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PPOTC's Divas!





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*H*i Everyone!
Well summer is but a distant memory at this point and hopefully we're all getting used to our work, school and activity routines with our family. Can Christmas really be next month? I know the busier I am the more I get accomplished but I sure would like to test the not so busy portion of that theory.

Our November meeting is sure to be a great one with the return visit of Patty McPherson from Orderly Manor. She will have some great organizing and money saving tips for all of us.

Our October meeting was quiet, lots of other events going on that night. We did welcome 2 new member families to our club that evening. I apologize for not having all the membership details to post today but Janet and Abby seem real excited to join us. Speaking of membership. Barbara Smith is going through the current membership and will be posting a full updated document online soon. If you have had a phone, email or address change please let her know. We also welcomed a new member and her family at our September Pot Luck meeting.

Well we are just about full for our Craft Fair on November 21st.



HOLIDAY PARTY

Christ Church, Plymouth
From 2:00-4:00 pm.



The sign up sheet will be on Yahoo Groups or e-mail Kathy Rowell. We will also have a sign up sheet for volunteers to help set up and clean up.

Please remember to bring a **wrapped gift for each child**. We're hoping to have Santa as a guest!

Third Annual Toy Drive

The Butts Family is having their 3rd annual toy drive to help Pilgrim's Hope. If you are interested in helping them towards this worthy cause please contact Cheryl at cbutts25@hotmail.com

They are looking for new unwrapped gifts items for the 6-9 year age group.

A flyer is posted on yahoo groups also.

One lone space remains. We are looking for volunteers still. I posted a Sign-Up on the Yahoo Database where you can sign up for any and/or all of the areas we need some help.

I will be there on Friday at 1pm to mark the rented spaces, move the tables and put away about 150 chairs. I could really use some help. I would have loved to done it later at night but I won't have access to the hall.

I will be there in the morning at 7am but won't need helpers until 8-8:30ish.

We are having a bake sale so we are looking for some yummy treats to sell. We are also doing a raffle so if anyone has any contacts in the surrounding Plymouth area to donate gift certificates, tickets, or actual items, that would be great. We will need help during the day to help sell baked goods and raffle tickets. We are also renting a popcorn machine and will be selling popcorn and drinks. I think having 3-4 people there during each of the time slots would be perfect. Husbands and older children are welcome to come and help too.

I handed out some flyers at the Halloween party, hopefully those who took them have posted them around town.

Thanks in advance for your help. It's going to be a fun day and maybe you can do a little shopping while you're there! Don't forget to tell your friends, family and

neighbors to join us on the 21st!

Plans are underway for our December Ladies Night Out on Thursday, December 10th.

Reminder: there won't be a club meeting that night.

Kathy R. has booked our meeting site for December 5th for our annual Christmas party. I think we are still looking for Santa Claus.

We are also looking for someone to take over the club playdate coordinator position. Let Denise or myself know if you are interested. We have lots of new little ones that would love to get together during the week for a playdate every now and then.

State Convention is this weekend. Have fun ladies representing PPOTC!

Next meeting is scheduled for November 12th at 7pm. Patty will do her presentation at 8pm.

Reminder if you have a child born in November we would love you to bring a yummy treat to share with the group.

Happy Fall Everyone!
Karen
PPOTC Vice President

PARTY UPDATE

Halloween Party

The 2009 Halloween Party was a big success! We had a great

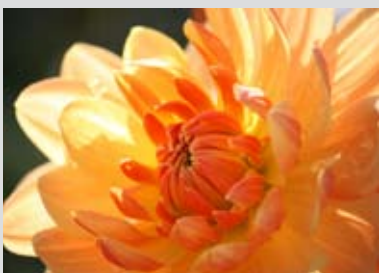


At Grandma's House

I like the taste of turkey
Any time throughout the year
But it never
seems to taste as good
As when Thanksgiving's here.

Could be it's all the trimmings
That are cooked with it to eat-
But I think it's
eating at Grandma's house
That makes it such a treat!

- author unknown



Happy Thanksgiving All!

turnout and the kids had a blast. Kara did a fantastic job with the kids. She's really talented. If we weren't so backed up with kiddos, I would've gotten my face done too!

I was a little skeptical about my "gross food" at first. I wasn't sure how it would come across but the kids loved it! I think the hearts were the grossest. Honestly, I stuck my hands on it just after I emptied the tomatoes out and even I thought it was nasty. Haha!

Thanks to those who helped set up and clean up. It's much appreciated! I also want to personally thank Barbara Smith for bringing the Archer Farms caramel corn things. Can we say GOLD! After the party I went to Target and stocked up!

2009 Christmas Party

This year's Christmas party will be held at:

Christ Church Plymouth
Saturday 12/5/2009
2:00pm - 4:00pm

Please bring a wrapped gift for each child you bring. We're working hard at getting Santa to come!

Thanks,
Kathy Rowell, Party Planner

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 21st from 9am-3pm, Plymouth Masonic Lodge, South Meadow Road (near the Plymouth Airport)

CRAFTERS/VENDORS INCLUDE:

Cards and Gifts by Cathy Vautrinot
Usborne Books
Seashell Crafts by Phylis McDonough
Silpada
Tastefully Simple
The Traveling Vineyard
Kat Hanafin Photography
Earrings by Elaine
Parties by Di (Mary Kay, Tupperware)
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Carver Country Mouse
Stone Crafts - Painted Objects and Art by Tracy Stone
Hairpieces by Sue Clancy
Creative Memories
Riverview Gems Jewelry
Art on the Spot

WAYS TO LOOK YOUNGER

Wear black on bottom, but not on top!

Deep dark colors on top will help hide the imperfections in our skin. Carry bright colored handbags. Go with stylish boots instead of black shoes.

NEWSLETTER

If you have high resolution photos from our portrait fundraiser that you would like to share with us for use in future issues of our newsletter, please forward them to Cheryl. Any articles or recipes that you may want to share should also be forwarded. We would love to hear from you and share with our club members.



**Recipes from Lisa Russell,
West Suburban
Twins Chapter**

“Best Chili Ever!”

- 1½ pounds ground beef*
- 1½ pounds stewed meat*
- Red wine*
- 2 cans kidney beans (drained)*
- 3 - 4 cans Rotel brand tomatoes*
- Red onion*
- Garlic*
- Worcestershire sauce*
- Green pepper (optional . . . not Lisa’s choice)*
- 2 bottles of beer (Lisa prefers Guinness.)*
- 2 square baker’s chocolate*
- ¼ or ½ cup chili powder [that’s what Lisa said . . . yikes!]*

Brown the ground beef and drain.

Brown the stewed meat with red wine (drain)

Optional: Sauté the onion and green pepper with garlic and Worcestershire sauce (or just put them in the pot not cooked).

Put all ingredients in a crock-pot on low for 6 - 7 hours. Better served the next day!

Enjoy!

DIVA DIVINE

**DIVA DIVINE IN 09
WAS JUST FINE!**

This year’s Massachusetts Mother Of Twins Association, Inc., Diva Divine state convention was held November 6 and 7 in Burlington, MA.

Our gracious hosts were the MMOTA Executive Board. These ladies did a Divine job hosting a fun-filled party for us to dance the night away, with Diva martinis and a delicious chocolate fountain to boot. We all crawled out of bed the next morning for a scrumptious continental breakfast and the opening ceremonies.

Your local PPOTC Diva’s enjoyed hearing about “Beauty Secrets Uncovered” (the Top 10 are listed later), trying out the wine and chocolate tasting, and learning some quick and easy holiday appetizer secrets from the hotel’s executive chef Costello. As you can see, we ate, drank, and played really well!

After enjoying our morning sessions, we joined our celebrity “dinner dates” for a lovely luncheon. This was a great time for all of us to get to know other members of all ages from around the state. I heard from mothers who have twins in their 20’s who said their six member club is having trouble keeping the younger moms. I also listened in as one mother, who makes

delicious chili, shared her recipes for all types of scrumptious foods. And then there was the mother of Taunton twins who was feeling us out for ideas for next year’s convention.

Finally, we had the pleasure of listening to sisters Gina Gallagher, a copywriter, and Patricia Konjoian, a videographer, as well as proud mothers of imperfect kids (Asperger’s and bipolar) and co-authors of Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid. They entertained us while also describing how to take pride in our children’s accomplishments, despite their imperfections, and how to make sure we don’t fall into the standards trap of judging our children. These sisters were hilarious and entertaining, and they really made us think.

Mark your calendars now for another great time at the MMOTA State Convention on November 6 and 7, 2010 at the Mansfield Holiday Inn!

**TOP 10 BEAUTY SECRETS
(UNCOVERED)**

1. Oily skin: Mix 1tablespoon lemon juice, 1teaspoon water, ½ cup yogurt, and ¼ cup corn meal for a mask. Great for oily skin and summer dry skin.
2. Feet swelling: Mix the juice of one lime and 1 – 2 cups Epsom salt with enough warm water to cover your feet. Soak your feet and watch the swelling go away.
3. Eating healthier made easy: By putting healthy foods where they are easy to see and get, you’re



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they were hidden in the drawers out of reach.

4. Dry scalp or dark circles under your eyes? Eat ½ cup walnuts for a snack. The omega 3 fatty acid fights the inflammation and is good for your skin.

5. Mint green tea: Drink 1 – 2 cups a day; it will help flush toxins and remove fluids that make you feel sluggish.

6. Vodka anyone? Dab some on a cotton ball and put on your cold sores or even canker sores. It helps numb the pain and dries out the cold sores.

7. Tweezing acne: To avoid breaking out when you tweeze your eyebrows, dip the tweezers in alcohol first.

8. Toothaches: Put 3 drops clove oil and ¼ teaspoon olive oil on a cotton ball and apply to the tooth that hurts. It will help numb the pain. It's also an anti-inflammatory and an anti-bacterium.

9. Headaches: Before you reach for the bottle of aspirin, do 20 minutes of moderate exercise (e.g., walking, swimming, deep breathing, or yoga) first. If that doesn't help, then go for the aspirin.

10. Trouble Sleeping? Eat meat, phone a friend (not on your cell phone) before you sleep, or play your babies old lullabies.

PPOTC NEEDS YOU!

We are in need of a recording secretary! We are looking for someone who attends most of the meetings. Your task will be to record the business portion of our meeting and post the notes online. Each meeting will have an agenda prepared before the meeting, so

note taking should be easy! If you are interested, please see Denise or Karen. Thank you in advance to the gracious woman who will volunteer her time!

WANT TO SAVE \$\$\$\$?

Come listen to Patty McPherson, from Orderly Manor®, as she give us Organizing Tips in Order to SAVE \$\$\$\$! She will begin promptly at 8 and talk for about an hour. Patty is bringing handouts and lots of great ideas for organizing in order to SAVE \$\$\$\$!

Come join us on **Thursday, November 12 at the Christ Church Parish Hall at 7 p.m.!**

We will have refreshments and a brief business meeting from 7 – 8, and then sit back and listen to Patty. In addition, Kelly from Earth Elements will have a table set up in the back of the room selling jewelry. Proceeds will go to our club for an easy fundraiser! Thanks, Kelly!

THANK YOU 99 RESTAURANT!

We want to thank The 99 Restaurant for the generous and delicious donation of popcorn that they will be contributing to our Holiday Craft Fair.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING & HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

**SEE YOU AT LADIES NIGHT!
INFORMATION WILL BE ON
YAHOO GROUPS!**