

MOMS Club®



of Lakewood Ranch

JANUARY 2012

Sunday with Santa

By Dana Mitchell

The mom's group started off the Christmas season with a visit from Santa at the Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club on Sunday December 4th. Santa was truly magical this year and made every child feel special. Each family was able to spend individual time with Santa for pictures and to tell him their Christmas wishes. The children were surprised when Santa gave each of them a special gift and candy cane. While waiting, families were invited to enjoy yummy snacks and make Christmas crafts in the Club's private dining room.

I want to say a special thank you to all of the moms who volunteered and made this such a successful event: Joelle Hennesey, Ana Jacome, Crystal Rothhaar, Rebecca Turgeon, Rebecca Gurski, Melissa Muller, Stephanie Woodman, Renee & Philip Cecil, Shannon Masera, Lara Sherry, Carrie Schwarzbauer, Stacey Yencik, Sara Lightbody, Susan Meyers, Christine Belville, Kristi Dyer, Elaine Rigoli and Gayle Van Peenen. Also, thank you to our President, Lauren Kelly, for all her hard work and dedication to the mom's group!

Lastly, a very special thank you to our generous sponsor of the event, Carroll & Sutton Orthodontics. They are located here in the Lakewood Ranch area and have been very supportive of our group.



from our President

Dear MOMS,

Happy New Year to you and your families! I have no idea where the last year went, but I am looking forward to a great 2012. I want to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members and encourage you to truly take advantage of this wonderful group. Get involved, attend events, join our Book Club, sign up for our message board – We have a lot to offer and we're pretty fun. We have a lot of exciting things planned for January.



A few dates to remember:

Thursday, January 12th @ 9:30am

MOMS Club® Monthly Meeting held at Sarasota Baptist Church – Lakewood Ranch Campus on University Pkwy. Hope to see you there!

Monday, January 16th @ 10:30am

Back by popular demand - we will have another Community Service Day for the older kids at Honor Animal Sanctuary! Time and location (whether Nate's Place or the ranch on Lorraine) are still subject to change, but as of now the details are below. If you have a child/children Pre-K and older (4+), you are welcome to roll up your sleeves and help out this amazing organization. Don't forget - there is no school this day. Please bring a donation for the organization. Much needed items are: collars for small dogs, Frontline Plus flea and tick prevention, nylabones, paper towels, and laundry detergent. Email Carrie Schwarzbauer if you would like to attend: xenson@yahoo.com

Tuesday, January 17th @ 10:30am

Naz Qureshi has planned our monthly Kid's Outing at the Fruitville Library. The kids will get a tour of the library and have story time. FYI: If you have a Manatee library card and ID you can check out a book from Sarasota libraries as well. Email Naz to RSVP: naz1220@hotmail.com

Friday, January 20th @ 1:30pm

Aimee Hermann is taking our Preschool Picassos painting at the Greenbrook Adventure Park! School is closed this day also, so come on out for a great afternoon. Maybe even pack a lunch to enjoy before hand! Cost is \$2 per child. Contact Aimee directly to reserve your spot: aimee.friedman@gmail.com

I also want to once again thank all of our Volunteers and Committee Heads. Our group would not be successful without you!

Feel free to reach out for any reason at any time: Lauren120@mac.com

Wishing you all the best in 2012!

Lauren M. Kelly

January Events!

January Kid's Outing

Fruitville Library

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Preschool Picassos

Adventure Park

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Community Volunteer Day Monday, January 16th

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Email xenson@yahoo.com if you would like to attend. Arrive at Honor Animal Rescue on Lorraine at 10:30 am

Brief introduction to Honor Animal Rescue

including:

- History
- Mission
- Volunteering Opportunities
- Tour of grounds
- Hands-on duty in the dog house
- Folding Laundry
- Sweeping dog's stalls
- Replacing bedding
- Place treat in each stall for the returning dogs

Educational talk about:

1. Safety when approaching a strange animal
2. Choosing a pet
3. Caring for a pet
4. What to do if you find a stray animal

SAVE THE DATE

February Kids Outing

Pastries By Design

Wed, Feb 1st at 11am

We will be decorating cookies. Cost is \$5 per child and includes 2 small cookies

GROWING UP SALE

It's that time of the year again. The Growing Up Sale will be held on February 25th from 8 am to 12 pm at Sarasota Baptist Church. The cost is \$8 per table and all fees are used to advertise the sale in local newspapers.

If you like to reserve a table please email me at cmitch9@tampabay.rr.com and mail your check for \$8 to :

Dana Mitchell

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Come see us at “The Hub”...



Join the Welcome Committee

Our committee has wonderful volunteers who have agreed to help make new members feel welcome and to also act as a mentor for the new member. Our goal is let each new member know that she immediately has a friend whom she can go to with questions or concerns, and also to help her get involved. The committee is in need of a few more volunteers so that we can quickly accommodate our new members. It requires little time and resources, so if you're willing and able, please e-mail Denise Drizos at denisedrizos@yahoo.com for more information.

Looking for a Playgroup?

We are always happy to start new playgroups or help place you and your child in an existing group. For more information, please contact Rebecca Johnson at rebecca.v.johnson@gmail.com

Eco Moms

We are still selling our adorable reusable tote bags with the LWR Moms Group logo for \$2. You can contact Carrie Schwarzbauer, xenson@yahoo.com. They will also be available at the luau!

Sunshine News

If you or someone you know in the Moms Group delivers a baby please contact Lisa Higgins and she will arrange for three members to deliver meals in a timely manner. lisahiggins02@yahoo.com

Congratulations to Crystal Rothhaar! Matthew Rothhaar was born on Dec 19th . He was 21 inches and 8lbs, 12 oz. His big sister is Allie (Allison). Thank you to Carrie Schwarzbauer, Carrie Montague and Kristen Raniere who delivered meals to her.



Congratulations to Melanie Jenkins! Saniyah Ryland Jenkins was born on Dec 19th at 1:58am. She was 19 inches and 6lbs, 6 oz. She joins big sisters Taylor (12) and Maliyah (3) . Thank you to Carrie Montague and Kim Smith for delivering meals.



Happy Birthday!

Birthdays are nature's way of telling us to eat more cake. Enjoy!

January

- 7 Rebecca Gurski
- 10 Ann Jones
- 12 Suzanne Mattes
- 16 Joelle Hennesey
- 16 Melissa Muller
- 20 Lauren Kelly
- 24 Mayumi Krupa
- 25 Julie Freed
- 26 Deborah Hossenlopp
- 27 Mary Morra
- 31 Linda Tobiasseni

Welcome Our New Members

A warm welcome to our latest members: **Karen Nowadly** lives in Greenbrook Walk with her children Quinn (9) and Eammon (5).

Heather Macek lives in Greenbrook Terrace with her husband Eric, and their child Camden (11 months).

Open Positions

Advertising Liaison

Volunteer:

The Newsletter Ad Liaison position is open if anyone in the group would like to volunteer to take it over. This position is especially important now that we are a 501c3. We are no longer allowed to pay for events from dues so our sponsors are the only way to have all of our great moms group events without having to pay for them ourselves. In return, the sponsors get free advertisement in the newsletter. This job does not require a lot of time, just regular maintenance. I'd also like to thank Danielle Pullam for doing such a great job. Please let me know if you're interested and I will be happy to discuss. Contact Dana Mitchell at cmitch9@tampabay.rr.com

Monthly Meeting Reminder

Our monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Hopefully you'll join us on the 12th over at Sarasota Baptist @ 9:30 am. Kids are definitely welcome. See you there!

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