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2011 MBC AGM and Conference Registration October 13-16, 2011 - NOW OPEN!

Windsor/Essex POMBA is excited to announce that registration is now open and can easily be accomplished through their new online registration form. Please take a look at all that this conference has to offer and start to make your plans ASAP! They have made it really easy to register, they are offering opportunities to learn more about you, your family or your Chapter. So all we need is you!

For a detailed schedule and the [registration form](#) please visit the conference website, and for more information please feel free to contact the Committee at conference2011@pombawindsor.com.



We would like to send our congratulations to the Windsor/Essex POMBA Conference Committee on receiving a 2011 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant to support the Conference. This grant has made it possible to offer a conference packed with a lot of learning and fun. It will definitely be a weekend you won't forget! Thank you to the 2011 Conference Hosts – Windsor/Essex POMBA!

MBC Members Meeting (March 12th) and Chapter Exchange Summary

On March 12th, 2011 members of Multiple Births Canada gathered in Toronto for a Special Members Meeting, followed by workshops and Chapter Exchanges. There were 35 members in attendance throughout the day, representing 10 MBC Chapters in addition to a few Direct Family Members. The day ended with a dinner at the hotel where more discussions and sharing took place.

The purpose of the meeting was to update MBC's Letters Patent and By-laws to better reflect the objectives and activities of the corporation, and to position MBC to apply to become a registered charity. Kevin Fritz and Nick Gray, lawyers from Toronto firm of Wildeboer Dellelce assisting with MBC's application process to become a registered charity, were present to help guide the process and answer questions. There were 29 members present at the Meeting and entitled to vote. These members brought 51 Proxy forms, so there were 80 votes in total. All resolutions were passed, with minor amendments. For more details on these resolutions please refer to the [Report From National](#).

After the Meeting, the rest of the day offered presentations and workshops for members, and a one-day Chapter Exchange to connect with others from different Chapters. The topics that were discussed include: an update on the Employment Insurance - Parental Leave court challenge; using technology and social media; celebrating National Multiple Births Awareness Day; plans for the 2011 Conference; how to support families who are struggling financially; how to keep members with older multiples engaged; how to keep members engaged from a distance; how to ask the community to support your Chapter with discounts and/or partnerships; and, how to streamline your membership registration processes.

A brief summary of these workshops can be found in the [Report From National](#) and more detailed information on all the presentations and workshop discussions will be posted in the MBC website in the Members Only section.

Multiple Moments Spring Edition - Now Posted Online!

For **Members of MBC** you can find the Spring Edition of *Multiple Moments* in the Members Only Section of the MBC website (please refer to your Chapter Executive for your password should you have forgotten it). We encourage Chapters to save a copy in their password protected Members Only websites and to promote where it can be found to all members.

For **Non-Members of MBC** who have subscribed and paid to receive *Multiple Moments*, you will receive an email with special instructions to "pick up" your copy of *Multiple Moments*.

Please contact the MBC office if you have any questions at office@multiplebirthscanada.org.

Please note: As of January 2011, *Multiple Moments* will be available only in electronic format and free to all MBC members, as a download from the Members section of the MBC website. You will receive email instructions when the magazine is available for download. We look forward to having every MBC member reading the stories, learning and sharing together across Canada! The print edition of *Multiple Moments* will stop until additional funding is found. Non-member electronic subscriptions are available – see the MBC website for more details.

REPORT FROM NATIONAL - Now Posted Online

The April 2011 [Report From National](#) is posted on the Multiple Births Canada website. It features a report on the Special Member's Meeting in March and the resolutions that were passed; a summary of the workshops and Chapter Exchanges; request for Volunteers; the office report; National Multiple Birth Awareness Week; partnership updates; and, other important news pieces! You will also find the full edition of this Report From National included in the Spring Edition of *Multiple Moments*. Past issues of Report From National can also be found on the MBC website.

NATIONAL MULTIPLE BIRTHS AWARENESS DAY 2011 WEEK OF MAY 22 - 28, 2011

The National Multiple Births Awareness Day theme for 2011 is:

"Prenatal education and professional support must reflect the unique needs of Canada's multiple-birth community"

Plans for this year's event include outreach to Canadian hospitals and health units, gynaecologists and obstetricians, and other professionals who deliver prenatal programming to Canada's expectant multiple-birth families. MBC plans to benchmark current practices then create a best practices model to be followed across Canada. For more information on the purpose of this year's theme and how you can prepare and understand it better, please refer to the Report From National.

Are there other ways multiple-birth groups celebrate National Multiple Births Awareness Day?

MBC encourages groups to plan activities in their local communities – see the community celebration planner on the MBC Awareness Day page. In this way, multiple-birth groups across Canada will create a venue to network with multiple-birth families and provide an opportunity to meet with media to spread the news about this year's theme. The Media release and supporting documents will be posted on the MBC Awareness Day webpage in early May. Once groups confirm their celebrations, they are encouraged to email details to the Business Office at office@multiplebirthscanada.org so they can be posted on this page.

If you have any comments, suggestions, or would like to be part of the national team working on this year's National Multiple Births Awareness Day event please contact Gail Moore at gail.moore@multiplebirthscanada.org.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARDS 2011

Nominate somebody who has made a big difference to multiple-birth families – in your community, across Canada, or internationally! Any individual who has provided extraordinary service is eligible for the award – they need not be members of Multiple Births Canada/Naissance multiples Canada. A clear statement of the reasons for the recognition should accompany nominations, including a summary of the nominee's record of service and a list of dependable references.

MBC has six awards available for consideration: Local, National, International, Media, Dionne and Corporate (NEW as of 2011). For further details on what each of these categories entails, please visit the website or check out the April Report From National (above).

Nominations Deadline is July 15, 2011

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