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Just a Reminder...

NOVEMBER 2019

- 1- MSS Scholarship Fundraiser packets mailed to member clubs
- 4- 3rd Call review finalized with State Meeting Chairman
- 12- November/December Presidential Papers distributed

DECEMBER 2019

- 1- Third Call distributed and published on Website
- 3- Midterm Minutes corrections due back to Recording Secretary
- 10- Newsletter articles due to the Editor – include MSS application deadline, contests entry forms and info, Proposed Amendments to Bylaws/Standing Rules, List of Executive Board Positions, MSS Calendar Fundraiser reminder

JANUARY 2020

- 1- Clubs begin discussing Hosting 2022 State Meeting
- 14- January/February Presidential Papers distributed

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President's Letter

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Happy Holidays everyone!

I'm not sure how the year has flown by already and that the holiday season is upon us! I always say to myself that I'm going to do my holiday shopping early and get it done and not have to worry about it by the time the season is here.... but that never seems to work out for me. Shopping online makes it much easier to do that, but I do like going to the actual store now and then :)

So... our Midterm meeting has come and gone. As always, it's wonderful to see everyone and catch up with some people. There were a few people missing due to some unfortunate passings over the weekend - Sharon Atti with the loss of her mother on Friday and Renie Cutt with the loss of her father on Saturday. Nancy Converse also fell ill over the weekend and was not able to make it. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of them through these difficult days.

We had a productive Midterm meeting...and it ended early too!!! At the meeting, one of 2020's Convention Chairs gave us a sneak peek into some of the great things they have planned for April. Third Call will be out in December, so please read through it and consider attending. For those people who may be attending for the first time, it's a great way to meet MoMs from all over the state and form friendships. It's also given you a chance to get to know your local club MoMs better also.

This is the last issue for 2019. I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year! Best wishes for a great 2020!!

Sincerely,

Susie Smith, President



Executive Board

Season Greetings!

Midterm is over and we are halfway through the year. Thank you to everyone who attended and thanks to Michèle Szatkowski and Shirley Savage coordinating the meeting this year. I'm happy that this year's meeting was not as lengthy as last year, and we were able to be done early. It's quite a drive for some of us to get to this meeting each year (4 hours for the Suffolk ladies) so it was nice to be home not super late at night.

I think overall the meeting was quite productive. As we've discussed at the meeting, those who did not have State Reps at the meeting, please go back to them and have them review the Super State Rep Points and make any suggestions for changes to Lisa Cartini. Also, as a reminder to all who attended and did not have a written report submitted to Minutes Approval or for the Officers, please be sure to write up a report and submit it to Michèle Camilleri as soon as possible.

As this issue is the last issue of 2019, I sincerely wish you and all of your family, the warmest wishes for a great holiday season and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Susie Smith, President

Vice President's Report

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What a great midterm meeting we just had. It was great to see so many State Reps in attendance and for those of you who couldn't make it, we missed you. Suzie did an excellent job keeping things moving and had our business complete early! Kudos to her! While it may have ended early there was a lot of business that was conducted. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

One item of business that was discussed was the idea of adjusting the Super State Rep point system. You can find the current point system in your State Rep packet. While Suzie and I coordinate this, we would like to have your input as well. Any suggestions from the current State Reps or past State Reps would be appreciated. Just send me an email at lcartini@twengy.rr.com.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Joyous New Year

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The current version of the Procedure Manual is available to the Executive Board Members and to the Member Clubs via the website: www.nysomote.org. For password information or questions, feel free to contact me or our Webmaster - Michèle Szatkowski.

I wish each of you and your family much joy, love and peace this holiday season and may 2020 bring all continued blessings.

Warmest regards!
Myriam Lavora

COQUITO/ Caribbean-style Eggnog

1 can Goya Coconut Milk or Cream
1 can Carnation Evaporated Milk
1 can Condensed Milk
1-2 Tbsp Vanilla
Puerto Rican Rum (optional)
Cinnamon for garnish

Prep:

Place first 4 ingredients into blender and blend 1-2 minutes. If using rum, slowly add to taste and blend again. Chill until cold. Before serving, shake well and serve in shot glasses. Garnish with a cinnamon stick or a sprinkle of cinnamon or add a sprig of Rosemary (looks like the needles of an evergreen tree)

MSS Comm. Chair

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Marie Simmons Scholarship Chairman

Hello everyone,

I understand that we had a very productive Midterm Meeting. So sorry I was unable to be there. Fall is here, winter for some of us and the students are busy studying. Please remind them about the Marie Simmons Scholarship.

Students can request the application from me starting now and begin to collect all the requirements. The deadline for submission is February 20th so it is best for them to begin now and not wait until the hustle and bustle of the final exams and the holidays.

We are fortunate to give away 2- \$1,500 scholarships in April of 2020 to 2 students who meets the criteria below. Your students can contact me via email at lindagolds@hotmail.com or linda_m_goldsworthy@uhe.com. * note my work email is Linda (underscore)m(underscore) goldsworthy@ uhe.com.

On behalf of the MSS Committee, we look forward to reviewing all the applicants and awarding 2 scholarships at the convention in April.

Checklist for Eligibility

1. An unmarried offspring who lives at home with their parent or legal guardian. The parent or legal guardian must currently reside in New York State and has for the last five years.
2. Applicant must be a high school graduate or equivalent and completed at least one term of post-secondary education. A GPA of 2.50 or higher is required.
3. Attached application must be completed and returned.
4. A complete personal resume is required. It should include all work history, education, plus involvement in any extracurricular activities, clubs, civic or community service.
5. At least two letters of recommendation that state the strengths and character of the applicant. The name, address, and phone number of the person writing the recommendation, as well as, the nature of the relationship and the length of time the applicant is known by said individual must be included.
6. Official sealed copies of academic transcripts from High School, College, or other accredited educational institutions attended. If the Applicant is a college Junior, Senior or Post Graduate, the High School Transcript is not needed.
7. Applicant must submit a 250-400 word essay. The title must be "How Higher Education Will Affect My Future." The essay must be typewritten, double-spaced and printed on white paper only.
8. Copies of Birth Certificates for the applicant and the multiple birth children (to verify multiple birth family status).
9. All documents need not be sent at the same time but must be postmarked no later than February 20th. In the lower left hand corner of all envelopes it must be written, "To be opened by the MSS Chairman only."

All required documents will need to be to me by February 20, 2020

On behalf of myself and the MSS Committee, thank you.

Linda Goldsworthy 315-657-3222

MSS Committee Chairman

**“RETURN TO THE FUN IN 2021”
FIRST CALL
2021 NYSOMOTC STATE MEETING**

FIRST CALL

Hosting Club: The Parents of Multiples Club of CNY

Location: Embassy Suites By Hilton Syracuse, 6646 Old Collamer Road, East Syracuse, New York 13057.

Dates: Thursday, April 29th through Sunday, May 2nd, 2021.

Room Reservations: \$119.00 for a double or king. All rooms are a suite complete with a refrigerator and microwave. 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. Reservations include breakfast and a “Manager’s Reception” from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.



Club Scrapbook Contest

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NYSOMOTC

Club Scrapbook Page Contest

2020 State Convention

"Friendship In Focus"

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 2020 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 your registration packet.





Librarian

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Most of our members are mothers who are learning or have had to learn how to adjust to a multiple birth. But there are many of us long standing members who are now becoming "Grand Parents" to multiples. My report this month is about books for them. Many are panicking and becoming confused about what to do with two or more. Read on.....

#1) **The Grandparents hand book** is by Elizabeth Laben. This book is a must have as it gives tips, advice and lots of information on how to keep the kids controlled while showing love and making memories.

#2 **How to baby sit a Gram Ma and a Grand Pa** is by Jean Reagan. If your kids are not used to having their grandparents babysitting them then this wonderful book that will ease them into it. It is written for kids. This is a clever flip of roles. It tells kids how to baby sit their grandparents. It puts them in charge, teaching proper behavior. It tells them how to react to different things. An experience for everyone.

#3 **Be the best Grand Parent** by Grand Parents Association. This book gives suggestions that will bring you closer to your grandchildren. Even if you do not you have a close network of peers going through the same things or find if you are the only the grandparent in you circle of friends, you will turn to this book a lot. Good Luck.



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Since the last convention, I have written 3 articles for the Presidential Papers. In one or two of the articles, I asked if anyone had any ideas for topics for the annual research survey. I received an email from Mariko Denton of WHY MoMs with a few suggestions. One of the suggestions was the NICU experience for MoMs. I asked her to elaborate explaining that I had done a survey on premature birth which had some NICU related questions. She responded a few weeks later with a well thought out list of questions that could be asked that would help clubs assist new NICU MoMs in their local area. It seemed like a topic that would work as a survey. The only drawback is that the participants would be limited to those who had multiples in the NICU. However, I think that's a common experience among our members, so there should still be a sizable number of MoMs who could participate.

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Dorcen Grnei
Research Chair

Newsletter Contest

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Once again, the NYSOMOTC will be having our annual newsletter contest. We would LOVE for every club who has a newsletter to participate. The newsletter editor needs to submit your club's October issue along with any other issue of your choice. The application is located below. Please make sure you send the registration form as well as your two newsletters by March 1st! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted by
Kristen Pace~ MOTC Suffolk
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Newsletter Contest Chairman

Judging Criteria

Overall style and visual appeal 20 points

Artwork 20 points

News & Special Articles 20 points

Officer's & Chairmen Reports 20 points

Creative & Original Writing 20 points

Nominating Chair

I hope you and your family have a Happy Thanksgiving and holiday season. Before you know it, the 2020 Convention will be here, and it will be time to usher in new members to the board! All positions are OPEN on the Executive Board as well as the standing committees. Serving on the Executive Board is a great way to learn more about NYSOMOTC. Some may think "I don't have time for that" – but there are other positions that can fit any schedule. Please consider taking on a position at the state level. If you are thinking about holding a position and have any questions, please contact me, your club president or state representative.

Submitted by,
Kristen Pace-MOTC Suffolk
Nominating Chairman

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Hello Ladies! It was wonderful to see many of you at this year's Midterm Board Meeting. Much was accomplished and it will be a busy year for us all!

This year's Multiples of America Annual Convention was held in Alexandria Virginia. The theme was a Capital Experience. This was the 59th annual convention. The Facebook page had several videos highlighting various events. This provides a view of some of the events held during the event.

Special thanks to Mary Grace for her wonderful artwork for the booklet.

The committee is still finalizing the location of the 2020 convention. It will be in the Louisiana or Texas area. An announcement is expected soon. The possibility of holding the annual convention as a cruise is being explored for 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Broussau

HAPPY

Thanksgiving



State Meeting Liaison

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Hello Ladies! Convention 2019 is in the books and I have many great memories from the weekend! I am really looking forward to next year's convention in Buffalo! The ladies have some great things planned! As liaison I am here to answer any questions or bounce ideas off – what worked well, what didn't work well were in the final report that was handed out at Midterm. Any way I can be of assistance both Kathy L and I will be here to help!

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Broussau



Where are they now?

If you are wondering how some of the scholarship recipients are doing...Look no further! We have some updates here!

Update on Hollie Cartini:

Hollie was a recipient of the Marie Simmons Scholarship in 2018. She graduated from Keuka College Summa Cum Laude in 2018 with her bachelor's degree and continued for her master's in social work. She completed her Masters at Keuka College in 2019 and had several job offers upon graduation and is now working for Liberty Resources in Syracuse. She works with children from elementary school age up to high school age. She truly enjoys what she is doing and was very grateful to have received the scholarship.

Update on Alex Stachowski:

Dear family and friends,

I am writing to you let you know about my plans post-graduation. Through discernment, God has led me to an amazing organization called Heart's Home. Heart's Home provides a ministry of presence to communities across the world. I have been placed in La Ensenada, Peru to help serve their community. In May I graduated from The University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Film, Television and Theatre and now, my plan is to leave this August and serve this ministry for 15 months.

God has given me so much and therefore; I want to give back an element of what I have received. While I am there, I will be serving those who are less fortunate and in need including the orphans, the disabled, the elderly, the imprisoned and so many others. This will be done either through the home where I will be living or while visiting institutions and places of suffering outside our neighborhood. Overall, the open community life, simple living and a daily prayer routine were attractive to me as I thought it would help provide a good foundation for the ministry I will be undertaking.

Financial support is important, but I am asking for spiritual support as well. I ask if you will keep me in your prayers and in return, I will keep you in mine. Heart's Home suggests a decade of the rosary every day. The rosary and Our Lady are very important to us, and we strongly believe that She helps our mission in a very unique way. However, you are the ultimate decider on how you want to pray, I just ask that you commit to a daily or weekly prayer to help assist me before, during and after mission.

The last element of this mission I would like to mention is that I will be writing a letter to you every two-three months to keep you updated and provide you with news from the people I will be serving. As a result, you will become a vital part of my mission and will make a difference not only in my life, but also; the lives of those whom I plan to serve.

This is just the beginning of the journey God has planned and I cannot wait to share my experiences with you all. Any support given is much appreciated and you will continue to be in my heart, thoughts and prayers on this road ahead. Thank you again for considering my request and God Bless.

With love,

Alexa Stachowski

Alexa Stachowski



State Rep Reports

We started our year out with a Fall painting party! We went to Pam Reussow's house and her daughters set up a great evening for us. We all made "Fall Themed" wooden wall hangings. It was a great night!!

Thanks,
Lori Connolly
GRMOTC State Rep



MOTC Suffolk held a Children's Fall Social Hogdown on October 13th at the Coram Fire Dept. It looks like a little too much fun was had by some!



WNY MoMs has kicked off the club year and hit the ground running full speed. We are very busy planning for the 2020 State Convention, but we have had fun doing some other activities too! To wrap up summer we held our annual Summer Luncheon at the end of August. In September, families gathered at Blackman Farms for Apple picking. We held our semi-annual Clothing and Toys sale where we also had a basket raffle and bake sale. Our book club read *We Were Liars* by Emily Lockhart. Five of our members traveled to Vestal, NY for our State Midterm Meeting.

-Phoebe Kannisto

WNY MoMs State Representative



On Sunday, Oct. 27th, the Westside Suburban MOTC held a 50th Anniversary Luncheon of the founding of this club. Held at the home of Michelle French from 1 to 3 pm, the club invited past members to share the camaraderie, friendships and memories spanning 50 years. Great food, company and milestones were enjoyed by all. Our founder, Nita Landes was in attendance and received flowers. Thank you to Michelle French for hosting this fabulous time, and to the Anniversary Committee for their planning and organizing efforts. The reminiscing of the past, present and future of the club were greatly enjoyed.

Sincerely,
Barbi Cudney
State Rep.

