



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR,

Autumn has arrived. Halloween and fall decorations adorn our homes as we prepare for little ghosts, goblins and treat seekers to make their way around the neighborhood. The mornings and evenings are cooler, and the days already are growing shorter.

The beginning of October seems to kick off the Holiday season and the flurry of activity that comes along with it. Before you get too caught up in the hustle and bustle of it all, take some time to enjoy watching the leaves change color, the return of the Starbucks Pumpkin Spice Latte and the abundance of Fall Fun activities planned this month for Moms of Wakefield members!

In this issue, you will find a letter about membership from our MOW Board Vice President Diana Polimine, a list of upcoming events, photos and recaps from past events, a list of new members and member birthdays. We also encourage you to visit our Web site, momsofwakefield.com, for more up-to-date information.

And don't forget your flu shots!



Warmly,

Radi Bombard, Newsletter Editor

LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT,

Dear Moms,

Welcome to Moms of Wakefield! Whether you have been a member before or this is your first year, we welcome you and thank you for joining us! We have 65 members: 35 renewals and 30 new members! We are off to a great start!

For those of you who are still undecided, remember you can join MOW at anytime. Log on to our website: <http://www.momsofwakefield.com>, complete a membership form and mail your

application with payment of dues. Our open enrollment period is coming to an end this month and you must be a member to attend our upcoming events that you will not want to miss!

A member directory and members only section will be part of our Web site soon. All personal information will be password protected, and details will be emailed to each member. Please check the Web site for all upcoming events, such as the Halloween Carnival and Children's Christmas Party.

Remember, you don't have to attend all the events to be a part of this organization. In fact, the first year I was a member I only made one event! It was a new member coffee, where I met and made two new friends: our president Chris Merrin and our fundraising director Lisa Marchetta. It's a perfect example of the value of getting together whenever we can. I encourage you to participate, volunteer and support each other throughout the year.

I look forward to great year of fun with you and your families.

Sincerely,

Diana Polimine, MOW Vice President

SEPTEMBER RECAP

Family Kick-Off Picnic

The day of the Family Kick-Off Picnic Sept. 27 started out to be a gloomy, rainy morning. However, around noon, the rain clouds moved out, and the sun began to shine. And what a beautiful day it was -- a perfect day for a picnic.

Everyone had a wonderful time at the Triangle Skydive Center watching the skydivers, especially the Marines, and mingling with old and new friends. It was also a special time as we showed tribute to the group of Marines we will be supporting on their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan. We presented them with care packages of things that were donated by our members and put together by our children. The men were very appreciative and really enjoyed meeting everyone, particularly the children.



A big “Thank You” to a few special people who really helped make this event possible:

- **Gretta Guyton** for helping organize the Marines and getting them here. We had 12 out of 22 guys come from the Wilmington and Jacksonville areas.
- **Rachel Mills** and Jennifer Polson did a wonderful job organizing the care package drive. They were able to get people to donate items for the Troops and helped the kids fill the packages.
- **Tara Edwards** for making the wonderful cookies that were given to the kids, even though we are not sure any of the cookies made it home! They seemed to all be inhaled immediately!



Most of all, we want to thank the families that came out to the picnic to not only support the Troops but also support our group. We had so much fun. We look forward to seeing you at the Halloween Carnival!

Jumpin’ Beans Early Release Playdate

Everyone had a jumpin good time at the early release playdate on Sept. 23 at Jumpin’ Beans. There was lots of bouncing and giggling mixed in with a very good deed. The children stuffed 22 care packages full of toothpaste, soap, trail mix, and lots of other goodies for our adopted troops. Thank you to all the kids that helped with this great project, and thank you to all the moms that provided the care package supplies.



New Member Coffee

On Sept. 2, we had our annual New Member Coffee at The Well. The Board welcomed many new members into the group, and it was a great opportunity to get to know each other. We plan to have more of these throughout the year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Outdoor Playdate

Monday, Oct. 16 at 4:30 p.m., Villages Playground

Meet at the Villages Playground, which is located at the Villages clubhouse (corner of New Falls of Neuse and Spruce Tree Way). We will block off the parking lot near the playground, and the kids can use their bikes. Bring a snack! This is a FREE all ages event.

Indoor Playdate

Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. – noon, Home of Nicole Rubin

Nicole Rubin has kindly opened up her home for a play date. Her home address will be sent a week prior to the event.

Mom's of Wakefield Ladies Lunch

Wednesday, Oct. 21 at Noon, TPC Wakefield Clubhouse

Please RSVP by Oct. 16

Kindly join us this for lunch with the girls! We'll have a few laughs, some good food, and great company! Little ones who are home with mommy are welcome to join. Let us know if you need a high chair or booster seat in your Evite response. Please note you DO NOT need to be a member of the TPC Wakefield to join us for this lunch.

Mom's Night Out Fundraiser

Sunday, Oct. 25

We are planning a Moms' Night Out Fundraiser for the Masonic Home for Children where members and their guests can buy Pampered Chef and food from other vendors to prepare for the holidays. An Evite will go out for this event.

Outdoor Playdate and Lunch

Monday, Oct. 26 at 1 p.m., Baileywick Park, which is located at 9501 Baileywick Rd

Meet at Baileywick Park for lunch and play. They have a large covered picnic area so feel free to bring lunch for the kids. A FREE all ages event.

Moms of Wakefield Halloween Carnival

Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 5 - 7 p.m., Villages Clubhouse, 12655 Spruce Tree Way

Get your costumes ready and join us for a little Halloween cheer! We will have lots of fun things for the kids including carnival games with fun prizes, face painting, crafts, and even a photo booth. There also will be yummy snacks for munching. Don't forget to bring some cash because we will be raffling off some great prizes to raise money for the Masonic Home for Children. We hope to see you all there!

! You must be a paid member of MOW to attend this event !



Trick or Treat Spooktacular at the Factory

Friday, Oct. 30 at 5:45, The Factory

Get the kids dressed up and let them Trick or Treat through the Factory. Event starts at 6 so let's meet outside the East Entrance (by Planetary Nutrition and Jumpin' Beans) at 5:45. A FREE all ages event.



Have any ideas for a play date? Want to host one?

E-mail us at MOW@babysunshine.net

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Ilze Berzina
Winene Thomas

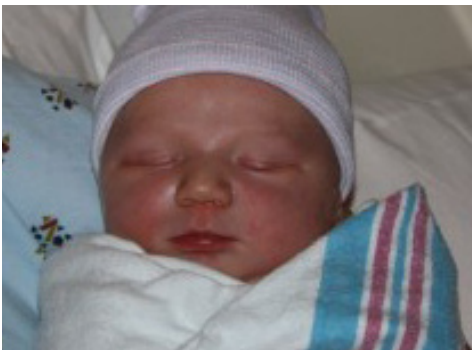


WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Amrita Patel
Brooke Rivers
Margot Shute
Louella Venable
Susan Viggiano
Mary Beth King
Neely Lassiter

CONGRATULATIONS TO member Carole Knieriem & her husband Tim who had a baby boy on Sept. 14, 2009.

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