

Presidential Papers

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Some Friendly Reminders...

JUNE 2023

- 1- Clubs' dues and Statistics forms due to Vice President
- 6- Newsletter articles due to the Editor

JULY 2023

- 1- July/August Presidential Papers distributed
- 15- \$5 Late Fee applied to unpaid clubs; Vice President sends dues reminders to Club Presidents & State Reps
- 1st Draft of Fri/Sat/Sun Board Meeting Minutes due to President, Parliamentarian, Minutes Approval

President's Letter

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Hello Ladies,

It was wonderful to see everyone in Buffalo this weekend! Many thanks to the ladies of Western NY MoMs! It was a long five years of planning and the event was great. The sun finally came out, a nice change from all the rain that we have had over the past few weeks. Flowers and trees are blooming, the landscape is greening up – sure signs that spring is well underway and the summer season will be upon us soon.

Thank you to the membership for electing me as President. I appreciate the faith that you have placed in me to lead this organization through the next few years. This organization does so many wonderful things and the sisterhood that we have built is amazing. If anyone ever has any suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out and talk about this. There are still a few positions left vacant on the Executive Board. If you are interested in learning more about this please feel free to contact me. A bit about myself – I am a member of Schenectady Mothers of Twins Club. We are a small organization, but we still meet regularly. My twins, Kevin and Chris, are both married with children of their own. Kevin's girls are Ava and Hailey, Chris has Declan and Madison. My oldest, Denise, has a little boy Kai who is 13. My youngest, Timmy, is getting married this year and recently bought a house. Life has changed since the twins were little, but I have enjoyed all the milestones along the way. With grandchildren I have a whole new set of milestones to observe.

I am currently in the process of downsizing, I sold my home and am in the midst of packing then moving! A challenge for sure!

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Kathy Brousseau

Executive Board Letter

Welcome to all of you to the Executive Board. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for a position on the Executive Board. I truly appreciate all of you. If anyone has any concerns or questions on your position, please feel free to reach out to me. Please remember to send your reports into the Newsletter Editor. Everyone loves to hear about what is happening in your position. The calendar of events will be sent soon. Please keep an eye on those dates and more information on the date of the Midterm Meeting.

Vice President's Report

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For those who don't know me I am Pam Reussow. I am a lifetime member of GRMOTC. Recently I retired as a Medical Office Assistant and Administrative Assistant. My husband Dave is a retired Electrical Engineer. We have 3 children – Rachel who will be 40, and twins Mark and Julie who are 35. Our pride and joy are our 2 grandchildren – Charlie who is 7 and Lily who is 4.

A big thank you for a wonderful state meeting to Renee Orr and Mariko Denton and all the ladies of WNY Moms! It was a fabulous weekend in a beautiful hotel, with wonderful food, great activities and so many smiling faces!

State Reps, please submit your Statistics Form and Dues to me by June 1st, to avoid the \$5.00 late fee. You may send them to the following address: Pam Reussow – 1454 Wood Drive, Farmington, NY 14425.

In addition, please send me a copy of your club newsletters for my article in our Presidential Papers – “As The Turtle Goes”. Also, clubs that don't have a newsletter, just send me an article about what your club has been doing. Be sure to contact me if you or your club needs any assistance or if you know of any club that might be interested in joining our NY State Organization.

Congratulations to the following Super State Reps for their hard work over the past year!

Doreen Greci MOTC Suffolk, Diana Miller Nassau POMC, Lisa Cartini POM of CNY,

Jane Martinec Schenectady MOTC, Dawn McDonald WNY MOMs, Kristina Bird WSS MOTC; and

Myriam Lavora MOTC Queens

I am honored and excited to be serving as your VP for the next two years, along with all the other board members.

I wish you and your family a wonderful summer, in our beautiful state or where ever your travels may take you!

Twinsincerely,

Pam Reussow

As The Turtle Goes...

On February 2nd Westside Suburban had two distinctive speakers Micah Audycki and her partner Helena. They did a presentation on how we can work towards being better allies to our friends, colleagues and loved ones from the LGBTQ+ community! Our club gained a better understanding of this growing community! Thank you both for sharing your time with us so we can be better educated on this!

In February, Schenectady MOTC worked on convention paperwork, planning their basket, and the MSS calendar raffle.



In April MOTC Suffolk held a workshop decorating wine bottles. They held Election of Officers at their meeting. They also had a Spring Fling Social and the children did some tie dyed shirts and had ice cream sundaes.

In February, WNY Moms held a bookclub meeting - Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin. They also held a Gift Card Charity Night in March and a Moms Get Away! In April they had a Bookclub Meeting - The Paris Apartment by Lisa Foley. To top that off they held their Easter Egg Hunt.

All, while getting ready for their fabulous convention! Wow!!!

Dessert at Phillips European Restaurant was a favorite night out for GRMOTC in February. In March GRMOTC attended Trivia night at a wine bar and won 2nd place.



Treasurer's Report

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Hi everyone!!

WNY MoMs – thank you for a wonderful weekend!

For those who may not know me, my name is Susie Smith and I am your new NYSOMOTC Treasurer for the next two years. I am from MOTC Suffolk and I have twin 13 year old boys. Financial reports will be available in the next edition of the Presidential Papers – keep a lookout for them then. I look forward to be your Treasurer for this upcoming year.

Thank you!

Susie Smith

New York State Organization of Mothers Of Twins Clubs

Eleanor Siegel Fund

Year End Report- submitted by Lorena Cutt

Opening Balance (as of 4/11/2022) \$ 357.44

Income:

Donations/Camilleri \$ 165.00

Donations/Midterm \$ 165.00

Donations/Cartini \$ 40.00

State Meeting Loan Repayment \$ 2,000.00

Interest Income \$ 0.03

Total Income \$ 2,370.03

Expenses:

Membership Pins \$ 74.10

State Meeting Loan - MOTC Suffolk \$ 2,000.00

Total Expenses: \$ 2,074.10

Closing Balance (4/10/2023) \$ 653.37

New York State Organization of Mothers Of Twins Clubs

General Fund

April, 2022 - April, 2023

Opening Balance (as of 4/11/2022) \$ 6,648.04

Income:

Ways and Means \$ 820.00

Show and Sell (10 Vendors) \$ 200.00

State Meeting Assessment \$ 81.00

Club Dues (12 Clubs) \$ 343.50

Midterm Registrations \$ 1,140.00

Citizens to Chase Bank Transfers \$ 7,532.47

Show and sell income from Suffolk Cty \$ 15.00

Total Income \$ 10,131.97

Expenses:

Calligraphy \$ 31.79

Vice President \$ 84.24

Parliamentarian \$ 173.06

Webmaster (Zoom Acct) \$ 149.90

President - copies \$ 78.45

President- Secretary Flowers \$ 31.98

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

Transfer to Eleanor Siegel A/c- Cartini \$ 40.00

Midterm Chair/Supplies \$114.30

Parliamentarian \$ 32.39

State meeting Reg/Lunch fees to WNY Moms \$ 474.00

Treasurer - New Checks \$ 45.52

Advisor - Presidents plaque \$ 273.78

Citizens to Chase Bank Transfers \$ 7,532.47

Total Expenses: \$ 10,312.48

Parliamentarian

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Whew!! I cannot believe I just attended my thirty-sixth State Meeting! I joined Schenectady Mothers of Twins Club when my fraternal girls, Laura and Darlene were five months old. I attended my first State Meeting in Suffolk County. It was "Sail into Suffolk". Next year, it's back to Suffolk!

My girls are now 44 years old. I tried to attend as many meetings as I could. If I couldn't attend, there was a good reason not to. In the beginning I was a sponge, soaking up all the information and support I could. Gradually, I became involved at the state level, joining the Executive Board. It is now rewarding to serve the organization in a more visible fashion. I want to give back as much as I was given.

Some of my friends who are not mothers of multiples are surprised to find that I am still involved and to the extent that I am involved. I just tell them it is a sisterhood and you don't mess with family!

The above sentiments were part of my thirty-five year statement which was read at the recent state meeting. It is now a few weeks later and I am preparing my report to reach all of you. I previously served as Parliamentarian for NYSOMOTC in 2017-2018. Serving as your parliamentarian, I will reference our By-Laws, Procedure Manual and Robert's Rules of Order! It is my responsibility to ensure that all meetings proceed in the proper order.

As a result of a motion made at the 2023 General Meeting of the NYSOMOTC, the midterm meeting will be held in the Albany area. The date of that meeting will be October 14, 2023.

Mark your calendars now.

Parliamentarian

Report for May/June Presidential Papers- Ruth Barone, outgoing Parliamentarian

At the 58 th Annual State Meeting for the New York State Organization Mothers of Twins Club, the following Election of Officers, Nominating Chairman and Nominating Committee Members took place.

The results were as follow:

President Kathy Brousseau

Vice-President Pam Reussow

Treasurer Susie Smith

Recording Secretary Michele Camilleri

Nominating Chairman Ruth Barone

Nominating Committee Members Michelle Kesner

Cathy Marsicano

Jane Martinec

Mary Lou Surmik

In addition, Westside Suburban MOTC bid to host the 2025 State Meeting which was unanimously approved. Congratulations to all!

The following ByLaws amendments were presented and approved:

Article V Officers Section 4 – Letter B

Vacancies occurring in any other elected or appointed office shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Article VI Executive Board

Section 5. Resignations

A. Executive Board members must submit written notice to the State President with their intention to resign from their position in NYSOMOTC.

B. Vacancies shall be appointed for the unexpired term by the President

Article VII Nominations and Elections

A. There shall be a Nominating Committee of five (5) members (Nominating Chairperson and four (4) Nominating Committee members) elected by the properly certified and registered delegates present at the Saturday General Meeting.

Current letter A becomes Letter B.

Current letter C remains the same.

Article VIII State Committees Section 2

Renaming of Calligraphy and Chaplain to Certificates and Reflections and placed in alphabetical order, respectively.

The following Standing Rules were presented and approved:

I. Meetings Letter C Midterm

The location of the Midterm Executive Board Meeting will be determined with the approval of the President in consultation with the Elected and Appointed officers.

IV. Publications Letter C

The Credential mailing will be sent via regular mail and/or electronically based on the preference of the State Reps, Officers and Past Presidents.

V. Plaques - Removal

The following MSS Procedural Guidelines were presented and approved:

Changing chairman to chairperson and use of non-gender specific pronouns throughout the guidelines document.

#5 MSS Fundraiser Letter E- Marie Simmons Scholarship Fundraiser: shall be responsible to prepare and distribute the materials for at least two annual fundraisers and collect all information and monies to and from clubs. (see NYSOMOTC Procedure Manual for specific duties).

#8 Applications Letter H- Copies of Birth Certificates for the applicant and the multiple birth children.

At the Sunday Executive Board meeting, President Kathy Brousseau requested approval for her appointed Officers: Advisor Lisa Cartini and Parliamentarian Kathy Lyman, which was given.

Under New Business at the Friday Executive Board, I recommended an ad hoc committee be formed to review the email protocol NYSOMOTC should be following specifically with regards to decisions being made by the Executive Board using email and how the final decision is reflected in our meeting minutes.

This committee would determine whether this is a Bylaw or Standing Rule and would bring their recommendations to the Executive Board at the Midterm Board meeting in October. At the Sunday Executive Board meeting, the following Board members agreed to serve: Kathy Lyman (current Parliamentarian), Myriam Lavora, Ruth Barone (past Parliamentarian), Michele Camilleri (Past President) and President Brousseau as an ex officio member.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve NYSOMOTC as Parliamentarian. Special thanks to President Cartini for appointing me in 2021 and to the Executive Board and the membership for your support during the past two years. It has been a real learning experience and given me a greater appreciation for understanding why parliamentary procedure is essential to our organization. I wish Kathy Lyman great success as she takes on these responsibilities.

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Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund – Final Report

Kathlene Lyman - Treasurer/Vice Chairman

Donations/registrations 175

2023 Calendar Fundraiser 1500

May 1, 2022- April 15, 2023

Total Income \$3,074

Opening Balance: \$10, 427.35

Expenses:

Income:

Calendar Winners (5) \$ 500

Donation: MOTC Suffolk \$100

2022 MSS: Rose Ftiha 1500

2022 Calendar Dates 94

Returned check & fee 65

2022 Item Raffles 410

Total Expenses: \$2065

2022 Scratch-off fundraiser 730

Closing Balance: \$11,436.35

Reimbursement of check & fee 65

Since the above report was given at the 2023 State Meeting, I have issued scholarship checks, \$1500 each, to Mary Ftiha and Joey Drake. There were four winners of the calendar fundraiser, each receiving \$125. Checks were written to Renee Orr, Susie Venditti, and Patty Bassett. Suffolk MOTC donated their winnings. A \$495 deposit was made, reflecting proceeds from the calendar fundraiser at the state meeting (\$40), the proceeds from the MSS raffles (\$430), and a \$25 dollar donation from Westside Suburban MOTC in memory of Rachel Renko. The new balance is \$8,556.35.

It has been my pleasure to serve as MSSF Treasurer/Vice Chair of the NYSOMOTC since 2009. After the checks clear, I will be turning the chair over to Renie Cutt.

Kathlene A. Lyman

Chaplain

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The year 2022 – 2023 has been a very interesting year at the Lyman household. I was sorry I missed midterm due to exposure to COVID. I was given a new task regarding the Memorial Page at that meeting. Although I have had snags along the way, I believe I have achieved all of the Chaplain's duties. I prepared opening and closing reflections for the 2022 Sunday Board Meeting and for the 2022 Midterm meeting. I have prepared reflections for the 2023 State Meeting. I was given the Memorial Booklet in November and have asked clubs to check the 2022 Memorial Page to identify names of their deceased club members. I also asked for omissions. To the best of my ability, I updated the "In Memorial" page for the current program booklet. I plan to update the Memorial Book with new pages and updated lists. I have sent ten cards this year. Sympathy cards went to Joanne Czajkowski (daughter-in-law), Erma Dineen (husband), Janine Weber (father-in-law), and Evelyn Welby (husband). I sent get-well cards to Nita Landes, Shirley Savage, and Karen Nichols. A congratulations card was sent to Pat and Melissa Cocchiara on the occasion of their wedding. A thinking-of-you card was sent to Dawn Landes and family to thank them for taking care of our Nita. A birthday card was sent to Nita. I wrote some articles for the Presidential Papers. Health issues hindered my diligence to this duty. I look forward to a healthier year for me so I may continue to serve our organization.

Kathy Lyman

Reflections Chair-Kathlene Lyman

The above was my final report as Chaplain. At the 2023 State Meeting, I began each meeting with a reflection. I started with a quote and then charged the group with direction. "One quote from Ivory, a female wrestler, was "There is a power to sisterhood". A quote from Henry Ford was, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." I believe we had a very successful State Meeting. We worked together and we "played" together! I ended Sunday's Board Meeting with a recording of "Give My Regards to Broadway" by Judy Garland.

Unity Project

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The Unity Book is a compilation of fun and serious stories, informative articles and favorite recipes that have been donated by the various members of clubs belonging to the New York State Organization of Mother of Twins Clubs. These stories, etc. are then submitted to an upcoming publishing of the Presidential Papers which is then distributed to all the club's members to enjoy. All State Representatives are encouraged to participate so a point can be added by the State Vice President to your tally towards Super State Representative!

It is very important to send a hard copy of your article to my home address, this will then go into your club's section. I also need it emailed to me so I can forward it to our State Vice President and State Editor who will then publish it for all to read!

For the first time in many years it is necessary to acquire a new binder and page dividers to store the upcoming submissions, as the current book is very full. The original book will be safely stored and brought with the new book to future Conventions.

Any questions or concerns please call or email me.

Jane Martinec, Unity Chair

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It was so wonderful to see everyone at our 2023 convention! The baskets were amazing! Thank you to all who donated baskets and bought tickets. Baskets were from 7 clubs and one member. We collected \$640.

I look forward to being your chair again next year.

Sharon Wetzel

Nominating Committee

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At the 58 th Annual State Meeting for the New York State Organization Mothers of Twins Club, I was elected as Nominating Chairperson for 2023 – 2025. The Nominating Committee members elected to serve with me are Michelle Kesner (MOTC Suffolk), Cathy Marsicano (Nassau County POM), Jane Martinec (Schenectady MOTC) and Mary Lou Surmik (Southern Tier MOTC).

The District Assignment for 2023 - 2025 is as follows:

NCD #1 - Michelle Kesner (includes WNY MOMS, Greater Rochester MOTC, Westside Suburban MOTC)

NCD #2 - Mary Lou Surmik (includes Chemung Valley MOTC, Multiple Moms Mingle, Southern Tier MOTC)

NCD #3 - Jane Martinec (includes Schenectady MOTC, TNT of CNY, POM CNY)

NCD #4 - Cathy Marsicano (includes MOTC Queens, Nassau County POM, MOTC Suffolk)

As the Nominating Chairperson, I will work with the Nominating Committee to distribute and collect the resume form (which can be found on the NYSOMOTC Website or, if requested, can be mailed), select nominees for the election of Officers held every other year, and inform the membership of the proposed slate of officers.

In the files which were transferred to me, the Executive Board members who have a “current” resume on file are:

Karyn Audycki

Lisa Cartini

Nancy Converse

Barbi Cudney

Ericka D’Auria

Linda Gettings

Doreen Grenai

Phoebe Kannisto

Michelle Kesner

Sharon Witul

If you completed your resume and sent it electronically either to Kathy Brousseau (prior to her resignation) or acting Nominating Chairperson Linda Goldsworthy, please forward it to me at your earliest convenience. If you have not completed a resume for the 2023-2024 year, please do so as soon as possible.

I want to thank the membership for electing me and look forward to serving NYSOMOTC in this role.

Have a great summer!!

Librarian

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Hello Ladies,

I want to say a huge thank you to WMY MoMs for an incredible weekend! The memories I made this weekend will last a lifetime! I truly enjoyed seeing everyone in person instead of on Facebook or zoom! I am still working off the high off the weekend and now starting the planning of first communion, birthdays, end of school year, fair week and summer planning!

Before we know it we will be packing our bags to see each other in October at mid-term. Even though life is crazy remember us mom's need a little time out too, so grab a book, schedule a pedicure or grab your remote and watch that movie or show you have been dying to see and enjoy some you time!

Young Children:

Baby Monkey, Private Eye bye Brain Selznick and David Serlin: Baby Monkey's adventures come to life in a blend of picture book, beginning reader, and graphic novel.

Wild Life LOL! Series: introduces young readers to some of the most amazing animals on the planet in a surprising and laugh-out-loud-funny way. Each book is brimming with colorful photos, bite-sized text, wacky facts, jokes, and riddles that will entertain every child who picks it up.

The one and Only Ivan: *****Book 1 of 3 series***** Ivan is an easygoing gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all. Instead, Ivan thinks about TV shows he's seen and about his friends Stella, an elderly elephant, and Bob, a stray dog. But mostly Ivan thinks about art and how to capture the taste of a mango or the sound of leaves with color and a well-placed line. Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family, and she makes Ivan see their home—and his own art—through new eyes. When Ruby arrives, change comes with her, and it's up to Ivan to make it a change for the better.

Middle School/Young Adult:

Time to Roll by Jamie Sumner: Ellie is so not the pageant type. They're Coralee's thing, and Ellie is happy to let her talented friend shine in the spotlight. But what's she supposed to do when Coralee asks her to enter a beauty pageant, and their other best friend, Bert, volunteers to be their manager? Then again, how else is she going to get through this summer with her dad, who barely knows her, while her mom is off on her honeymoon with Ellie's amazing gym teacher? Ellie decides she has nothing to lose. There's only one the director of the pageant seems determined to put Ellie and her wheelchair front and center. So it's up to Ellie to figure out a way to do it on her own terms and make sure her friendships don't fall apart along the way. Through it all, from thrift store deep dives to disastrous dance routines, she begins to form her own definition of beauty and what it means to really be seen.

School Trip by Jerry Craft: *****Graphic Novel***** Jordan, Drew, Liam, Maury, and their friends from Riverdale Academy Day School are heading out on a school trip to Paris. As an aspiring artist himself, Jordan can't wait to see all the amazing art in the famous City of Lights. But when their trusted faculty guides are replaced at the last minute, the school trip takes an unexpected--and hilarious- turn. Especially when trying to find their way around a foreign city ends up being almost as tricky as navigating the same friendships, fears, and differences that they struggle with at home.

There's someone inside your house by Stephanie Perkins: *****Young Adult***** Love hurts...Makani Young thought she'd left her dark past behind her in Hawaii, settling in with her grandmother in landlocked Nebraska. She's found new friends and has even started to fall for mysterious outsider Ollie Larsson. But her past isn't far behind. Then, one by one, the students of Osborne High begin to die in a series of gruesome murders, each with increasingly grotesque flair. As the terror grows closer and her feelings for Ollie intensify, Makani is forced to confront her own dark secrets.

Moms:

The Christie Affair by Nina de Gramont: The greatest mystery wasn't Agatha Christie's disappearance in those eleven infamous days, it's what she discovered. London, 1925: In a world of townhomes and tennis matches, socialites and shooting parties, Miss Nan O'Dea became Archie Christie's mistress, luring him away from his devoted and well-known wife, Agatha Christie.

Research Chair

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It was wonderful seeing those who attended in-person to the convention. I presented my activity report to the membership at the Saturday General Meeting and presented the findings from the 2023 Research Survey. These findings are also available for review here and have been provided to the Webmaster to post to the website. Sadly, this will be my last report, at least for a while, as I will not be continuing in this position in order to focus on my family's move to Huntsville, Alabama in the summer and taking the time to adjust to our new surroundings and the kids' schools. I hope to return for future conventions to spend time with you all.

Take care,

Mariko

2023 Research Report
"Relationships Between Multiples"
Presented to the General Membership
Saturday May 6th, 2023
By Mariko Denton

See attachment in email for full report

2023 State Meeting

Thank you so much to everyone who attended and/or contributed towards our long journey to the WNY-hosted convention. We all had such a great time with everyone. We presented our activity report to the membership during convention weekend and have been gathering evaluation forms. Our final report will be presented at the Midterm meeting. Best wishes until we see each other again at Suffolk in 2024!

Procedure Manual Chair

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Hola to all!

First I wish to offer multiple THANKS to Mariko, Renee and their WNY MoMs host committee for a successful and fun filled State Meeting weekend. Your hard work and efforts in the past five years that it took to complete this mission are really appreciated!! Each of the 37 state meetings I have attended is very unique and special for me. As always, I much enjoyed reuniting and catching up with my long time dear friends from around NY State and also meeting some new members, who I hope will keep coming back and bring more MOMs with them. Lots of business was accomplished during our meetings. Most important, the new Officers for the 2023-2024 were elected and appointed, led by President Kathy Brousseau. I extend my congratulations and best luck to all, as they begin their term of service to this great organization. Thanks to President Kathy for appointing me to continue as Procedure Manual

Chair and MSS Committee Member.

The current updated Procedure Manual is on the website (nysomotc.org) for the Executive Board and the Member Cubs. New passwords are in effect. Please contact Webmaster Susie Smith or me for assistance. The 2023 State Rep Packet has been mailed to the local clubs' State Reps and Presidents. Please carefully review all the information and dues renewal forms that are included in the packet. If you have questions on anything, feel free to reach out to me at any time. Looking forward to another exciting year with NYSOMOTC. Best to all of you!

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A Note from Myriam:

I would like to acknowledge and give a special "shout out" to two amazing Daughters - Nita Landes's daughter, Dawn (Westside Suburban MOTC) and Erma Dineen's daughter, Jennifer (POM of CNY) who accompanied their Moms to the State Meeting weekend in Buffalo.

To Dawn and Jennifer - Your loving and unselfish act of kindness towards your moms did not go unnoticed.

One of the greatest gifts a mother may have is a daughter or son who does not miss a moment to sing and laugh with them, who watch and help every step of the way, who gives attention, unconditional love with patience and compassion. Your kind actions set forth an example for all of us with mothers (and fathers) who are holding on to their limited independence and in need of that extra TLC.

Quoting the wise words of Amelia Earhart: A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, the roots spring up and make new trees."

Twin Data Registry

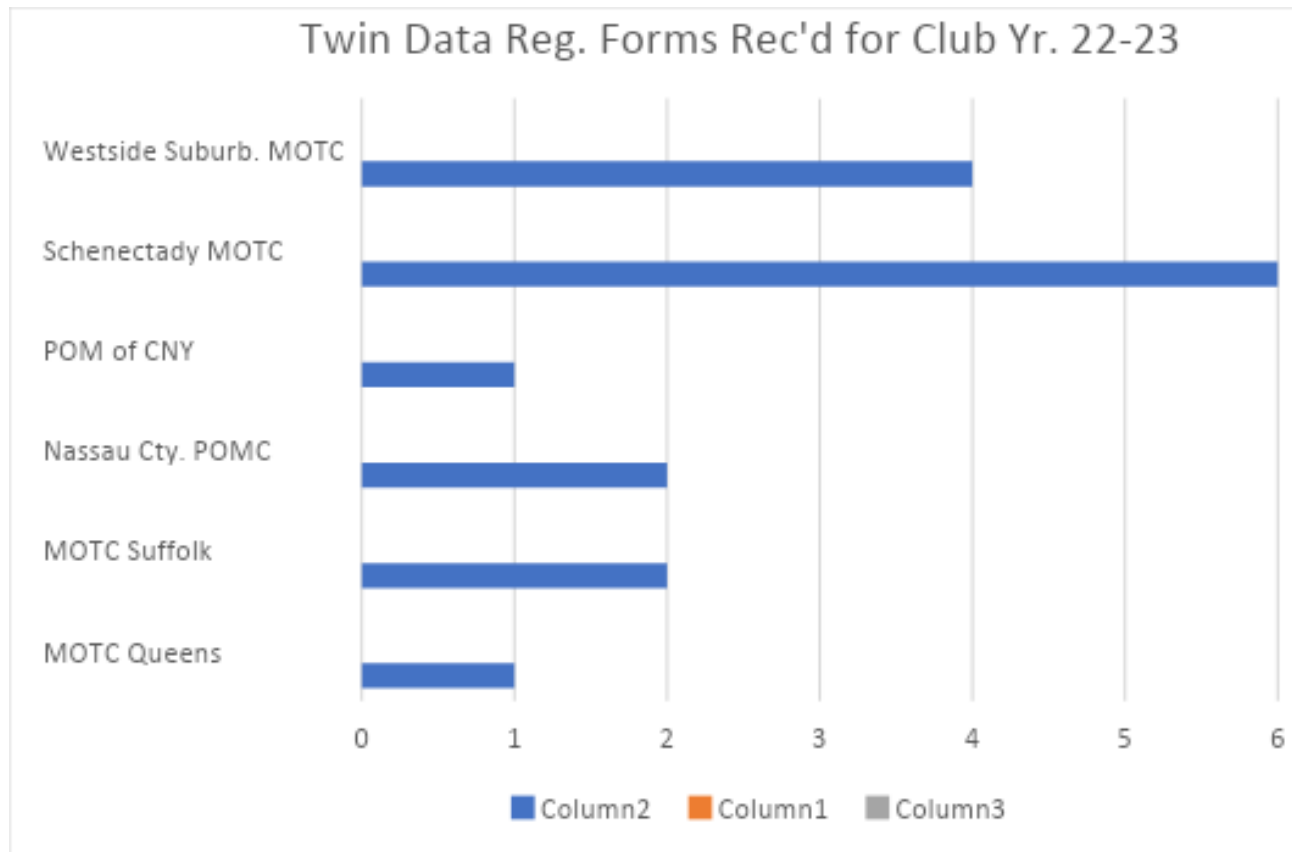
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Since Midterm, I have contacted all the State Reps. and provided them with blank copies of the Twin Data Registry form as well as a list of their members who have already filled one out and have forms on file. **Please be sure that you use the updated copy of the form which can be found on the website and is 5 pages long.** I have received several completed forms back via regular mail as well as email attachments. They are as follows:



I still haven't had my laptop repaired. I am trying to get it to load a new operating system. I had started the database on that machine, so that's where I want to continue. My desktop isn't conducive to working for any length of time. My focus continues to be on my twins and their finishing senior year as well as figuring out what they are doing next year. At least one of them is attending Suffolk Community College in the Fall. Their anxiety increases when facing the unknown, so this is an ongoing process.

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Greetings!!!

What a great weekend we all had! Thank you WNY MoMs for a wonderful weekend!!! I've already introduced myself earlier as your new Treasurer...but I have another job....your NYSOMOTC Webmaster. I, along with my committee, keep tabs on the website and our social media sites. We are also the keepers of our Zoom account. If anyone needs to have a meeting with their committees, please be sure to reach out to us and we will schedule it for you.

The Website/Social Media Committee consists of Michele Camilleri, Lori Connolly and Phoebe Kannisto.

Thank you to all of my committee for all of the help you have given me the last two years . Do you know we have a website? Have you been to our website lately? If not...go check it out. www.nysomotc.org It's updated often and it has all the information that you need – Convention Info, Meeting Minutes, pictures and more! The passwords to get into the Board Members and Club Members pages as of May 8 th . Please contact your State Rep to get that information.

Are you a part of the NYSOMOTC Members Facebook page? If not, join the page and start a conversation!!

If you have Convention pictures that you'd like to share for the website, please email us at nysomotc@hotmail.com.

Thank you!

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Thank you to all the ladies of WNY. That was just a fabulous weekend. The carnival was so much fun! All the snow cones and cotton candy you wanted. How could anything be better? You had an incredible Hospitality Room and made everything so easy to find. You didn't miss a single detail to the weekend. Your dedication paid off for sure. As your outgoing President and newly appointed Advisor to President Kathy Brousseau, I would like to wish her the Best of Luck for the next 2 years. I will be here if she needs anything. I know she has a great group of ladies to assist her in leading us forward.

Congratulations Kathy!

Past President's Report

Hello everyone, I know that you don't usually see a report from a Past President in the papers, but I was feeling the love.

This weekend was a wonderful weekend of what our Reflections Chair, Kathleen Lyman called "A Sisterhood". For those of us lucky enough to attend, I think we felt that. For those of you who have not been to a convention in a while, if you are reading this paper, you should re-consider coming again. We are all willing and open to meeting New Friends, but we are especially looking forward to meeting some Old New Friends again.

For those of you who didn't know, not sure how that would be possible, but on Thursday night of this convention, I was able to arrange for a group of us to go to the Shea's Theater in Buffalo to see the musical SIX! We were over the moon with the fact that we got a great price and 20 of us had orchestra seats to a fantastic musical. It sure was a fun way to start the convention weekend.

I had said last year that I would be looking into prices for a bus to Long Island next year. The bus company I looked at was one Peggy and I spotted as we were driving back from Buffalo, and they are based on Long Island. The woman I spoke with said either way, you looking at 2 drivers because of the length of time we are staying and that would run close to 12K. That would put the price per person IF you have 25 people at \$480 per person. All other modes of transportation (even Amtrak) would be a lot cheaper than the bus. This it's not going to be an option that I will be arranging. Our club is looking to fly since we would rather not spend 2 days traveling and would rather spend our time together with all of you.

THANK YOU again WNY MoMs for a Fantastic Weekend

See you soon!

Linda Goldsworthy



Club Scrapbook Contest

I was able to find 3 judges that did not belong to a club. There was six scrapbook pages that they judged while I was present.

Clubs that submitted entries were: Schenectady, Westside Suburban, Suffolk, Greater Rochester, Western NY, and POM.

The placements: in 3rd was WESTSIDE SUBURBAN, 2nd was WESTERN NY, and the winner was POM.

Everyone was given a certificate and POM was given a framed 1st place winner.

I currently have the scrapbook pages due to not being able to find out where they are supposed to be stored, if anyone can help please let me know. I also, have a page from previous years that was brought to me.

Thank you,
Melissa Cocchiara

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Another Convention done for NYSOMOTC's history! Many laughs were shared, tears were shed, and memories were made.

I have accepted the position of Membership Pins Chair for my 6th year. I am truly honored and excited to do this again. At this past Convention we had One First Time Attendee, and 15 Pin Recipients. Please look at the list I have included which was published in the Convention Program Booklet. Reading the Reflection Summaries provided by the 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 year pin recipients was ever so special as usual.

I am currently President of my local Club - WNYMoMs - for my second year and about to be installed in June for my 3rd. I was President in the past, as well, for 2 years. I have held many positions in my Club - most being an Officer position. I think I was "allowed" to sit out for 2 separate years - 3 at the most.

I have a singleton son who is 37 years old and twin boys who will be 35 this May. (How are they these ages? Time goes by too quickly.) I have one grandson who will be 6 in June. I still work full time as a Payroll Administrator for Delaware North/Buffalo Sportservice and I am at the KeyBank Center in downtown Buffalo - home of the Buffalo Sabres and the Buffalo Bandits. I donate plasma - I have Rh negative blood. We are allowed to donate only twice a week with a choice of 4 days and need to have a day off in between. This is something that I do that I find to be very rewarding and am very proud of. If you are not familiar with Rh Negative plasma donating, please Google the information. Maybe you can be a proud donor too!

NYSOMOTC Membership Pins

2023

Congratulations to the following ladies for accomplishing great milestones:

First Time Attendee

Diana Miller - Nassau POMC

5 Years

Stephanie Leinoff - MOTC Suffolk

Cathy Marsicano - Nassau POMC

Mariko Denton - WNYMoMs

20 Years

Dawn McDonald - WNYMoMs

25 Years

Tracy Shaner - Westside Suburban MOTC

30 Years

Nancy Cootware - POM of CNY

Susan Venditti - POM of CNY

Anita Roach - Westside Suburban MOTC

Sharon Atti - WNYMoMs

35 Years

Ruth Barone - Greater Rochester MOTC

Kathlene Lyman - Schenectady MOTC (*2022)

Shirley Savage - Southern Tier MOTC

MaryLou Surmik - Southern Tier MOTC

40 Years

Anne Clements - Westside Suburban MOTC

Sharon Wetzel - WNYMoMs

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Hello MoMs!

My name is Ericka D'Auria. I live in Sayville with my husband and three daughters. The twins Amelia and Katherine are 11, and my baby Meghan is 9. I have three bonus children from my husband's previous marriage- Danielle is 31 and lived with her husband Mac in London, Dom is 26 and Joseph is 21 and lives in Hyde Park and works at a bakery as a pastry chef.

I look forward to reading all the articles that come in for the newsletter. Please keep the deadlines in mind!

I look forward to continuing my role as newsletter editor. And note- try to keep your articles short and sweet. I try and keep each submission to one page, and that would sometimes mean that I have to shrink down the font, which can be difficult to read. I will punish each article as submitted, but please try to keep your viewer in mind :)

Please send all articles to NYSOMOTCNews@gmail.com by their deadline. Thank you!

Local Club News

Orzo

~~ROSE~~ MARINA SALAD

1 lb. Rose Marina noodles **ORZO**
3/4 c. sugar
2 Tbsp. flour
2 eggs, well beaten

2 small or 1 large can crushed
pineapple
1 to 2 (9 oz.) containers Cool Whip
2 small cans mandarin oranges

Cook noodles and drain. Combine juice from pineapple and oranges. Add sugar, flour and eggs. Cook until thick. Cool and add noodles. Refrigerate overnight.

Next day, add pineapple, oranges and Cool Whip. Stir and serve.

Mamie Di Pirro

GRMOTC

In March we went to Via Girasole Wine Bar in the cute little Schoen Place in Pittsford. We played trivia and came in second place! First time we had ever played together., our team name is "Two by Two!" Not to shabby! We won a \$15 gift certificate so we decided to have our April meeting there too. We took second place again! Go "Two by Two!"



MOTC Queens Night Out (Comfort, Friendship & Support Spring Dinner) for Evelyn and Lenore Welby, in remembrance of their Husband & Dad (Frank).

Left to right: Lenore and her Mom, Evelyn Welby, Janet O'Connor, Michele Camilleri, Myriam Lavora, Marie Stagnitta and Andrea Irizarry



At our April meeting, members painted wine bottles using stencils and added twinkle lights inside for a pretty decoration.



MOTC Suffolk's Children's Socials Committee hosted their Spring Fling on April 30. The kids made tie-dye pillowcases.