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Just a Few Friendly Reminders...

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
15 MSS Calendar Packet and monies due to MSS Fundraiser Chairman
26 MSS fundraiser Chairman sends calendar money to MSS Treasurer; State Meeting Registration/Attendance list is sent to Parliamentarian, President, and Membership Pins Chairman

APRIL 2023

1 Executive Board member reports due to webmaster; year-end vouchers due to President;
Certificate names to Calligraphy; Clubs prepare for contests and Chinese Auction Basket;
Club hosting 2024 State Meeting to notify President and prepare a presentation for 2022 Saturday General Meeting.
10 President sends year-end vouchers to Treasurer
15 Treasurer's books closed for year-end audit; Treasurer prepares 990 form for filing

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President's Letter

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What a crazy winter this has been. I think the only people to have any snow are the ladies from WNY. Not only were they significantly dumped on 2x, those ladies also had an earthquake hit them. If they were trying to deter us from coming to Buffalo in 3 more months, it's not going to work. We are going to Buffalo or Bust, cuz nothing will stop us now! Make sure everyone has their registrations sent in because after all this time and planning, I'm sure this will be a fabulous time for all.

Registration and planning can be a bit overwhelming for 1st time attendees, so I ask that you help them along. Please make sure they do not book their hotel rooms through an outside source. While they may find a better deal, the number of hotel rooms that are booked has a great impact on their planning and budgeting! I would also like you all to consider what this organization means to all of you. Consider running for an Elected office or joining the Executive Board. There will be elections held in May and I would love to see some new faces up there. In order for this wonderful NYSOMOTC to continue to grow, we need your help. If you would like more information regarding any of the positions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Nominating Chair or her committee.

I am looking forward to seeing you all very soon

Lisa

Executive Board Letter

We are well into our winter months at this point and while its not over it does mean we are closer to spring! Spring will bring us longer days of sunlight, warmer days, flowers and our 58th Annual NYSOMOTC Convention!!! I hope you are all starting to prepare. As a reminder, we will be holding elections. Please consider running for an elected office. I encourage you to continue to give back to this organization. Without all of you this state organization would not be able to grow. If you have been holding back on submitting a resume, send it in and truly think about what this group of women means to you.

Also a reminder that everyone on the Executive Board need to bring a basket for the raffle room. Hosting a convention is a lot of hard work and with all of us bringing along a basket just helps to ease the burden on the club. Remember, more baskets means more chances for you to win! For those traveling by train or plane, it doesn't have to be a basket but gift cards are great to win too and easy to transport home. Please continue to pay attention to due dates. Start pulling out pics for your door signs, grab up some cash for all the great raffles and think about pulling out that suitcase because we are Buffalo or Bust very soon!! Ain't No Stopping Us Now!!

Thank you ladies for all of your hard work.

Lisa

Vice President's Report

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Dear Members of the NYSOMOTC,

Very soon we will be reunited at the 58th Annual State Meeting in Buffalo, NY! We are all looking forward to a productive, fun filled weekend with the renewal of old friendships as well as making new ones as we progress through this event. By this time, we have all hopefully met our deadlines as far as registration, room reservations and submissions for the various contests and events included in this weekend. As always, I thank you for your newsletters and reports for the Turtle Column. They are information filled documents with great ideas and information. We are an amazing group of mothers of multiples, who support and nourish each other through fun times as well as the difficult times that life throws at us. Let's rejoice in our relationships while they continue to grow. If anyone is interested in the position of Vice President, I will be happy to talk with you about its' implications and duties.

While I look forward to seeing y'all at this next State Meeting, I wish you all safe travels.

As The Turtle Goes...

POM OF CNY met at the home of Lisa Cartini where they completed their registration and other forms for the next State Meeting.

WNY MOMS enjoyed a card making event where Sharon Wetzel shared her expertise and led the class. Beautiful cards were made! A Wreath Poinsettia Fundraiser sale was held.

WSS MOTC held their annual holiday dinner at Fosters' where gifts were exchanged; each lady received a favor. The setting was festive and the food was excellent and all enjoyed a wonderful time.

SCHENECTADY MOTC held a festive Christmas dinner which was fun for all; the food and drinks were fabulous; they exchanged scratch off cards and Jackie was the only winner!

Treasurer's Report

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New York State Organization of Mothers Of Twins Clubs

Eleanor Siegel Fund

October-November, 2022

Opening Balance (as of 12/1/2022) \$653.34

Income:

Interest Income \$ 0.02

Total Income \$ 0.02

Expenses:

N/A \$ -

Total Expenses: \$ -

Closing Balance (1/31/2023) \$653.36

General Fund

October-November, 20212

Opening Balance (as of 12/01/2022) \$ 7,200.31

Income:

N/A \$ -

Total Income \$ -

Expenses:

Total Expenses: \$ -

Closing Balance (1/31/2023) \$ 7,200.31



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The credential mailing for the 2023 State meeting was sent as requested by the Officers, State Reps, and Past Presidents either electronically or via US Mail the first week of February. I am hoping by the time you are reading this report that everyone has met the deadline and my work has really begun.

“Buffalo or Bust” - I am looking forward to seeing everyone in May!



MSS Chair Report

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Hello MoMs,

Happy almost-Spring! Looking at last year's report, it appears this unseasonably warm weather also happened last year. I hope everyone is enjoying it. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Convention this year in Buffalo and presenting our scholarship awards. The Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee anticipates having scholarship(s) to present to two students in pursuit of higher education. We received 5 complete applications and the Committee is ready and excited to judge!!

The Committee met on Thursday, February 9th via Zoom to review the judging process, and we may meet again in March or April prior to convention if needed. During our meeting we discussed the application process, committee business, and fundraising.

As in years past, our Committee members will donate items for raffling at convention to support our scholarship fund. Be sure to check out our table to purchase tickets to win these items! Please also continue to purchase lottery dates for the calendar raffle (through mid-March). The MSS Scholarship Fund appreciates your support very much. Remember, you have to be in it to win it!

So many of us are extremely passionate about this valuable resource we are privileged to offer our children. Please consider sending a donation to the MSS Fund when you send in your registration, or prior to our convention, so we can include it in the 2022-2023 books. If you are interested in joining our committee, please submit a resume to the Nominating Committee.

Wishing you and your families a healthy 2023!

Respectfully Submitted,

Shira Dubey

MSS Committee Chairperson 2022-2023



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The Unity Book Project was created to foster a spirit of unity and sharing among the members of the NYSOMOTC

All State Representatives are invited to submit an article to The Unity Book Project. Your article can be about anything of interest to you, your Club and members! I will need a hard copy of your article mailed to my address, this will go into your Club's section of the book. Please send your article by email to me also so that I can forward it to both our State Editor for publishing in an upcoming edition of the Presidential Papers, and to our State Vice President, to secure a point towards your Super State Representative tally.

Jane Martinec, Unity Project Chair

Nominating Chair

On Sunday, February 26, Kathy Brousseau tendered her resignation as Nominating Chairman. After long and thoughtful consideration, she has decided to submit her name to be considered for the office of President of NYSOMOTC. Upon receipt of Kathy's resignation, President Cartini has communicated with the Executive Board to advise them of Kathy's resignation and to begin the process as outlined in our Bylaws (Article V, Section 4, Letter B to fill the unexpired term. For these reasons, I am submitting this newsletter report.

Since Kathy's last newsletter report, the Nominating Committee has been hard at work recruiting for candidates for the upcoming election at the NYSOMOTC 2023 State Meeting. At this time, we have two candidates – Kathy Brousseau for President and Pam Reussow for Vice President. We have no candidates for Recording Secretary or Treasurer.

Librarian

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It hard for me to comprehend that we are in February and when this comes out it will be March. Seriously where has the time gone? I guess my parents were right when they said “when you get older the days, weeks and months go by quicker”. As much as I love the season changes and winter I am looking forward to the warmth of spring and summer!

Even though schedules are crazy and as much as we love our children some of us are running around with our heads cut off from practice to practice or games. With the busy schedules all of us moms (no matter how old our children are), I am sure we are looking forward to Buffalo or Bust Convention! I truly know I am beyond excited for an amazing undisturbed (hopefully) weekend away with all of you lovely and incredible

ladies! Even though life is crazy we still need to try and find some time for us!

Young Children:

Disgusting Critters Series by Elise Gravel: They are humorous books about disgusting creators. Only to name a few of the critters the author writes about are Mosquito's, a Bat, Spider, Worm, Slug and Toad. These books are a fun way for children to learn more about these creatures and not be grossed out.

The Gingerbread Man and the leprechaun loose at school by Laura Murray: When a leprechaun makes mischief at the school, the Gingerbread Man follows his clues and sets a trap to outsmart him.

Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty: Ada Twist, an eight-year-old black scientist, explores people through scientific discovery, collaboration and friendship with the help of her two best friends, Rosie and Iggy.

Young Adult:

To all the boys I've loved before series By Jenny Han: To All the Boys I've Loved Before is the story of Lara Jean, who has never openly admitted her crushes, but instead wrote each boy a letter about how she felt, sealed it, and hid it in a box under her bed. But one day Lara Jean discovers that somehow her secret box of letters has been mailed, causing all her crushes from her past to confront her about the letters: her first kiss, the boy from summer camp, even her sister's ex-boyfriend, Josh. As she learns to deal with her past loves face to face, Lara Jean discovers that something good may come out of these letters after all.

The Hunger Games Series: No matter how long it has been around these books are still popular. Could you survive on your own in the wild, with everyone out to make sure you don't live to see the morning? In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying districts. The Capitol is harsh and cruel and keeps the districts in line by forcing them all to send one boy and one girl between the ages of twelve and eighteen to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen, who lives alone with her mother and younger sister, regards it as a death sentence when she steps forward to take her sister's place in the Games. But Katniss has been close to dead before—and survival, for her, is second nature. Without really meaning to, she becomes a contender. But if she is to win, she will have to start making choices that weight survival against humanity and life against love.

One of Us is Lying by Karen M McManus: It is a story of what happens when five strangers walk into detention and only four walk out alive. Everyone is a suspect, and everyone has something to hide.

Moms:

The Perfect Marriage by Jeneva Rose: Would you defend your husband if he was accused of killing his mistress? Sarah Morgan is a successful and powerful defense attorney in Washington D.C. At 33 years old, she is a named partner at her firm and life is going exactly how she planned. The same cannot be said for her husband, Adam. He is a struggling writer who has had little success in his career. He begins to tire of his and Sarah's relationship as she is constantly working. Out in the secluded woods, at Adam and Sarah's second home, Adam engages in a passionate affair with Kelly Summers. Then, one morning everything changes. Adam is arrested for Kelly's murder. She had been found stabbed to death in Adam and Sarah's second home. Sarah soon finds herself playing the defender for her own husband, a man accused of murdering his mistress. But is Adam guilty or is he innocent?

Dreamland by Nicholas Sparks: After fleeing an abusive husband with her six-year-old son, Tommie, Beverly is attempting to create a new life for them in a small town off the beaten track. Despite their newfound freedom, Beverly is constantly on guard: she creates a fake backstory, wears a disguise around town, and buries herself in DIY projects to stave off anxiety. But her stress only rises when Tommie insists he'd been hearing someone walking on the roof and calling his name late at night. With money running out and danger seemingly around every corner, she makes a desperate decision that will rewrite everything she knows to be true. . . . Meanwhile, Colby Mills is on a heart-pounding journey of another kind. A failed musician, he now heads a small family farm in North Carolina. Seeking a rare break from his duties at home, he spontaneously takes a gig playing in a bar in St. Pete Beach, Florida, where he meets Morgan Lee--and his whole life is turned upside-down. The daughter of affluent Chicago doctors, Morgan has graduated from a prestigious college music program with the ambition to move to Nashville and become a star. Romantically and musically, she and Colby complete each other in a way that neither has ever known. In the course of a single unforgettable week, two young people will navigate the exhilarating heights and heartbreak of first love. Hundreds of miles away, Beverly will put her love for her young son to the test. And fate will draw all three people together in a web of life-altering connections . . . forcing each to wonder whether the dream of a better life can ever survive the weight of the past.

Procedure Manual Chair

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Warm greetings to all! The NYSOMOTC Procedure Manual has been updated and is available to the Executive Board and to the Member Clubs on the website.

For questions or current passwords, please contact me or the Webmaster Susie Smith.

Looking forward to warmer weather and to see you all at the upcoming State Meeting in Buffalo.

One last thought... "It seems like everything sleeps in winter, but it's really a time of renewal and reflection." - Elizabeth Camden

Regards,

Myriam Lavora

Certificate Chair

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Hello everyone. As you all know our state meeting is approaching very quickly. If anyone needs me to make certificates for anything please send me the information you want printed on the certificates no later than April 1, 2023. If this is a problem for you please contact me and I will work with you the best I can.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Cathy Renko

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Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund – Financial Report
Kathlene Lyman - Treasurer/Vice Chairman
May 1, 2022- February 18, 2023

Opening Balance: \$10, 427.35

Income:

Donation: MOTC Suffolk \$100

2022 Calendar Dates 94

2022 Item Raffles 410

2022 Scratch-off fundraiser 730

Reimbursement of check; fee 65

Total Income \$1399

Expenses:

Calendar Winners (5) \$ 500

2022 MSS: Rose Ftiha 1500

Returned check; fee 65

Total Expenses: \$2065

Closing Balance: \$9,761.35

Twin Data Registry

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By the time you get the Presidential Papers, State Reps. should have been contacted by me regarding who has given me Twin Data Registry forms in each club. A few clubs haven't given me any. I will attach a copy of the new updated Twin Data Registry Form which is also on the NYSOMOTC website. The magnitude of this project is daunting, but I hope to put a good size dent in it by Convention.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in May!

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Doreen Greci

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Happy almost Spring everyone!!

All Executive Board Officers and Chairpersons please be sure to submit your year-end activity report to me no later than April 1st . Please be prompt in submitting them as I need to have time to gather them into each presentation for the meetings. If there are chairpersons that need additional time after April 1st , please send me an email letting me know.

Don't forget to join the NYSOMOTC Members Facebook page – feel free to start a conversation or post a picture of past conventions or club activities.

Have you been to our website lately? If not...go check it out. It has all the information that you need for Third Call, Meeting Minutes, pictures and more! Need the password to get into the Board Members or Club Members pages? Your State Rep will have all that information for you!

See you all soon!

Susie Smith





I received this picture from one of my boys. It was taken by a RIT student photographer at one of their practices. There are not many times that a mother will receive a picture of both of her boys playing their favorite sport against each other. Justin is the one in front wearing the RIT pinnie and Stephen is the one in the back wearing the Roberts pinnie. They are both attending RIT pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering Tech and are on the RIT club lacrosse team. Justin plays attack and Stephen is a defender. Being so proud of my boys and watching them play their favorite sport makes a Mama's heart happy!
Lori Connolly



Although now 35 years old, my identical twin girls are still experiencing being mistaken for each other, much to their chagrin! Kenzi works for SeaWorld Orlando while Cari is employed by Disney in Orlando. Recently, Kenzi was walking through the parking lot at Epcot, to meet co-workers for a fun night out. Unbeknownst to each other, Cari was already in the same park, for a work meeting with the chefs.

As Kenzi approached the park, a woman began walking with her and started conversing with her about their meeting with the chefs.

Realizing she must be meeting Cari in the park, Kenzi replied "you are looking for my twin". Immediately the woman stopped walking with her and texted Cari, saying "Do you have a twin? I can't believe you have a twin". As it turns out, the woman was Cari's new intern who had not been around long enough to know about Kenzi. They all met up in the park and had a good laugh.

Asian Elephant Delivers Miracle Twins at Rosamond Gifford Zoo- (from rosamondgiffordzoo.org)



SYRACUSE, NY, November 10, 2022 – The Rosamond Gifford Zoo has made history. Male Asian elephant twins were born to parents Mali and Doc at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo on October 24, 2022.

The zoo is thrilled to announce that Mali and both her calves are currently doing well. For the past two weeks, the elephant care team has been monitoring the twins around the clock to ensure both are thriving. Mali delivered the first calf at 2 a.m. with no complications. The calf was a male at 220 pounds and perfectly healthy.

The second calf came ten hours later at 11:50 a.m. in an event that astonished the animal care staff. The second calf was also male, weighed 237 pounds, but was noticeably weaker than the first. The zoo's animal care team and veterinary staff sprang into action and were able to significantly improve the calf's condition. "This is truly an historic moment for the zoo and our community. I couldn't be prouder of our exceptional animal care team, the support of the veterinary staff and their tremendous dedication to Mali and the twins," said County Executive Ryan J. McMahon. "The important research happening right here at the zoo will have a significant impact worldwide on behalf of this magnificent endangered species"

Elephant twins comprise less than 1% of elephant births worldwide. Of twin pregnancies, twins are often stillborn or are too weak to survive. Sometimes the mother elephant does not survive. To date, there has never been a recorded case of surviving elephant twins in the United States. The few successful twin births have only taken place in their range countries in Asia and Africa and nowhere else in the world.

Due to the sheer improbability as well as the complexity of elephant ultrasounds, the zoo team did not anticipate the birth of twins. However, they were prepared. Elephant care staff have been supplementing the second calf with a specialized milk replacer they received days before the delivery.

"I can't commend my team enough for all they have done these past few weeks to ensure the care and safety of Mali and her twins. It has been incredible to watch them in action and witness the high level of expertise, professionalism and focus under pressure," said Zoo Director Ted Fox. "The continued work and research that follows will significantly contribute to global research efforts on behalf of elephant care, Elephant Endotheliotropic Herpes Virus (EEHV), and more."

The new twins bring the zoo's elephant herd to eight that reside at the Helga Beck Asian Elephant Preserve. The new calves will be the third generation in the herd's family which includes Mali and her half-sister Kirina and Mali's mother Targa – mimicking natural herd compositions in the wild. The Preserve is also home to unrelated "aunties" – matriarch Siri and Romani.

Mali's twins are an incredible achievement for both the zoo and Asian elephant conservation worldwide.

Asian elephants are classified as Endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Their wild populations are threatened by human conflict, habitat destruction and ivory poachers. There are an estimated 20,000 individuals left in the wild.

The twins are a part of the zoo's participation in the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Asian Elephant Species Survival Plan, a gold-standard population management and conservation program designed to save critically endangered animals. Of the 238 zoos and aquariums accredited by the AZA, only eight are Asian elephant breeding facilities.

Local Club Happenings...

Chemung Valley

For our January meeting we are group chat messaging about ideas and the 2023 State Convention. We had a couples night out which we haven't done in years. It was a lot of fun and delicious food. And some dad's met for the first time!



GRMOTC

On November 5, 2022 we had a luncheon with some of our past, life-time and current members at Log Cabin Restaurant in Macedon. We had a nice lunch and it was nice to catch up with everyone.



The Members of MOTC Suffolk made Vision Boards at their February meeting which was held early to avoid Valentine's Day! Vision Boards are made to remind you of what you want to achieve in the coming year. Thanks to Amy Sperber for coordinating this activity.

As the Turtle Goes Pictures...

WSS MOTC

