

MOMS Club Frequently Asked Questions

Where do our dues go?

Your dues go to several club expenses. Postage, copying costs, office supplies, bank fees, calls to our regional coordinator, refreshments and meeting spaces are some examples. We are also required to pay annual dues to the International MOMS Club to help cover the costs of running the entire organization. MOMS Club is a nonprofit organization.

Why does the MOMS Club meet during the day?

First, it is important that MOMS Club chapters hold their meetings during the day because that is when at-home parents need support the most.

Second, holding nighttime activities and/or meetings disrupts family life. We want to encourage families to do things together, and planning activities during the few hours when a family is together during the week defeats that purpose.

Lastly, the whole point of the MOMS Club is to keep caregivers from being isolated from the community. The decision to stay at home with our children should not keep us from having and maintaining friendship with other adults.

Why publicize the group?

In the beginning it is easy to see why publicity is important; the group is new, everyone should know about it. However, after the group becomes established, it is easy to forget why we need to continue publicizing the group.

For every caregiver who has joined, there will be many more in the community that need the support from a MOMS Club, but who haven't heard about us yet. It's important that everyone who needs our support be able to find us!

Why sign-in sheets at the monthly social?

Sign-in sheets serve very important purposes. They help us keep track of who's visited our meetings, and which members attend regularly. They help the Executive Board easily recognize if there are any new members or visitors and welcome them. All the information on the sign-in sheets also makes it easy to follow up with visitors and prospective members. We can also keep track of who is not coming to the meetings and call to be sure they are not in need of assistance or in the middle of a crisis.

Why are we required to have a yearly service project?

Volunteering to help others is the lifeblood of our community. Traditionally, women have led volunteering in America. Long before there were organizations called "charities," women were often the ones who were aware of which families in the community were in need or how they could be helped. Then, through their faith communities or sewing circles, or on their own, women helped out however they could.

Today, women still make up the vast majority of the volunteer force, helping with everything from fundraising to working one-on-one with the needy.

The MOMS Club continues in that volunteering tradition as each local group performs at least one service project benefiting children each year.

There is something truly heartwarming about being able to look back at what you've accomplished and know that you have truly helped someone in need.

Why do we have a club roster?

When every member has a roster, we can all communicate more freely and get to know each other more easily.

Including children's names and birth dates allows us to see at a glance which children are likely playmates. Including husbands' names on the roster includes the whole family.

MOMS Club rosters are to be kept strictly confidential. Only current members are allowed access to the roster. No one else should ever set eyes upon it. The roster is definitely not to be used to target the members with advertising or selling opportunities.