

*WNY MoMs
Invites you
to Buffalo for...*



**NYSOMOTC'S 55th Annual
State Meeting
April 23-26, 2020
The Buffalo Grand Hotel
120 Church Street
Buffalo, NY 14202**

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Driving Directions

From the North East (Rochester) and NYS Thruway (I-90): Take the I-190 exit toward Downtown Buffalo/Canada. Take Exit 7 for Church Street. Continue onto Church Street, then turn right onto Lower Terrace. Turn right immediately into Hotel (Fountain Circle).

From the South East (I-390 N): Take exit 6 for NY-36 toward Mt Morris. Turn left onto NY-36 N. Turn left onto Perry Rd. Turn right onto the NY-400 N ramp. Merge onto NY-400 N. Use any lane to take the I-90 exit toward Buffalo. Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 53 for I-190 toward Downtown Buffalo/Niagara Falls. Take exit 7 for Church Street. Continue onto Church St, then turn right onto Lower Terrace. Take an immediate right into Hotel (Fountain Circle).

From Buffalo Niagara International Airport: Head South continuing straight onto NY-33 W. Use the left 2 lanes to take the Oak Street/Oak St exit. Merge onto N Oak St. Turn right onto N Division St. Turn left onto Lower Terrace and take an immediate right into the Hotel (Fountain Circle).

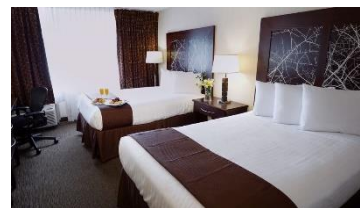
If you are planning on flying to convention, the **Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF)** is the nearest airport (it is 17 minutes away from the hotel by car). There is a FREE Airport Shuttle to/from the Buffalo Grand Hotel. Please indicate your need for a shuttle on your registration form so we can let the hotel know how many will need a ride, and when (day of the week and what time your flight is due into the Buffalo airport). Car rentals are also available at the airport if you would like to make those arrangements on your own.



RESERVATIONS

THE BUFFALO GRAND HOTEL

120 Church Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
Phone: (716) 845-5100
Fax: (716) 604-9937



ROOM RATES

\$149 per night

Executive Double Double (2 double beds)

Executive King (1 king bed)*

Executive Level floor; Includes Fridge and Micro

Single, Double, Triple or Quad occupancy

*If needed, please let us know ASAP so we can reserve in our room block.

Check in time: 3:00 PM

Check out time: 11:00 AM

\$129 per night

Standard Double Double (2 double beds)

Standard Level floor

There is a private attached parking garage in the back with a reduced daily rate of \$5 with in/out privileges (you can go out and return unlimited times during 24 hour period).

Call the hotel directly and ask for the "NY Mothers of Twins" room block.

**Room reservation cut-off date is Wednesday,
March 25th, 2020.**

MARCH 2020						
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Clubs that are using their tax exempt certificate must indicate as such and pay with one club check. No personal checks will be accepted for tax exempt. Certificates must be provided to hotel (Fax ATTN: Sandra Romero @ Buffalo Grand Hotel or email sromero@buffalogrand.com) at least two weeks prior to meeting (clearly note Club Name on the check, and include a list of names that the rooms are under). Personal checks are accepted if **not** tax exempt.

**CANCELLATION OF ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE ONE WEEK BEFORE THE DAY OF ARRIVAL.
OTHERWISE FEE OF 1 NIGHTS ROOM & TAX WILL BE ASSESSED.**

Admission to the hot breakfast buffet served within the Harbor Bistro can be purchased ahead of time. The hotel is honoring a previously contracted price of \$10 for these vouchers. Note a FREE continental breakfast is provided Saturday at the general meeting. Please indicate on your registration form how many breakfast vouchers you would like. Breakfast is served 7 days a week from 6:00 AM to 10:30 AM.

***** VERY IMPORTANT *****

Please note that if you are coming to the convention and staying overnight, you must book your room through the hotel. While rates may be a bit cheaper through travel websites, anything not booked through the hotel will not be counted toward our room guarantees stipulated in our contract. These room guarantees are provided as part of the negotiations with the hotel and are considerations for other no charge amenities. In addition, we have a professional meeting planner account number on file with the hotel, which means our meeting will earn a commission percentage back on every room formally booked for this convention. 100% of this commission is kindly being given back to us through Mariko Denton's in-law family who own this meeting planning company. These free amenities and this commission help to keep the costs of the meetings low so that those extra fees are not passed along to the attendees.

Reneé Orr
Chairman

rjoldos2@verizon.net

Mariko Denton
Co-Chairman

mcdenton81@gmail.com

Around Buffalo

The city has undergone a remarkable transformation in recent years, from a redeveloped waterfront and revitalized neighborhoods to a burgeoning craft beer scene and over \$1 billion in new investment. Like architecture? Visit seven Frank Lloyd Wright structures. Enjoy art and entertainment? Spend the morning with Charles Burchfield at the Burchfield Penney Art Center. History buff? Relive where President Theodore Roosevelt took the oath of office. Looking for something more casual? Take in the scene at Canalside or Larkin Square. Or check out Niagara Falls!

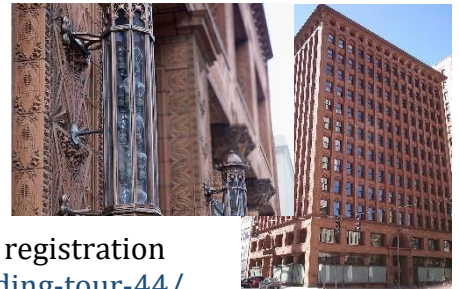
Local Attractions

Buffalo's landscape and skyline read like a textbook from an architectural master class.



City Hall Observation Deck – Come see the massive art-deco City Hall, which is on the National Historic Register. It features murals of the city's history and an observation tower on the 25th floor with sweeping views of Lake Erie and Buffalo. To see “Windows on Buffalo”, take an elevator to the 25th floor and walk up 3 flights for a spectacular view of the Queen City! The observation deck is open 8:30am-4pm M-F. Free tours of the building are available Thursday and Friday from 12-1 PM. Recently named one of the “100 Things Every Western New Yorker Should Do At Least Once” by the Buffalo News, the tour covers the history of the building, the architectural elements, and takes you behind the scenes to view some of the best features of this art deco masterpiece. <https://preservationbuffaloniagara.org/events/city-hall-tour/2020-04-23/>

Guaranty Building – Trace the early origins of skyscraper design at the Guaranty Building. Originally built in 1896, this Adler & Sullivan designed structure is a highlight of Buffalo's downtown architecture. Come see the beautiful terra cotta tiles on the exterior and the incredible mosaic work on the interior. The building is generally open through the week M-F. Tours are available through Preservation Buffalo Niagara, usually on Fridays from 2-3pm. Check their website for registration and cost. <https://preservationbuffaloniagara.org/events/guaranty-building-tour-44/>

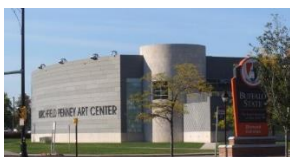


Frank Lloyd Wright Darwin D. Martin House Complex – Also known as the Darwin Martin House National Historic Landmark, it was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and built between 1903 and 1905. One of the crowning achievements of Wright's Career, this three-building complex (furnished with Wright's own designs!) is an indispensable look into the architect's process, aesthetic, and mid-career work. More patterns of art glass were designed for the Martin House than for any other of Wright's Prairie Houses. <http://www.martinhouse.org/>

Shark Girl – Whimsical art installation of an Alice-in-Wonderland-style little girl with a Great White Shark head for you to take pictures with. She sits on a rock with an empty space for visitors. Currently out for a makeover over the winter; should return in early 2020. She is found at Canalside, look for where Pearl St. and Perry Blvd meet on the right of an open space. Look to the left where there is a pedestrian footbridge. She sits at the left end of that footbridge.

<https://www.albrightknox.org/community/ak-public-art/shark-girl>



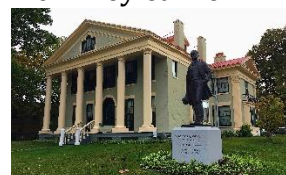


Burchfield Penney Art Center – The Burchfield Penney Art Center is the only museum dedicated to the art and artists of Western New York and the vision of artist Charles E. Burchfield. The center is an arts and educational institution that is a part of Buffalo State College. <https://www.burchfieldpenney.org/>

Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens – The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens are botanical gardens located within South Park in Buffalo, New York, United States. These gardens are the product of landscaping architect Frederick Law Olmsted, glass-house architects Lord & Burnham, and botanist and plant-explorer John F. Cowell. The Botanical Gardens is open year-round and daily from 10am-4:30pm with a few special closings days throughout the year. The Botanical Gardens is a large indoor conservatory with surrounding grounds. It is handicapped accessible and offers plenty of free parking. The Botanical Gardens consists of 10 indoor greenhouses that are interconnected. When you visit the Botanical Gardens you will embark on a self-guided tour throughout the greenhouses, each displaying a different exhibit and collection of plants. <https://www.buffalogardens.com/>



Theodore Roosevelt Inauguration Site – The first inauguration of Theodore Roosevelt as the 26th President of the United States, took place on Saturday, September 14, 1901 at the Ansley Wilcox House, at 641 Delaware Avenue in Buffalo, New York, following the death of President William McKinley earlier that day. Experience TR's unusual 1901 inauguration like never before. With a combination of historically restored rooms and interactive exhibits, you'll feel as if you are part of the events of that fateful September, while gaining a new perspective on the issues Roosevelt faced during his presidency. <https://www.trsite.org/visit>



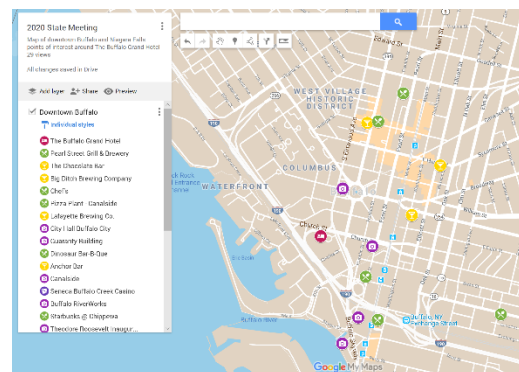
Shopping and Casinos

Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls – The region's premier outlet shopping center located minutes from the world-famous Falls, and the Canadian border. An upscale shopping environment in a beautiful indoor space; Fashion Outlets is home to over 200 top designer brand name stores, offering savings of up to 75% off. <https://www.fashionoutletsniaagara.com/>

Walden Galleria Mall – Two levels of premier brands, this mall is a shopping, dining, and entertainment destination for Western NY. <https://www.waldengalleria.com/>

Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino – Downtown casino located within 6 minutes of our hotel. <https://senecabuffalocreekcasino.com/>

Seneca Niagara Casino – Casino located within 3 minutes of Niagara Falls. <https://senecaniagaracasino.com/>



Here is a link to a custom-made interactive map of local attractions around Downtown Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1yvLwNMCrvO9NAOrV8097f-tjfkRpbYL&usp=sharing>

PRE-CONVENTION REGISTRATION

The registration fee is \$40.00 for members
And \$45.00 for non-members

This fee is nonrefundable (NYSOMOTC By-Laws). After reading this mailing, please complete the Registration Form. PLEASE print clearly. We request that the State Representative for each club collect all the forms, review them for accuracy and send one club check to cover all fees.

Make checks payable to: WNY MoMs (Write on check "2020 State Meeting Registration")

Mail forms and check to: Renee Orr, 71 Lorna Lane., Tonawanda, NY 14150

All registrations must be postmarked on or before March 1, 2020.

Registrations postmarked after that date are subject to a late fee of \$10

Anyone attending/working the NYSOMOTC Convention must be registered.

No refunds on activities will be given after March 15, 2020

If you would like to make a donation to the Marie Simmons Scholarship (MSS) Fund, please issue a separate personal check or money order payable to the Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund, with your registration. If donation is "in memory of", please indicate name of person to be memorialized.

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ON-SITE REGISTRATION AT CONVENTION

Thursday, April 23, 2020 – 1 PM – 3 PM & 5 PM – 8 PM – Erie Preconvene A

Friday, April 24, 2020 – 10 AM – 4 PM - Erie Preconvene A

Saturday, April 25, 2020 – 7 AM – 8 AM (If needed)

At registration, you will officially sign into the 55th Annual State Meeting and receive your registration packet. This packet will contain all items necessary to attend convention activities. The Convention Booklet will keep you informed of all activities, times, and locations. You can also sign up for the Door Sign Contest or have any questions answered.

Your convention badge must be worn at all times.

HOSPITALITY SUITE

PRIVATE DINING ROOM ACROSS FROM LAKES PRECONVENE

Thursday, April 23, 2020 – 7 PM – 9 PM

Friday, April 24, 2020 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Be sure to visit the Hospitality Suite. Stop by for a drink, a snack, visit with old friends and make some new.

BASKET RAFFLES

ERIE BALLROOM A

Friday, April 24, 2020 – 10 AM – 6 PM

Saturday, April 25, 2020 – 7:45 AM – 8:15 AM

Each club is asked to donate an item or collection of items to the Ways & Means Basket Raffle State fundraiser. This year's theme is "Friends". If you didn't already sign up for a basket name at the Mid Term Board Meeting, you can sign up for a basket by contacting Sharon Wetzal at sharkayw@yahoo.com. The value of the item or basket should be at least \$25.00. Please drop off your donation on Thursday (7:45-8 PM) or Friday morning between 8:30-10 AM.

In this room you will also be able to purchase tickets for raffle items offered by the hosting club, which helps to cover the cost of convention. There will also be raffles for the Marie Simmons Scholarship, State Ways & Means, and 2021 State Meeting fundraiser.

During the Saturday Afternoon General Meeting, the winning numbers will be posted at each table and the prizes can be picked up at the conclusion of the Saturday General Meeting in the Ontario Room (Pick up is NOT in Erie Ballroom A, which is where you put in your tickets).

Also on display in this room will be the entries for the Club Scrapbook Contest along with the entries for the Newsletter Contest, previous State Meetings' photo albums, the Twin Registry photo album, the Unity Book and other items of interest. Ballots for voting in the Club Scrapbook Contest can be found in your registration items.

DOOR SIGN CONTEST

SIGN UP AT REGISTRATION

Gather up your favorite Club pictures of all the fun times you've shared together as friends. This year's door sign theme is: "Circles of Friendship".

Prizes will be awarded for: Best Overall, Funniest, Most Creative and Member's Choice.

RULES

- The board will be provided at registration (Bring your own decorating and hanging supplies)
- Use only a wreath hanger for displaying your sign
- You may not cover the room number or peep hole
- All entries must be on display by 5:30 p.m. on Friday April 24, 2020.
- Judging will be on Friday between 6-7pm.

Prizes will be awarded at the Saturday Meeting.

THURSDAY EVENTS

For attendees who arrive on Thursday there are many things to do on your own, and in the afternoon there are two tours you may choose from to explore the area.

Niagara Falls Tour

Come see and explore the magnificent Niagara Falls – one of the seven Natural Wonders of the World.

Bus transportation will be provided from the hotel up to and back from Niagara Falls. Our own Sharon Atti has graciously agreed to be our NF tour guide again this convention. There will be an hour and a half to explore on your own

before the walking tour starts (2:30-4 PM). The restaurant is located within the Wyndham Garden hotel. Feel free to take some time at the Seneca Niagara Casino, and you can always stay afterwards at the casino and Uber or taxi back from Niagara Falls to the hotel should you wish to stay later after dinner. Cost of the tour, bus transportation and buffet dinner is \$50 (does not include bus driver's tip).

NIAGARA FALLS SCHEDULE

2:00 PM DEPART FROM BUFFALO GRAND HOTEL
2:30 PM ARRIVE NIAGARA FALLS
4:00 – 5:00 PM WALKING TOUR (1 HR.)
5:30 PM DINNER @ CHILL 443
7:00 PM DEPART TO RETURN TO HOTEL

Crime in the “Queen City” Tour

Join us for a tour of the scandalous side of Buffalo history! On this downtown walking tour, you'll learn some of the darker stories of the Queen City's past. The architectural landmarks of downtown Buffalo provide a magnificent backdrop for these stories, many of which sound straight from a movie script – but they're all true!

This tour meets at Spot Coffee at 227 Delaware Avenue, at the corner of Chippewa Street. It is located 1.0 mile from the hotel (about 15 minute walk). Two-hour metered parking is available on Delaware Avenue and other nearby streets, or private parking lots are available – the closest is on Delaware Avenue, next to Spot Coffee. Please

wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather – the tour will proceed rain or shine. After the tour ends we'll meet back on Chippewa Street and head over to The Chocolate Bar for dinner. Cost of the walking tour and prix fixe dinner is \$45 (includes dessert and a free martini of your choice from the drink menu (excludes the classic)).

SCANDALOUS BUFFALO SCHEDULE

3:00 PM MEET @ SPOT COFFEE ON DELAWARE
3:00 – 4:30 PM WALKING TOUR (90 MIN.-2 HR.)
5:30 PM DINNER @ THE CHOCOLATE BAR
7:00 PM DEPART TO RETURN TO HOTEL

DINNER MENU – CHOICE OF ONE

Steak BLT – Sliced grilled sirloin, lettuce, tomato, provolone, applewood smoked bacon and a basil mayo on grilled ciabatta.

Buffalo Chicken – Spicy chicken breast layered with lettuce, tomato, onion and mozzarella on ciabatta and grilled with a creamy Buffalo blue cheese sauce.

Bella – Balsamic roasted portabella with melted provolone, caramelized onion, roasted red pepper and assorted greens on a grilled ciabatta.

Dessert options will be presented from the seasonal choices at the restaurant.

FRIDAY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

ERIE BALLROOM B

Friday, April 24, 2020 – 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

The Board Meeting will begin promptly at 8:30 am. Attendance is required of all board Members. If you are unable to attend, you must contact the President, Susie Smith by April 1st, 2020 at shotsie74@gmail.com or 631-365-3772. Breakfast (\$10) will be hot buffet available for Board attendees who have prepaid.

STATE REP/CLUB PRESIDENTS “Share Shop”

ONTARIO ROOM

Friday, April 24, 2020 - 2:45 PM - 3:15 PM

If you are a Club President or State Representative, be sure to attend this workshop. It is an opportunity to get together with other Presidents and State Representatives to bring back to your clubs new ideas, share about what is going well and not going well, and give some ideas for how to reach families of multiple births at a greater level.

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES MEETING

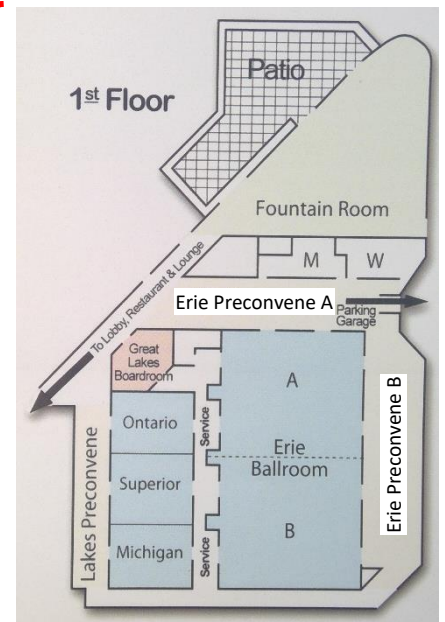
LAKES PRECONVENE

Friday, April 24, 2020 - 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

This meeting is mandatory for all Delegates/Alternates, Officers, and Past Presidents who have voting privileges. Failure to attend this meeting will forfeit your club's right to vote. Voting materials and instructions will be issued at this time. If you are not able to attend this meeting due to late arrival, please contact **Parliamentarian – Mary Grace Roach**, prior to the Saturday General Meeting @ **516-492-7847** or midgeplusthree@gmail.com.



Hotel Event Space - Floor Map



FRIDAY WORKSHOPS – APRIL 24, 2020

Good Morning YOGA

FOUNTAIN ROOM

Time Slot: 9 – 10 AM

Cost: FREE

Come start your day with some relaxing yoga.

ESSENTIAL OILS DIY

ONTARIO ROOM

Time Slot: 1 – 2 PM

Cost: \$20

Attend a demonstration on essential oils and make-your-own scrub to take home.

PSYCHIC READINGS

Ivy Rivera Psychic Medium & the Ivy League Psychic Academy

MICHIGAN ROOM

Time Slot: 12:00 – 4:00 PM

Cost: \$15 (\$25 optional add-on)

Join a 30-minute gallery reading for \$15 (3 sessions available) with Ivy Rivera Psychic Medium. 10-minute personal readings with members of the Ivy League Psychic Academy are available for later in the afternoon for \$25. You will be given your timeslot(s) at registration.

MIXOLOGY

FOUNTAIN ROOM

Time Slot: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Cost: \$10

Join us for a fun demonstration of some yummy cocktails including the debut of the 2020 NYSOMOTC State Meeting cocktail.

SHOW AND SELL

ERIE PRECONVENE B

Time Slot: 4 – 6 PM

Here is your chance to purchase products from different vendors, including multiple related items. Bring home something for those special people in your life. Clubs wishing to participate as member vendors must complete the enclosed Show and Sell contract and return it with the necessary fees. Specific contract details are on pg. 16.

Reflexology or Reiki

SUPERIOR ROOM

Time Slot: 1 – 4 PM

Cost: Reflexology \$15; Reiki \$25

Enjoy a reflexology or reiki therapeutic session (or one of each). You will be given your timeslot(s) at registration.

Reflexology is a type of massage that involves applying different amounts of pressure to the feet, hands, outer ears and face. It's based on a theory that these body parts are connected to certain organs and body systems. 15 min. session.

Reiki "ray-ee-key" is a Japanese relaxation and healing treatment, in which hands are placed just off the body or lightly touching the body, as in "laying on hands." 10 min. session.

SERVICE PROJECT

ERIE BALLROOM A

Time Slot: Throughout the Day

"Holiday Cards for Veterans" – As so many service members are unable to come home for the holidays, we want to send a bit of home to them. Stop by anytime throughout the weekend, write out a few holiday greetings, and we'll send these overseas prior to the 2020 holidays. We'll have cards and supplies on hand. If you have any kids events coming up in your own clubs and would like to have your kids make cards, those would be a great addition to what we would also send.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

ERIE BALLROOM B

Friday, April 24, 2020 – 7:00 PM – 11 PM

Please join us for a sit-down dinner and entertainment by opening act magician Rhys Mandaville followed by the Eclectic Improv Comedy Troupe.

The cost for the dinner and the evening entertainment is \$55.
A cash bar will be available.

ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED

DINNER MENU – CHOICE OF ONE ENTREE

10 oz Cut of Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus Entree

10 oz cut of Prime Rib with Rosemary Sprig. Served with Louisiana Style Baked Sweet Potatoes and Sautéed Broccoli

Stuffed Breast of Chicken Entree

Chicken Breast Stuffed with Spinach, Artichokes, and Ricotta Cheese with Rosemary Citrus Confit Sauce. Served with Glazed Carrots and Potato with Leeks

*Vegetarian Entrée**

*A new chef has taken over at the hotel and is creating a new Vegetarian menu. We will announce the Vegetarian meal option as soon as possible.

Side Salad for all

Baby Spinach Salad with Dried Cranberries, Walnuts, Goat Cheese, and Crostini

Dessert for all

Tuxedo Bomb Cake

OPENING CEREMONIES

ERIE BALLROOM B

Saturday, April 25, 2020 – 8:30 AM

This ceremony is the official commencement of the 55th Annual State Meeting. We will open the weekend with the Presentation of Colors, the Pledge of Allegiance and Introduction of the City Executive.

A FREE continental breakfast buffet will be available in the meeting room starting at 8 AM.

SATURDAY GENERAL MEETING

ERIE BALLROOM B

Saturday, April 25, 2020

8:45 AM – 11:30 AM - Morning Session

Lunch Break

1:45 PM – 5 PM - Afternoon Session

It is important that this General Meeting begin *promptly* at 8:45 AM. The afternoon session is scheduled to resume at 1:45 PM SHARP. To vote at the meeting, delegates and alternates **MUST** attend and register at the Delegate/Alternates meeting on Friday evening and be present during the AM and PM Roll Call. To vote at the meeting, delegates and alternates **MUST** have registered and picked up their packets from the parliamentarian that were handed out at the end of the Friday board meeting and be present during the AM and PM Roll Call. Delegates, Alternates and Past Presidents are asked to sit in the reserved area. This meeting is where we discuss the operation of the organization, reports are given, bylaw/standing rules are amended, elections are held and awards are presented. Any new information or announcements that may be of interest will be provided. **All state club members should attend this meeting.**

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

FOUNTAIN ROOM

Saturday, April 25, 2020 – 12 PM – 1:30 PM

Cost - \$22 per person

Join us for lunch in our “Friendship Garden” and participate in games, win prizes, and make some new friends.

LUNCH MENU – CHOICE OF ONE HOT SANDWICH ENTREE

Shaved Prime Rib Sandwich – Sliced Prime Rib, with Provolone Cheese and Caramelized Onions with Fresh Mayonnaise.

Fresco Chicken Sandwich – Grilled Chicken Breast, Sautéed Spinach, Red Onion, Tomatoes, Lettuce, and Provolone Cheese on a Toasted Focaccia Roll.

Grilled Vegetable Sandwich – Cut Portobello Mushrooms, Red and Green Peppers, Zucchini, Squash, Mozzarella, and Pesto Aioli on Multi-Grain Bread.

All Sandwiches served with Sweet Potato Fries.

Dessert is Dark Chocolate Mousse.

SATURDAY NIGHT PARTY “Carnival of Friendship”

FOUNTAIN ROOM & ERIE BALLROOMS A/B

Saturday, April 25, 2020 – 7 PM – 11 PM

Cost – FREE (included in your registration)

Buffalo ‘Food Tour’ Stations

Cash Bar - ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED

ERIE BALLROOMS A/B: Plan your ‘escape’ with friends new and old; puzzle your way out of 6 different mini-escape rooms, FOUNTAIN ROOM: Compete at carnival games for bragging rights, dance with the DJ, munch on Buffalo favorites, and take home photo booth prints and caricature sketches of all your fun memories.

SUNDAY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

ERIE BALLROOM B

Sunday, April 26, 2020 – 8:30 AM – 12 PM

All members of the existing and new Executive Board are required to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact the President prior to the meeting.

Breakfast vouchers (\$10) for the hot breakfast buffet will be available for purchase.

NYSOMOTC Officer & Board Nominations Needed!!

Have you served on your club’s Board? Have you been interested in how your NYSOMOTC Board works? If you have answered YES to either one of these questions, please consider volunteering for a position on the NYSOMOTC Board!!

All Elected Officer positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary) require new nominations for these positions this year as they all have held these positions for the maximum time they are allowed per the by-laws. There are other positions on the Board open as well – so please consider volunteering! It’s a great way to learn more about this great organization that we all belong to!

If you are interested in or have questions on ANY position on the NYSOMOTC Board, please contact a Nominating Committee member (Kristina Bird, Hope Kaufman, Jane Martinec or Janine Weber) or the Nominating Chairman (Kristen Pace).

Newsletter contest

Rules:

- The completed entry form (see below) plus one (1) copy of the club's 2019 October issue and one (1) copy of an issue of your choice which must be submitted to the Chairman by the **February 1, 2020**, via e-mail or US mail
- A hard copy of each newsletter should be provided for display in the Raffle Room (Erie Ballroom A) at the 2020 Convention

Judging Criteria:

- Overall style and visual appeal-20 points
- Artwork-20 points
- News & special articles-20 points
- Officers & Chairmen reports-20 points
- Creative & original writing-20 points

Newsletter Contest Entry Form

Club's Name: _____

State Rep's Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Editor's Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Send this completed form via email or postmarked
no later than February 1, 2020 to:

**Kristen Pace
70 Westbridge Drive
Holbrook, NY 11741**

**Please feel free to email Kristen at
kpace825@optonline.net with any questions**

CONVENTION BOOKLET ADS

Clubs and individual members are offered the opportunity to place an ad in the Convention Booklet. This will make a great keepsake and is a way to advertise your club. Say hello to friends, wish someone good-luck or let your friends know how much you care. All funds help offset the publishing cost of the booklet.

Full Page Ad: \$20.00

Half Page Ad: \$15.00

Quarter Page Ad: \$10.00

Please send your completed order form (below) and corresponding fee, postmarked by **March 1, 2020**. The advertisement should be sent by email (JPEG or PDF format) to: jandskaras@roadrunner.com (Sue Karaszewski). Please include in the Subject line: "Ad for Booklet"

Make checks payable to: WNY MoMs (Write on check "2020 State Meeting Booklet Ad")

Mail to:

Reneé Orr

71 Lorna Lane

Tonawanda, NY 14150

rjoldos2@verizon.net

2020 CONVENTION BOOKLET ADVERTISEMENT ORDER FORM

Club Name: _____

State Representative: _____

Person Requesting Ad: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Size of Ad: Full Page ☐ Half Page ☐ Quarter Page ☐

Number of Ads: _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____



New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs

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Show & Sell Display Contract

Return this form and fee to the Show & Sell Chairman (see below) by no later than March 1st, 2020.

Display room is for commercial and member exhibits and sales. Show & Sell is open on Friday for two hours (4 – 6 PM) to all NYSOMOTC's convention attendees. Tables are available on a first to register basis (set up is from 3 – 4 PM). Space available is limited by room size. A confirmation, including directions to the hotel, will be mailed in late March.

A bank check or money order (payable to NYSOMOTC) are the only acceptable forms of payment.

Bank Check/Money Order payable to: NYSOMOTC

Mail contract form with fees to: Show & Sell Chairman –

April Bach – 50 Pardee Ave., Lancaster, NY 14086

SHOW AND SELL DISPLAY CONTRACT

Check one: Commercial Vendor ☐ NYSOMOTC Member Vendor ☐

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

☐ \$25.00 Commercial Vendor Display [6' table w/2chairs]

☐ \$15.00 Member Vendor Display [6' table w/2 chairs]

☐ \$10.00 Late Fee [if postmarked after March 1st, 2020]

all submissions received by March 1st will be included in the "Showcase of Show & Sell Vendors" to be posted to the NYSOMOTC Convention 2020 Facebook Page.

Provide a brief description of merchandise:

The undersigned hereby agrees to purchase space at the New York State Organization Mothers of Twins Clubs Show & Sell, to be held on Friday, April 24, 2020. No refund will be issued for cancellations within two (2) weeks of the event. NYSOMOTC reserves the right to reject item[s] that do not meet its standards of acceptance.

Vendor's Name _____ Fee enclosed: \$ _____

Authorized Signature/Title _____ Date: _____

CLUB SCRAPBOOK PAGE CONTEST

Rules:

- Must be a scrapbook page not larger than 12" x 12"
- It must have your CLUB name on it as well as the theme name
- Entry forms can be e-mailed or mailed by **March 1, 2020**
- Only entries sent in on time will be judged

The theme for this year's Scrapbook Page Contest is: "Best Moments with Friends"

Judging Criteria:

- Identification (CLUB's name and Theme Name)
- Presentation
- Visual Appeal
- Theme
- Overall Style Pride

Besides the judges, there will be a MEMBERS CHOICE AWARD where you can vote for the scrapbook page you like the best. The ballots will be in your registration packet. Scrapbook entries should be brought to the Raffle Room (Erie Ballroom A) Friday morning for displaying (and later judging).

Return the form below by March 1st to:

Susan Venditti
2020 Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chairman
27 Chaucer Circle
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
Madameturtle@hotmail.com
315 559-9731

SCRAPBOOK PAGE ENTRY FORM

Club Name: _____

State Rep's Name: _____

Person Responsible for the Scrapbook Page: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

LEAD-UP-TO-CONVENTION 2020 CALENDAR

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

1/1 New Year's Day
1/20 Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

2/1 Newsletter Contest Entry Due
2/17 President's Day
2/20 MSS Application Due

MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

3/1 **Registration Due**
Convention Booklet Ads Due
Show & Sell Vendor Application
Club Scrapbook Page Contest Entry Due
3/15 Registration Activities Refund Period Ends
3/25 **Hotel Room Reservation Deadline**

APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

4/9 Tax Exempt Forms Due To Hotel
(Fax to (716) 604-9937 or Email:
sromero@buffaloland.com)
4/23 1st Day of Convention 2020
4/26 Last Day of Convention 2020

What is the Marie Simmons Scholarship (MSS) Fund?

<https://nysomtc.org/marie-simmons-scholarship/scholarship-information/>

The Marie Simmons Scholarship honors the Co-Founder of the New York State Organization Mothers of Twins Clubs. Two scholarships are awarded to children of Multiple Birth families attending college. These awards, offered annually on a competitive basis, are currently \$1,500 each.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

1. The Marie Simmons Scholarship Judging Members will review only completed application packets to choose the recipients.
2. The awards will be given on a year-to-year basis. Scholarship recipients may not apply again.
3. Award Certificates will be presented at the Saturday General Meeting of the Annual State Meeting to the recipient or appointed representative.

State Representative Registration Checklist

1. Review the registration packet.
2. Make copies for the club members or send via email.
3. Discuss the State Meeting and the registration information at the club meetings.
4. Collect the registration forms and fees from the members.
5. Review all forms and correct with the member's approval.
6. Provide your club's Treasurer the checks collected and obtain one club check for the full amount to be paid to the convention account – as indicated on the registration form.
7. Mail one club check with all the registration forms to the State Meeting Registration Chairman. Make checks payable to WNY MoMs and write on the check "2020 State Meeting Registration".
8. Remind members to make their room reservations directly with the Hotel.
9. Fill out and return the entry forms to the respective chairpersons for the Club Scrapbook Page and Newsletter Contests, the Show & Sell contract and fee, Club's Ad in the convention Booklet.

Be sure to respond by the specific deadlines for the following:

February 1st

- ☐ Newsletter Contest Entry Form

March 1st

- ☐ Show & Sell Contract and Fee
- ☐ Club Scrapbook Page Contest
- ☐ Convention Booklet Ad
- ☐ Registration Form

March 25th

- ☐ Hotel Reservations

10. Prepare the club's basket donation for the convention basket raffles.
11. Remind Club members attending to bring extra funds for the Show & Sell, the convention Raffles (for 2020 and 2021 fundraising) and the State Ways & Means Fundraiser Basket Raffle.
12. Get ready and join us to celebrate the **55th Convention** of the NYSOMOTC at the 2020 State Meeting "**Friendship in Focus**"!

New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs
55th Annual State Meeting "Friendship in Focus" REGISTRATION FORM

Form Page
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****Please PRINT Clearly****

Name: _____

Club Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Attending as: (Check all that apply)

NYSOMOTC Officers: President ☐ Vice President ☐ Recording Secretary ☐ Treasurer ☐

Parliamentarian ☐ Advisor ☐ Past President ☐ Exec Board Member ☐

Club: Member ☐ President ☐ State Rep ☐ Delegate/Alternate ☐ Guest ☐

How many State Meetings have you attended other than this one? _____

Are you a First Time Attendee? Yes ☐ No ☐

Your Age: 20-30 ☐ 31-40 ☐ 41-50 ☐ 51-60 ☐ Aged to Perfection ☐

Marital Status: Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐

Multiples:

First Set: Twins ☐ Triplets ☐ Higher Order ☐

Identical ☐ Fraternal ☐ Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐ Age: _____

Second Set (if applicable): Twins ☐ Triplets ☐ Higher Order ☐

Identical ☐ Fraternal ☐ Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐ Age: _____

Siblings: Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐ Sibling Age(s): _____

Have you lost a child? Yes ☐ No ☐

Participating in Door Sign Contest: Yes ☐ No ☐

Handicap Limitations/Requirements: _____

Will you be using the airport shuttle to/from Hotel? Yes ☐ Flight arrival time? _____AM/PM No ☐

Arrival Information

Day of arrival: Wednesday 4/22 ☐ Thursday 4/23 ☐ Friday 4/24 ☐ Saturday 4/25 ☐

If arriving Friday, please estimate time of arrival (to schedule workshops appropriately).

If attending by yourself, would you like to connect with a Buddy/Roommate? Yes ☐ No ☐

New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs

55th Annual State Meeting "Friendship in Focus" REGISTRATION FORM

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Registration Fee: Nonrefundable. No one is allowed on the Convention site without paying this fee.

NYSOMOTC Officers (Pres., VP., Rec. Sec., Treas., Adv., Parl.) Paid by NYSOMOTC

Club Member	\$ 40.00	\$ _____
Guest	\$ 45.00	\$ _____
Late Fee (If postmarked after March 1st)	\$ 10.00	\$ _____

Please indicate the events you plan to attend:

Thursday – Niagara Falls Tour & Dinner	\$ 50.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Thursday – Scandalous Buffalo Tour & Dinner	\$ 45.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Dinner Choice (Circle): Steak BLT Buffalo Chicken Bella (Vegetarian)				
Friday Executive Board Meeting	N/C	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C
Friday Board Meeting Breakfast	\$ 10.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Club Pres. / State Rep "Share Shop"	N/C	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C
Delegates / Alternates Meeting	N/C	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C

FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

Yoga	N/C	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C
Essential Oils	\$ 20.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Reflexology Session	\$ 15.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Reiki Session	\$ 15.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Psychic Reading (Group)	\$ 15.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Psychic Reading (Private)	\$ 25.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Mixology	\$ 10.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

Friday Night – Sit Down Dinner & Magic/Comedy Show	\$ 55.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Dinner Choice (Circle): Prime Rib Stuffed Chicken Vegetarian (TBD)				

Saturday Luncheon – "Garden of Friendship"	\$ 22.00	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Lunch Choice (Circle): Prime Rib Chicken Grilled Vegetable				

NYSOMOTC Officers (President, VP, Rec. Sec, Treas., Adv., Parl.) Paid by NYSOMOTC

Saturday Night –Carnival of Friendship		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C
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Sunday Executive Board Meeting	N/C	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/C
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Hotel Breakfast Buffet Vouchers (Harbor Bistro) \$10.00 each

Thursday ☐ Friday* ☐ Saturday** ☐ Sunday ☐ No. of vouchers _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

*Board Members should purchase a Friday breakfast voucher as part of the Friday Executive Board Meeting farther above.

**Remember: Saturday morning a FREE continental breakfast is provided at 8 AM in the General Meeting Room (Erie Ballroom B).

Please list any food allergies/dietary restrictions: _____

If you would like to make a donation to the Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund, please include a separate check payable to MSS Fund

Total Due \$ _____

State Reps - Include one club check payable to: WNY MOMS (Right on Check "2020 State Meeting Registration")
Mail Registration Form and Fees to: Reneé Orr, 71 Lorna Lane, Tonawanda, NY 14150

State Reps – Club participating in: (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Club Scrapbook Page Contest	<input type="checkbox"/> Basket Raffle: State W&Ms	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Contest
<input type="checkbox"/> Show & Sell	<input type="checkbox"/> Basket Raffle: State Meeting Fundraiser	<input type="checkbox"/> Convention Booklet Ad

Registration Chairman Only: Date Received: _____ 2020 # _____