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Just a Few Friendly Reminders...

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JANUARY 2023

1- Clubs begin discussing Hosting 2024 State Meeting
10 -January/February Presidential Papers distributed

FEBRUARY 2023

1- Midterm Meeting distributed by Recording Secretary; Mailing of credential documents to Officers, Past Presidents and Member Clubs
7- Newsletter articles due to the Editor; Reminders for 2022 State Meeting
20- MSS Applications due to MSS Chairman

MARCH 2023

1- 2022 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
7 March/April Presidential Papers distributed

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President's Letter

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BBrrrrrr its cold outside! I know many of you love the cold snowy months, I however am not. I prefer to watch it snow outside with some hot chocolate, a fluffy blanket and my dog curled up on my lap. I try to do that whenever I can. Another thing to do on a cold night is to think of spring and that convention is just around the corner. We will all be heading to Buffalo or Bust in just a few short months. That means there will be deadlines approaching before we know it. Make sure to keep track of your Third Call which has all the dates listed. I am sure that our Chairs would love to see your registrations come in even BEFORE the date of March 1st. The hotel is another very important deadline. While its deadline is in mid April, if you know you are going and sent in your registration by March 1st, don't wait until April. Make those reservations ASAP through our hotel block. While there are some hotel issues that are not in our Chairs control, many issues can be avoided by simply making your reservations EARLY. I'm hoping to have many 1st time attendees join us. Ladies, please make sure they understand the process and the importance of booking through our block. While there may be a cheaper rate through an on line site, it is important that we fill our block. If you've never been part of a committee that is hosting convention, the more hotel rooms we book, the better it is for the committee. If they come up short, it will cost us more money or things may need to be eliminated. I would like you to also remember that this is an election year. Consider running for an Elected office or to be part of the Executive Board. Fill out those resumes and get them sent in to anyone on the Nomination Committee or directly to Kathy Brousseau our Nominating Chair. We need you to help this organization to continue to flourish. I hope you all find fun in these cold winter days. (Except of course you Barbi and Sharon as you enjoy the sunshine state)

Executive Board Letter

I think we are going to make it to Buffalo or Bust! After a long hard road for these ladies. I'm very confident. You put out a great Third Call that had so much information in it. It has to attract a great group of women to attend including some 1st time attendees. I know I am looking forward to it as are my club sisters of POM. Crunch time is now upon us so it is important for you to all make sure you are following your deadlines. Some of you need to have information sent in for the program booklet. Please, don't make the ladies chase you to see what clubs participated in what contest. Let them know as soon as you can. Start working on your final reports. Our Webmaster will be traveling quite a distance and won't want to be chasing down articles as she is preparing to leave. Everyone on the Executive Board is required to have a report sent in. I will again propose that the 1st 3 ladies to get them in prior to April 15th will be rewarded at the Fri Executive Board Meeting!

I would also like you ladies to consider running for an elected office. This is an election year and if you've been on the board, you see how things are run. Take this opportunity to expand your knowledge of this organization and try taking on a new position. Enjoy these cold winter days. Maybe go skiing, a long walk on snow shoes or just curl up with a blanket and cocoa. Spring is right around the corner! Thank you for all that you do!

Vice President's Report

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Dear Ladies of the NYSOMOTC,

It is my hope that you have had a wonderful holiday season with lots of celebrating and joy of family and are now looking forward to a peaceful and productive Happy New Year. As much as I miss NYS, it is great to be able to share more time with our precious twins and their families. Life is so busy for most of us; I hope you had time to relax and rejuvenate over this holiday season for it is now time to focus on our upcoming state meeting.

Please adhere to the deadlines stated in Third Call; this is so important for the hosting club to manage their duties in making this a great convention for us all. Third Call is jam packed with all the information you will need regarding our State Meeting. Thank you all for your newsletters and reports for the Turtle Column; they are a joy to read and allows me to realize the creative potential of this amazing group. As always, I can be reached for help and questions regarding the NYSOMOTC as well as reaching out to new clubs who may be interested in joining. I am looking forward to seeing you in Buffalo and a super convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbi Cudney

As The Turtle Goes...

CHEMUNG VALLEY MOTC met at the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and volunteered for the Backpack Program; they packed food for families and felt very rewarded in doing so.

MOTC QUEENS celebrated its' 61st year which began in May, 1961 with 30 mothers of multiples in attendance. See photo. A lovely dinner was held.

NASSAU COUNTY POMC held a Friendsgiving Potluck Dinner in November. Fundraising included a photo shoot at Shoott. 4 new club members were welcomed. Their Book Club will be discussing "The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" by Taylor Jenkins Reid, in January. See photo of the First Place winner for Trunk or Treat.

POM of CNY met in September and are making future plans."

SCHENECTADY MOTC met at Panera's in Glenville. They completed over 150 Christmas cards to be distributed to the local nursing homes.

SUFFOLK MOTC held a Hocus Pocus Outdoor Movie Night for adults and children; a great time was had by all. The MUM orders were a huge success as a fundraiser. Thanksgiving Cookie Kit orders are another ongoing fundraiser. BUNCO nights also raised money. A Holiday Fundraiser Flower Sale including decorated and undecorated wreaths, poinsettias and other items were also sold.

WESTSIDE SUBURBAN MOTC held a fundraiser for Pineal Cyst Research at "Balcony Point" Springdale Farm in October.

WESTERN NY MOMS awarded 2 five year awardd in their club to Marcie K. Wieciak and Elyse Nemoyer. Marie Vito was recognized for her 40 years in club while Sharon Wetzel was honored for 45 years. Great milestones ladies!

Westside Suburban MOTC held their Dec.meeting at Fosters for their annual Holiday Dinner. It was a festive time and gifts were exchanged. The table was so festive and everyone received a small favor. It was a very Merry Christmas.

Treasurer's Report

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New York State Organization of Mothers Of Twins Clubs

General Fund

Eleanor Siegel Fund

October-November, 2021/2

October-November, 2022

Opening Balance (as of 10/01/2022) \$ 7,543.12

Income:

Midterm Registrations \$ 1,140.00

Chase Bank Initial Deposit \$ 6,000.00

Total Income \$ 7,140.00

Expenses:

Transfer to Chase Bank/ New Acct \$ 6,000.00

Procedure Manual/Copies \$ 106.47

Midterm Luncheon \$ 842.18

Midterm Hotel Expenses \$ 162.00

President's Room/ Midterm \$ 99.95

Registration Refund/Barton \$ 40.00

Midterm Chair/Supplies \$ 114.30

Parliamentarian \$ 32.39

Treasurer - New Checks \$ 45.52

Transfer to ES Fund (Cartini Donation) \$ 40.00

Total Expenses: \$ 7,482.81

Closing Balance (11/30/2022) \$ 7,200.31

Opening Balance (as of 10/1/2022) \$448.34

Income:

Donations/Midterm \$ 165.00

Donation/Cartini Registration Fee paid \$ 40.00

Total Income \$ 205.00

Expenses:

N/A \$ -

Total Expenses: \$ -

Closing Balance (11/30/2022) \$653.34



Parliamentarian

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At the October Midterm Executive Board meeting, a motion was made and approved to send the 2023 Credentials both electronically or via US Mail to the State Reps, Officers and Past Presidents. The reason for doing this is to reduce the cost of copying and mailing for the Parliamentarian (who submits an expense report for reimbursement) and the State Reps, Officers and Past Presidents from ensuring they return their credential form by the deadline. In order to ensure this is properly communicated, an email will be sent no later than January 15 advising of the process to be followed in sending out and returning the forms for 2023. The option to have the credentials sent and returned via US Mail will continue to be in place. If this change proves to be successful, a motion to change Standing Rule IV. Publications Letter C will be proposed.

While reviewing the October Midterm Executive Board meeting minutes, I realized I should have included in my November/December Presidential Papers report that a discussion was held on increasing the State Meeting registration fee. Article 9, Section 3 of the NYSOMOTC By Laws states "The non-refundable fee to cover expenses shall be set by the host club with the approval of the Executive Board." In addition, Standing Rule I. Meetings Letter B. Fees iv. states "The increase of registration fees applies equally to the Midterm Executive Board meeting and the annual State meeting." The reason for this increase is due to the costs the hosting club are being charged for meeting rooms as well as the Saturday night event. After discussion, a motion was made and carried to increase the Registration Fee for Midterm and the State Meeting to \$50. I know Third Call has been distributed and the increase was reflected on the registration form and apologize for not including the background/reason for the change in my last report.



MSS Chair Report

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Happy Winter Everyone,

The MSS Committee is looking forward to receiving applications! We have received some inquiries and hopefully will have a nice pool of applicants come February. Our next committee meeting is scheduled for early February to review the judging process so everything runs smoothly. There is still time to apply, so please continue to spread the word to your clubs to encourage eligible students to email us for an application (nysomsscholarship@gmail.com). Students can request the application from us anytime and begin to collect all the required documents. The deadline for submission is February 20, 2023 -- and it is right around the corner!!

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 May of 2023 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. Remember, all required documents will need to be submitted to me by February 20, 2023. Please continue your support of this scholarship by purchasing your favorite, lucky dates for the calendar drawing—you could win big at Convention! The MSS Scholarship Fund appreciates your contributions very much. We also accept donations for our raffle table at Convention.

Wishing you and your families a happy and healthy 2023!

Respectfully Submitted,

Shira Dubey

MSS Committee Chair 2022-2023

Unity Project

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Happy New Year to all of you Wonderful moms of multiples! The fun chaos of Christmas is over! December sneaks up on us after Thanksgiving and it is always so busy, hopefully more fun than stress and then it's over so fast! I'm wishing everyone a safe and Happy New Year or at least one that is no worse than last year!

The Unity Project was created to foster a spirit of unity and sharing among the members of the State Organization. All State Representatives are welcome to submit an article of interest at anytime. Articles can be about something special with your Club, a particular member, a personal experience or funny story or just about anything you want to share! I need a hard copy of your story sent to me because I am unable to print off of my iPad, I will put it in your club's section of the book. I need the email with your submission sent to me so I can send it to our State Editor to be printed in an upcoming Presidential Papers. My email address is janemajel@aol.com and my home address is 425 Charles Street, Scotia, NY 12302. I will also make sure our State President knows about your article so you will receive your one point towards Super State Representative! Any questions, email me or call (518) 346-0910. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

Jane Martinec, Unity Project Chair



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Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying warm!!! Over here in Bergen NY I am extremely jealous of the surrounding areas of mine that received the snow the last few weeks. I am ready to start building snowmen, having snowball fights with the kids and also enjoy a few rides on the snowmobile! In addition, I am ready to sit in front of the fire place with a good hallmark movie or book in hand! Please feel free to recommend any books for the article or just for my pleasure of a good book to read! I would like to thank Ruth for emailing me a recommendation for a book!

Young Children:

- ♥ *Mercy Watson to the Rescue* by Kate DiCamillo: To Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mercy is not just a pig — she's a porcine wonder. And to the portly and good-natured Mercy, the Watsons are an excellent source of buttered toast, not to mention that buttery-toasty feeling she gets when she snuggles into bed with them. This is not, however, so good for the Watsons bed. BOOM! CRACK! As the bed and its occupants slowly sink through the floor, Mercy escapes in a flash — to alert the fire department, her owners assure themselves. But could Mercy possibly have another emergency in mind — like a sudden craving for their neighbor's sugar cookies? **Mercy Watson* is also a series book*
- ♥ *Way of the Warrior Kid* by Jocko Willink: Fifth grade was the worst year of Marc's life. He stunk at gym class, math was too hard for him, the school lunch was horrible, and his class field trip was ruined because he couldn't swim. But what was most awful thing about fifth grade? Kenny Williamson, the class bully, who calls himself the King of the Jungle.

Young Adults:

- ♥ *The Christmas Pig* By JK Rowling: A heartwarming, page-turning adventure about one child's love for his most treasured thing, and how far he will go to find it. A tale for the whole family to fall in love with, from one of the world's greatest storytellers.
- ♥ *Dry* By Neal and Jarrod Shusterman: When the California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, one teen is forced to make life and death decisions for her family in this harrowing story of survival, The drought—or the Tap-Out, as everyone calls it—has been going on for a while now. Everyone's lives have become an endless list of don'ts: don't water the lawn, don't fill up your pool, don't take long showers.

Moms:

- ♥ *The Summer Cottage* by Viola Shipman: Adie Lou Kruger's ex never understood her affection for what her parents called their Creaky Cottage, the charming, ramshackle summer home—complete with its own set of rules for relaxing—that she's inherited on Lake Michigan. But despite the fact she's facing a broken marriage and empty nest, and middle age is looming in the distance, memories of happy childhoods on the beach give her reason for hope. She's determined not to let her husband's affair with a grad student reduce her to a cliché, or to waste one more minute in a career she doesn't love, so it becomes clear what Adie Lou must do: rebuild her life and restore her cottage shingle by shingle, on her terms. * Ruth Barone recommendation!!!!*
- ♥ *Home for the Holidays* by Sara Richardson: The Buchanan sisters all share special childhood memories of their Aunt Sassy's beloved Juniper Inn. There, they frolicked in the snow, baked sugar cookies, and celebrated the town's annual Christmas extravaganza. They haven't been back to Colorado in nearly fifteen years, but when their aunt invites them for one last Christmas, they can't say no...

Parents:

- ♥ *What to do when you're having two: The Twins Survival Guide* from Pregnancy through the first year by Natalie Diaz - The creator of Twiniversity delivers an essential update to her must-have manual to having twins, now with expanded info on twin pregnancy and tandem breastfeeding, and advice on the best gear to help save your sanity.

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Hello Ladies,

Another year is upon us! This year will be a busy one for the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee has started outreach with the clubs in their district. This is an election year and we are seeking a slate to fill all elected positions. If you know anyone who may be on the fence considering taking on an elected position or any position on the Executive Board, please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist in answering any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Brousseau

2023 State Meeting

Mariko Denton & Renee Orr WNYNY MoMs

Hi all – Please see your email for Third Call which was sent out last month by Mariko Denton (December 2nd in an email called “NYSOMOTC 2023 State Meeting – Third Call”). If you did not receive it just let us know. Key dates are as follows:

- Registration due by Wednesday, March 1 st , 2023
- Hotel room booking closes by Wednesday, April 12 th , 2023
- Book hotel rooms in our reserved block here: <https://group.embassysuites.com/g9qlmt>
- Convention Weekend dates are Thursday, May 4 th – Sunday, May 7 th , 2023

Hope to see everyone in May!

~Mariko and Reneé



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ATTENTION STATE REPS: Please share the paragraph below with your club members. Club representation within the survey responses will earn you points towards Super State Rep award status.

Every year the State organization conducts research to add to our database that enriches our knowledge about our shared and diverse experiences raising multiples from across the State. This year's topic is "Relationships Among Multiples". Please use the URL link below to access this year's survey. Thank you in advance for your time and participation.

2023 NYSOMOTC Research Survey "Relationships Among Multiples"

(Google Forms URL): <https://forms.gle/Hq3jNqRLRXCu5xUF8>



Turtle Column Pictures...



Queens MOTC



NC Trunk or Treat Winner



POM Christmas Party

Local Club Happenings...

Hello everyone!

Schenectady met for our November meeting at the Glenville Panera's. As every November, we fill out close to or over 100 Christmas cards to be sent to people that need to receive some Cheer in their life! This year we decided to send Christmas Cheer to Baptist Retirement/Nursing Home.

I was greeted by the Receptionist and she was absolutely delighted to take our cards and was calling the Activity Supervisor to come get the cards as I was leaving. It always amazes me what a simple act can do for a person who is alone, everyone deserves to smile and I am so proud to be a member of Schenectady Mothers of Twins Club!

Jane Martinec, Schenectady State Representative



Schenectady

Chemung Valley MOTC had their holiday party at member Pam Simpson's house (she has quadruplets!). We drove WAY out to her house and had a wonderful time. We had a Chinese Auction with our gifts. It was lots of fun! Plans were begun for a couples night out. Hopefully, that will come together. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Years from all of us at Chemung Valley!

