMOMC](https://www.facebook.com/EVMOMC)

Hope to see you there!

Social

We have an exciting approach to social this year! Several MoMs have each chosen a particular month to plan a Mom's Night Out and a Kid's Meet-Up. Please check the shared calendar so you do not miss out on these really fun Emerald Valley events!

November events include:

11/14/18 - Manicure/pedicures at Salon 7. If there is interest, I will make reservations.

- *In the week leading up to Thanksgiving there are numerous volunteer opportunities to help prepare and serve Thanksgiving meals to the less fortunate. If anyone is interested in getting a group of people together to volunteer at one time, let me know and I will arrange something.*

11/2/18 - Firefighter Dan will be at Strongsville Library at 11:00 to meet kids 3-5 years old. Registration is required and can be done online or by phone.

11/12/18 - Music and Movement at Berea Library at 3:30 for kids under 5. Registration is required and can be done online or by phone.

Special Needs – Christine Caudill

cdll@frontier.com

The Chuck E. Cheese in North Olmsted has Sensory Friendly Sunday's on the 1st Sunday of each month. They offer less crowding and noise, dimmed lighting, shows and music turned down or off and limited appearances of Chuck E. Food and games are offered.

The AMC theater in Ridge Park Square offers many sensory friendly movies and times. They offer family friendly movies on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month and Tuesday evenings for more mature audiences. Check their website for movies offered each month.

Find support for a family member with Down's Syndrome at The Up Side of Downs . 6533 Brecksville Road, Independence, OH 44131. Their phone number is 216-447-8763. They hold their parents night out the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Twisted Burgers & Sushi, 985 Boardman Alley in Medina. For questions you can contact Jamie at jamedanielconditioned@yahoo.com or Kelly at kelly@premieraccountingllc.com

The first Thursday of each month - Special Need Day at Scene 75 – Scene 75 wants to provide a fun, free and interactive experience for those with special needs. The program is designed to help improve and develop social and motor skill, hand and eye coordination, reaction time and recognition, all in a safe and controlled environment. Scene 75 is located at 3688 Center Road in Brunswick, OH. This event is held the 1st Thursday of every month from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm. There is no age restriction on the person with special needs. Siblings can and are encouraged to participate to make

things easier and more comfortable for the individual with special needs. However, attractions are not free to siblings. Parents and/or guardians are required to stay and help the person with special needs. What the person with special needs get? They get 9 holes of black light mini golf, 1 spin zone ride and a \$10.00 game card. Sibling card with the same activities can be purchased at a discounted rate. For more information and to register call the office at 234-803-1100 or check out their website at <http://www.scene75.com> program details are listed under Scene 75 Cares.

Coffee, tea and Autism has a new time and a new location. It is now 5:30 – 6:30 pm at the ESC of Medina County. 124 W. Washington Street, Medina. For more information contact Rachel at krauss618@gmail.com or go to www.AutismAkro.org

Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church in North Royalton is doing a Buddy Break program. This is a free program for kids with special needs can go and have fun, play games, etc. The respite dates are the third Sunday of every month (except April) from 1pm to 4pm. Parents can then have a much needed break while screened and trained volunteers take care of and play with your special needs child(ren) and their siblings. Who qualifies? Kids with special needs with special needs, which include any physical, cognitive, medical or hidden disability chronic or life-threatening illness, or those medically fragile ages 2- 16 and their siblings 4 years old to 7th grade. For more information please contact Lynn Ebner at lebner@royred.org or 440-237-7958 ext. 151.

March of Dimes – Katy Baddorf

I will create a team for EVMOMC to walk in the March of Dimes this year. Watch for a Monsters Hockey game fundraiser in February or March.

Sunshine – Angie Davis

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If you know of any Emerald Valley members/family members who have had recent hospitalizations, illnesses, deaths, births or adoptions, please contact me at angeladaviski@hotmail.com, 330-524-9967, or find me on Facebook – Angie Tutak Davis.

SPREADING SUNSHINE

We lift up the family of Bethany Joyal. Her son, Dylan, was recently hospitalized. And, in the same week, one of the twins, Selah, had emergency surgery.

Member, Sheri Bickerton, had a medical issue that is fortunately resolving, but it never hurts for some prayers to keep her healthy!

Website – Rikki Price

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The monthly calendar, newsletters, and meeting minutes are posted in the members only section of our website. Please check it out, and don't forget to check the forums from time to time to see if anyone has posted anything!

As you may know, we are moving to North Canton next month, I can easily keep up the website as long as everyone continues to forward me pictures, newsletters, and monthly minutes. If anyone would like to take over this position for the 2019-2020 school year, I will be happy to train them. Just let me know if you are thinking about it and I can show you how easy Weebly is to operate during/after the December meeting!

OFMOTC NEWS –Sheri Bickerton

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The OFMOTC fall board meeting took place October 12-13. Kelley Mendoza, Jennifer French and Sheri Bickerton attended. It was great to see our fellow Mother of Multiples moms from around the state! The program of the day, after business concluded, was speaker, Tricia Baxter. She had a heartwarming story to tell on how/why she started up her business, Snuggled Up, Inc. Each local club in attendance brought fleece material to make no-sew fleece blankets to donate to her great cause. In addition, we brought EV's Super Bowl board and sold 19 squares! (There are still plenty of

squares for our EV members, family & friends! The board will be brought to our Nov. meeting. Squares are \$5. Your support is greatly appreciated!) If you have not already joined the OFMOTC Facebook page, I highly encourage you to do so. All paid EV members are automatically members of OFMOTC. Take advantage of an additional multiples resource outlet! Join OFMOTC Facebook page for multiples info – local & statewide!

OFMOTC Fall Board Meeting Highlights:

- * The OFMOTC Twins Items & Clothing Chair is looking into creating a website for all members to be able to view & purchase OFMOTC stock items! Until then....join OFMOTC FB page and check out the post to see some preorder options that are currently available. She is placing an order Nov. 9th. We all purchased shirts at the meeting but for those who couldn't make it, here's an opportunity to grab a cute shirt for you and/or your multiples!
- * Mother of the Year application & picture is due April 1, 2019. Since we do not crown our MOY until May, an email can be sent to ofmotcMoy@gmail.com to notify Marsha Somich that our application & picture will be sent in May.
- * Club by-laws, when updated, can be emailed to ofmotcProcedures@gmail.com
- * If clubs need assistance with their club's publicity, contact Jenni Collins via email at ofmotcPublicity@gmail.com
- * Scholarship applications will be in the January OFMOTC mailing. Members and/or their children are encouraged to apply! Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded in June.
- * Philanthropic will award a total of \$800 in grants (may be 2 winners of \$400 each). Grant submission info will be in the January mailing. Grant submissions are due on April 1, 2019, to ofmotcPhilanthropic@gmail.com
- * Big Tent is the current host for www.ofmotc.org and stores all OFMOTC files. Effective 12/31/18, Big Tent is closing down. A new host will be needed.
- * Winter Twinformation articles are due no later than January 15, 2019. Articles should be emailed to ofmotcCorrSec@gmail.com
- * Spring board meeting will be hosted in the Columbus area on April 5-6, 2019.

happy
birthday

*** MOMS BIRTHDAYS ***

11/08 Katy Baddorf

*** KIDS BIRTHDAYS ***

11/06 Victoria Price

11/15 Evan Baddorf

**Emerald Valley Mothers of Multiples Club
Membership Data Sheet**

Name: _____ Husband's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: () _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Your Birth Date: _____ Anniversary: _____

How did you find out about EVMOMC? _____

Multiples Names and Birth Date: _____

Other Children's Names and Birth Dates: _____

Hobbies, Interests, Special Talents: _____

To be completed by Club Officer:

Amount Paid \$ _____ New Mom's Packet Distribution Date: _____

For Club Year _____ Membership Chair Initials _____

Date _____ Newsletter Mailing List _____

Treasurer's Initials _____ Club Directory Distributed _____