



Presidential Papers



Just a Reminder...

MAY 2020

- 12 May/June Presidential Papers distributed (including 2021 State Meeting Update; Board members year end reports; Updated Executive Board Directory and Calendar of Events; Midterm Board Meeting Information)

JUNE 2020

- 1 Clubs' dues and Statistics forms due to Vice President
9 Newsletter articles due to the Editor

JULY 2020

- 14 July/August Presidential Papers distributed
15 \$5 Late Fee applied to unpaid clubs; Vice President sends dues reminders to Club Presidents & State Reps

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President's Letter

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Hello everyone!

This letter for this edition of the Presidential Papers would normally have a Convention recap in my letter. Sadly, there is no recap this year, but I would like to make some acknowledgements.

To the State Meeting Chairs of 2020 and all the members of NYU MoM's...thank you for planning a fun-filled Convention for this year. While we were not able to enjoy it this year, we are all (at least I know I am) looking forward to whooping it up with the events you have planned next year in Buffalo.

To the State Meeting Chairs of 2021 and the members of POM CNY - thank you for rearranging your plans to host 2022. You were fast to contact the hotel and get things in place and I am grateful.

To my Officers - Lisa, Michele, Mary Grace, Michele and Renie....thank you for all of your insight and guidance through making the tough decision regarding Convention this year. It was lovely to see your faces on our Zoom meetings :)

Due to the circumstances, I will be your President for another year 😊 For those reading this that may be new members to your club and may not know me, this will be my third year serving as your NYSOMOTC President. I have been a member of MOTC Suffolk since 2010. I have served as Corresponding Secretary, Vice President and am the current President in my local club. Before being your State President, I was Nominating Chairman as well as 2016's State Meeting Chairman. I have 10 year old fraternal boys who try my patience lately as we do this distance learning stuff while I'm still working full-time from home.

These last few weeks have been difficult for everyone. Some of us or a family member has gotten this awful virus. Some of us have lost loved ones during this time - some from this virus, some not. Some of us or have had family members lose their jobs or get furloughed because of this situation. Some of us are lucky to be able to work from home. And then there are some of us who are those essential workers who can't be home - those who are in the medical profession trying to help people survive and recover; the retail workers keeping the food and essential items stocked in the stores; those who are law enforcement/fire department/transportation keeping our communities running and safe; and the government workers who are keeping our state afloat. No matter what the circumstance, we will get through this. While the end of this whole thing is uncertain and it may take a bit before there is a new normal, just take every day one day at a time.

Please stay safe everyone. Thank you to all of those essential workers out there who are working tirelessly to get us through this.

As the weather gets warmer, take the time to go out and enjoy time with your family...or alone if you need some social distancing from them for a little while 😊. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

Susie Smith, President

Executive Board Letter

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Hello members of the Executive Board,

I hope that everyone is doing well. While we are all sad that we couldn't be together for Convention, we all should try to take comfort that we will see each other hopefully at Midterm.

As I have mentioned in my e - mail a few weeks back, all Executive Board members, including Officers, will remain in their positions until 2021's State Meeting. If there is someone who is not interested in remaining in their position until then, please let me know as soon as possible and we will try to find someone who may be interested in taking the position.

The updated Calendar of Events should be included with this edition of the Presidential Papers. Please be sure to adhere to the deadlines indicated in the calendar.

Thank you to all of the members of the Executive Board for all of your support this past year. I'm looking forward to working with all of you again this upcoming year.

For those board members who are essential workers - thank you for all you do!!!

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Midterm!

Sincerely,

Susie Smith, President



Vice President's Report

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Even though the world outside our doors is very uneasy right now, I hope you are all able to do your part with social distancing. A big Thank you goes out to all of you who are considered essential workers. Whether it is in a hospital, Walmart, Grocery store or wherever it may be. We all appreciate your sacrifice.

When life gets back to normal, I will look forward to reading all your newsletters and reports. I know you will all be very busy. Even if it is just to gather as a club at a member's house for coffee or a glass of wine. Who knew months ago how precious that simple time would be.

State Reps - keep everything coming to me for the following year. While I am still finishing up your Super State Rep awards for 2020, it's never too early to start on Super State Rep 2021! Stay healthy and 6 feet apart!

Lisa

As The Turtle Goes...

I sat down to write my column for As The Turtle Goes and it made me sad. So many of you had such exciting things planned for the spring months. There was bowling, craft nights and fundraising to get to convention. The ladies of Nassau County were planning a 60th Anniversary Gala in May. While it may be too early for that to be postponed, everyone else's plans have been cancelled.

Even though we are all trying to get through our own Social Distancing, we must remain positive that this will all be behind us soon. We are fortunate to live in this era unlike the quarantines of generations past. We can get up to date news easily, we can talk on our phones, Face time, text and some are even doing Zoom meetings! We are not completely isolated.

I am confident that when we do gather again, whether it be at midterm or in 2021 our bond will still be just as tight and maybe, just maybe in 2022 we can laugh and be happy that we survived what we are finding so difficult to handle now. (ok, maybe it'll take until 2023 for that, but we will!).

In the meantime, enjoy your children. They are only this small for a short time and they too don't understand why they can't see their friends or other family members. Stay healthy everyone and if you suspect a Mom in your club may be struggling, reach out to them with a phone call to give them words of encouragement.

We will get through this!

Lisa

Club Stats

NYSOMOTC Clubs

Chemung MOTC	10
Greater Rochester MOTC	33
Multiple Moms Mingle	63
Nassau County POM	139
Parents of Multiples of CNY	10
Queens MOTC	6
Schenectady MOTC	8
Southern Tier MOTC	3
Suffolk MOTC	69
Twins and Triplets of CNY	15
Westside Suburban MOTC	24
Western New York MOMs	139

Total Clubs 12

Total Members 519

2018 - 2019 12 Clubs

544 Members

2017 - 2018 13 Clubs

592 Members

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Cartini

President's Year End Resort

It's now been two years that I have served as President...time sure flies! Since Midterm, I have kept up (or have tried to keep up) on the President's monthly calendar.

I have kept in contact with the Vice President as well as corresponded with the Officers regarding different issues that have arisen throughout the year. I've corresponded with the Executive Board as needed for any announcements that needed to have been made.

I worked with the Newsletter Editor to create the upcoming year's Calendar of Events to make sure that the dates are attainable targets for their responsibilities.

While I find this one responsibility the most challenging (because I feel like I'm running out of things to say), I have written my two articles for each issue of the Presidential Papers this year.

Since February, I have been working with the State Meeting Chairs (both 2020 and 2021) and the Officers regarding our State Meeting for 2020. We've had many conversations and we needed to make the heartbreaking decision to cancel this year's Convention and reschedule for 2021. While I know it was the only option at the time, it was still a difficult one to make.

With the cancellation of Convention, it means that everyone stays in their job for another year....so I get to be your President for another year...aren't you all lucky? 😊 To all of the members of the Executive Board and to all of the membership, I'd like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be your President....still 😊

I look forward to seeing you all at Midterm and hoping that the rest of the year will be much better than the start of the year!

Sincerely,

Susie



Treasurer's Report

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General Fund

April 28, 2019 – April 19, 2020

OPENING BALANCE **\$ 7145.21**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Show & Sell Vendors	\$170.00	
2018 State Mtg. Assess	\$107.00	
Ways & Means	\$860.00	
Dues - 2019- 2020 (12 clubs)	\$296.25	
Midterm Reg. (36)	\$ 1460.00	
Transfer from ESF - 2 Club Dues	\$88.50	
Fundraiser table	\$20.00	
Transfer from ESF – Membership pins 2019	\$35.00	

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 3036.75**

Parliamentarian - Mary Grace	\$ 29.32
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Club Scrapbook Contest Chair - Susan Venditti	\$ 38.29
Membership Pins - Michelle DelleBovi	\$ 85.05
Schenectady MOTC - Officers Lunch 2018	\$ 396.00
Newsletter Contest Chair - Kristen Pace	\$ 55.00
Past President Arrangement – Susie Smith	\$ 122.75
Returned check (\$25) plus fee (\$20)	\$ 45.00
GoDaddy -	\$ 239.88
Presidents room - Midterm	\$ 84.95
Quality Inn - Midterm	\$1097.71
Recognition Experts 2019	\$ 36.45
Photographer 2019	\$ 49.98
Newsletter Contest 2020	\$ 30.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 2338.68**

CLOSING BALANCE **\$ 7843.28**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Michele Szatkowski

Treasurer's Report Cont.

Eleanor Siegel Fund
April 28, 2019 – April 19, 2020

Opening Balance \$ 530.45

<u>Item</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
2018 St. Mtg Loan Repayment	\$2000.00	
2 Club Dues	\$ 88.50	
TOTAL INCOME	\$2088.50	
2020 State Meeting Loan		\$2000.00
Check Order		\$ 8.58
Service Fee 6/28		\$ 3.00
Service Fee 7/31		\$ 3.00
Transfer to General Account (wrong deposit)		\$ 88.50
Parliamentarian – Motion Forms		\$ 88.38
Transfer back to General Fund – Membership Pins 2019		\$ 35.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$2226.46
CLOSING BALANCE		\$ 392.49

Service Fees were because they were sending a paper statement but now it is electronic - eliminating the \$3.00 fee

Respectfully Submitted by,

Michele Szatkowski

Webmaster

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Need a form? Need information about a meeting?? Need minutes or the newsletter??? Click on into our website to find everything you need!!! nysomotc.org If you find any information out of date or a link not working, please reach out to me so that I can get that corrected.

Thank you, Michele

Midterm Chairman

Michele Szatkowski

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Midterm 2020

As of this newsletter Midterm is still on as planned.

More details will come in the next newsletter

Midterm 2020

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Quality Inn & Suites Vestal

4105 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal NY 13850

Phone 607 - 729 - 6371, Fax 607 - 729 - 6407

Reservations: By September 1st, 2020

Must tell them you are with the Mother of Twins when making motel reservations.

Reservations cut off are September 1, 2020.

Room Rates: Either one King bed or 2 double beds: \$ 84.95 plus 13% tax = \$ 95.99. If using tax exempt must provide certificate at check in.

Registration: Due by October 1st, 2020

More details will come after COVID - 19 passes

Thank you,
Michele and Shirley

2020 Midterm Registration Form

Name: _____ Club Name: _____

State Position Held: _____

Local Club Position Held: _____

Your Phone Number: Daytime _____ Evening _____

Email address: _____

Any Dietary/Handicap Needs: _____

What night(s) are you staying? Thurs. _____ Fri. _____ Sat. _____

Would you like to participate in a group event on Friday night?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, we will gather in the lobby of the hotel at 5:30 Friday night.

Completed form & non-refundable registration fee of \$40 (check payable to NYSOMOTC)

Must be received by October 1, 2019.

There is a \$10.00 late fee for registrations post marked after October 1, 2020.

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Advisor's Report

Hello Ladies,

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well. I am sure many of you are just as tired of this situation that we find ourselves in as I am. This is truly one for the record books! I wonder what name will be given to the group of babies that will be born nine months from now!

This has certainly been a year for me. Many challenges faced. Thank you all for your kind words with the passing of my Dad. It was sudden and unexpected. He had been diagnosed with Esophageal Cancer in May and had literally just finished his Radiation and Chemo treatments that very week. It was hard to see him go through that every day, and the toll it takes on one's body. He was a stocky man, and to see him reduced to a twig was eerie! It reminded me of pictures I had seen of him during his Navy days! Thin (yet strong)! The blessing of that whole period he was upbeat. He would go to the cancer center with a positive attitude every day! I truly don't think he ever had a thought that he wouldn't make it through this! Unfortunately, that was not the case. But as we say...he is in a much better place now!

The office manager for the studio I also work for resigned in December. So I am now filling her spot. Which was perfect, because I was set to retire from City Employment! In fact, this month was to be my retirement month! However, with Covid19, I was asked to postpone it. My position will not be refilled for a while, so I'm still working full time until this is over!

As far as Advisor goes...it's been calm! I have reviewed all the State Meeting evaluations from the 2019 Convention. I'm happy to say they were pretty positive! Again, I commend Kathy and Kathy for doing an awesome job. And of course, I was available for our esteemed president to assist in guidance/advice whenever she needed it.

In closing, I wish all of you a safe few months ahead, and a great summer! Assuming of course, we can have summer!

With many hugs to you!

Renie Cutt

Procedure Manual Chairman

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Procedure Manual Chairman

End of Year Report – April 2020

1. The following updates have been added to the Procedure Manual. These revisions have been provided to the 6 Officers, to the Archivist and the Webmaster.
 - Introduction & General Procedures
 - Bylaws,
 - President,
 - Vice President
 - Chaplain
 - State Meeting Guidelines
2. Articles were sent in for the Presidential Papers
3. The 2020 State Rep Packet will be emailed to the State Reps by May 1.

It is my pleasure to have served in this capacity and would like to be considered for the new term. Thank you, President Susie Smith, for the opportunity to work with you.

Twincerealy,
Myriam Lavora

MSS Chairman Report

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Hello my Friends,

Needless to say, I am heartbroken that we cannot be together this year. However, I still have some good news to share, so please enjoy reading my report.

Once again this year the MSS committee met virtually in February just before we were to begin scoring scholarships.

This past year I corresponded with our President and UP on many occasions. I held a meeting with the committee and corresponded with the MSS Committee Vice Chairman/Treasurer. This year has been interesting for sure, and we were faced with making some thoughtful decisions.

Prior to our February meeting I was notified that one of the judges needed to step down at this time. I advised the President, the committee and alternate. At our meeting we discussed, if we had applications to judge that the Alternate will step in.

I only received 3 application requests this year. Similar to last year, by the time we had our Mid - February meeting, I had not received any complete applications. We also had discussion around the reduction of application requests and submissions, and that it may just be a cycle. We need to continue to fund this scholarship so when all the families with children coming of age have this wonderful opportunity from this organization.

I want to thank the committee for their willingness to be creative and innovative. I enjoyed working with all of you. We do have some recommendations for Procedure Manual updates and changes, which I will bring to the Midterm Board Meeting.

Thank you to all of you who contribute to funding this scholarship, without your generosity we would not be privileged to offer this financial support to our students.

AND now... it is my pleasure to congratulate the 2020 winners of the Marie Simmons Scholarship; Emily Martinec and McKenzie Cutt.

Emily is studying to be a Social Worker /Chemical Dependency Counselor. She has worked and studied in the health and human services field which shows her passion for this work.

McKenzie is pursuing her career in art, specifically illustration. While she has been criticized by her unconventional choice of major, she knows it will help her achieve her career goals.

On behalf of the entire New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins, we want to congratulate both of these ladies and wish them all the best in their continued educational journey.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Chairman of this Committee over the past few years. I will be resigning this position, so if any of you are interested, please let Kristen Pace our Nominating Chairman know.

Thank you

Linda Goldsworthy

MSS Committee Chairman.

MSS Treasurer/ Vice Chair

Kathlene Lyman

Schenectady MOTC

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Ladies,

It continues to be my pleasure to serve on this important committee of the NYSOMOTC. I have performed my duties as outlined in the procedure manual:

I have written articles for the Presidential Papers, participated in committee meetings and sent thank you notes for donations.

I communicated with the chairman as needed and confirmed the scores on the tally sheets for our applicants.

I have maintained the ledger and the checkbook and have prepared a scholarship check. The second award is awaiting completion of the responsibilities of the recipient.

I would be honored to continue as MSSC Treasurer/Vice Chairman of this worthwhile and rewarding program.

History of Fundraisers:

<u>Calendar Fundraiser:</u>	<u>Lottery Ticket Fundraiser</u>	<u>With Registrations</u>
2013: \$ 1132	\$ 277	
2014: 980	410	
2015: 1322	329	
2016: 1268	383	\$ 39.52
2017: 1324	423	140
2018: 1233	502	288
2019: 1538+	570	197
2020: 1590		243

Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund – Final Financial Report

Kathlene Lyman - Treasurer/Vice Chairman

May 3, 2019 –April 21, 2020



Opening Balance:

\$4,889.21

Income:

Registration Donation	\$ 7
2019 Calendar Fundraiser	50
2019 Lottery Fundraiser	570
Donation: MOTC Suffolk	500
2020 Calendar Fundraiser	1590
2020 Donations	243

Total Income:

\$2,960

Expenses:

2019 Calendar Winner (Suffolk)	\$500
2020 Scholarship (M. Cutt)	\$1500

Total Expenses:

\$2,000

Closing Balance:

\$5,849.21

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathlene A. Lyman

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



Club Scrapbook Contest

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NYSOMOTC

Club Scrapbook Page Contest

2021 State Convention

“Friendship In Focus”

If you did not get the chance to submit an entry for the Club Scrapbook Page Contest you can submit one now. The deadline for submittal is March 1, 2021. You have more time to work on a great Scrapbook Page! You can submit them by email or snail mail. Have fun completing the scrapbook page. Stay safe and practice social distancing!

The theme for the Club Scrapbook Page Contest is “Best Moments With Friends”. The entry form may be sent by E-mail or regular mail.

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 no later than March 1st
- Only entries send in on time will be judged

The theme for the 2021 Scrapbook Page Contest is:

“Best Moments With Friends”

The judges will be scoring on:

- 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 you registration packet.



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Nominating Committee News

Kristen Pace

Nominating Committee Chairman

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I hope this newsletter finds you and your family healthy. Please continue to stay safe. I wanted to thank my committee members, Janine, Hope, Jane & Kristina for their hard work these past two years. Also, thank you to Susie, Lisa, Michele & Michele for their dedication to our club, especially during this difficult time. I look forward to seeing everyone again very soon.

MSS Scharlarship Fundraiser

Nancy Converse

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Hi everyone, I hope everyone is well and safe. It is a hard time for everyone. I hoping things all get back to normal soon. I am going to miss going to convention. I have been working on the MSS Scholarship calendar. I sent out 12 calendars and received back 10. One calendar come back early. One calendar had a long trip, it came from Puerto Rico. Thank you everyone that sent their clubs calendar back. We had one club that bought the whole calendar, and one club that bought the whole month of May. The most sold month was May. We had a donation of \$25.00. The calendar made \$1635.00 and I received 104 Lottery tickets. We still trying to decide how and when we are going to be having a raffle for them. I sent all the checks to the MSS treasurer.

With the convention being cancelled, I drew the MSS Scholarship date. On April 13, 2020 I had my two granddaughters draw the winning month and date. The winning month was December and the winning date was the 17th. There was one winner and that was MOTC Suffolk. Thanks again for everyone that bought dates to help with this important fund raiser. If anyone has any questions, please e - mail me at nconvers3@yahoo.com.

Nancy Converse MSS Scholarship Fundraiser chairman

Newsletter Contest Chair

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2019 - 2020 Newsletter Contest

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Although I'm very sad that we weren't able to come together this year at the convention, I am happy that the board decided to still have the newsletter contest. I was pleased to be the Newsletter Contest Chairman once again. It's a great committee to be a part of and I enjoy the work that goes into it. Thank you to those clubs who participated this year. Each club submitted their October edition as well as another month's newsletter of their choice. They are judged on the following criteria:



~ Artwork

~ News and special articles

~ Officers and chairmen reports

~ Overall style and visual appeal

~ Creative and original writing

The judges were all impressed by the work each club did. They had a tough job and when I tallied all the points, the winning club's score was less than 2 points more than third place. Again, thank you to those clubs who participated, and I hope to see you all very soon. Stay well.

Congratulations

First Place Newsletter Winner

Western New York Mothers of Multiples newsletter editor Emily Lesandro

Second Place

Nassau County POM

newsletter editors Helen Chen & Jennifer Marlborough

Third Place

Suffolk County MOTC

newsletter editor Daniela Eaton

2022 State Meeting

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"Let The Fun"Renew In 2022" Parents of Multiples Club of CNY

The Parents of Multiples Club of CNY will be hosting the 2022 State Convention. Our club has hit the ground running when we decided to host the State Meeting! The Co - Chairs for this meeting are Peggy Fiorini and Susie Venditti. The theme will be "Let The Fun Renew in 2022". The dates for this convention will be Thursday, April 28th through Sunday, May 1st.

We have secured the Embassy Suites By Hilton Syracuse. The room rates will be \$119.00 per night for doubles or king. The hotel is being completely updated. All rooms have been completely remodeled. The hotel has cooked to order breakfast every morning and a "Manager's Reception" every evening from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. This is all included with your room rates. If your club is using your tax exempt status for the hotel rooms, you will need to send the hotel your Tax Exempt form one week prior to the event.

We are coming up with some great ideas already! We hope to have a fun filled convention for you in 2022! The Twins and Triplets Club have offered to host the Hospitality Room for us. Thank you so much ladies! We will have much more information for all of you at the 2021 Convention in Buffalo!

See you all in Buffalo in April!



Membership Pins Report

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WYSOMOTC Membership Pins 2020

Congratulations to the following ladies for accomplishing great milestones:

First Time Attendees

Melissa Jay - Westside Suburban MOTC
Meredith Kallfelz - Westside Suburban MOTC
Carla Miller - Westside Suburban MOTC
Matejka Baumgardner - WNY MoM's
Ashley Beringer - WNY MoM's
Katie Brick - WNY MoM's
Raemarie Brock - WNY MoM's
Krystina Burow - WNY MoM's
Briana Getman - WNY MoM's
Melissa Graci - WNY MoM's
Katrina Kosierb - WNY MoM's
Marcie Kwieciak - WNY MoM's
Melissa Lehnies - WNY MoM's
Stacy Patrone - WNY MoM's
Jaime Pichette - WNY MoM's
Kathleen Rathbun - WNY MoM's
Jeana Rudnicki - WNY MoM's
Amanda Smith - WNY MoM's
Francine Zeis - WNY MoM's

5 Years

Renee Orr - WNY MoM's

15 Years

Lorena Cutt - Greater Rochester MOTC
Michelle French - Westside Suburban MOTC

20 Years

Maria Agosh - Parents of Multiples of CNY
Lisa Cartini - Parents of Multiples of CNY
Jill Cerchia - TNT of CNY
Karyn Audycki - Westside Suburban MOTC

25 Years

Sharon Knarr - Westside Suburban MOTC

30 Years

Linda Gettings - Greater Rochester MOTC
Barbi Cudney - Westside Suburban MOTC

50 Years

Erma Dineen - Parents of Multiples of CNY

55 Years

Nita Landes - Westside Suburban MOTC

Research Chairman

Dorene Grenci

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For this issue, I will just report on the club participation in the annual Research Survey on the NICU Experience. Like many of you, I have been in home school land, and time and computer availability are in short supply. I will have a full report ready by the next issue of the newsletter. Participation was as follows.

Clubs

Surveys

MOTC Suffolk15

WNY MoM's.....13

Nassau POMC..... 8

GRMOTC..... 3

Chemung Valley MOTC..... 3

POM of CNY..... 2

TNT of CNY..... 1

Westside Suburban MOTC.....1

Schenectady MOTC..... 0 (Members confirmed that no one had multiples in the NICU.)

Total 46

I received 30 surveys on Google Forms and 16 by email or on paper.

The State Rep. for MOTC Queens reported that they received no surveys or feedback from their members. I did not hear anything from the Southern Tier MOTC. The nature of the survey limited the number of members who could participate. I appreciate everyone who took the time to complete a survey. I will be reporting the results very soon.

Stay healthy,

Doreen Grenci



Recording Secretary

Michele Camilleri

MOTC Queens

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This has been an interesting and unbelievable year filled with so many changes and disruptions. I hope that all of you and your families have been enjoying good health.

All the minutes from the 2019 State Meeting as well as the 2019 Midterm Board Meeting have been created and distributed. The Saturday General Meeting Minutes and the Midterm Board Meeting Minutes which were sent out in January will be reviewed at the 2021 Saturday General Meeting.

Please consider taking on this position. It is not a difficult job but soon many are afraid to take on the task of note taking. The procedure manual guides you through the process and there are many past recording secretaries that are more than willing to review the process. The minutes are captured on a tape recorder, this allows you to review and note in more detail what was discussed. Minutes Approval and the president reviews the minutes and once complete they are distributed to the Executive Board and Member Clubs for corrections. All of this helps you learn more about the organization and may encourage you to reach higher. Consider becoming the recording secretary for this wonderful organization.

Michele Camilleri

Archivist

The Archivist is the keeper of the history of the organization. These include papers from the planning of the first state meeting, the creation and implementation of the Marie Simmons Scholarship, copies of the Board & Member Clubs' Directories, the President's Letter which would come to be known as the Presidential Papers, Treasurer's Books, Vouchers, the recordings of the meetings as well as the minutes of all the meetings and correspondences of every position that has existed on the Executive Board. There are many photos that tell the story of our organization as well as plaques of contest winners, convention booklets and Third Calls. The files are available for review should you need anything in the course of your work.

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My responsibilities are editing, typing and distributing the Presidential Papers, the official newsletter of the State Organization. Each issue of the newsletter is sent via electronic mail to the members of the Executive Board, the member clubs' President and State Representative.

I kept a tally of the state reps who sent me articles for the Presidential Papers, in preparation for my report for the Super State Rep award.

The Vice President (Lisa Cartini) sent me copies of the clubs' stats forms. I've Prepared the club's directory and published in the Sep/Oct 2019 issue of the Presidential Papers. I've also worked with the president Susie Smith to create the calendar for the upcoming club year.



MSS Scholarship Winners

Thank you very much for the honor of receiving one of the Marie Simmons Scholarships this year. I greatly appreciate the time you spent reviewing my application. I know that this Scholarship your organization offers honors the life of a well-respected and dedicated member, and I will do my best to honor her memory with reaching my goal of becoming a Social Worker/ Chemical Dependency Counselor. My personal challenge is to help people help themselves.

Your monetary gift will help me reach my challenge!!!

Thank you,

Emily Martinec

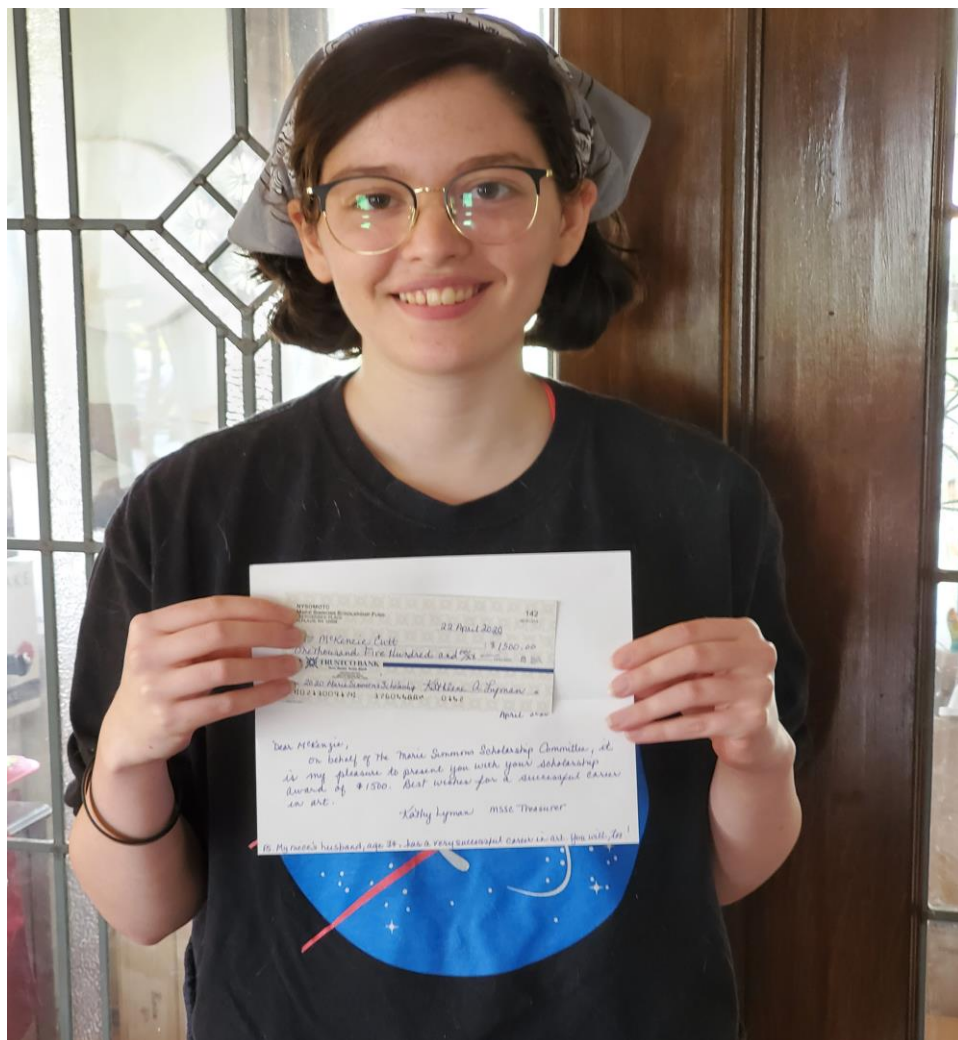
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Hello! My name is McKenzie Cutt. I'm currently a sophomore at Montserrat College of Art in Massachusetts. I would like to say thank you so much for granting me a scholarship. When I first decided to go to art school my family was accepting and encouraging, but not everyone I've met has been so understanding about my choice. I've been told many times that I should study and get a "real job" first, before chasing something I love doing, so I want to honestly thank you all for not doing the same. When I first applied for this scholarship, I honestly did not think I'd win simply because of the fact that I go to art school and not what would be considered a typical college; and I have never been so happy to be proven wrong.

This money is going to be a huge help with purchasing supplies for classes; the expenses of which pile up easily and can become hard to deal with when in school. It will allow me to put my all into my projects and have the ability to follow my ideas without having to worry about the burden of how I will pay for the supplies I need. This can be a really big obstacle when you have an idea in your head that you are determined to chase.

I appreciate this organization so much for all it does with providing support to mothers of multiples. My mother has been a part of the organization for years, and it has really helped her out in not only finding a community but also with building lasting friendships. I have many memories from when I was younger of going to GRMOTC's club activities. Without her involvement in the local club she may not have become a part of this organization. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for this gift.



Club Reports

Chemung Valley - This our Christmas shenanigans picture!



WESTSIDE SUBURBAN MOTC:

Nita Landes has been home from the hospital for quite some time now and is reportedly doing well. After her hospital stay, she was briefly at her daughters; but wanted to be in her own home.

The March Meeting was conducted via Zoom and was fairly well attended.

Despite no convention this year, plans for the baskets, lottery tickets and other business was all discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbi Cudney/Karyn Audicki,

State Reps.