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## Multiples of America Members Meet to Dream Big, Elect New Officers

**Franklin, TN** - Members of Multiples of America came together for their 62nd annual convention to "Dream BIG" for the future of the organization. As the first in-person national gathering since the pandemic, the convention, held in Orlando, FL, was a chance to network, gain skills for local club leadership, learn about the workings of the organization, and renew and build friendships.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Joscelyn Ramos Campbell, a multimedia marketer and parent of multiples, urged attendees to realize their uniqueness and understand that every season of life brings opportunities to dream big. A "speed networking" luncheon along with leadership and self-care workshops added in specific strategies for dream building. A special "Dreamspiration Gallery" and silent auction even offered members a chance to share special talents and financially support the organization.

Business sessions at the convention brought the opportunity to review the work of the organization over the last year, and elect a new board of directors. Mary Adcock, from Hutchinson, KS, was elected President. Other officers elected include:

Claudia Contreras, Communication & Marketing Vice President, Murrieta, CA

Kim Simonich, Events Vice President, Pepperell, MA

Missy Khan, Finance Vice President, Houston, TX

Sara Barr, Media & Publications Vice President, Lexington, SC

Gwen Shogren, Research & Membership Development Vice President, Edmond, OK

In her installation speech, President Adcock urged members to make a difference by sharing their stories, which she coined as multitales.

"Speaking up about your experiences, and about what's touched your life as a parent of multiples doesn't just connect us; it's a way to start conversations; inspire others," she said.

Adcock added these multitales can also be a way for members to share the worth of belonging to a local parent of multiples club.

"The point is: A local parents of multiples club can be a big part of your multitale. It's not just dues, bylaws, or convention sites that connect us together. It's the moments of support, learning, caring," she said. "To quote a phrase from *Princess and the Frog*, a club can be 'the best thing you never knew you needed.' It's person-to-person, parent-to-parent support. It's building community."

**Multiples of America (also known as the National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs, Inc.)** is a 501 (c) 3, nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting families of multiple birth children *(twins, triplets and higher-order multiples)* through support, education, and research. *Founded in 1960, the organization serves nearly 7,000 members in more than 150 clubs across the country. For more information about the organization, its services, and benefits, contact our Executive Office, at* <u>info@multiplesofamerica.org</u>