



Presidential Papers



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Just a Reminder...

SEPTEMBER 2019

- 1 Hotel reservations made for Midterm Meeting; 2019 State Meeting Minutes distributed; Nominating Chairman mails Questionnaire and Resume Forms to Executive Board;
- 10 September/October Presidential Papers distributed
- 15 \$15 late fee applied to unpaid clubs; Vice President notifies the Club's President & State Reps

OCTOBER 2019

- 1 Midterm meeting registrations due to Chairman; Agenda items and expense vouchers due to President; Resume forms due to Nominating Chairman
- 7 Midterm meeting reports due to Webmaster
- 23 Newsletter articles due to the Editor

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

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President's Letter

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Greetings everyone!

I'm not sure how September is already here....this year is flying by! I hope that everyone who has school-age children had a great first day back to school! James & Christopher just turned 10 in July are entering 5th Grade this year....their last year in elementary school ☹ It feels like only yesterday they started Kindergarten. I hope that everyone has a great school year!

With summer winding down, fall is around the corner....which means it's almost time for our Midterm meeting. We are going back to the Quality Inn in Vestal on October 19th. The deadline for booking a room was September 1st and don't forget to register by October 1st. Midterm is a great way to gain some insight on how all these lovely ladies help keep our organization running. While it's one day meeting, it is always a productive day. Once again, this year, we have some new faces on the Executive Board and I'm excited to be working with all of you.

I wish all the kids going back to school the best of luck this year. I know that some of the MoMs in my club are struggling with sending their kids off to Kindergarten....for all the moms out there in the same boat – it'll all be OK...they will be fine!

Sincerely, Susie Smith, President



Executive Board Letter

Happy Fall everyone!!

It's September...and fall is almost here. It's my favorite time of year – the really hot weather is leaving and the cool, crisp air is arriving ☺ It also means it back to school and the boys are entering their last year of elementary school...5th Grade! I hope that everyone has a great school year!

So...Midterm....it's coming up around the corner. It's October 19th at the Quality Inn in Vestal. Please be sure to get your reports to Michele Szatkowski by October 4th. If there are any items you would like to put on the agenda for the meeting, please be sure to let me know. For those Board Members who are new to their position, I'm hoping that you have settled into your position and have familiarized yourself with your responsibilities as indicated in your Procedure Manual. If you need any updated information for your files, you can get updated version on the website.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Midterm. For those who I don't get a chance to see at Midterm, have a wonderful fall season!!

Sincerely,

Susie Smith, President



Vice President's Report

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I can't believe summer is dwindling away and fall is upon us. I wish that January and February would go by as quick as July and August. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I know a lot of clubs take the summer off from meetings so now I hope to be receiving more club reports. Remember reports count towards points for the Super State Rep Award. Another way to earn points is to be attending the Midterm Board Meeting on Sat Oct 19th at the Quality Inn and Suites in Vestal. Not only is it a great way to visit with friends from across our state but a great deal of business is done as well. It helps prepare us for Convention as we all need to keep our "Friendships in Focus" for 2020! Hope to see you there!



As The Turtle Goes...

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The ladies of POM had their annual camping trip in Mexico, on Lake Ontario. They made no tie blankets for children to be donated to Vera House which is a battered women's shelter. This is their 3rd year donating the blankets and anticipate doing it again next year

The ladies of Westside Suburban were able to get together and do a wine tasting and a wonderful time was had by all! They also hosted a family picnic and there were many members who were in attendance. The kids all had a great time because it was a splash park and it was 90 degrees!

Greater Rochester has decided to change their leadership roles. They will no longer have a President but rather a Club Coordinator as well as Budget Coordinator instead of a Treasurer. This also applies to the new Event Coordinator, Members Coordinator and Fundraising Coordinator. They feel this will work better them as their club has gotten smaller over the years. Best of Luck to them in their new "Roles"



Treasurer's Report

Michele Szatkowski

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General Fund

April 28, 2019 – August 10, 2019

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 (10 clubs)	\$ 323.25	
Midterm Reg. (6)	\$240.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$1700.25	

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
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$799.71

CLOSING BALANCE \$ 8045.75



Treasurer's Report Continued...

Eleanor Siegel Fund April 28, 2019 – August 10, 2019

Opening Balance \$ 530.45

<i>Item</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>
2018 St. Mtg Loan Repayment	\$2000.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$2000.00	
2020 State Meeting Loan		\$2000.00
Check Order		\$ 8.58
Service Fee 6/28		\$ 3.00
Service Fee 7/31		\$ 3.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$2014.58
CLOSING BALANCE	\$ 515.87	

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Website

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.

See you in October,

Michele

Midterm Chairman

Michele Szatkowski

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Midterm 2019

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Quality Inn & Suites Vestal

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

Reservations: By September 1st, 2019

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

Reservations cut off are September 1, 2019. 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, 2019

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, mini muffins or danish, bagels, make your own waffle, waffle syrup, dry cereal, yogurt, fresh fruit, breads for toast (motel choice – oranges or bananas) motel choice breakfast meat (sausage, bacon or Canadian bacon). Coffee, hot tea, milk, juices.

Lunch: Country Fried Chicken, Stuffed Sole, BBQ Beef Brisket. Sides – Fresh Vegetable Medley, Tri-Colored Potatoes, House Salad with assorted dressings on the side, Fresh baked rolls and assorted cookies.

See you soon,
Michele and Shirley



2019 Midterm Registration Form

Name: _____ Club Name: _____

State Position Held: _____

Local Club Position Held: _____

Your Phone Number: Daytime _____ Evening _____

Email address:

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Any Dietary/Handicap Needs:

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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, 2019.

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MSSF Treasurer / Vice Chair Report

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There has been no change in the MSSF since the last newsletter. I am looking forward to the Midterm Board Meeting in October. I am sure that activity for the MSSF will increase after that meeting as our calendar fundraiser begins. Donations to the scholarship fund can be made at any time.

I hope your summer was kind to you. I did not enjoy those near 100-degree days in mid-July. I am enjoying the latter part of August. I look forward to the fall colors.

Kathy

MSSF Financial Report May 3, 2019 – August 26, 2019

Opening Balance: \$4,889.21

Income:

Registration Donation	\$ 7
2019 Calendar Fundraiser	\$50
2019 Lottery Fundraiser	\$570
Donation: Suffolk Co. MOTC	\$500

Total Income: \$1,127

Expenses:

2019 Calendar Winner (Suffolk)	\$500	<u>\$500</u>
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Closing Balance: \$5,516.21



Parliamentarian

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It's been a low-key summer for me and mine. Having the summer off allowed me the time to feel my grief which has truly come into "full bloom". It was nice to have this time to focus on my home, garden and family.

Regarding Parliamentarian issues -

As our ladies have been busy working on the 2021 State Meeting, it was discovered that the contact person at Embassy Suites left her position and apparently never locked in the dates of April 22-25, and now that time is unavailable.

According to By-Law Article IX, Section 1, a majority vote of the member clubs is needed to move the State Meeting from the last Saturday of April to an alternate Saturday. President Susie Smith called for an executive vote in order to get a new contract set for April 29-May 2.

State Reps should expect an email containing an attachment fully explaining the situation and are expected to bring that communication to their members in order for us to officially make this change.

Before we know it, I'll be traveling to midterm and look forward to seeing my state sisters.





Club Scrapbook Contest

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I have come up with a theme for the Club Scrapbook Page Contest for the 2020 State Convention!!! It was a little tougher than last year trying to find a theme that would put the thinking caps on the clubs for their entry! I do think it will be a good one! Of course, there was a lot of ideas for friendship! That might have been the problem. Too many ideas!

The 2020 State Convention is being held in Buffalo. The theme is "Friendship in Focus". I will report on the theme at the Mid-Term meeting. Have a great summer and see you in October.

Susan Venditti

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Research Chairman

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Summer is winding down, and it's time to think about research topics more seriously. Now that I finally planned and executed a Sweet 16 party for my daughter, Olivia, I have some time to think about research. Mariko Denton of WNY Moms reached out to me with a few ideas. She suggested a survey about the NICU experience which would ask MoMs who had babies in the NICU what they would have found to be helpful in terms of support and information. Another suggestion from her that I'm considering is a survey regarding methods of tick and mosquito protection (chemicals vs. more natural methods). Another topic I had considered last year is birthdays (gifts, cakes, invites, etc.) and how you handle them with multiples. I'll be looking into these topics as we approach Midterm. Try to enjoy the remaining days of summer, and I'll see you soon.

Twincereely,

Doreen Grenci

Hi Ladies, I was still in Buffalo for the deadline of the last issue for this newsletter so I could not put in an article... So finally, here goes....

Below are 2 good books for expecting moms!

1) **You can Two! – The twins preparation essential guide** by Jennifer Bonicelli and Megan Hertzfield. These authors say, "just don't *survive* twin parenting – *thrive* every step of the way". With practical strategies and their advice, You Can Two!

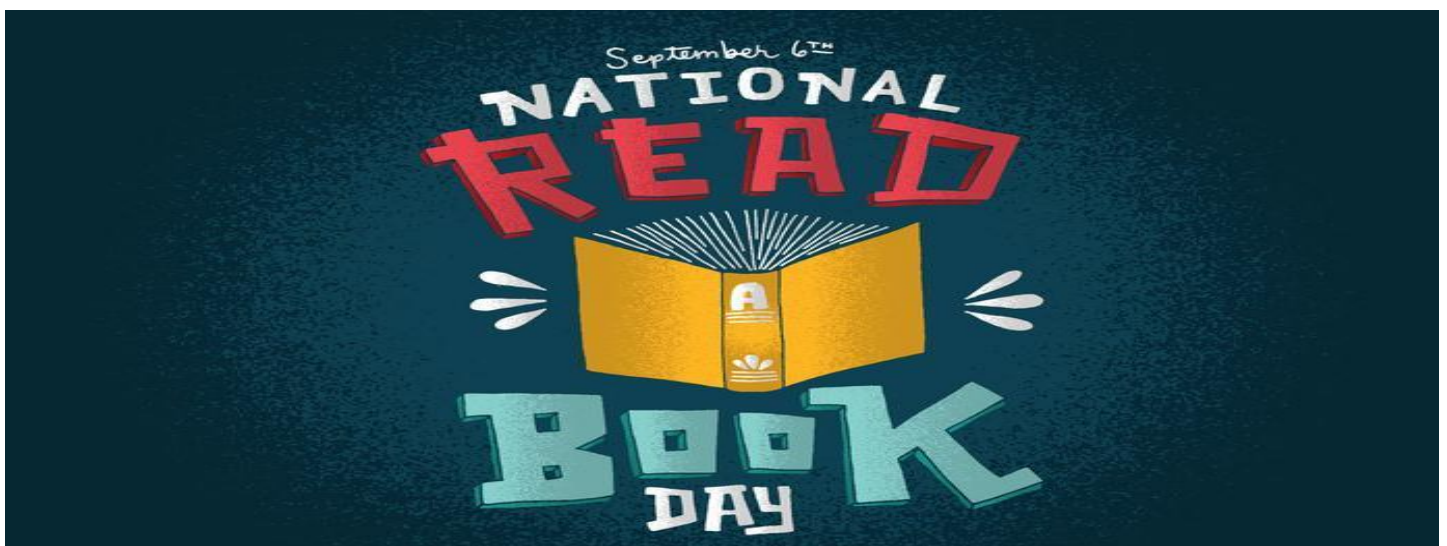
2) **Holy Sh*t I'm having Twins!** This is a definitive guide to remaining calm where you are twice as freaked out! This book was written by Elizabeth Lyons and is in its 3rd edition. Her books are humorous yet very realistic. A good read.

For toddlers be sure to read "**Ready or Not..... Here We Go!**" A real expert guide to the toddler twin years.

Now here are 2 Non-Fiction books.

1) **American Twins of 1812** by Lucy Perhem. This book is rated 4 1/2 **** stars is as I stated, a true story about a set of boy/girl twins. You can experience history through their eyes. It is one of the most scary periods in American History. Republished in 2009. It is available on Kindle.

2) **Children of the Flames** by Lucelle Motalom Lagnado. These twins from Auschwitz Germany were put through terrible experiments by a Dr. Josef Mengele, who died while swimming in 1979. Each chapter tells about a different set of twins and what happened to them. 3000 twins in all were involved, but only 160 survived this unspeakable horror. The reviews of this book are mixed.



State Rep Reports

On July 22, 2019, the Westside Suburban MOTC held a Wine Tasting at "A Gust of Sun" in Spencerport, NY; Many members attended and tasted some excellent wines. Snacks, conversation, laughter and camaraderie were enjoyed and shared by all. It was great to see so many faces during the summer. Thank you to Debby Barton for organizing this event. Stacy Meyers is our President, speaking.



On Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019 the Westside Suburban MOTC hosted a Family Picnic at Union Station Park in Chili, NY with several members, children and 1 adult twin in attendance. The Spray Park was a huge hit in 90-degree weather!! A picnic lunch was served, and A great time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbi Cudney



WNY MoMs had an amazing summer. In June we had a farewell fiesta for our president, Lauren Lasker who moved to Cleveland. We also enjoyed a ropes course. In July we met downtown for Shakespeare In the Park. We kicked off August with a pool party. Our book club met to discuss Where The Crawdads Sing. Kids and MoMs met up for yoga class and blueberry picking and we held our annual summer luncheon!

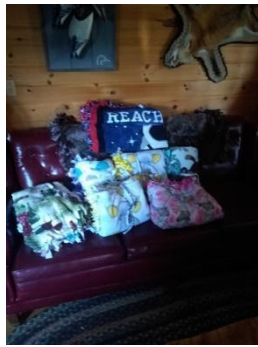


WNY MoMs
Summer



State Representative Report
August 2019
Parents of Multiples Club of CNY

We held our "May Banquet" in June at the Preserve in downtown Syracuse. We had a great night! The food, drinks and friends were wonderful! On July 19th we got together and made our plans for our Annual Girls Camping Trip. Once again, we rented a cabin on Butterfly Shores in Mexico, New York on Lake Ontario! The weather was not as cooperative as we hoped, but we still had a great time! We completed our Community Project by making fleece blankets for Vera House. Vera House employees were very grateful. We had a facial and relaxation night. I have never laughed so hard seeing our faces with the face masks on! On Saturday night we went to dinner and celebrated Lisa's and Maria's birthdays. We were able to get in some club business also. Our reservations have been made at the hotel for the 2020 State Convention! We also made plans to go to the New York State Fair. We certainly have had a busy summer! We can't wait for the 2020 State Convention in April!



Susan Venditti, State Representative
Parents of Multiples Club of CNY