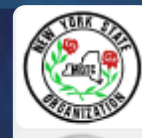




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Just a Reminder...

NOVEMBER 2020

- 1 MSS Scholarship Fundraiser packets mailed to member clubs
- 4 3rd Call review finalized with State Meeting Chairman
- 10 November/December Presidential Papers distributed
- 20 1st draft of Midterm Minutes Due to President, Parliamentarian and Minutes Approval Committee

DECEMBER 2020

- 1 Third Call distributed and published on Website
- 4 Midterm Minutes corrections due back to Recording Secretary
- 8 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 2021

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

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President's Letter

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Happy holidays everyone!

This year is flying by so fast I really honestly can't believe that it's the holiday season already. I guess that it's a good thing because I think it's safe to say that we all want 2020 to end sooner than later.

I actually am looking forward to the holidays. I love decorating for Christmas - it's a lot of work, but in the end, it looks so pretty. Now that the boys are older, they are able to help more, so that's good for us :) James is already looking forward to Christmas because as I type this, he is playing Christmas music on the Amazon Echo.

Before you know it, the new year will be upon us and we will be only a short few months away from Convention. This upcoming year is an election year since we did not have one this year, so please start thinking of the possibility of taking on a position on the Executive Board as all positions will be open. Third Call for Convention will not be coming out in December as planned. Please keep an eye out for it in early 2021.

We just finished having Midterm on October 17th via Zoom and it was very productive. It was nice "seeing" everyone, although I wish it was in person. During the meeting, Mary Grace Roach resigned from her position as Parliamentarian. After the Board had a vote, we have a new Parliamentarian to finish out the rest of the year. Ruth Barone from Greater Rochester MOTC will be filling those shoes until the end of the year. Thanks to Mary Grace for your service and welcome to Ruth!

Please stay safe and Happy Holidays to all!!

Sincerely,

Susie Smith, President



Executive Board

Hello everyone!!

I am looking forward to the holiday season. It's hard to believe it's already here. It will be nice to decorate and spend time with family (hopefully...depending on what happens with this pandemic). Although, I am not looking forward to the cold weather. I would prefer it to be the autumn weather all year round.

It was nice "seeing" some of you at Midterm. While it seemed like a long day, I think that Midterm has proven that we are able to conduct business virtually if we need to in the future. And, it saved us from spending gas and time in the car :)

Although I did mention a few times that reports were due from everyone by the deadline, there were still some missing reports, and some turned in really late. Please, please, please make sure moving forward that we stick to these deadlines. It's not fair for the Webmaster to take extra time out of her schedule to have to squeeze in all the reports that were not turned in on time.

I'd like to welcome Ruth Barone as our new Parliamentarian. I'd like to thank Mary Grace for all her work as Parliamentarian over the last two and a half years. And thank you to Ruth for taking this important position for the rest of this year.

I would like to wish you all the happiest of holidays and here's to hoping for a better 2021!!

Sincerely,

Susie Smith, President

Vice President's Report

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What a great Midterm Meeting we just had. As difficult of a decision it was to cancel the meeting in person it was a successful meeting with a lot being accomplished. Kudos to our President, Suzie. She truly has had a unique term as President. So many unprecedented things have come up and she has handled them with such grace and style. I was disappointed in the fact that we had to keep the meeting to only the Executive Board Members and couldn't have State Reps or Club Presidents attend. I do want the State Reps to know they will receive their point and it has been decided to change up the qualifications for Super State Rep Award. We hope this will be helpful. More details will follow.

Speaking of points, another way to obtain a point is to inform our Chaplain of any news regarding club members. Has someone been ill, taking care of someone who is ill, has someone passed away or maybe had a baby? Let Joanne know. You can email her or mail her the form that can be found in the procedure manual. Joanne Czajkowski 3774 Rt 31 Apt 412 Liverpool, NY 13090

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Keep those reports coming! Stay safe, keep your masks on and enjoy your Holidays

As the Turtle Goes

- ✿ Congratulations to Karyn Hudgeki for holding her 1st meeting with Westside Suburban as their President. It was a successful evening with wonderful food from Barton's
- ✿ The POM ladies were thrilled to have Linda back in the state!! They were able to finally see her after such a long time apart
- ✿ Nassau recently sent their members a survey asking about traditional events in non traditional ways. They know they can't have their big fundraisers but are trying to figure out new ways to adjust
- ✿ Even though the children's events were cancelled for Suffolk, they have still found a way to keep the kids entertained. They are having a Children's Pumpkin Contest all of Oct where they will post their pictures on their Facebook page in 3 different categories. They will also have a Trunk or Treat
- ✿ The ladies of WNY held their 1st meeting of the year in a school parking lot and will decide how to continue to meet in the upcoming weeks as the weather will change soon. They are also planning a pumpkin picking day with the children. Sounds like a great afternoon
- ✿ Chemung had their 1st Zoom meeting and are anticipating doing a virtual Christmas party



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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



Midterm Chairman

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As you all know midterm was to be held in at the Quality Inn & Suites Vestal. Due to Covid we had to cancel the meeting. We are here to today using the awesome technology that is available to us. Who knew 20/30 years ago that someday we would not even need to leave our house to hold a meeting, that everyone could attend and participate on one call together?

I do not have an exact count of how many members are with us today. Normally I would have the number of Past Presidents, Executive/Board positions represented, State Reps and Club Presidents in attendance. Maybe in my next report, after this meeting I can get some of those facts from when we take roll call.

October 2021 we are still planning to hold the Midterm meeting in Vestal. As we get closer to that time, we will have more details for you.
Hope you all enjoy today via Zoom!!

Thank you,
Michèle and Shirley



Webmaster

I have fallen behind on some things with the website as I was having issue with my computer. I have since had this taken care of and will get back to updating. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused anyone.

Need a form? Need information about a meeting?? Need minutes or the newsletter??? Click on into our website to find everything you need!!! nysomote.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, Michèle ☺

MSS Scholarship VP/ Treasurer

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Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund – Financial Report Kathlene Lyman - Treasurer/Vice Chairman April 21, 2020- October 26, 2020

Opening Balance: \$5,849.21

Income:

Donation: Suffolk Co MOTC \$500

2020 Lottery Ticket Fundraiser \$858

Donation: K. Lyman \$ 50

Total Income: \$1,408

Expense:

Calendar Fundraiser Winners – \$500
(Suffolk Co MOTC)

Closing Balance: \$6,757.21

(Note: There is still one \$1500 check to be written.)

I was so impressed with the smoothness of the 2020 Midterm Meeting. President Susie Smith provided excellent leadership. Being able to respond to the polls in such speed was a plus. I am confident that this wonderful organization will continue to provide support, opportunities for growth, and tons of fun! Please be safe during this unusual period of history!

Kathy





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

“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!



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 1st, 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 your registration packet.

Club Scrapbook Entry Form



Return the form below by March 1st to:

Susan Venditti
2020 Club Scrapbook Page Contest Chairman
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Club Name: _____
State Rep's Name: _____
Person Responsible for the Scrapbook Page: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (_____) _____ E-Mail: _____

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Research Chairman

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Well we just recently returned from the virtual Midterm meeting in Zoom land. It was pretty similar to my kitchen table. Although not as fun as having everyone together in person, we were still able to get all the club's business done. For the 2021 research survey, I proposed to the board 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 had originally proposed distributing the surveys to club members with multiples from birth to 18 years of age, so as not to confuse answers that were current practice with past memories. Since people with multiples of all ages wanted to participate, I will be figuring out how to change the nature of the questions to differentiate between the two. Also, I had a suggestion from someone about adding a question on giving experiences vs. physical presents. Be on the lookout in your email for this survey sometime in the next month.

Also, at midterm, I was able to present a summary of the results of the 2020 survey on The NICU Experience of MoMs. Since I was unable to present it at Convention, I presented it at the Midterm meeting. I have also distributed it to the State Reps. to forward on to all the members. I wrote the report in Google Forms this year. Please let me know if you have any issues opening it. Some people have had to ask me for permission to open. I don't know why this only happens sometimes. Please report any problems with viewing the report.

Twineerely,

Dorene Grenei



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Happy Fall Y'all! It was nice seeing many of you at our Zoom Midterm Conference in October. I hope you and your families are happy, healthy and safe and that you can hopefully enjoy your holiday season with them, whether in person or virtually. I am very thankful to be a member of this fantastic club and look forward to another great year.

All positions will be **OPEN** on the Executive Board as well as the standing committees for next year. Serving on the Executive Board is a great way to learn more about NYSOMOTC. Please consider taking on a position at the state level. Your club's state representative should have received an email from one of the committee members of a blank resume. If you are thinking about holding a position, please complete the resume and send it back to me. As always, if you have any questions, please contact me, your club president or state representative.

Submitted by,
Kristen Pace-MOTC Suffolk
State Nominating Chairman



Happy Chanukah!

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. This position will be open next year, so if you are interested in joining the NYSOMOTC board and have any questions about this position, please feel free to ask!

Respectfully submitted by
Kristen Pace~Suffolk MOTC
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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

2021 Newsletter Contest Entry Form

Deadline for submission is March 1, 2021

Mail to: Kristen Pace 70 Westbridge Drive Holbrook, NY 11741

Or email kpace825@optonline.net

Club Name: _____
 State Rep's Name: _____
 State Rep's email: _____ Phone: _____
 Editor's Name: _____
 Editor's email: _____ Phone: _____



State National Liaison

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Hello Ladies!

As you may know the 60 th Annual Multiples of America Convention was to be held in July but due to the ongoing COVID19 situation, it has been cancelled. This message from President Brenda Roser:

“In accordance with our bylaws, while we cannot conduct convention, we still have the ability to vote and carry out the critical and necessary business of our organization which would include the proposed budget, election of officers, and any proposed bylaws or amendments. We are currently reviewing the best options to provide information by virtual means with a platform for discussion and will share this information as soon as we have it available”

The 61 st Annual Multiples of America Convention will be held in San Antonio.

There was a survey to vote on renaming the Notebook.

National is looking for volunteers to assist with their many activities. Any member in good standing with their local club is eligible to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Broussau



2019 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 & I will be here to help!

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Broussau



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It was great to see some of you at midterm. I am looking forward to the convention in April. As I thought you might forget the basket theme you signed up for last year, I thought I would refresh your memories. Here is the list:

School and Beyond - MOTC Suffolk

Lunch with a Friend - Southern Tier MOTC

Friendship Garden - Westside Suburban

Thank You for Being a Friend - MOTC Queens

Traveling Together - POM of CNY

Surprise!!! - WNY MOMs

A Real Treasure - TNT of CNY

Lucky Me - Nassau County Parents of Multiples

Turtle Friends - GRMOTC

Tea for Two - Ruth Barone

Girls Night Out - Schenectady MOTC

These all have to do with Friends, I will have tags for your baskets and the collection bags with the basket name and club name. Please make sure to leave a note so I'll know what basket yours is.

As I have many, many packages of pens, as well as some of mechanical pencils and highlighters, these will be on sale for \$1 each to make up for our lost year of revenue. It was suggested that if others have small items that could be sold for this purpose, they could be put on this table,

See you in April!!



Procedure Manual Chair

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Greetings to all!

2020 has not turned out to be the kind year that we would have normally hoped for. The often used term “challenging” somehow still falls short to accurately describe all that has impacted our world, both in negative but also, in positive ways.

Despite the many concerns and limitations these months have brought upon us, the State Organization is functioning as best it can, under the strong leadership of President Susie, with the support of the Officers and the Executive Board members. The recent virtual Midterm Meeting was very productive. The discussions included pending updates to the Treasurer’s procedures, the Super State Rep Award guidelines, and some recommended changes for the MSS Committee procedures.

The revisions will be distributed to the Officers, Archivist and to the Webmaster, to post on the website’s Procedure Manual. For passwords or questions contact me or Webmaster - Michèle Szatkowski.

My end-of year wish for you and your family is one of Love, Health and a Joy-filled holiday season. And...a much better 2021 for all.

Warmest regards!

Myriam Lavora



Membership Pins

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Each day we get closer and closer to our 2021 Convention in Buffalo! I am hoping, as I am sure you all are, that WNJMoMs will be able to host the State Convention like we used to-in person!

As registration gets closer so do my responsibilities as Membership Pins Chairman. About two weeks after our Registration Chairman receives all registrations in March, she then sends me a spreadsheet of the attendees. This is when I do my intricate tabulating to determine who will receive 1st Time Attendee recognition and who will receive pins for convention attendance for 5 years, 10 years, etc. I do find this to be an exciting part of the job as I am able to know first who has reached milestones of attendance. I also contact those members who achieve to reach 20, 25, etc., years to send me a reflection summary to be read before their pin is awarded.

Due to the fact that our April 2020 State Convention was via Zoom, I will be reading the reflection summaries and awarding all pins for 2020 at the 2021 Convention as well as the reflection summaries and pin awards for 2021. Get ready for a “multiple” ceremony!



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Happy Fall ladies.

Here we are.....still in these uncertain times. Truly...who would have thought we would still be so limited 7 months later!

Although this has been a year of challenges and sadness, it has also been a year of triumphs. I have finally retired from my day job after more than 30 years with the City of Rochester. We have also been able to get back into classes at the dance studio, and I am now the office manager. With that, I'm currently trying to learn the ins and outs of QuickBooks On-line! I've got the basics down, but it's the non-everyday tasks that have me a bit stumped. If anybody knows of a good on-line, not toooo expensive QuickBooks course....let me know!!

Kids are doing well! McKenna has finished her Radiation Therapy program and has a job at a radiation clinic in New Hartford (near Utica). On top of that, she is also teaching dance at two different studios a couple nights a week. Both are close to her work and new apartment! McKenzie is back at school in Beverly, Mass. Along with her art classes, she also works on the school's website. Things are going well there. Thankfully, it's a small campus and able to properly distance when doing in-person classes. Michaela (the oldest) is still living in Salt Lake City. She took and passed her RN Exam and is now actively seeking an RN position on a Labor and Delivery unit. Her dream position is to be a NICU nurse.

As I write this, we just participated in our Midterm meeting via Zoom. Kudos to President Susie for a job superbly done! My role as Advisor has been calm thanks to not having in- person meetings. I have been there for President Susie with advice mainly regarding the times we are in. Other than that...not much is happening!

With that said, I wish you all safe times, stay well and I do hope to see everybody in person in April!

With happy thoughts and happy air hugs,
Renig Cutt





Michèle Camilleri

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This year has been an interesting and unbelievable experience for everyone. We have now "Zoomed" through two meetings and have not met in person for a year! For me this was the first time in 29 years that I did not go to the Binghamton area for Midterm. All week pictures of past Midterm Meetings have been popping up on my Facebook page. So many faces in the pictures appear every year some come and go but through it all it is the sisterhood of our organization we celebrate as much as the work we accomplish. We are going with the flow as we meet virtually but it is the dreams of our founders that inspire us to continue. I hope to see everyone in Buffalo in April where we can elbow bump if not hug! Wishing you all the best and a healthy season.
Michèle





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Hi Everyone! Happy Holidays to you all. My apologies for missing the previous newsletters. Family matters just took time away from me. They are not over with yet. Hopefully in the next 10 months they will be. With what has been going on with Covid I decided to find books that are geared towards our little ones hoping they will help them understand what is going on. I found lots but chose these four (4) for a good start. The last one listed is the best. All books are full of cute drawings that further explain things. They can be found at your local bookstore and online. Enjoy!!

1) **Lucy's mask for children** - by Lisa Thompson

Lucy's mom is busy making masks for everyone and Lucy wonders what they are. Her mom explains and then tells her she can pretend to be special people when she plays with her mask on. She could be a Pirate, Explorer, Nurse or a Superhero. Soon Lucy is thinking of other people to be.

2) **The love behind the MASK** - by Lizzy Toth

A little boy misses things now..... like soccer and visits with grandma etc. He was afraid of people wearing masks and then learns that they are wearing them because they care.

3) **Social Distancing King** - by Eric Desio

This book explains social distancing in simple terms. It mentions mask wear and having fun while doing that.

4) **A little spot stays home** - by Diane Alber

Best Books like this one explains things to kids in easy words for young children. It talks about what germs are, why people get sick, why washing your hands a lot is important, as well as wearing a mask. Other topics include importance of workers to help all people and most important - the feelings kids might have about it all. To me this book really sums it up.

State Rep Reports

WESTSIDE SUBURBAN MOTC NEWS

On Thursday September 3rd an installation ceremony and picnic was held at the backyard of Karyn Hudgeki's home. It was well attended; pictures attached. Dining was available from Bartons' Parkside Flots, owned by Debby and Jim Barton. Their food is delicious. The members were able to order and eat food right there, contributing to the picnic atmosphere. State of officers: Karyn Hudgeki, President, Stacy Meyers, Vice President, Meredith Kallfelz, Secretary and Cindy Sanger, Treasurer. It was a great meeting for all who attended.

Thanks to Karyn Hudgeki and Krissy Bird for the pictures; thanks to Debby Barton for the Bartons Parkside Flots for the picnic.

Twineergly,

Barbi Cudney and Krissy Bird

State Rep Co-Chairs



August 2020
Parents of Multiples Club of CNY

Once again, we rented a cabin on Butterfly Shores in Mexico New York on Lake Ontario! The weather was wonderful and we had a great time! We completed our Community Project by making fleece blankets for Vera House. Vera House employees were very grateful. 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 for the Mid-Term Board Meeting in October. We certainly have had a busy summer! We can't wait for the 2021 State Convention in April!



October 2020
Parents of Multiples Club of CNY

We held our September Meeting at Kim Tassone's house. Linda was in from Colorado and was able to attend this meeting. There was a lot of catching up done! Even though it was a cold night we still had a great time! We discussed the Mid-Term Meeting and who would be attending. We can't wait for the 2021 State Convention in April!



Susan Venditti, State Representative
Parents of Multiples Club of CNY

Chemung Valley's First ZOOM Meeting



Schengetady met at Panzra's recently to catch up socially. Unfortunately, Kathy B, Joanne, Lezann and Holly couldn't make it.

Jackie is taking the picture of Kathy L and Jang. We still had fun

