



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Membership Meetings - Membership Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9pm. No Membership Meetings are held in June or July. The newsletter lists the location.

The Membership Meetings typically include a short business session followed by a social activity or a speaker on a topic relevant to children, parenting, self-care, or twins.

All members and prospective members are welcome.

History - Our Club started in 1960 as “Double Trouble,” with only five members. It was the first club in the Denver area. From that small beginning, four Denver clubs grew and others followed in Boulder, Colorado Springs, and elsewhere throughout the state. In May 1987, the name was changed to “Twin Connection Club.” In 1993, our membership was extensive and covered the western and southern metro area. The large membership voted to split. The southern members, residing primarily in Highlands Ranch and Parker, formed Mothers of Multiples (MOMs). While membership in Twin Connection Club is open regardless of your location, the majority of our members are focused in the southwestern and western suburbs and foothills areas.

Board of Directors - Our Board consists of five elected volunteers: **President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.** They meet once per month to conduct Club business and brainstorm. All members are welcome at the Board meetings. The newsletter lists the date, time, and location.

Committees - The Club maintains several committees to handle Club functions. All committees are run and staffed by volunteers. Your membership packet contains a list of the possible committees and their descriptions. Volunteering for a committee provides a quick way to meet other members, make some great friends, have an adult conversation, and have some fun. To volunteer, contact a Board member or Committee Chairperson, listed in the newsletter.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT SALE

General - Our clothing and equipment sale is the Club’s biggest fundraiser and one of the biggest draws for our membership. It provides our members with a great opportunity to pick up gently-used clothing, toys, equipment, and furniture. It also provides an avenue for selling your children’s outgrown items and clearing out your storage spaces! Sales are held in the spring and fall – usually March and September.

Sale Hours and Rules - A volunteer committee handles the sale publicity, set-up, and other pre-sale duties (including work days or weeks before the sale). Committee members get to shop first (usually beginning at 10am).

Members that sell items (sellers) are required to attend a pre-sale meeting at which specific “sellers” rules are provided. The sellers must set-up their own items, help others set-up or help with other pre-sale duties, and work an assigned job during the entire sale. Sellers shop with the other Club members at 11am.

Club members shop at 11am. It is a good idea to bring a laundry basket, stroller, or wagon in which to collect your purchases! Only Club members (parents or guardians) are allowed to shop at this time.

The sale is open to the public from noon until 3:00pm. Committee members and all sellers help with post-sale duties, taking down, and cleaning up.

OTHER CLUB ACTIVITIES

Parties and Picnics - The Club holds a summer picnic, a Fall party, and a Holiday party in December for members and their families. The parties and picnics typically include activities, games, refreshments, and good company. The Club also holds an annual May Jubilee, a dessert celebration of new members and members who have been with the Club for five or more years.

CLUB GOALS

The objectives of the Club are listed in the Bylaws that are provided as part of your membership packet. Most importantly, we are here to help and support each other. Our veteran members have been through the same things, know what it’s like to have multiples, and can help. If you have questions or suggestions, feel free to talk with the Support Network Chairperson, any of the Officers, committee volunteers, or veteran members. Check the newsletter for contact information. Our Membership Meetings provide an opportunity for an evening out, a chance to chat about the difficult pregnancy or parenting stage, and an opportunity to hear a relevant speaker and get some great ideas. Our volunteers and committees keep our Club running and provide an opportunity for all to become involved. Consider volunteering when your time and family permit. You will make some great friends!

**Please join us at a meeting!
We look forward to seeing you!**