

TEXAS MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

History 1973 - 1983

After several letters to the various Mothers of Twins Clubs in Texas as well as forms requesting suggestions from the clubs regarding by-laws, etc., Bette Ade sent out a call for the organizational meeting.

The organizational meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall of the Central Church of Christ in Irving, Texas on September 29, 1973. Members of the Irving Mothers of Twins and Triplets Club acted as hostesses and served lunch to the attendees. Over 25 mothers of multiples were present to formally organize the **Texas State Organization of Mothers of Multiples**.

The clubs represented in Irving were:

Amarillo MOTC
Arlington MOTC
Dallas MOTTTC
Irving MOTTTC
Gemini Club Fort Worth MOT
Greater San Antonio MOTC
Houston MOTC
North Dallas MOTC

Temporary officers were elected as follows:

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|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| President | Bette Ade | Dallas MOTTTC/Irving MOTTTC |
| First Vice President | LaNelle Gorton | Houston MOTC |
| Second Vice President | Susan Vorphal | San Antonio MOTC |
| Secretary | Molly Harris | Amarillo MOTC |
| Treasurer | Crissy Conley | Arlington MOTC |

Besides electing officers, the day was spent drafting by-laws for the new organization. The group was divided into several small groups, each composing a portion of the by-laws, and then the entire assembly ratified the finished by-laws.

The motto, **Blessed with Multiples** was adopted by the group.

Greater San Antonio MOTC hosted the 1st annual convention of the Texas State Organization of Mothers of Multiples (TSOMOM) in April, 1974. The convention theme was **Fiesta Fun**. It was held at the Travel Lodge on April 27, 1974. Seventy-two delegates, alternates and guest from eleven clubs were in attendance. The delegates elected officers, adopted by-laws and chose a state emblem. The emblem was submitted by Joann Kearns of Houston MOTC. The name MOM's Messenger was selected by the delegates for the state newsletter. The newsletter name was submitted by Dixie Bane of Greater San Antonio MOTC.

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Charter Clubs were:

Amarillo MOTC
Arlington MOTC
Austin MOTC
Coastal Bend MOTC
Dallas MOTTTC
Irving MOTTTC
Gemini Club Fort Worth MOT
Greater San Antonio MOTC
Houston MOTC
Hunt County MOTC
North Dallas MOTC
Texarkana MOTC

The year saw increased membership as the Brownsville MOTC joined the state group bringing the total member clubs to 13.

The delegates elected the following officers for the 1974-1975 year as follows:

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| President | Bette Ade | Dallas MOTTTC/Irving MOTT |
| First Vice President | LaNelle Gorton | Houston MOTC |
| Second Vice President | Dixie Davis | Austin MOTC |
| Secretary | Emily Grimes | Ft Worth MOT |
| Treasurer | Molly Harris | Amarillo MOTC |

The 2nd annual convention was held in Fort Worth and hosted by the Greater Fort Worth MOTC. It was held at Green Oaks Inn, April 25-26, 1975. 96 delegates, alternates and guests were in attendance at the ***Round-Up in Fort Worth.***

The following officers were elected for 1975-1976:

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| President | Bette Ade | Dallas MOTTTC/Irving MOTTTC |
| First Vice President | LaNelle Gorton | Houston MOTC |
| Second Vice President | Emily Grimes | Ft Worth MOT |
| Secretary | Dixie Bane | San Antonio MOTC |
| Treasurer | Sherron Lowry | Ft Worth MOT |

At the convention, the delegation voted to change the organization's name to **Texas Mothers of Multiples (TMOM).**

The 1975-1976 year brought 3 new clubs into our organization: Cooke County MOTC, Killeen MOTC, and Waco MOTC, for a total of 16 member clubs.

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The 3rd annual convention (**MOM's Bicentennial**) was held in Austin in 1976. It was held at the Hilton Inn on April 23 and 24th, 1976. There were 108 delegates, alternates and guests from 14 clubs in attendance.

The following officers were elected for the 1976-1977 year:

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|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| President | LaNelle Gorton | Houston MOTC |
| First Vice President | Emily Grimes | Ft. Worth MOT |
| Second Vice President | Bette Ade | Dallas MOTTTC/Irving MOTTTC |
| Secretary | Dixie Bane | San Antonio MOTC |
| Treasurer | Sherron Lowry | Ft Worth MOT |

The 1976-1977 year began with addition of the 17th member club, Bryan-College Station MOTC, soon following was the 18th member club, Multiples Miracles (a tri-county club in the panhandle).

The 4th annual convention, **God's Country**, was hosted by the Amarillo MOTC in Amarillo on April 29th and 30th, 1977. It was held at the Villa Inn. There were 120 delegates, alternates and guest in attendance. The organizations logo was redefined to depict a silhouette of a mother and twins superimposed on an outline of the State of Texas.

The words "Texas Mothers of Multiples Founded 1973 Blessed with Multiples" encircle the state.

Elected and appointed officers for the 1977-1978 year were:

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|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| President | Emily Grimes | Ft Worth MOT |
| First Vice President | Martha Browning | Austin MOTC |
| Second Vice President | Sharon McCants | North Dallas MOTC |
| Secretary | Sherron Lowry | Ft Worth MOT |
| Treasurer | Linda Turner | Amarillo MOTC |
| Advisor | Bette Ade | Dallas MOTTTC/Irving MOTC |
| Parliamentarian | Sandra Barth | San Antonio MOTC |

Three more clubs joined the state group: Odessa MOM, Pair-A-Troopers (Borger) and El Paso MOTC. One club, D/FW Airport Cities MOM (formerly Irving MOTTTC) disbanded leaving a total membership of 20 clubs.

During the 1976-1977 year TMOM held the first fundraising project –selling decals with our emblem on them. We sold a total of 130.

The 5th annual convention was held in Dallas and was hosted by the North Dallas MOM's in April 21& 22 1978. It was held at the Registry Hotel. **The Hawaiian Holiday** convention was the largest so far with 217 registered delegates, alternates and guests representing 17 clubs. Two new fundraising items were introduced at convention –note cards with Twincerely Yours printed on them and turtle bumper stickers.

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The officers for the 1978-1979 year were:

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| President | Emily Grimes | Ft. Worth MOT |
| First Vice President | Pam Mc Knight | North Dallas and Big Country |
| Second Vice President | Amy Lambert | Dallas MOTTTC |
| Secretary | Sherron Lowry | Ft Worth MOT |
| Treasurer | Peggy Glover | North Dallas MOTC |
| Advisor | Bette Ade | Dallas MOTTTC/Irving MOTTTC |
| Parliamentarian | Sandra Barth | San Antonio APOM |

New clubs joining during the year included Lubbock MOTC and North Houston Area POM.

The 6th annual convention held in Houston was hosted by the Houston MOTC in April 20-22, 1979, at the Royal Coach Inn. The ***Cinderella Weekend*** was attended by 176 delegates representing 19 of the 22 member clubs. New clubs joining during the year were Big Country MOTC, Bay Area MOTT, Texoma MOTC Midland MOTC and Mainland Area Multiple Birth Association. New fundraising items were T-shirt transfers and convention badges.

The officers for the 1979-1980 year were

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|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| President | Amy Lambert | Dallas MOTTTC |
| First Vice President | Pam Mc Knight | North Dallas and Big Country |
| Second Vice President | Janice Cooper | Dallas MOTTTC |
| Third Vice President | Nancy Stewart | Houston MOTC |
| Secretary | Rise McMichael | Austin and San Antonio APOM |
| Treasurer | Martha McAfee | Arlington and Dallas |
| Advisor | Emily Grimes | Ft Worth MOTC |
| Parliamentarian | Bette Ade | Dallas MOTTTC |

The 7th annual convention was held in Corpus Christi. There was no bid for the 1980 convention, so the Executive Board agreed upon Corpus Christi as the convention site, with the theme of ***Treasure Island***. The convention was held at the Sheraton Marina Inn on April 19th and 20th, 1980. As there was no host club, each club had specific duties and in true Texas style, TMOM succeeded in a big way. There were 145 delegates, alternates and guests in attendance from 18 of the 24 member clubs. New clubs for the year were Mid-Cities POTTTC, Denton Area Golden Triangle MOTC and Multiples Miracles. "I am a Twin" and "Ask me about my Twins" pens were new convention items.

The officers for the 1980-1981 year were:

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| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| President | Pam McKnight | North Dallas and Big Country |
| First Vice President | Pat Brown | North Dallas MOTC |
| Second Vice President | Janice Cooper | Dallas MOTTCC |
| Third Vice President | Joyce Sink | Dallas MOTTCC |
| Secretary | Susan Applegath | Coastal Bend |
| Treasurer | Martha McAfee | Arlington and Dallas |
| Advisor | Amy Lambert | Dallas MOTTCC |
| Parliamentarian | Bette Ade | Dallas MOTTCC |

The 8th annual convention was held in Arlington. The convention was hosted by the Arlington Mothers of Twins club, on April 24th-26th, 1981. The theme for the convention was ***Six Flags Over TMOM***. A total of 177 registered delegates, alternates and guest represented 22 member clubs. Total number of members in 22 clubs was 744. New clubs joining during the year were The Colony MOTC and Wichita Falls MOTC.

The officers for the 1981-1982 year were:

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| President | Janice Cooper | Dallas MOTC |
| First Vice President | Linda Woolsey | Arlington MOTC |
| Second Vice President | Nancy Cooper | Coastal Bend MOTC |
| Third Vice President | Vickie Jackson | Arlington MOTC |
| Secretary | Dorothy Atkins | North Dallas MOTC |
| Treasurer | Rise McMichael | Austin MOM and San Antonio APOM |
| Advisor | Pam McKnight | North Dallas and Big Country |
| Parliamentarian | Janis McNiel | Dallas MOTC |

The 9th annual convention was held in Midland in April 16th-18th, 1982. The convention was hosted by the Midland Mothers of Twins Club. The theme for the convention was ***Cotton Pickin', Beef Eatin', Oil Country***. There were 185 delegates from 21 member clubs present.

The officers for the 1982-1983 were:

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|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| President | Rise McMichael | Austin MOM and San Antonio APOM |
| First Vice President | Linda Cardwell | Midland MOTC |
| Second Vice President | Pam McKnight | North Dallas and Big Country |
| Third Vice President | Rosemary Neff | Austin MOTC |
| Secretary | Dorothy Atkins | North Dallas MOTC |
| Treasurer | Bettye Nowlin | Austin MOTC |
| Advisor | LaNelle Gorton | Houston MOTC |
| Parliamentarian | Fredda Merritt | North Dallas MOTC |