MOMMY'S TIME OUT

Lakewood Ranch Mom's Group, Inc.

The official newsletter of the Lakewood Ranch Moms Group, written by, for, and about moms living in the Lakewood Ranch community.



March 2015

Positions for 2015-2016

Hooray to our members who stepped up and took on a position. We are so excited to see next year's team shaping up. Here is the list showing who is taking on a position and what positions are still open. Descriptions for the open positions are below. The new year starts in July. You've got plenty of time to learn the ropes from the current gals.

President: Jill Bennett Vice President: Tracie McHugh Membership VP/Web Admin: Jenn Otterness Treasurer: Jennifer Kovatch Welcome Coordinator: Chanda O'Brien Sunshine Meals Coordinator: Stacey Burge Community Service: Julie Ruffing Moms Night Out: Lisa O'Driscoll Kids Outings: Melinda Hierholzer Preschool Picasso: may be spoken for Playgroup Coordinator: OPEN Newsletter Editor: OPEN School Ambassador: Susan Myers

Still Available:

- **Preschool Picasso**: schedule and come up with the craft projects that the kids will do once a month during the preschool Picasso event.
- **Playgroup Coordinator**: post events to our facebook page with things to do during the week with our kids. If you are interested, you can also bring back home playdates and traditional playgroups where three to five members meet regularly at each other's homes. That is up to you, if you want to reintroduce that format.
- Newsletter Editor: compile our newsletter each month. You will also have one to two helpers to assist you with coming up with content.
- Newsletter Committee: one to two volunteers to assist the newsletter editor with content. You may be asked to find members or people in the community who could write articles, or to perhaps collect recipes, etc.

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A Message from Our President

The month before Easter is here. I'm sure all of you will begin to fill your calendars with Egg Hunts, springish celebrations and bunny related events. We are filling our Moms Group calendar with all of those things too! We've got a spring theme in our Preschool Picasso and Fun to Be Fit classes and a

build a bunny event at PlayAway coming up! Our kids book club will attempt its first meeting too! I hope you can join us for some of these activities!



We are nearly three-quarters of the way finished with our mem-

bership year...not that I'm counting down or anything. Now is the time that Jenn Otterness, Jill Bennett and I will begin to discuss how to handle renewals. Every year our membership drops dramatically in July because members forget to renew. It generally takes until December to reach last year's numbers. This year, we have had a major surge in membership, and I love that! However, I would love for us to keep the numbers up, so at the next monthly meeting, please come to voice your opinions on what kinds of things might encourage you to get your renewals in before July 1st. Don't worry ladies, we will give you lots of time to start your renewals. I'm all about starting things early!!

In addition to discussing the membership, we also have a few positions left to fill for next year – Playgroup Coordinator, Newsletter Editor and Preschool Picasso. Please let me know if you are interested in any of these positions by emailing me at info@lwrmomsgroup.com What makes our group so wonderful are the volunteers that help to set up all of the great things that fill up our calendar, maintain our website, newsletter and other forms of communication and who keep us filled with great new ideas. I have volunteered in one form or another since I joined the group and it has definitely given me the opportunity to meet a lot of our members. I'd highly recommend taking on a position as it really does help you meet lots of new friends!

Our last point of discussion for this month's meeting will be our final community service/fundraising event that will take place in June. We have come up with several ideas, but we need input! I really do hope that many of you decide to participate in this month's meeting! It'd be great if we could have more than ten of you attend so we can get some serious business done this time around! We have a lot to talk about and I look forward to seeing you there!

Regards, Victoria Cobb

On Another Note...

I'm really pleased that Barre3 has been so gracious to our group recently and offering us so many great opportunities to check out their facility and to try classes. In the spirit of staying healthy, are there any other fitness programs you or your husbands would be interested in trying? I'm happy to attempt to try and add a free, exclusive class for our members once a month at new locations. Please share any ideas with info@lwrmomsgroup.com

Monthly Meeting

When: Thursday March 12thTime: 6:30pmWhere: Brio Tuscan Grille

We have a lot to talk about this month! Membership renewal ideas, open positions, final fundraising event and more!

Also, Laura Naese, one of our members will be our guest speaker. She'll give us some tips on getting a home ready to sell and give us updates on the local housing market.





March

Playdates and Fun... Activities for Everyone.

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Lunch Box Makeovers-Recipes by Erica Clark

Packing the same lunch everyday for your kids? Get out of the rut by trying these swaps:

- 1. PB sandwich => spread almond butter on whole wheat crackers and top with thin apple slices.
- 2. Mac 'n' cheese => make mini kebabs with small mozzarella balls, cherry tomatoes, sugar snap peas, and tortellini.
- 3. Deli meat sandwich => roll up sliced roast beef, herb-cheese spread (like Boursin), and lettuce in a store-bought crepe.
- 4. Pizza => stuff a pita with shredded cheese, sliced tomato, and pepperoni. Dunk in marinara sauce.
- For 30 more lunch ideas, go to Scholastic.com/lunchmonth

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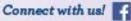


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...because we all understand and can relate. After all the pouting and tears, we all need a glass of wine...

Meet & Greet: We had an awesome meet and greet for our new members at Adventure Park last month. It was so wonderful to see such a full playground with lots of new friends for our children (and us!) to meet!

Age Appropriate Art - Music - Gymnastics & Sports Call to schedule your free trial class today! We offer classes for kids as young as 3 months up to 6 years old



Comic Sense Mom

Today I am giving myself a pat on the back. It is 7am, and I have already finished two loads of laundry, cleaned the kitchen, walked the dog and made breakfast and lunch for

my family. Moms need to be their own cheerleaders because everyone else is sleeping.



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Easter Craft Ideas... Thank you Crystal Rothhaar!!!!

Message in an Easter Egg

Easter Eggs Made From String



Sunshine News!

Michele Dillingham welcomed new baby boy Evan Michael on Dec. 16th. Sunshine meals were delivered by Christina Holland, Sheena Lambright and Courtney McLaughlin

Amy Korenman welcomed their sweet baby boy Jan. 27th. Sunshine Meals were delivered by Chanda O'Brien, Rachael Marcus and Linda Tobiassen.

Jill Bennett welcomed a new baby boy Brian Thomas Bennett on 1/30/15. Sunshine meals were delivered by Rebecca Milbank, Iris Comegno and Maria Petrova.

We now have a new way to deliver sunshine meals to new moms!! Please check our mom's group facebook page for more information about: <u>http://www.takethamameal.com</u>,from there 3 volunteers can sign up to deliver a meal. Thank you!!

"MARCH MADNESS" MEAL IDEAS

Secret Beef Burger

Ingredients

*1 pound lean ground beef

*3 tablespoons organic baby food plum puree

*1 tablespoon flaxseed meal

*1/3 cup onions, minced

*Sea salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Instructions

1. Combine ground beef, baby food, flax meal, and onions; mix lightly but thoroughly

2. Shape loosely into 4 1/2" thick patties. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

3. Cook patties immediately after mixing meat mixture for best results. Heat large skillet about 2 mins. over med. heat until hot. Cook patties until desired doneness, turning once.

- 4. Serve burgers on whole wheat buns with romaine or spinach lettuce, tomatoes, and desired condiments.
- 5. Add a side dish of sweet potato fries, or try the mashed potato recipe below.

Cauliflower and Potato Mash

Ingredients

3 pounds potatoes, peeled and quartered, boiled until tender

1 head cauliflower, steamed until tender

1+ cups milk (nondairy almond, coconut or soy works)

¹/₄ cup butter

1 tsp salt

 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp black pepper

¹/₄ cup cheese and dried parsley for garnish (optional)

Instructions

Mash the potatoes and cauliflower together with the milk, butter, salt and pepper until smooth. Transfer to a serving bowl and sprinkle with cheese and parsley.

Spinach-Apple Salad with Maple Vinaigrette

Ingredients

- * 1 Granny Smith apple, thinly sliced
- * 1/2 tablespoon lemon juice
- * 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- * 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- * 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- * 3 tablespoons olive oil
- * 15 oz. package of baby spinach
- * 1 cup chopped walnuts
- * 1 cup pomegranate seeds

Instructions

- 1. Toss apple with lemon juice.
- 2. Mix together maple syrup, mustard, and balsamic vinegar in a small jar.
- 3. Add olive oil; cover. Shake until mixed.
- 4. Transfer apples, spinach, walnuts, and pomegranate seeds to a bowl. Pour dressing over salad; toss to combine.

March Madness Cookies

Use a black food writer to draw basketball seams on Nilla Wafer cookies, and food coloring to tint vanilla frosting filling in the colors of your favorite team. The kids will have fun assembling these sandwich cookies and "dunking" them in milk too.



Burger and mashed potato recipes from "201 Gluten-Free Recipes for Kids" by Carrie S. Forbes. Salad recipe courtesy of Scholastic Parent and Child Magazine. Cookie idea courtesy of Family Fun magazine.



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LWR Mom Seeking Summer Camps...

Believe it or not, it's nearly time to start making plans for keeping your kiddos busy this summer! Some programs have already come out with their summer camp schedules and registration information. Luckily for us, there is no shortage of fantastic programs in the Manatee/Sarasota area (with many right here in LWR) to both entertain and educate our kids. A full (but by no means comprehensive) list with contact information follows this article, which highlights

several camps and activities that are LWR Mom-approved. If you are new to the area or just looking to try something different, we hope that this provides you with a starting point for finding the right fit. Don't wait too long to register, as some programs fill up very quickly!

For the little ones (under 3), check out places like **PlayAway** and **Time 4 Tikes** for a variety of Baby/Mommy and Me/toddler fitness and enrichment classes. Area **library branches** are another great option for (free!) indoor activities geared towards early literacy and much more. If you are willing to travel into Sarasota, **Forty Carrots** offers parent support and creative early childhood classes, and kids under 3 get in free at the **Sarasota Children's Gar-den**, which offers art, nature, and gardening classes in addition to being a fun place to explore and play.

There are a number of camps for preschoolers offered by various churches in the area. Some Group favorites include **Sprouts** at Harvest United Methodist and **Little Ranchers** at Lakewood Ranch Baptist. Each week of camp typically has a different theme; for instance, this year Sprouts will focus on different characteristics unique to Florida. Other recommended preschool programs include **Woodland** (which also has a variety of camps for older kids) and **All God's Children**. **PlayAway** also offers themed camps for kids ages 2-7 three days/week with flexible scheduling, and their facility is popular with children who are active and have movement/sensory needs. Also, some of the school-age camps listed below may allow for preschoolers, so be sure to check websites for more detailed

info. **Mote Aquarium** also offers wonderful Mommy and Me programs for this age group.

There are numerous options for school-age children (5-12). Many area churches offer a week of Vacation Bible School for free or a minimal fee. Popular art camps include those at Arts Ablaze on Main St. and Creative Kids camp at Art Center Sarasota. Kids interested in the theater (or just putting their natural flair for the dramatic to good use) may enjoy programs offered by Drama Kids. If your child was awed by the most recent production of the Sarasota Circus, "Fearless," then he or she may want to try a camp through the Circus Arts Conservatory. Numerous sports-based camps include a multi-sport one based at Lakewood Ranch Athletic Center, Bradenton Mauraders and Strike Zone baseball clinics, Acrofit gymnastics camp, CapoKids martial arts, True Blue Farm (horseback riding), and Jump and Reflex Arts for dance, yoga, and other performing arts. If your child is really interested in beating the heat, Ellenton Ice Rink offers ice skating camps. Kids who enjoy culinary arts may want to try something put on by The Cookie Cottage in Sarasota. And, places like

<u>March 15, 2015</u> <u>Sunday 12:00pm to 4:00pm</u>

Summer Fun and Camp Expo

Manasota Family and Kids' Directory presents: Summer Fun and Camp Expo at Mixon Fruit Farms!

There will be vendors, family entertainment, great food, bounce houses, games, raffles, prizes, children's performances and much more!

You won't want to miss this one-stop shopping for summer camps, activities, educational opportunities, birthday party vendors and fun for the kids! You can meet with dozens of summer camp and activities directors and explore Mixon's with your family!

Sponsorships & Vendor opportunities are available now. For information or to register, visit<u>http://</u> <u>www.manasotakids.com/</u> or contact Kristi at <u>Manasotakids@outlook.com</u> or <u>941-773-5978</u>.

the **YMCA** and **Manatee County Parks** are fantastic resources for a variety of sports and specialty-themed camps (such as photography or Rainbow Loom) right here in Lakewood Ranch, especially if you are looking for extended hours.

If you have a younger teen who may be interested in working as a summer camp counselor, both the YMCA and Manatee County Parks offer junior counseling camps. Publix Aprons Cooking School in Sarasota (University location) holds 3-day teen camps starting in June.

To check specific information on all of these camps/orginazations/activities, please see the full list with contact and/ or website info. below. Manasota Kids (<u>http://www.manasotakids.com/</u>) and Mommy Magazine are always great references for things to do in the area. Also, Mixon Farms is hosting a summer camp expo This month (see inset). And, of course, feel free to consult the many knowledgeable Moms in the group with any questions!

Under 3:

Forty Carrots 941.365.7716 or forty<u>carrots.com</u> Manatee County Public Library <u>mymanatee.org/library</u> PlayAway 941.755.1070 or <u>playawaykids.com</u> Sarasota Children's Garden 941.330.1711 or <u>sarasotachildrensgarden.com</u> Sarasota Public Library <u>sclibs.net/</u> Time 4 Tikes 941.812.6897 or <u>time4tikes.com</u>

Preschool:

All God's Children 941.739.2776 or <u>livinglordfl.org/preschool.php</u> Little Ranchers 941.552.1304 or <u>lwrbaptist.com/little-ranchers</u> Sprouts 941.907.7333 or connect.welcometoharvest.org/sprouts-child-development-center

Mote Aquarium Mommy and Me <u>mote.org/education</u> PlayAway (see above) Woodland Community Church 941.753.8588 or <u>woodlandministries.com</u>

School Age/Teens:

Acrofit Gymnastics 941.923.2100 or <u>acrofitgymnastics-sarasota.com</u> Art Center Sarasota Creative Kids 941.365.2032 or artsarasota.org Arts Ablaze 941.306.5840 or <u>artsablazestudio.com</u> CapoKids 941.922.4520 or <u>capokids.com</u> Circus Arts Conservatory 941.355.9335 or <u>circusarts.org</u> (The) Cookie Cottage 941.552.6914 or <u>thecookiecottageflorida.com</u>

Drama Kids 941.922.8121 or drama <u>kids.com/fl1/</u> Ellenton Ice Rink 941.723.3663 or <u>ellentonice.com</u> Jump Dance Academy 941.747.8900 <u>jumpdancecompany.com/summerprograms</u> LWR Athletic Center Tennis/Sports Camp 941.907.2825 Manatee County Parks 941.742.5923 or my <u>manatee.org/parks</u> Publix Aprons Cooking School-Sarasota 941.358.7781 or <u>Publix.com/cookingschools</u> Reflex Arts Dance and Yoga 941.359.9642 or <u>reflexarts.com</u> Strike Zone 941.758.9663 or <u>thezonecomplex.com/strike-zone/</u> True Blue Farm 941.227.3854 or <u>truebluefarm.com/</u>

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> Sunday April 26th 10:30am at Polo Grill at Lakewood Ranch

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mom's night out

Mi Pueblo Restaurante

When: Thursday, March 26thTime: 6:30pmWhere: Mi Pueblo Restaurante

aurante

Please view our Facebook page for more details.



<u>A warm welcome</u> to our newest members!

Lyndsay Soto Lindsay Turner Corinne Drohan Tracie McHugh Melissa Estep Elizabeth Sieracki Zsofia Lorincz Teresa Pelayo

Please be sure to visit our website and Facebook Page for lots of fun events! If you are interested in joining the Lakewood Ranch Mom's group, visit our website at: **Iwrmomsgroup.com** and complete the *Become a Member* form. New members are always welcome!



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<u>Book Club for Kids</u> at Lakewood Ranch Town Hall.

Each month a different mom will be the storyteller and create a craft that coincides with the story that they would like to share. Please visit our Facebook for further

information.

Join the Fun!

Looking to be part of a fantastic group of Moms in Lakewood Ranch? Visit our website at: <u>www.lwrmomsgroup.com</u> and start making friends and having fun!





Lakewood Ranch

VPK Registration Begins March 26th!! To register online visit: https://vpk.earlylearningcoalitionsarasota.org For assistance please call the Early Learning Coalition at: 941-556-1600 ext 125 or 113

School Happenings 🛞

Braden River Elementary

March 5th- Spirit night @ Menchies ranch lake blvd March 5th- Spring Pictures March 11th- Early release @ 1:15pm March 13th- Mother Son Event 6-8pm March 27th- NO School March 30th- Spring Break thru April 3rd

McNeal Elementary

March 11th- Early Release @ 1:15pm March 12th- Walk A thon March 23rd-31st- TESTING NO Volunteers on campus March 30th- Spring Break No School March 31st- Spring Break No School

Wakeland Elementary

March 10th- Spring Pictures March 11- Early Release @ 1:15pm March 19th- Student of the Month March 19th- PTO Dinner5-6pm March 19th- PTO presentation Kindergarten 6-6:30pm March 19th- PTO Meeting 6:30-7pm March 19th- SAC metting 7:15-8:15pm March 30th- NO School March 31st- NO School

<u>Willis Elementary</u>

March 7th - Runners club 7:30-8:00am March 6th - PTO Meeting 2-2:50pm March 11th - Dress Down day \$2 March 11th - Runners Club 7:30-8:00am March 11th - Early Release @ 1:15pm March 17th - All Pro Dad Breakfast 7:30-8:15am March 17th - All Pro Dad Breakfast 7:30-8:15am March 17th - Spring Pictures 8:25-2:50pm March 18th - Runners Club 7:30-8:00am March 23rd - SAC Meeting 6pm March 25th - Runners Club 7:30-8:00am March 25th - Runners Club 7:30-8:00am March 26th - End of third quarter March 27th - NO School March 30th - No School March 31st - No School

Witt Elementary

March 13th- Movie Bonfire night at school 6-9pm March 17th- Spring Carnival 11am-3pm

Braden River Middle School

March 11th - Early Release March 26th - End of 3rd Quarter March 27th - April 3rd - No School

Rowlett Academy of Arts and Communication

March 11th- Early Release March 26th- End of Third Quarter March 27th-April 3rd - NO School Spring Break <u>I</u>

Center Montessori

March 30th- April 6th- No School Spring Break

Classical Academy of Sarasota

March 9th-13th- No School Spring Break March 19th- End of 3rd Quarter March 28th- Spring Gala

Out Of Doors Academy Lower School

March 3rd- Intramural Basketball 3:30-4:30pm March 9th- Caring Kids Club 3:30-4:30pm March 17th- Coffee Chat 8:15am- 9:00 am March 20th- 3rd Grade 5 a day play 9am and 1pm March 23rd- 4th Quarter begins March 23rd- Caring Kids Club 3:30-4:30pm March 27th- 3rd Grade trip to Mote 8:30am-2:30pm

Out of Doors Academy Middle and High School

March 2nd-6th- AP and Honors Testing March 5th- 100 Days dinner 6pm March 12th- 3rd Quarter ends March 14th- Banyan Ball March 14th – SAT Exam 7am-12pm March 21st- US Council Event March 25th- 28th US Musical Production 7pm March 26th- NO School March 30th-March 31st Taylor Emmons Baseball Tournament

Mini Mustangs at Lakewood Ranch High School

March 26th- Early Release @11:30am

Kids R Kids

March 6th- Parent Night out March 27th-31st- No School No VPK

Woodlands

Every Tuesday morning: Playgroup from 9:00AM-12:00PM – activities for infants to 4yos October 31st: Fall Festival open to the public from 6:30PM-9:00PM; learn more at <u>www.gowoodland.com</u>

*If a school you are interested in is not shown, but you think it should be included in our school happenings section, please email the School Ambassador so she can include it next month: <u>lwrmgschoolambassador@yahoo.com</u>

Thank You!

Special thanks to Dr. Brian Morgan for coming out to Town Hall last month to discuss dental health with the kids. Those kids in attendance loved his interactive presentation and absolutely adored the games he played with them. We learned a lot! I also heard a lot of the kids ran home to open their toothbrushes and start putting what they learned to practice that night!





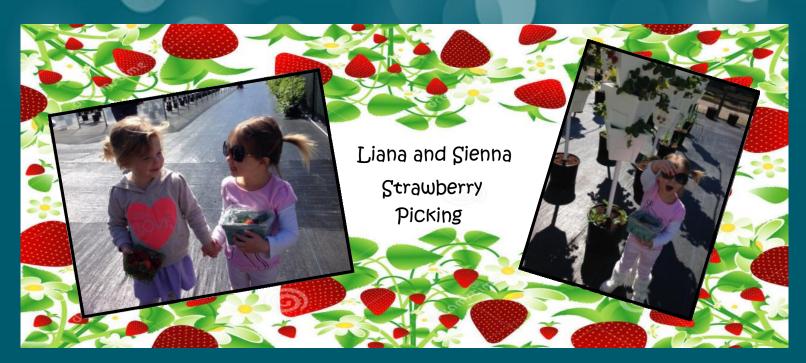


Several months ago, we had Ryan Heise, Director of Operations for Lakewood Ranch, as a guest speaker for one of monthly meetings. He came to brainstorm some ideas with us to improve the playgrounds. Just this week, he contacted me to let us know that he has already begun to take our advice and put it into action! Here are the changes they've made so far to the playgrounds:

- "No dogs off leash" sign installed at Adventure Park playground area
- Hockey Rink fence repaired at Adventure Park
- Benches added to Summerfield Park
- New bench created under the trellis at Summerfield Park

Thank you Ryan for keeping us in the loop!





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Hello, and thank you for your interest in advertising with the Lakewood Ranch Moms Group, Inc. We currently have two options for advertising with our club. You can advertise by placing an ad in our Newsletter, or you can advertise by sponsoring an Event which includes an advertisement within our Newsletter.

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- (There is a 10% discount if you choose to pay for one year of advertising.)

Event Sponsorship:

The following Moms Group events are available for sponsorship: the Spring Fling, Summer Luau, Halloween Extravaganza, or Sunday with Santa. There are different levels of sponsorship available, and the details of each level are listed below. They are:

Platinum Sponsorship (\$600)

- Full page advertisement for 6 months in the monthly Lakewood Ranch Moms Group, Inc. newsletter (ad will print for 6 months after the event date). [\$600.00 value]*
- Opportunity to write one article for the newsletter
- Exposure at the event (table or banner, opportunity to raffle a door prize, crate an activity with your product for the children to do, etc.)
- Exposure at Meet & Greet or monthly meeting and/or mom's night out or kid's outing**

Gold Sponsorship (\$350)

- Half page advertisement for 4 months in the monthly Lakewood Ranch Moms Group, Inc. newsletter (ad will print for 4 months after the event date). [\$300.00 value]*
- Opportunity to write one article for the newsletter
- Exposure at the event (table or banner, opportunity to raffle a door prize, crate an activity with your product for the children to do, etc.)

Silver Sponsorship (\$150 minimum)

- Quarter page advertisement for 4 months in the monthly Lakewood Ranch Moms Group, Inc. newsletter (ad will print for 4 months after the event date). [\$200.00 value]*
- Opportunity to write one article for the newsletter

Bronze Sponsorship (\$75 minimum)

- Business Card advertisement for 3 months in the monthly Lakewood Ranch Moms Group, Inc. newsletter (ad will print for 3 months after the event date). [\$90.00 value]*
- Recognition as a Bronze Sponsor on all promotional pieces and registration materials for the event (both on website and our monthly newsletter).

All sponsorships include recognition as a sponsor on all promotional items including, but not limited to, the event's flyer and posts on our public and private Facebook pages.

*Packages can be adjusted to provide additional advertising and/or sizing upgrades.

**Platinum sponsorship includes opportunity to be a guest speaker at a member meet and greet or monthly meeting. Another option could be to provide a coupon or door prize to use at one of these events. In addition that opportunity or, in lieu of, your establishment could be utilized for a mom's night out or a kid's outing. For example, we can schedule a dinner for the moms at your restaurant or a special class for children at your gym.

To get the most out of your sponsorship, we recommend you begin discussing the details with our president at least two months prior to the event so your logo/name can be included on all of the advertisements when we begin getting the word out for the event.

We look forward to working with you! If you have any questions, or need any further information,

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