

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR,

While you would not know it based on the sun-scorched days we have had recently, Fall is just around the corner. Our mornings are filled with the sounds of kids making their way to the bus stop and cars humming while inching down Falls of Neuse. Everyone is bringing out their favorite college sportswear and stocking up on Game Day munchies as football season is about to kick off, and Halloween décor already graces the shelves of many of our favorite stores.

For me, the dawn of a new season always brings excitement because with it comes so much potential. It is a time where I set new priorities and/or recommit to goals I may have set earlier in the year. Writing this newsletter for Moms of Wakefield is helping me to achieve two such goals:

- 1) Connecting with other moms while also finding new ways to entertain my 20-month-old now that his older brother is back in school.
- 2) Committing to more writing for pleasure as opposed to just for work.

Now, if it also would help me shed those last stubborn 10 pounds, I'd be ecstatic!

It is my honor to be MOW's newsletter editor, and I welcome your feedback, ideas and suggestions!

In this issue, you will find a letter from our hardworking, enthusiastic MOW Board President Chris Merrin, a list of upcoming events, information on our exciting new service project, 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. We want to thank Mike Marchetta who has been working very hard on the Web site and Janice Tilbor who will be working with him as our new Web site editor.

And finally, Gooooooo Gamecocks!

Warmly,

Radi Bombard, Newsletter Editor

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT,

Dear Moms,

Welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed your summer. It's time to get back to another exciting year of events with the Moms of Wakefield. Our dedicated board members have been working all summer to make this a year you won't want to miss.

We recently celebrated the start of the year with our annual Moms' Night Out Kick-off Party. The returning and prospective members had a chance to get to know each other while enjoying a few drinks and some delicious hors d'œuvres. We also raffled off great prizes that were donated by local businesses. Thank you to Bacaro's, Starbucks, Lily Mae's, and Wakefield Nails for your support. This event was very successful as we signed up about 40 members!



For those of you who could not make it to the event, there's still time to join. Just log onto our Web site, www.momsofwakefield.com, and print up the membership application. You can send in your application by mail along with payment of dues. Once we receive your completed application, you will be placed on our e-mail distribution list so you will be up to date on all of our events and activities.

We are very excited about our Web site. As we continue to add more features throughout the year, it will be an effective tool for communication within the group. The calendar is already up and running so you can easily see the month's activities at a glance. We also have added an advertising section for local businesses, and soon we will have a section for referrals.

This year, we will continue our annual Christmas gift-giving drive by sponsoring a cottage at the Masonic Home for Children. We also will be supporting members of the Second Marine Special Operations Battalion Team by providing them with care packages and exchanging letters while they are stationed in Afghanistan.

We also would like to plan more events in the second half of the year, as well as fun activities for our school-age children.

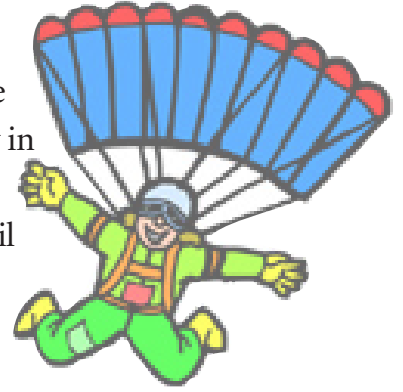
To make this year successful, we need your help. When you join please sign up for one of our committees. We all know what one "Supermom" can do. Just imagine what a whole team of "Supermoms" can do if we work together!

Sincerely,

Chris Merrin, President

NEW SERVICE PROJECT

As part of the upcoming Family Kick-off Picnic (see List of Events), we would like to give some special guests – the members of the Second Marine Special Operations Battalion Team – care packages for their upcoming stay in Afghanistan. We will be collecting supplies from September 1 – 21 and will present them to the group at the picnic. Be on the lookout for an e-mail with a link to a sign-up sheet for items needed for the packages.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 15, 11 a.m.

Chuck E. Cheese
Track Out Playdate

If your children are tracked out, and you're looking for something fun to do, bring them to Chuck E. Cheese on Capital Blvd! We will meet at 11 a.m. and plan to stay for lunch.

Sept. 23, 3:30 p.m.

Jumpin' Beans at The Factory
Afternoon Playdate

It's an early release day, so bring your kids to Jumpin' Beans for some jumping fun.

Sept. 27, 3-5 p.m.

Triangle Skydiving Center in Louisburg
Family Kick-off Picnic

Bring your picnic baskets, blankets, and binoculars, and get ready to see some special guests drop in. We will meet members of the Second Marine Special Operations Battalion Team, who we will be supporting throughout the year. This picnic is an opportunity to wish them well before they are deployed this Fall. We will be providing them with care packages to make their stay in Afghanistan a bit more comfortable.

Look for the Evite for this event.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR DONATING PRIZES FOR OUR MOMS' NIGHT OUT KICK-OFF PARTY

Bacaro's

Lily Mae's

Starbucks

Wakefield Nails

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Laura Lawton

Rachel Mills

Marisol Pedraja

Cheryl Simpson



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jackie Adamo

Anne Marie Adams

Radi Bombard

Melissa Brown

Danica Dale-Maritzer

Brooke Dickhart

Jenni Ellinger

Liz Fyfe

Hollie Gasper

Aleta Habeeb

Karen Hennessy

Karen Hughes.

Ilze Berzina

Cheryl Lloyd

Ileana Marks

Elli Pahos

Sherry Patti

Marisol Pedraja

Nicole Rubin

Cheryl Simpson

Lori Thompson

Phyllis Thomson

Janice Tilbor

Danielle Quiocho

Michelle Williams