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SUBJECT: INVOLVEMENT OF "MOMS WITH OLDER MULTIPLES"
IN LOCAL MOTHERS OF TWINS CLUBS

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this survey was to pinpoint ways in which local clubs can better serve the needs of the mother of older multiples.

METHOD: This survey was completed by mothers of school aged adult multiples. The sample consisted of 461 moms with older multiples.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. Most moms filling out this survey were 36 years old and older.
2. Ages of the multiples of these mothers:

A. 42% - 5--8 years old	D. 9% - 19--25 years old
B. 22% - 9--12 years old	E. 9% - 26--35 years old
C. 14% - 13--18 years old	F. 2% - over 35 years old
3. Twin types were evenly distributed and 2% of the mothers had triplets.
4. More than 50% belonged to local clubs with 26--100 members.
5. Sixty-eight percent had joined when multiples were under one year of age.
6. Involvement in the local club:

A. 81% - had been an officer	D. 18% - attended occasional meetings
B. 84% - had been a chairman	E. 4% - currently inactive
C. 76% - currently active	
7. Thirty-three percent had considered quitting their local club for the following reasons:
 - A. Too busy with school activities
 - B. Nothing in common with other members
 - C. No longer needed support/help

REASONS FOR MAINTAINING MEMBERSHIP:

8. Thirty-three percent of moms of older multiples maintained membership in local clubs to stay active at State/National level and to attend conventions.

9. About half of the local clubs have program dealing with the concerns of moms with older multiples.
10. Forty-three percent of the clubs had library books of interest to moms of older multiples.
11. Eighty percent of moms of older multiples are still active at the local level and give advice to moms of younger multiples.
12. Fifty-nine percent remained active because of social activities.
13. Thirty-four percent felt their clubs did not have any activities for older multiples.
14. Fourteen percent of the local clubs have a group for moms with older multiples within the club.
15. Some moms of older multiples occasionally felt resentment from moms of younger multiples who sometimes felt the "older" moms were "trying to run everything."
16. Twenty-five percent of the "older" moms still actively recruit mothers of multiples when out in public.
17. Ninety-eight percent felt that belonging to a MOTC had been of benefit to them.
18. Eighty percent felt their friends left the club because of hectic schedules due to children's school/sports/church activities.

CONCLUSION:

Moms with older multiples generally expressed interest in staying active in their clubs, but were either too busy with their children's activities or felt the club's programs and social events were not applicable to their families.

Any additional comments were written by the members and will appear in the "Survey Comments" article in a future issue of *MOTC's Notebook*.