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Share and share alike It's easy for this family to remember birthdays

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Growing up, Julia Hawley and Anna Lawley weren't all that thrilled with having to share their birthday with each other, let alone their sister Janie. But what's a mother to do with three birthdays within five days' time?

You see, Julia and Anna were both born on June 21. They're not twins mind you. Julia is the oldest

daughter of Americo and Iolanda Peticea, born June 21, 1961. Anna is the youngest, born June 21, 1963. And Janie is middle child, born June 26, 1962. "I couldn't believe it when it happened," Peticea said. "When they were small it was easy for the birthday parties, but when they got older, they didn't like it. You know bow kids are."
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Well, they may not have liked it as kids, but they're liking it a lot

now, considering they both gave birth to baby girls Sept. 30.

"I was really surprised it would happen on the same day," said Julia. "I had to go through 30 hours of labor for it."

"I kind of Joked around with her husband and told him to tell her to wait until Monday," Anna said. While Anna was quick to tell her family of her pregnancy, Julia chose to wait until she was three months along. And it wasn't until

she had an ultrasound that her due date was changed to that of Anna's, Sept. 25.

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BUT NO ONE expected the infants to share birth dates. After all, it's practically a tradition that the first born be late. And so it was Julia went into labor on Sept. 28, but when, after 30 hours, she developed an infection and high fever and the baby turned, creating a possibly breech delivery, dectors decision. The second section of the second section. Julia gave birth to a 7-pound, 6-ounce baby girl at 12:11 a.m. Sept. 30. Named Katelyn Petteca, she is the first child for she and husband John who live in Livonia.

For Anna, the delivery was easier. She saw her obsteticition on Friday, and at the urging of her husband, Joff, it was decided to wait through the weekend before inducing labor. She called her mother to get her to which her children, Lindsay, 4 and Jeff. 2, and got the word about her sister.

To the citicae said: "Lulia said it was like better to be ready."

The Farmington Hills resident gave birth to a 7-pound, 13-ounce baby girl at 4:53 p.m. Sept. 30. Her name is Alexandra Marie.

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es. Katelyn, who measured 20 inches in length, was delivered by Caesarsean Section at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Alexandra, who was 204" long, was born at Garden City Hospital in Garden City.

The sisters had to wait until Oct. 4 to see each other's baby. Of course, there were the usual comparisons — "Both have dark half and dark eyes", said Anna. Now, while it's a tad early, the question of eclebrating birthdays has surfaced. Julia thinks Katelyn will probably have her parties with her coustn. Anna thinks likewise, but may bold off until after Katelyn the see that was barried to the see that was the total the see that we knew there wasn't going to be three separate birthday cakes." Anna said. "We'd always have to agree on which day and it would always end up on the 21st because there was two of us voting

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And the sisters are sure their mother won't follow the ways of their grandmother. The latter always gave the three sisters the same birthday present.

"IF ONE opened faster than the rest, the others knew what they were getting because it would be the same," Anna said.
"I think she knows better," added Julia. "She's your typical grandma."

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While Julia and her husband are While Julia and her husband are enjoying the newest addition their family, she is getting ready to head back to school. An GM employee, she has been attending the Detroit College of Law nights and has one year to go before getting her degree.

"I love it, but it's a lot of work." Julia said. "My husband has been a belp. He's a, ways holding her. If he starts to cry, he runs over there. He's worse than I am."



spart. The sister continued the tradition by having their daughters Kately Hawley and Alexandra Lawley on the same day.

Feminist crusader lauded



landa Peticca (center) of Livonia started it by having daughters Julia Hawley (left) and Anna Lawley on the same day two years

Janet Good of Farmington Hills recently was inducted into the

By Louise Okruisky staff writer

After a life time devote to civil rights and feminist causes, Janet Good was presented recently with the Michigan Women's Hail of Fame Life Achievement Award.

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"We look at the woman's contributions to society. We want someone who will be a role model," said Gladys Beckwith of the Michigan Women's Study Association in Lansing, which sponsors the award.

In addition to Good, other inductees into the conemporary honors distinct the hall of fame include Dorothy Comstock Riley, former chief justice of the state Supreme Coart; Virginia Nordby, principal drafter of the Michigan Criminal sexual conduct act; and Jo Jacobs, first coordinator of the Michigan Department of Education, Office for Sex Equity in Education.

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UNTIL HER retirement in 1990, Good was acting director of equal poportunity for the Michigan Employment Security Commission. As a member of the state task force on sexual harassment, she helped win unemployment benefits for women driven from their jubs by sexual near the state task force on sexual harassment, jubs by sexual harassment, be she will be the state to the state task force was formed, Michigan became the first state to allow benefits to women in those circumstance. In 1984, the task force succeeded in added sexual harassment to the Elliot Larsen civil rights law.

Members of the now disbanded task force renewed contact after Antial Illil's charges of sexual harassment became the focus of Clarence Thomas' Supreme Court nomination hearings.

"We're in general agreement that Illil did more to help women than the task force. And she'll be condemned forever. She'll be the troublement of the state of the condemned forever. She'll be the troublement of the state of the state of the state of the condemned forever. She'll be the troublement of the state of the state of the state of the condemned forever. She'll be the troublement of the state of the

mance. It's about power.
"Work is the only way a woman
can establish economic independence," she said.

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GOOD REMEMBERS the first harassment victim she interviewed for the MESC. Until 1981, MESC routinely denied benefits to women who refused to return to the job at which they were harassed.

"It was gross what this man did to her. Depending on the color she was wearing he'd look at her breasts and say, 'I'd love to squeeze those lemons.' She quit eventually. She worked there for one year. She was denied benefits because her employer said he wanted her back. So the MESC refused her benefits. She'd been alraid to quit because she had been out of work for a year and had a 6-year-old boy,'' Good said.

By the time she'd heard that woman's story, Good was ardenly committed to feminism. Active in civil rights causes of the 1960's, her political credits included organizing tutorials for inner city children in conjunction with the Homan Catholic archdiocese.

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rais for inner city children in conjunction with the Homan Catholic archdolocese. "I was a queen bee type. I thought I could do anything I wanted to do." Good said. "I was making more money than other women. "In the civil rights movement, I learned here we were trying to belp everyone else and we weren't free ourselves."

A product of a 'very traditional marriage. Good often stayed up to 2 am. roning shirts for her husband and three children. Then she'd get up at 5 a.m. to get everyone ready in the morning.

the morning. White admitting her political evo-lution into a feminist put some strain on the martiage, the couple will eclebrate their 50th anniversary lat-er this year. Her husband, Ray Good, is a retired Detroit Police Depart-ment inspector and 13th precinct commander. They have six grand-childre and four great-grandchil-dren.

At 68, Good's re-evaluating her po-litical commitments. "I'm trying to make up my mind where to devote my energies," she said. "The most important thing in the world to me are my feminist activities." She sees a lot of work yet to be done.

"In recent years, women's rights have been eroding. We're losing our rights one by one — even the hard earned right to an abortion we earned in the 60's and the 70's," she

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