



Presidential Papers



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JANUARY 2021

- 1 Clubs begin discussing Hosting 2023 State Meeting
- 12 January/February Presidential Papers distributed

FEBRUARY 2021

- 1 Midterm Meeting distributed by Recording Secretary; Mailing of credential documents to Officers, Past Presidents and Member Clubs
- 9 Newsletter articles due to the Editor; Reminders for 2021 State Meeting
- 20 MSS Applications due to MSS Chairman

MARCH 2021

- 1 2021 State Meeting Registration due; Agenda items due to President; Credentials due to Parliamentarian; Club Scrapbook Entry forms due to Chairman; Newsletter Contest entry form due to Chairman; Show and Sell Registrations due; Program booklet information due to State Meeting Chairman
- 9 March/April Presidential Papers distributed

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President's Letter

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Happy New Year everyone!

I hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays. I'm sure it's all safe to say everyone is glad that 2020 is in our rearview mirror. The holidays at the Smith household were quite nice this year and I actually had the chance to enjoy them. I feel that each year we're all so busy shopping, baking, going to parties/dinners that we don't take the time to really enjoy the holidays with family. I think 2020 taught us to slow down and enjoy the moments with family and I actually think I did that. I hope to do that more in the future :)

Now that we are officially now in 2021, Convention is right around the corner. The Officers, State Meeting Chairs and I have been meeting on Zoom to discuss Convention. Third Call will be coming out within the next month, so please keep an eye out in your email for it. As a reminder, this is an election year, so please start thinking of the possibility of taking on a position on the Executive Board as all positions will be open. If you have any question about any position, feel free to ask anyone on the Board about their position, they will be more than happy to answer them.

I know that we all miss not having Convention last year. We all miss seeing our MoMs from all over New York (and those who come in from out-of-state) last April and getting to spend time with each other. I am hopeful that we can gather in April. If we cannot, we know that Zoom is an option. Let's all stay safe out there and pray that we can see each other in-person in April.

Thank you to all the first responders trying to keep us safe!

Happy New Year!!

Sincerely,

Susie Smith, President

Executive Board

Happy New Year Executive Board!!

2020 is finally behind us!! I'm sure that a lot of us are quite happy about that. I know that 2020 has had a lot of bad moments for a lot of us, but the year also gave us a chance to slow down and enjoy time with family at home. Some may think that's a great thing...some may not - LOL.

It's almost time for Convention 2021....and it's an election year. Please be sure to submit your resume to your local Nominating Committee member or to Kristen Pace. All positions are open so if you are interested in continuing to be on the Board in any position, please be sure to complete a resume. If you have an interest in another position and have questions, please feel free to reach out to the person who currently holds the position and talk to them. I'm sure they would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

I wish you all a wonderful 2021! I am not a fan of snow...I like it to snow and then go away immediately :) So here's to hoping the winter (at least here on Long Island) is just cold and snow-free.

Hope to see you all in April!!

Sincerely,

Susie Smith, President

Vice President's Report

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What an unusual holiday season it has been. I know I will be happy when it's over. That sounds terrible and I never say that because I truly love the holidays from Halloween all the way through to New Years. I enjoy the hustle and bustle, the endless shopping for either food or presents, then wrapping said presents, doing all the decorating and I enjoy spending time with my family that I don't see day to day. This year however I'm looking forward to 2021 with hope that the terrible crisis that we have had to endure the past year will be that much closer to being over. Vaccines are on the horizon for everyone! I hope all of you can stay safe, healthy and are wearing your masks. If we all do our part, this will be over and that we can gather again in April. In the meantime, keep zooming with your clubs, sending me reports/ newsletters and State Reps, watch for opportunities to collect a point or 2 towards the Super State Rep Award

As the Turtle Goes

- ✿ While the ladies of **Westside Suburban** are still not meeting in person they are still meeting via Zoom. They are doing some fundraising by having a Sweetheart Raffle and selling squares for the Super Bowl
- ✿ A few of the ladies from **Schenectady** were able to gather for a Christmas dinner they certainly missed those who were unable to attend. They won't be gathering in January but hope to Zoom in February
- ✿ The parents in **Suffolk** will be keeping in shape this winter as they are having several winter adult hikes at area parks. As well as their annual Super Bowl Square raffle will take place
- ✿ The **Nassau** ladies livened up their holidays by having a Zoom Cocktail Class held by Linda Goldsworthy's daughter Kaleena and founder of The Bitter Bottle. I have participated in 1 of her Zoom classes and it is a lot of fun !
- ✿ **Western New York** Moms are hard at work with trying to re-plan our 2020/ 2021 convention. We could all use a little Friendship right now
- ✿ The ladies of **POM/CNY** held their Christmas gathering. They ordered food in from a small local restaurant to help support them and they stayed at the Embassy suites (Socially Distanced of course) where 2022 is planning to take place. They wanted to see the renovations 1st hand and it didn't disappoint.

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General Fund

April 20, 2020 – October 12, 2020

OPENING BALANCE \$7843.28

Item Income Expenses Dues - (9 clubs) \$ 258.25

Midterm Reg. (1) \$ 40.00

Transfer From Eleanor \$ 85.05

(2020 Membership pins)

TOTAL INCOME \$ 383.30

Recognition Experts \$ 41.85 GoDaddy (website security) \$ 260.57 TOTAL
EXPENSES \$ 302.42

CLOSING BALANCE \$7924.16

Eleanor Siegel Fund

April 20, 2020 – August 4, 2020

Opening Balance \$ 392.49

Item Income Expenses

TOTAL INCOME \$ 0.00

Transfer TO General (2020 Membership Pins) \$ 85.05

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 85.05

CLOSING BALANCE \$ 307.44

Webmaster

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 ☺

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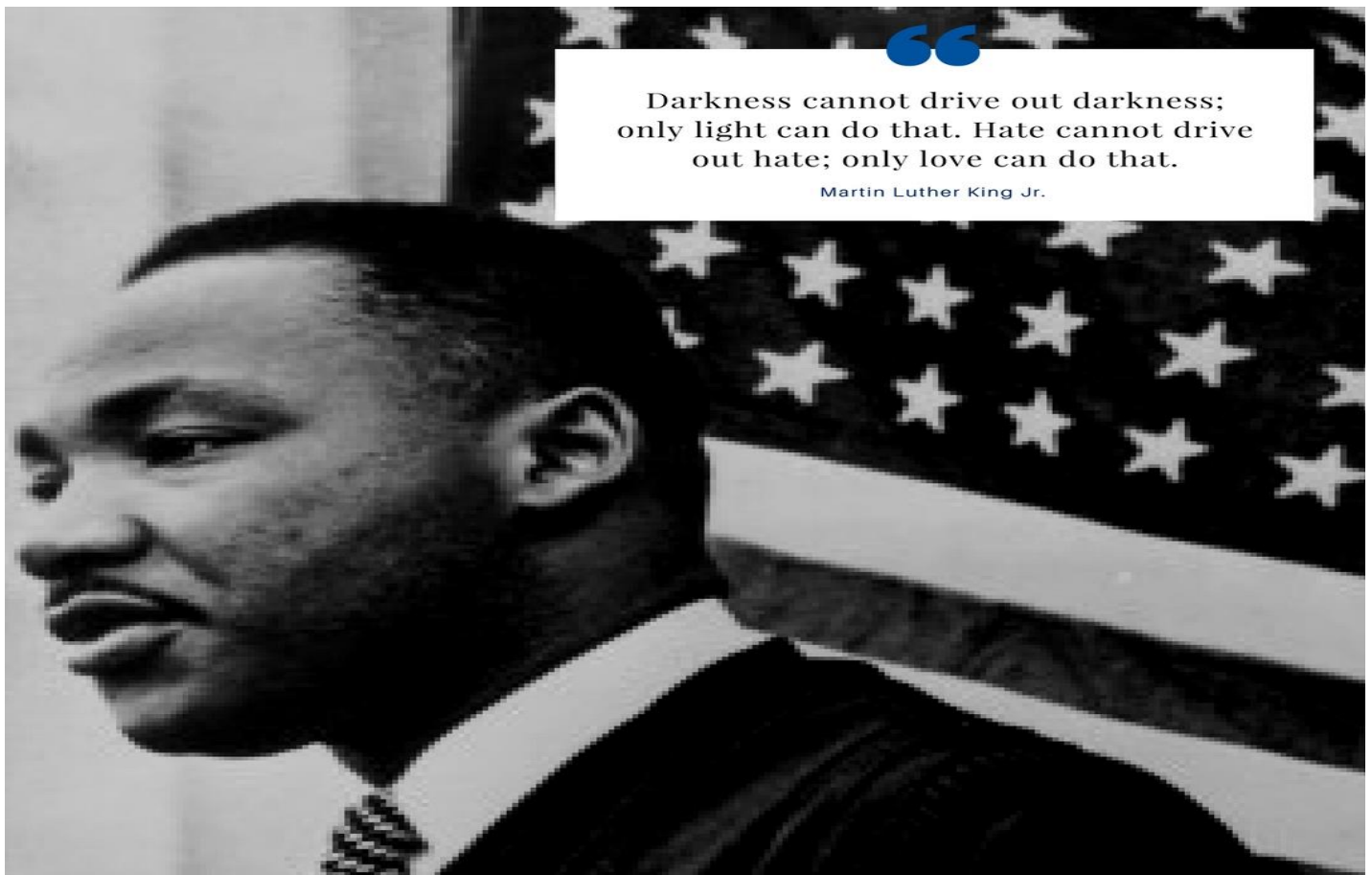
At the October Midterm Board meeting, Mary Grace Roach announced her resignation as Parliamentarian. After consulting with the officers and a vote by the Executive Board, I was appointed as the Parliamentarian to serve for the remainder of 2020-2021.

First, I would like to thank Mary Grace for her service to this organization in this capacity for the past two years. Secondly, I would like to thank the Officers and the Executive Board for their confidence in approving my appointment.

As many of you know, I served as President of NYSOMOTC and have served in a variety of roles prior to that as well as after including Parliamentarian. While the role of the Parliamentarian is not as significant as the other Officers roles, it is important in that it ensures the organization follows the rules and procedures set forth in our By Laws and Standing Rules.

One of the roles of the Parliamentarian is to send out the voting registration packets to the Officers, Past Presidents and State Reps of the member clubs for the State meeting. This includes advising of any changes to the By Laws and Standing Rules which the Executive Board has recommended and which will be brought to the membership at the State General Meeting. In years past, this information is sent on or before February 1. This year due to COVID changes with the mailing of Third Call and due dates for registration to be received by the hosting club, **the decision has been made to send the information on or before February 15.**

In closing, I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to a return to normalcy (whatever your definition of that is) in 2021.



Club Scrapbook Contest

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NYSOMOTC
Club Scrapbook Page Contest
2021 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 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 your registration packet.

CLUB SCRAPBOOK ENTRY FORM



Return the form below by March 1st to:

Susan Venditti
2020 Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chairman
27 Chaucer Circle
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
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Club Name: _____
State Rep's Name: _____
Person Responsible for the Scrapbook Page: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (_____) _____ E-Mail: _____

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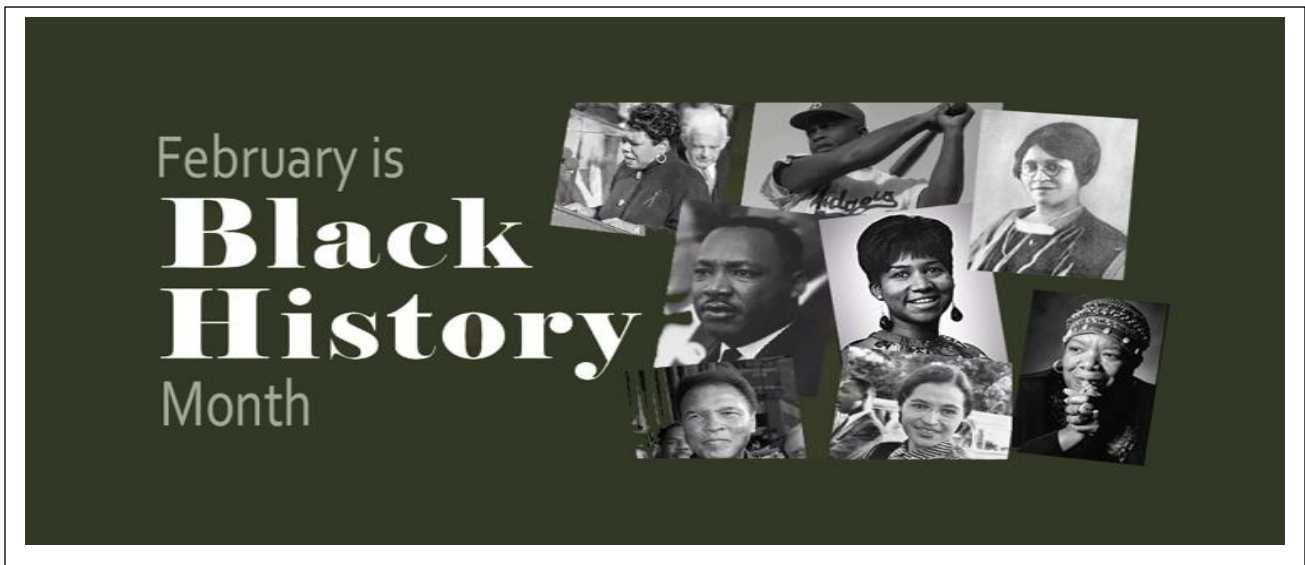
“Let The Fun” Renew In 2022”
Parents of Multiples Club of CNY

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!





MSS CHAIRMAN

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It was a pleasure to attend Midterm by Zoom this past month. It was a productive meeting for the MSS Committee, as we were able to vote on some procedure manual changes. Committee members should become familiar with the revised edition.

Congratulations to: **CATHY RENKO** of Westside Suburban, **DEBBIE BARTON** of Westside Suburban and **LESLEY LONGMCLEOD** of Suffolk County MOTC for winning the lotto raffle baskets. A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this fundraiser! Please continue to purchase lottery dates for the calendar raffle—you could win big at Convention! The MSS Scholarship Fund appreciates your support very much.

PLEASE remind your club members to spread the word about the available Marie Simmons Scholarships. At this time, we have had **NO** application requests. Students can request the application from me now and begin to collect all the required documents. The deadline for submission is February 20, 2021.

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 Postgraduate, 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.”

We are privileged to give away up to (2) \$1,500 scholarships in April of 2021 to two students of multiple-birth families who meet the criteria. Your students can contact me by email at shiradubey@gmail.com.

On behalf of the MSS Committee, we look forward to reviewing all the applications and awarding two scholarships at Convention in April.

Remember, all required documents will need to be submitted to me by February 20, 2021.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and a festive Holiday season!

Respectfully Submitted,

Shira Dubey

MSS Committee Chairman 2020-2021

2021 STATE MEETING CHAIRS

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State of Convention 2021 Report

Convention 2021 Chairpersons: Reneé Orr and Mariko Denton

Club: Western NY MoMs

Location: The Buffalo Grand Hotel (120 Church St. Buffalo, NY 14202)

When: The 56th annual NYSOMOTC Convention is scheduled to occur from Thursday, April 22nd – Sunday, April 25th

Our theme tagline for 2021 is "Reuniting for the Fun – Friendship in Focus 2021"

- The State Executive Board and 2021 Convention Co-Chairs are meeting regularly to assess local WNY and state-wide conditions of the pandemic.
 - We are monitoring the status of our vendors
 - Publication of Third Call is now scheduled for February 15th due to the ever-changing conditions from COVID-19
 - Registration will now be due March 19th
- Change to Thursday Night: Niagara Falls Tour & Dinner is cancelled due to lack of interest
 - It looks like it will be a great crowd for the other Thursday Night event – "Scandalous Tour & Dinner" in downtown Buffalo
- Western NY MoMs have published a fundraising cookbook, "Our Best Recipes", that is for sale for \$10
 - 197 recipes from our MoMs, 32 recipe-contributing members, 7 typists, and 4 cookbook committee members
 - Perfect gift for the holidays and if you're looking for a new dish to try with your family
 - Including "Unstuffed Banana Pepper Soup" recipe by our club member, Internet-famous MoMmy Food Blogger, Savory Moments (a.k.a. Amy Bartlett)
 - A sales flyer with order form is included with this article that any State Reps can use to show their club members if they are interested. Please email the order form to Mariko Denton (mcdenton81@gmail.com) if your club is interested in purchasing copies. Of course, if you just want to purchase yourself, you can email me without the order form too. Many thanks for your support!



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For the 2021 research survey, I am doing one on the topic of birthdays in families of multiples. For example, how gifts and parties are handled, and how invitations to other birthday parties are handled. I still need to figure out how to change the nature of the questions to differentiate between mothers answering for their current practices with their children and those answering from memory of past experiences and even allowing for the adult twins themselves to answer. As in years past, I will forward the survey to the State Reps. for distribution to their clubs, and members can choose to write on the survey and send back or answer the survey via Google Docs.

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Doreen Grenci



STATE REP REPORTS

November meeting of Schenectady sends Christmas cards to Veterans



Schenectady's Christmas Dinner



MOTC Suffolk Friendsgiving 2020

A few members of MOTC Suffolk gathered together shortly before Thanksgiving day to celebrate Friendsgiving at Rudi's Bar and Grill in Patchogue.

