

# Presidential Papers

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## Just a Reminder...

July 2021

15- \$5 Late Fee applied to unpaid clubs; Vice President sends dues reminders to Club Presidents & State Reps

## AUGUST 2021

10- Newsletter articles due to the Editor

15- \$10 late fee applied to unpaid clubs; Vice President notifies the Club's President & State Reps

## SEPTEMBER 2021

1- Hotel reservations made for Midterm Meeting; Nominating Chairman sends Resume Forms to Executive Board.

14-September/October Presidential Papers distributed; \$15 late fee applied to unpaid clubs; Vice President notifies the Club's President & State Reps

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# President's Letter

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I am happy to say that we are into our summer months and what a difference we are able to experience from last year. Everyone did as it was recommended. We all wore masks, kept socially distanced and finally most have been able to be vaccinated. I am looking forward to summer gatherings with friends and especially being able to go into a clothing store and actually try on clothes!!! I know we aren't completely out of the woods yet, but we are certainly in a better place. There are still those who are unable to be vaccinated and are still taking precautions. I hope soon it will be over for you too.

With all the changes, I am anticipating an in person Midterm Meeting. While we do not have any details yet, we will get them to you as soon as possible. Keep checking the updated website for information.

Happy Summer Everyone!!

Twincerealy,  
Lisa Cartini

# Executive Board Letter

I hope you all are as thrilled as I am that we should be able to have an in person Midterm Meeting! While we don't have specific details, if there will be restrictions, we do know it will be Sat Oct 16th in Vestal. Please plan to be there. Reports should be sent to Susie Smith by Oct 1st, so she has time to put the presentation together. If you are unable to attend, please let me know.

We have also had a lot of updates going on with our Website and our Facebook sites. We will now have 2 Facebook pages. 1 will contain general information regarding the NYSOMOTC and the other page is private and limited to only members of the NYSOMOTC. This is another way for all of us to stay connected without putting all our personal info out there. Make sure to check them both out! Thank you to the Website Committee for their hard work.

In the meantime, enjoy the sunshine, picnics, trips to the beach, camping, cocktails and whatever else fun you have planned for the summer. We all know September will be here all too soon!

Lisa Cartini, President



# Vice President's Report

Barbi Cudney

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Thank you, ladies of NYSOMOTC for allowing me to accept this position of Vice President. I have been collecting dues and most of them arrived before the deadline. Thank you for that.

If your club has not yet paid their dues, please do so ASAP.

There are currently a few open positions on the Executive Board; please reach out to the Nominating committee for more information or questions if you are interested.

Currently I am enjoying receiving and reading your newsletters and reports. The creativity of this group of women is amazing; all of the different events and fundraising ideas by the individual clubs is truly inspiring. I am so happy we can share and learn from each other and realize the benefits of belonging to the NYSOMOTC.

If you hear or know of any new clubs who do not belong to this organization but would like to know more, please refer them to me for more information.

Please enjoy your summer with your precious families; we can rejoice that our lives are beginning to "open up" more as the pandemic recedes. Hopefully, this will continue.

Warm thoughts and regards,  
Barbi Cudney

## As The Turtle Goes...

Chemung Valley MOTC happily reported that they finally got together for a meeting. Much was discussed including the State Meeting via Zoom.

Nassau POMC's members enjoyed a talk on Nutrition from a registered dietician. They welcomed 3 new members into club. Their Book Club also continues.

POM of CNY reported that all attended the State Zoom Meeting; they rented rooms at Embassy Suites and toasted in the new president, Lisa Cartini with champagne... They also went out to dinner.

Schenectady MOTC had a Catch Up Meeting where several plan ahead topics were discussed. Their End of the Year Dinner was planned for 6-23-21.

MOTC Suffolk welcomed 6 new members in a Moms Night In Event. Their fundraising Plant Sale is ongoing as is their Toy Drive for "Kids Need More". They continue their monthly hike at different places; currently it was at Avalon Park. Their June dinner was planned for June 8th.

WNY Moms enjoyed a cocktail party after the Saturday State Zoom Meeting; they caught up with each other's news. Their Book Club continues. Plans for future events are in the works.

WSS MOTC celebrated Nita Landes' 90th birthday!! An Installation Ceremony and dinner was held to commemorate these events. They painted "Kindness Rocks". Purses were filled with items needed for women and dropped off at Coldwater House; socks were also donated.

# Treasurer's Report

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## General Fund

<b>Opening Balance (as of 4/19/2021)</b>				\$ 7,481.46
<b>Income:</b>				
<b>N/A</b>			\$ -	
<b>Total Income</b>			\$ -	
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Walgreen's Gift Cards - Conv raffle	\$ 160.00			
Amazon Gift Cards - conv raffle (3)	\$ 45.00			
Newsletter	\$ 30.00			
Club Scrapbook	\$ 58.89			
Vice President/State Representative Bars	\$ 61.56			
Webmaster/Zoom Acct	\$ 149.90			
Webmaster/GoDaddy	\$ 93.48			
MOTC Suffolk - Donation	\$ 30.00			
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	\$ 628.83			
<b>Closing Balance ( 5/31/2021)</b>				\$ 6,852.63

## Eleanor Siegel Fund

<b>Opening Balance (as of 4/19/2021)</b>				\$ 357.48
<b>Income:</b>				
<b>Total Income</b>			\$ -	
<b>Expenses:</b>				
	\$ -			
	\$ -			
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	\$ -			
<b>Closing Balance (05/31/2021)</b>				\$ 357.48

4 Thank you so very much for all the cards and kind thoughts on the passing of my mom. Yes, it was rather sudden, but my sister and brother and I are thankful that we were truly able to spend the last few months with her, taking care of her. She is at peace now and where she wanted to be....with my Dad! So again, thank you, thank you thank you. It means the world to me!

# Parliamentarian

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I hope this finds you enjoying the lazy days of summer.

As I shared in my last newsletter report, an Ad Hoc Committee (myself, President Lisa Cartini, Past President/Advisor Susie Smith, Treasurer Renie Cutt, Archivist Michele Camilleri and Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora) has been convened to review the NYSOMOTC Bylaws and Standing Rules. These documents set forth the internal rules of our organization including our name, our purpose, membership, dues, officers, executive board, nominations, and elections. If you have not read them recently, I would recommend downloading our amended April 2021 document from the NYSOMOTC Web site (<http://nysomotc.org/>).

To date we have had three meetings where we determined what our process would be, reviewed the first five Articles (June 3) and reviewed the next three Articles (June 16). Due to summer vacations, we plan on having one last meeting in August to complete our review (Articles IX – XII as well as the Standing Rules). It is our plan to bring the proposed changes to the Executive Board at the October Midterm Board meeting for their approval to recommend the changes to the NYSOMOC membership at the April 2022 State meeting.

Please remember I am here to assist any NYSOMOTC member club with parliamentary procedure or concerns. Enjoy the summer weather with your family and loved ones. It will be gone before you know it!!

## 2023 State Meeting

Mariko Denton & Renee Orr

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Hello all! As we write this, we are in contract negotiations with the new hotel for the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual State Meeting, occurring May 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in downtown Buffalo. The venue will be announced once the contract is finalized. Unfortunately, the old hotel legal counsel has claimed insufficient funds in order to deny refunding our previous deposits, and after consulting with our own lawyer, we are filing the recommended legal complaint with the local Attorney General's office. While we do have sufficient funds for the new hotel deposit, the amount of money being held by the old hotel has set us back. We will be working hard the next 2 years to backfill the fundraising account in the event we do not receive our refund in time for the 2023 State Meeting. We will keep everyone apprised as we continue to push forward.

# Procedure Manual

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Sunshine greetings to all!

The 2021 State Rep Packet was mailed to the member clubs' president and state representative in mid-May. Please review it carefully. Club stats form and dues were due to the State Vice President, Barbi Cudney on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Procedure Manual is available on-line, to the Executive Board Members and to the Member Clubs via the website: [www.nysomotc.org](http://www.nysomotc.org). For **new** passwords or questions, please contact me or the Webmaster at any time.

Summer is here... get ready to fuel up the barbecue, dust off your favorite shorts and bathing suits! Have fun and stay safe!

*Myriam Lavora*

## Research Co-Chairs

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Greetings!! I'm happy to report Doreen and I met over Zoom on May 18<sup>th</sup> to review the Research Committee's yearly schedule of important milestones. We also did a little survey topic idea generation, as that will be my main focus during the summer months.

Take care all!





# 2022 State Meeting

Peggy Fiorini & Susan Venditti POMofCNY

2022 NYSOMOTC State Convention

"L 🧐🧐 KING FOR YOU IN 2022"

The Parents of Multiples Club of CNY has been busy planning the 2022 State Convention! The dates for the convention are Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

We have secured the Embassy Suites by Hilton in East Syracuse, New York. The room rates will be \$119.00 per night for doubles or king. The hotel has recently been updated! The hotel looks amazing, and the rooms are awesome. Each room is a suite with separate bedroom and sitting room. If you are planning on 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. The address for the hotel is 6646 Old Collamer Road South, East Syracuse, NY 13057.

We are planning some fun activities for Thursday night. On Friday we will have some great workshops planned and Friday night we will have a Mystery Dinner Theater. We hope you will be attending the mystery dinner theater it should prove to be very interesting! We are planning on having "pop-up" raffles during the Saturday meeting. At the Saturday luncheon we will have Bingo so bring your lucky turtles. Saturday night will be a New Year's Eve party with a DJ, Photo booth, hats, noise makers, a count down and a Lip Sync Challenge.

We want to thank the Twins and Triplets Mothers Club for hosting the Hospitality Room at the convention.

We will also have raffles at the Mid-Term Board Meeting.

So, we will be" L 🧐🧐 KING FOR YOU IN 2022"

Peggy Fiorini  
2022 State Convention Co-Chairman

Susie Venditti  
2022 State Convention Co- Chairman

# MSS Chairman

Shira Dubey

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Hello everyone,

I am happy to be welcoming summer and continuing my Chairmanship for this committee! This summer I will be updating all the scholarship forms to send out starting in September. We also plan to have a committee meeting to discuss and initiate sending information about the scholarship to local colleges and universities. If you have a contact or a particular school to which you would like this information sent, send me an email (shiradubey@gmail.com) with the contact person/info and name of the school. Please circulate this Eligibility Criteria for your high school graduates and college students to begin preparing for the scholarship submission.

## **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 postsecondary 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."

**All required documents will need to be to me by February 20, 2022.** Thank you on behalf of myself and the MSS Committee.

Shira Dubey  
MSS Chairman  
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Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee

Kathlene Lyman - Treasurer/Vice Chairman

2020-2021-Final Financial Report

April 21, 2020-April 21, 2021



*Opening Balance:* *\$8,937.21*

*Income:*

*Lottery Fundraiser* *\$490*

*Donation, Nassau Co POM* *167*

*Expenses:*

*Calendar Winners:* *\$501*

*(Ahner, Vanderbrook, Nassau )*

*Closing Balance:* *\$9093.21*

*I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the weather and get outside. We all should be thankful that some restrictions have been lifted.*

*Kathy*

# Nominating Chairman

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Hello Ladies,

Hope everyone is well and enjoying some of this nice weather. The pandemic is changing, and all signs are pointing in a better direction than we were seeing last year. It is so nice to see things heading in a more positive direction. While we all must still be aware, we have been heading to a more normal way of life. Recently I spent two weeks on vacation seeing some of the beautiful national parks. It was great to get outdoors and do some hiking. There are so many sights to see, and the west truly has some amazing natural parks! I am truly thankful that this year is so much better than last.

There are still open positions on the board and the Nominating Committee has been reaching out to clubs trying to find a volunteer. Positions still unfilled are the Midterm Coordinator and the Marie Simmons Fundraising Chair. Please spread the word and if you find anyone expressing an interest please let Lisa, me, or one of the committee members know. We will be happy to assist in the transition!

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer season. Stay healthy! Hope to see you all in October!

Kathy Brousseau

# State National Liaison

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The 2021 Convention will be a Virtual Summit conducted via zoom July 31-August 1, 2021. There are important ballots taking place for budget, dues increase, and by-law changes. More info about the results of the Summit will be in the next issue.

# State Club Reports

## Parents of Multiples Club of CNY

POM of CNY stayed on at the Embassy Suites Hotel on May 14<sup>th</sup> for our May Banquet and also had a meeting to prepare for the 2022 State Convention. We went out to dinner at the Bull and Bear Restaurant. The food was tremendous! We also managed to have short discussions with the Pope!



Susan Venditti, State Representative

Parents of Multiples Club of CNY



At our May meeting after sharing Catch Up, we discussed several plan-ahead topics: Estate Planning, Trusts, Living Wills, Health Proxy, Patient Rights, and several other similar topics.



Some history on the founding of SMOTC.

June 12th of this year, Jackie and Mike Lotano will have been married 61 years! They have six children, including their bonus fraternal twins, Mike and Nick born in 1965. Jackie enjoyed reading the daily Birth Announcements in the newspaper and her subscription of Baby Talk magazine. She realized that she was one of many mothers of multiples in the Capital Region and decided to contact National MOTC from the article she found in her magazine. Jackie received a kit called, "How To Start a Mother's of Twins Club", she still has it! After many phone calls and lots of planning, she hosted the first meeting in 1965 at her home and became the first President of Schenectady MOTC! In 1965 Schenectady joined National followed by joining State in 1966. As the founding mother of Schenectady, Jackie often held one of the many Club Board positions. Schenectady has also been able to host five State Conventions over the years, 1975, 1985, 1999, 2006 and 2019. Next year will be our 56th year in existence with Jackie still being an active member! Our member numbers have dropped over the years due to busy lives, but we remain strong!

Schenectady's end of year dinner at Jade Bistro, Scotia.

Leeann, Jackie, Jane, Joanne, Kathy B, Kathy L



Making plans for our upcoming 56th year as a Club!

## MOTC Suffolk

High Tea, Bayard Cutting Arboretum  
On Sunday, May 23 rd , 7 Suffolk ladies  
had a "spot of tea" at the Hidden Oak  
Café in an annex of the Manor House.



## Installation Dinner June 8, 2021



Outgoing President Susie Smith receives a heartfelt gift of thanks.  
The new board is installed.  
Jeannine Kellenberger, Secretary,  
Susie Smith, Treasurer  
Janine Weber, President  
Kristen Pace, Vice-President



WSS- From the Turtle Column...

