



Newsletter – January



Happy New Year!

Social Mamas wants to wish all the mamas out there a fantastic New Year! Hope your evening is filled with fun and laughter and brings in the New Year with a BANG! We hope to see you out to an event or on the forums soon!

New Year's Reflections and Resolutions

The new year is upon us and it's time to take a moment to reflect on 2009 and plan for 2010.

What great things did you accomplish in 2009? Did you become a mother for the first time? Did you get to finish a book you never thought you would? Did you do something to change the life of someone else?

What do you see for yourself in the new year? Are you planning to expand your family? Start a new business? Going back to work?

What personal resolutions do you want to make? Sometimes we forget to include goals for ourselves – something to improve or just something to do for yourself.

Share your accomplishments and resolutions for the New Year on the forums! Everyone who shares will be entered into our monthly contest to win a basket of Epicure products (LOVE THEM!!) and custom cards from one of our own MamaPreneurs, Amanda from Inspire Marketing – our featured business of the month!

New Events

Be on the look-out over the next couple of months for some workshops/seminars for Social Mamas members only! We are teaming up with some local businesses for the VIP Card as well as informative workshops. Keep checking the calendar/VIP Card List for details!

Calling New Mom Members!

We have a monthly playdate for all the NEW MOM MEMBERS! We want to meet you and your children! The third Monday of each month will have a playdate designated to new mom members. This will be your chance to meet other new members and get a sample of what Social Mamas is all about!

We are a wonderful, supportive community of mamas and love to meet our new members and their kiddies!

Hamilton Baby Expo

As many of you know, the Hamilton Baby Expo is coming quickly! Myself and Karen (Social Mamas member, owner of My Smart Hands Hamilton/Burlington) are coordinating the Expo, to be held on March 6th, 2010 at the Ancaster Fairgrounds. All admission proceeds are going to the Ronald McDonald House and we expect to raise over \$5000!

We recently sold out of booth space and the response from the community has been AMAZING! This is going to be a huge show for our city!

Now that the big day is fast approaching, we are looking for volunteers to help out on the day of the Expo. If you are interested in volunteering for a minimum 2-hour shift on March 6th, please let me know! Check out the forums (under Charity Info, you will find a topic about Baby Expo Volunteers) and sign up for a job/time. All volunteers get into the Expo at no cost. Thanks to everyone who already signed up!

Featured Business – Inspire Marketing

A passion for creating and inspiring positive lifestyle opportunities has led me to launch Inspire Marketing, a collection of unique and fun products, services and experiences for you and your family. Since 2006, I've been helping clients to make their special occasions and events, whether for business or family, the best they can be. Helping you to stand out in the crowd is what I do best! Join me on the journey to positive, healthy and productive living. I am a proud member of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and a variety of networking groups and clubs.

Visit our website www.inspiremarketing.ca to see the various offerings from custom cards, announcements and event invitations, kid culture activities, fundraising events, healthy eating and a way to make a difference in our great community. Let's begin working together...enjoy!

I have a custom gift basket filled with yummy Epicure products and custom cards to one lucky Social Mamas Member this month!

Amanda



JANUARY CONTEST

Everyone LOVES a contest! To the winner of our January contest we will be giving away **basket of Epicure products and custom cards from Inspire Marketing** – our featured business of the month!

Everyone who completes our Mom's Choice Awards ballot will be entered into our draw. The draw will take place through www.random.org to choose a random winner.

Congratulations to Krista who won our December contest – a holiday pack of labels from December's featured business, Lovable Labels!

Monthly Quote – with the New Year in mind

If you don't know where you are going,
you'll end up someplace else.

Yogi Berra

Events to look forward to this month

MamaPreneur Meeting – January 4th
Letter G Playdate – January 8th
Blessingway Ceremony – January 9th
Crafting for Mommies – January 12th
Couple's Night – January 18th
Potluck at Chatters – January 22nd



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Remember Moms: All Social Mama members can use their VIP Card to receive \$3.00 off a haircut at Sharkey's