

## IF ONLY I COULD FIND THE RIGHT WORD.....

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Every Sunday The Columbian runs a "find the word" puzzle in the Business section. It's called Wonderword and Dave Ouellet makes a very large puzzle with a theme. The words are listed to match the theme and to finish you must find all the words. Sometimes it's easy and other times it is hard. For instance the theme is mayby Germany and all the words are very long and complicated. Being unfamiliar, they are not easy to spot and for me that takes so much longer....sometimes two days! This last Sunday the theme was "Mom Groups". There are 59 words and as I started it my time with Columbia Mothers of Twins Club flashed before my eyes. All the words are in **bold** letters.

First, I found the words **join, motherhood, mothers, advise, baby, boys, girls, asking**. When the lady from the "Welcome Wagon" came to my house on Leiser Road that day I was new to Washington just moved from California in 1980. My twin fraternal boys were just about 14 months in 1981 when she visited. I thought of that day when she gave me the information to contact the Club. I was so happy to find somewhere to meet other moms of twins.

The words **guidance, information, books, communication, children, experiences, understanding, pregnancy**, reminded me what I was craving to get from the other mothers in the Club. I can't remember my first meeting with Columbia but the most important was the **meeting** at Carolyn Bjerkelund's house where I had to make a decision to pay dues. I met new **members** and I felt I could **share** my **stories**. They gave me **strength, support, and welcome**. I thought I could **dedicate** my **time** to **follow** this group. **References, recommendations, playdates, parenting, interests, workshops, and teaching** seemed to happen each time we had would **gather**. My **involvement** with NW Association of Mothers of Twins Club was a **development** that would **empower** me to **open** up to members in other **communities** and **connected** me to an even bigger **family**. I began to **plan** my free time to include conventions and fall meetings. In my **opinion**, this helped me reach the **goal** of making a home for me and my family in Washington. This is not **suitable** for everyone and no **pamphlet** can tell you what **influences** a membership can mean to a person but overall it was the best decision for me. Everything in life has **stages** and we see potential members rely on **blogs, social media, and twitter** to meet other moms out there. We have a **website** that can fill in what we offer but coming to a meeting is the best way to meet other moms who are looking for the same thing I did 37 years ago.

Now there are a few words in the puzzle that I couldn't fit in but I know **fitness** and **yoga** is enjoyed by some of our moms too!

At the end of the puzzle there are some letters that are not all crossed out. These make up the Wonderword that sums up the whole of the puzzle. Can you guess what it was????? I bet you can because we all have it..... 11 letters and if I've done the puzzle right I will find the answer.....and it is **FRIENDSHIP!**