



# Presidential Papers

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## November 2021

20 1<sup>st</sup> draft of Midterm Minutes Due to President, Parliamentarian and Minutes Approval Committee

## December 2021

1 Third Call distributed and published on Website

4 Midterm Minutes corrections due back to Recording Secretary

7 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 2022

1 Clubs begin discussing Hosting 2024 State Meeting

11 January/February Presidential Papers distributed

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# President's Letter

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What a great Midterm meeting we had. So much business was accomplished and there were so many winners! Who doesn't love a good Pop Up Raffle, and of course Congratulations to the Lottery Basket winners. Diana Miller, Myriam Lavora and Linda Goldsworthy. We all watched Linda spin her names randomly and she laughed when her name circled around. She is choosing to donate her tickets to Erma Dineen. We all know Erma loves her scratch offs! Choosing to do this fundraiser at Midterm has worked out very well. It was another success for our Marie Simmons Scholarship. Thank you to all ! I would like to take a moment to remember our Past President, Ann O'Gorman who recently passed away. She was such a sweet soft spoken woman. I will miss seeing her at conventions. My prayers extend not only to her family but to her club family as well. I know it was disappointing to not meet in person again, but my hope is everything will be contained with Covid 19 in the next 6 months and we will be able to be together in Syracuse as they will be "Looking for you in 2022." Watch for 3rd Call to be

distributed and get your club members excited to attend. I know it will be a great convention with a lot of fun activities planned. I want to wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Holiday season. May 2022 be brighter than 2021.

Lisa

# Executive Board Letter

I want to thank everyone who was on the Midterm Virtual Meeting. It was not only nice to see everyone but great that we were able to accomplish so much. While there were a couple tense moments, we were able to resolve the issues and they will be more clarified by the time we are together again. Our power point worked out great and I appreciate all of the reports being sent in. It is a lot of work for the Webmaster to put together, so sending the reports on time is a big help to her. We have the Power Point to allow everyone to see the reports, not just online but when we are in person as well. It has helped us to eliminate the excess paper that was being used. With the Chairpersons having to have brought 30+ copies, now only the elected board and minutes approval need the actual copies. That is 8 copies. We are much more eco friendly. Our next six months will be very important. We are hopeful that we will all be in Syracuse. Our 3rd call will be released soon and there will be many important dates included. Please pay attention to those dates and any emails that come along with information. Adhering to these dates helps all the Chairpersons do their jobs with less stress. I'd like to thank Cathy Renko for stepping in as our new Calligrapher and to Merry Chiu for being our MSS Alternate. These are new positions for these ladies and I'm happy to see them expanding their sites on different areas of this organization. Thank you again to everyone who made Midterm run very smoothly and I'm looking forward to "Looking for you in 2022"

May you all have a Happy Thanksgiving, Blessed Christmas, Hanukah and Kwanza

Lisa



# Vice President's Report

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I was very happy to see so many faces at the Midterm Board Zoom meeting; it was a very productive meeting, with much business being accomplished. For those of you unable to attend, I missed you and look forward to our State Meeting in East Syracuse beginning on 4-8-22.

Please keep submitting your articles and newsletters to me for the "As the Turtle Goes" column. This links all of the member clubs together which assists in our continued bonding. We learn about each other, our clubs and events, news and even fundraising ideas. All of this is very valuable. Photos are always welcome too. It is a great way to build up those points for the Super State Rep award.

Please be safe and healthy as we approach the winter season.

And be sure to reach out to me with any questions or assistance I can offer you.

I am greatly looking forward to seeing y'all in East Syracuse.

## As The Turtle Goes...

SCHENECTADY MOTC held an August Dinner to share State News; they also began their 57th year as Schenectady MOTC. Congratulations Ladies!!

WNY MOMS enjoyed a cycle boat event, then through the rain. Family apple picking was a fun event. The Moms really needed their Back to School brunch, and also held an August Book Club meeting.

NASSAU POMC attended a Zoom meeting for Early Intervention and Special Ed led by a qualified expert with much experience; a lot of important information was shared. The club participated in a 4th of July parade. In July an installation dinner was held. At the August Book Club, a roaring good time was had.

WSS MOTC: During our October meeting we had the pleasure of having Jurij Kushner, Master Gardner, be our guest speaker to educate us on how to properly prepare our gardens for the winter. It was quite informative.

Schenectady had their October meeting to coincide with the State Midterm. Jane Martinec, Kathy Brousseau, Jackie Lotano and Kathy Lyman had fun with Halloween at Kathy B's beautiful home! Our November meeting will be our traditional one with writing Christmas cards to hospitalized Veterans!

POM of CNY had a presentation by a dietician on creative and healthy lunches for school. They also enjoyed a great de-stresser with a Goat Yoga Event, A Fall Family Photo Shoot is planned for their fundraiser, and a Book Club Meeting was held.

WSS MOTC gathered at the Brush and Board in Penfield for crafting, snacking and laughing while showcasing their creative sides. In July a Family Picnic was held at a Splash Park. Some former members attended this fun event.

SUFFOLK MOTC continued their monthly hikes at Connetquot State Park and San Souci. Riverhead Cider House Trivia Night was held, as well as a Cookie Decorating event

GREATER ROCHESTER MOTC: In August, their annual Family Picnic was held at Webster Park. A "Beginning of the Year" dinner was held; all had a nice time.

A mini CPR class was held via Zoom for its' members. They had their Installation Dinner on June 11, 2021 at K2 on the Irondequoit Bay

# Treasurer's Report

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New York State Organization of Mothers Of Twins Clubs

Eleanor Siegel Fund

August-September, 2021

Opening Balance (as of 8/1/2021)	\$357.48
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Income:

N/A	\$0.00
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Total Income	\$0.00
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Expenses:

N/A	\$0.00
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Total Expenses:	\$0.00
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Closing Balance ( 9/30/2021)	\$357.48
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General Fund

August-September, 2021

Opening Balance (as of 8/1/2021)	\$7,201.63
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Income:

N/A	\$0.00
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Total Income	\$0.00
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Expenses:

Presidents Plaque	\$138.24
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Total Expenses:	\$138.24
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Closing Balance ( 9/30/2021)	\$7,063.39
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# Parliamentarian

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It was great “seeing” everyone at our virtual Executive Board Midterm meeting on October 16. Congratulations to President Lisa Cartini for a very productive meeting.

On behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee appointed at the Sunday, April 25 Board meeting, I presented the proposed changes to the current Bylaws/Standing Rules. With the approval of the Executive Board, these proposed changes are being recommended to the member clubs for their approval. As part of the Credential mailing in February, I will be sending two documents – one will be the current ByLaws/Standing Rules and one will be the proposed changes to the Bylaws/Standing Rules. As Parliamentarian, I would encourage you to review these two documents with your membership and to be prepared with any questions/recommendations at the Saturday General Meeting.

From our house to yours, may your holidays be merry and bright.



# MSS Chair Report

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Hello and warm Autumn wishes to everyone!

The MSS Committee is off to a strong start this scholarship year. We have met twice as a committee and have outreached high schools and colleges all over the state to publicize our fantastic scholarship opportunity and to stir up interest for eligible students. We have had a few application requests so far since September 1, 2021 when the scholarship year opened. We would love even more, so please spread the word to your clubs NOW and encourage eligible students to email us for an application (nysomotc@hotmail.com). Students can request the application from us anytime and begin to collect all the required documents. The deadline for submission is February 20, 2022 -- and it creeps up quickly!

## 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." We are privileged to give away up to (2) \$1,500 scholarships in April of 2022 to two students of multiple-birth families who meet the criteria. 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, 2022**.

Also, a hearty CONGRATULATIONS to: DIANA MILLER of Nassau County POM, MYRIAM LAVORA of MOTC Queens and LINDA GOLDSWORTHY of POM of CNY for winning the scratch-off baskets. A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this fundraiser! Please continue your support of this scholarship purchasing your favorite, lucky dates for the calendar drawing—you could win big at Convention! The MSS Scholarship Fund appreciates your contributions very much. Wishing you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and a festive Holiday season!

Respectfully Submitted, Shira Dubey



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## Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee

### Financial Report - April 21, 2021- October 24, 2021



#### Opening Balance:

\$8,937.21

#### Income:

Scratch-off Fundraiser (4/21)	\$490
Donation, Nassau Co POM	167
Scratch-off Fundraiser (10/21)	862
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$1,519</u>

#### Expenses:

Calendar Winners (2021):	\$ 501
(Ahner, Vanderbrook, Nassau )	
Emily Martinec, 2020 MSS	1,500
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$2,001</u>

#### Closing Balance:

\$8,455.21

The midterm board meeting was very successful as much was accomplished. Schenectady attended as a group hosted by Kathy Brousseau, at her house.

As previously stated, it continues to be my pleasure to serve as treasurer/vice chairman of the Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee. The committee worked extra hard to get the word out to colleges and local high schools, so we are hoping to receive some completed applications this year.

The scratch-off fundraiser was a success! Thanks to all!

Kathy

# Procedure Manual

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Greetings to all!

The recent virtual Midterm Meeting was very productive. It was wonderful, as always, to see everyone on the screen. While the Zoom technology conveniently provides us a safe forum to meet and discuss the pending business of the State Organization, three factors that I personally miss very much are the magnificent Fall colors that we (Michele and I) so enjoy during the drive upstate and stopping @ Roscoe's Diner for a quick bite. Most importantly, I miss the in-person interaction with our fellow board members. "Hope springs eternal" so I look forward to better times ahead.

Two manual revisions were discussed which affect the MSS Fundraiser and the Webmaster's procedures. These updates will be distributed to the Officers, the Archivist and to the Webmaster, to post on the website's Procedure Manual. For password information or questions, feel free to contact me or Webmaster Susie Smith

May your holiday season and 2022 be filled with health, laughter and peace!

Myriam Lavora





# MSS Fundraising Committee

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I met with and attended the MSS Committee meetings and discussed the virtual fundraising opportunity and corresponded with MSS Chair Shira Dubey as necessary. I reached out to both Nancy Converse and Glenda Chappell for anything they could share.

State Reps and Club Presidents were sent detailed instructions on how the fundraising opportunity would work. This was also socialized in the Presidential Papers.

7 Clubs sent in donations of scratch offs. 9 clubs bought chances for the fundraiser. I regret that sent emails to the wrong State Rep and President of WNYMoMs, but Dawn was fabulous working with me to at least allow the club to purchase chances for the fundraiser.

I want to document this data on my report and would be very open to some discussion if we may. Although explicit instructions were carefully crafted and circulated, everything, came in differently.

The "Chance" spreadsheets were to be sent electronically or via mail. Some sent Excel, some sent PDF, some sent photos from their phone and some were on paper. Some needed to be resent because they were illegible.

Payments were made in the following manors, and printed documentation is available for the MSS Fundraiser File.

- 1 Club sent paper check directly to MSS Treasurer
- 2 Clubs sent paper check addressed to MSS Committee but sent to Linda Goldsworthy (will now be forward to MSS Treasurer)
- 1 Club used Venmo to Linda Goldsworthy
- 2 clubs used Zelle payment to Linda Goldsworthy
- 3 clubs used Pay Pal payment to Linda Goldsworthy

I have combined all the EFT \$ and mailed the checks in my position to the MSS Treasurer Return Receipt Requested for a total fundraised \$862.00.

We had 3 bags/baskets of scratch offs for a random drawing at Midterm.

The winners were: Myriam Lavora MOTC Queens, Diana Miller Nassau County MOTC, and Linda Goldsworthy POM of CNY.

Thank you to everyone who donated and worked with me to get everything in so we could enjoy our rewards! Thank you, Kristina Bird for your assistance!

Respectfully submitted by Acting Chair Linda Goldsworthy and Kristina Bird

# Nominating Committee Chair

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Hello Ladies,

As Nominating Chairman, I have been working closely the Nominating Committee trying to fill the vacant

positions. There are still openings for the alternate Marie Simmons Scholarship Alternate and Marie Simmons Fundraiser. Many thanks to Linda Goldsworthy and Kristina Bird for filling in on the Marie Simmons Fundraiser to ensure this fundraiser happens at this meeting. Please consider taking on

either

of these important positions. If you have any questions on what these positions entail, please feel free to contact me or anyone on the Nominating Committee. We are always here to help; you will never be in this alone.

Although the elected positions are for two years, my job as Nominating Chairman is to compile

lists for the office of President and the office of Nominating Chairman should there be a vacancy in either of those positions.

Regards,

Kathy Brousseau

Nominating Chairman

# Twin Data & Research

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State Representatives: Please copy and share this paragraph and URL link below with your membership (suggest via Facebook and email). Many thanks!

The new NYSOMOTC research survey is now open. This year's survey seeks to collect information around how our shopping, and some other parts of our lives, have changed for our members since the start of the pandemic. Please consider taking a moment to complete this survey (all responses will remain confidential). Thank you for your time!

Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/M9X8FTvMqGzW6HhH8>

Sincerely,

*Mariko Denton*

# Scrapbook Contest

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I have come up with a theme for the Club Scrapbook Page Contest for the 2022 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!

The 2022 State Convention is being held in Syracuse. The theme is "Looking For You in 2022". The theme

I have come up with for the Club Scrapbook Page Contest is "Here's Looking At Our Kids".

Susan Venditti

## Ways & Means Committee

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Once again, I am so happy to be the Ways and Means chair. I have selected the overall basket theme. It is "I'm Looking for..... So far, I have heard from the following clubs: Greater Rochester, Schenectady, Suffolk, Nassau, and WNY MOMs, They picked Sweet Treats, Family Fun Time, A Little Luck, A Good Book, and Time to Relax. The following suggestions are available. It would help if you gave your top 3 choices. I will then let you know which basket idea is yours. You might have an idea of your own, and that would be great! Here are some ideas:

- 1) Something to Do
- 2) A Cozy Spot
- 3) An Adventure
- 4) A Day in the Sun
- 5) A Treasure
- 6) A Surprise
- 7) Quiet Time
- 8) A Romantic Evening
- 9) An Idea for Supper
- 10) Time with a Friend
- 11) A Good Laugh

My E-mail address is [sharkayw@yahoo.com](mailto:sharkayw@yahoo.com) I look forward to hearing from you.

I will make 2 tags for each basket with the theme and club name. One will go on the basket, and one will go on the ticket bag.

I look forward to seeing you and your baskets in April!



# 2022 State Meeting

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## 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 approved and published our personalized group page.

It is: <https://www.my-event.hilton.com/syrdwes-mom-a3ed9d09-72bf-4d94-8ad5-22090977dc0a/>

Group Name:	MOMS OF MULTIPLES
Group Code:	MOM
Check-in:	8-APR-2022
Check-out:	01-MAY-2022
Hotel Name:	Embassy Suites by Hilton Syracuse
Hotel Address:	6646 Old Collamer Road South East Syracuse, New York 13057
Phone Number:	315.446.3200

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 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.

So we will be “L👁👁KING FOR YOU IN 2022”

Peggy Fiorini  
2022 State Convention Co-Chairman  
Susie Venditti  
2022 State Convention Co- Chairman





## Turtles on the Local Level...





