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#### Some Friendly Reminders...

#### DECEMBER 2023

Third Call distributed and published on Website
Midterm Board Meeting Minutes corrections due
back to Recording Secretary
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 2024
Clubs begin discussing hosting 2026 State Meeting

9 January/February Presidential Papers distributed FEBRUARY 2024

1 Midterm Board Meeting Minutes distributed by Recording Secretary; Mailing of credential documents to Officers, Past Presidents and Member Clubs

6 Newsletter articles due to the Editor; Reminders for 2024 State Meeting distributed

President's Letter

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Hello Ladies!

Fall has finally arrived, and the weather is still beautiful. My youngest son was married a few weeks ago. It was a beautiful ceremony. The venue was outdoors, and the morning was a bit rainy. An hour before the ceremony the sun came out! They had a wonderful day and I am very happy to have another daughter in my family.

I am preparing for a 10k walk/run in Savannah next month and have been trying to fit in extra time walking. Each day I try to take a different route and notice the various surroundings. I am thankful for each and every day. It is so easy to become drawn into my routines and these walks without my phone in my hand (other than to time my pace) are rewarding. As darkness will be earlier and earlier, I have to stay on track so can't go with my usual procrastination and excuses.

I hope you all are finding time for yourselves doing something you enjoy. Even five or ten minutes a day can be good for the soul.

I would like to send get well wishes to Nita Landes! It was wonderful to see you at the meeting and hope you are feeling better soon!

Happy Holidays to All!

**Executive Board Letter** 

Hello Ladies!

The Midterm Board Meeting was held this past weekend in Albany. It was a fruitful day of business and much was accomplished. The last open Board position was filled by Sharon Witul who took on the position of Twin Photo Registry. Please send photos of your family to Sharon. These will be displayed at the State Meeting. Thank you to all for making the meeting so productive.

Please remember to send in your reports for the Newsletter. We all like to hear what you have been up to in your position or anything you want to share! If anyone has any questions about your position please feel free to contact me.

Thank you all for everything you do to keep the organization strong.

Vice President's Report

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Hello Ladies,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer! I enjoyed spending my first entire summer at our cottage on Seneca Lake, since my retirement. My favorite place to be.

I am pleased that all 12 of our clubs have rejoined our state organization again for this year! With the past several years of covid and the after effects, we have not seen as many members as usual at our past State Meetings. I hope that everyone is well and able to join us in Hauppauge for our 59 th Annual State Meeting, April 11-14, 2024. It is sure to be a wonderful time!

I have reached out to a couple clubs from the past to see if they would like to rejoin. To date I have not heard back from them. I hope to, once things start up again in the fall. If you hear of any new clubs, please let me know and I will contact them with information about our organization.

Fall is my favorite time of year! I enjoyed going to Schenectady to attend our Mid Term Board Meeting and seeing many of you. We had a very productive meeting.

Enjoy your holidays with family and friends! Twinserely, Pam Reussow - VP



As The Turtle Goes...

- GRMOTC ladies met in August at the Penfield/Fairport Panera for dinner and to plan our activities for the year. This year, we will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We have dinners out, trivia night, craft night, spa night, Radio Social, dessert night and a pedal tour planned for the year. Sounds like a great year for the Greater Rochester Mothers of Twins Club!
- Schenectady MOTC held their first meeting of this year in September. It is their Club's 58th year thanks to Jackie who got them started! Jane has submitted a story for the Unity Book about Rita Tetreault a long-time active member and how she is still contributing to their club through one of her twin sons. At their October meeting they will be finishing Angel ornaments that will go into the Christmas cards that they are giving to Nursing Home Residents.
- Queens will be meeting with their MOTC crew of 4 for dinner on October 5!
- Suffolk MOTC held a mom's night out in August at a local Beer Garden. In September they had a night out at a local Cuban Restaurant and enjoyed food, drinks, and music. Spouses were honored at a Spouse Appreciation Day at a Cider house! What a great idea ladies. I think all clubs should do something special for our spouses don't you? They also have had several guest speakers a speech pathologist, occupational therapist and a gentle sleep coach. In October they held a Childrens Fall Social at the local Fire Department. They are also holding a Holiday Flower Sale Fundraiser.
- POM had another great camping weekend in Aug. We went to a new cottage this year. We were fortunate enough to be right on Lake Ontario again in this new place. We had good weather and we all were able to see the meteor showers aka shooting stars. There were a couple ladies missing but we tried to keep them in our spirit. Hopefully next year we can all be together again. We didn't do blankets this year but we still had a craft to keep us entertained for an afternoon. Peggy our President was not able to join us. Can't wait to go again next year.
- Westside Suburban MOTC members became scent designers over the summer! Some of our members attended an adult event to Scent by Design and were able to create their own designer candle or spray. It was so much fun picking out the scents and figuring out which would go together nicely. While we waited to mix our scents, we all enjoyed a cocktail. We all enjoyed a wonderful dinner at The Gate House after we designed our candles. Being creative made us all a little hungry. We opened our year with our annual September pot luck dinner. Our members sure know how to cook and share delicious food with each other. Another adult event we are had was at Batavia Downs Racino in October complete with a Prime rib buffet dinner. They actually named a race after our club and we were able to get our picture taken with the winning horse!
- WNY Moms are holding a Sneaker Fundraiser in October. Gently worn, used or new sneakers are welcome to be donated. They are also doing a fundraiser for members attending the State Meeting. At their Holiday Party, people in the club donate a \$15 item. They sell tickets at the party and people can win any of the items. Proceeds go to funding their trip to the State Meeting in April. At their October meeting they are doing a Sweet Treats Tasting! Everyone brings something for everyone to sample. Food or drink are allowed. Then they vote on their favorites. Finally, a Couples Night out Haunted Hayride where members can enjoy the fall season is being held. Wow! These ladies are busy bees!
- Nassau County POMC is relaunching Big Sister/Little Sister/Twin Sister Program. Members would be a "big sister" to a member with younger kids. Their Book Club is currently reading, The Witch of Willow Hall by Hester Fox. Sounds like a fun book to read! In October they held a fall outing to the White Post Farms Pumpkin Patch. They also had a speaker with experience working with children with Autism and other neurological and developmental disorders. He is a Primitive Reflex Integration Clinical Specialist with training in adaptive swimming for children with special needs. Their community experienced a recent tragedy. It greatly affected club members who lost friends and colleagues, students were injured and many viewed a horrific scene. Their club is making a donation to the Farmingdale Schools. NYSOMOTC is thinking of you all at this difficult time and sending hugs your way.

Treasurer's Report

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**General Fund Treasury Report** May 2023 - October 9, 2023



#### **Opening Balance**

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Income:	
2023 State Meeting Assessment	
2023 Show & Sell Income	
2023 Ways & Means Income	
Transfer from ES Fund	
Club Dues	
Midterm Meeting Registration	
	Total Income

 3,647.25	
\$ 350.00	
\$ 315.25	
\$ 2,024.00	
\$ 640.00	
\$ 235.00	
\$ 83.00	

YTD Total

\$6,467.53

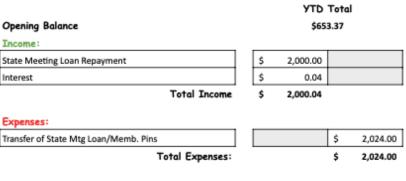
#### Expenses:

	Total Expenses:	\$	3,558.85
AV Charges (WNY MoMs)		\$	695.00
Zoom		\$	149.90
Advisor		\$	237.60
President		\$	31.96
Card Replacement Fee		\$	5.00
Membership Pins		\$	24.00
Certificates		\$	12.93
State Meeting Loan (Westside Suburba	in)	\$	2,000.00
Parliamentarian		\$	368.42
Club Scrapbook		\$	34.04

#### Closing Balance

\$6,555.93

#### New York State Organization of Mothers Of Twins Clubs Eleanor Siegel Memorial Fund Treasury Report May 2023 - October 9, 2023



#### **Closing Balance**

\$629.41

Nominating Chair

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I attended the October 14 Midterm Board meeting in Albany. While it was a longer road trip, the location and amenities were great. Congratulations to President Kathy Brousseau for a great meeting and to Renie and Lori for all their hard work as Midterm Board Meeting Co-Chairs.

As part of my report, I reviewed the changes made to the resume form. I distributed a resume form to those in attendance and requested they return it to me before leaving the meeting. There were a couple of updates, which Susie Smith is making. Once I have received that updated resume form, I will be sending it to those Executive Board members who were not in attendance to complete and return to me.

As part of my report, I asked for clarification regarding the Eligibility List for President and Nominating Committee Chairperson which needs to be created/presented. The Procedure Manual for the Nominating Chairperson states it needs to be presented at the Midterm Board meeting, the Friday Executive Board meeting and the Saturday General Meeting. Since the term of office for the elected and appointed officers as well as the Nominating Committee Chairperson is two years, it was agreed that the Eligibility List does not need to be created/presented until the Midterm Board meeting prior to the election year and at the Friday Executive Board meeting and the Saturday General meeting in an election year. This means the lists will be created and presented for the next election year in 2025.

Also, in the Procedure Manual for the Nominating Committee under Nominating Districts it states that a Letter of Introduction needs to be sent to the Member Clubs' President and State Representative within their assigned district. Again, it was agreed that this letter does not need to be sent on an "off election" year. The next time the introduction letter will be sent is in November 2024.

Both of these changes will be reflected in the Procedure Manual.

I would like to thank Nadine Fitoussi and Sharon Witul for volunteering to be our Research Chairperson and Twin Photo Registry Chairperson, respectively.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season with family and friends.

Photographer

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If you would have asked me in April 2022 if I would be the Photographer for State, I know my answer would have been NO! Fast forward to Saturday morning of our 2023 State Meeting. I was asked to help out with capturing all the events of the weekend especially our General Meeting and Installation of Officers. I graciously said yes which brings us to now. Hi my name is Karyn Audycki. I am from Westside Suburban Mother of Twins club and I'm the Photographer for NYSOMOTC.

I was able to take pictures throughout the weekend last year and collect pictures from others who took pictures at the Friday Executive board meeting. I posted many pictures from the 2023 State meeting on our Facebook page. I also have transferred all the pictures onto 2 flash drives to be given to the 2023 State meeting host club as well as the NYSOMOTC Archivist. My plan going forward is to take as many pictures as I can and post them onto Facebook page for all to view immediately after the event. I will also try and send some pictures to be published in our quarterly newsletter.

I really enjoy taking pictures and I haven't used my good camera (not my phone) in a really long time so I'm excited to use it again.

So when you see me don't forget to Smile!



Research Chair

Nadine Fitoussi.

MOTC Suffolk

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#### Hi MoMs!

My name is Nadine Fitoussi and I am the new research chair. I am excited to take on this new position having attended conventions in Syracuse in 2022 and Buffalo in 2023 as well as my first Midterm meeting in Albany this month! I have identical twin girls who are 4 years old and I am the secretary for Suffolk MOTC. In my professional life, I am a clinical/school psychologist and have always had an affinity for research. I have also presented around the country on making schools welcoming for LGBTQIA+ youth!

This year's research topic grew out of the discussion of gender inclusion that began at Convention 2023. In conjunction with current members, we agreed on a topic that appears to be relevant and timely for our members:

• Gender Expression, Gender Identity, and Sexual Orientation in Multiples

As I only recently took on the role of Research Chair, I will work on the survey draft in Google Forms as soon as possible. The URL to the survey, once finalized, will be published in the Presidential Papers and will be sent out to all of the state liaisons and club presidents.

Thank you, Nadine Fitoussi Research Chair



2024 State Meeting

Susie Smith & Janine Weber MOTC Suffolk convention2024@gmail.com

Hello Ladies,

MOTC Suffolk is hard at work planning our next state convention. All of the committees are getting creative and we can't wait for you to see what we have in store for 2024! We are almost ready with Third Call. Make sure to keep an eye on the due dates for all registrations and entries including Newsletter Contest, hotel booking, Show and Sell and more.

In lieu of the Door Sign Contest, we will be holding a Table Centerpiece Contest for Saturday Night's event. There was list circulating the room at Midterm for clubs to choose their Broadway shows for their centerpiece. If your club was not represented at Midterm and you will be attending

Convention, please contact us so we can assign a show (or shows) to your club. More detailed information will be available in Third Call.

We'd like to thank everyone who participated in the Midterm Raffles.

Congratulation to all the winners:

One Night Room Raffle – Michelle Kesner (MOTC Suffolk)

Fall Basket – Kathy Lyman (Schenectady MOTC)

50/50 (\$110) – Cathy Renko (Westside Suburban MOTC)

See you all soon!

Janine & Susie



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Hello All.

Unity Book Project is a way to share your stories with all of the Mother's of Twins Clubs in New York State. All State Representatives are invited to submit a story of interest to be published in an upcoming issue of the Presidential Papers.

Please sent a hard copy to me at 425 Charles St, Scotia, NY 12302 so I can add it to your club's section as well as email it to me at janemajel@aol.com so I can forward it to our State Editor as well as our State VP so you will get your point towards Super State Representative.

Jane Martinec, Unity Book Chair

## THE TWIN COMMANDMENTS

- I. THOU SHALT LOVE each twin as thyself and as an individual.
- II. THOU SHALT HEED all advice from other mothers, and then proceed to do it your own way.
- III. THOU SHALT BE PATIENT, no matter how much they both insist upon the RED cup.
  - IV. THOU SHALT NOT DRESS your twins alike, unless you so desire.
  - V. THOU SHALT NOT KILL, no matter how long and loud they whine.
- VI. THOU SHALT NOT COVET thy neighbor's only child.
- VII. HONOUR THYSELF by taking a day off by thyself frequently.
- VIII. REMEMBER THE SECOND MONDAY of each month and keep it open.
  - IX. THOU SHALT NOT FORGET the name of SCHENECTADY MOTHERS OF TWINS CLUB when meeting a prospective member.
  - X. THOU SHALT NOT THROW up thy hands and give up, but take one day at a time.

Procedure Manual Chair

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Hola everyone!

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Along the NY Thruway, the leaves were stuck on the trees and looking very green. A bit disappointing with the lack of Fall colors. But- the Midterm Executive Board Meeting in Albany ran smoothly with much to catch up with. Congratulations to President Kathy Brousseau for conducting a very productive session.

Thank you to the Midterm Co-Chairs Renie and Lori, for their time in preparing for this meeting. During the drive, Michele and I shared lots of great memories of the many years we traveled to Binghamton, always adding a "must stop" at Roscoe Diner.

Although it felt "bittersweet" we were excited to be heading into a new location and are confident that eventually, we'll find another good diner.

Procedure Manual updates were discussed and approved for the positions of President, Vice President, MSS Fundraiser, Archivist, Photographer and the State Meeting Guidelines. Once completed, the revised pages will be provided to the Officers, the Archivist and the Webmaster. The full version of the Procedure Manual is available on the website.

Questions/concerns - feel free to contact me any time.

Wishing all a bright holiday season and that 2024 brings us joyful family moments, love, health, peace at home and abroad. Myriam Lavora

MERRY & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Librarian

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#### Hi Ladies,

It truly was amazing to see all you ladies that were able to attend Midterm. Thank you midterm committee for working so hard on finding a location for us all to meet! I am beyond excited to see everyone in Suffolk in 2024!!!! Broadway watch out here we come! Now that the seasons are changing and it is getting a bit colder, hopefully things are slowing down for you and you get to enjoy a good book! Some of the books below I have taken from the library binder which is also available for you to look at on our amazing website <a href="https://nysomotc.org/">https://nysomotc.org/</a>.

## Young Children:

*Two Peas in a Pod by Annegert Fuchshuber*: Twin boys and a number of animal families express their uniqueness and introduce the numbers from one to ten as well as fifty and one hundred

*Which Witch Is Which by Pat Hutchins*: When identical twins Ella and Emily are invited to a Halloween party, they decide to dress as witches. As the party progresses, readers will have fun deciding 'which witch is which'

## Middle School:

*The Wild Robot by Peter Brown:* \*\* Series\*\* Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

*The Baby-Sitters Club*: A series of books (131 books in original series) focusing on a group of friends living in the fictional, suburban town of Stony Brook, Connecticut who run a local babysitting service called "The Baby-Sitters Club". Graphic Novel Series available too, in addition to spin offs from original series

## Young Adult:

A Good Girl's Guide To Murder by Holly Jackson: "As her senior capstone project, Pippa Fitz-Amobi is determined to find the real killer in a closed, local murder case, but not everyone wants her meddling in the past"--Provided by publisher.

*The Dollmaker's Daughter By Abigail Padgett*: \*\*Book 5 of Series\*\* A deceptively slim series mystery starring Bo Bradley. Bo works for the state child protective services and is called when a teenage girl enters a sort-of fugue state at a Goth club near Bo's house.

## Moms:

<u>The Perfect Marriage</u> By Jenva 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.



Renie Cutt & Lori Connolly

GRMOTC

NYSOMOTC Midterm Meeting Report

For our Midterm meeting, we had 27 attendees representing nine clubs. The club with the most attendees was Westside Suburban! For lunch we enjoyed a garden salad, a cucumber tomato salad, braised pot roast with root vegetables, grilled chicken with lemon beurre, roasted butternut squash with bourbon sauce, roasted red potatoes with scallions and for dessert - cheesecake with fresh raspberry sauce.

We collected \$165 in registration donations for the Eleanor Siegel fund. Thank you very much for your contributions!

Income and Expenses Summary

Registration Fees \$1,350.00 Breakfast and Lunch Fees \$ 868.00 Service and gratuity Fees \$ 345.73 Meeting Room Fee \$ 300.00 Total Expenses \$1,513.73 Expense Overage (\$163.73)



Kristina Bird & Krissy WSSMOTC

Krissy and I have diligently been working on trying to secure a hotel for our 2025 NYSOMOTC meeting. Our top choice is Hotel Canandaigua in Canandaigua, NY. We are going through the possible contract for this gorgeous resort hotel and hoping to get it signed soon. Fundraising needs to begin happening as soon as possible. Suggested fundraising events are: a meat raffle liquor or wine raffle, calendar or sport score square raffle. Any other suggestions are welcome!

Sincerely your 2025 Chairs,

Tracy and Krissy

Twin Data Registry

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Recently, I met with President Kathy Brousseau on Zoom to discuss possible changes to the Twin Data Registry Form. She said that when updating some of the language in the Procedure Manual, she thought that it would be a good idea to take a look at the Twin Data Form. Someone had mentioned that they would not be comfortable answering some of the questions. The President and I did not make any decisions in regard to changing or removing anything on the form. I said that filling out the form is completely voluntary, and someone could also choose to skip certain questions as well as check off the box that says they don't want their information shared with any outside researchers. In the coming months, I will be reaching out to the State Reps. to ask them to please share the Twin Data Form with their members and encourage them to fill one out. Please remember to only use the Twin Data Form that I am sending which is the same as the one posted on the website. Any old forms that are floating around should be disposed of, so they are not mistakenly used. State Reps. should let me know of any issues that members report regarding the information gathered on the form. If there are a lot of people who are uncomfortable with the form, then we will decide if a committee should be formed to address these issues.

Twincerely,

Doreen Grenci

## A note from Barbi:

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Dear Executive Board Members,

Recently I received a very nice card, signed by you at the MIdterm Board Meeting. The messages were so heartfelt and warm. Thank you for thinking of me during your meeting. Originally my surgery was supposed to be scheduled in late August but unfortunately was not. All is well now, thank God. I had an infection over my pacemaker which grew serious and medically threatening to my health. As a result I needed the whole pacemaker system removed, hence the surgery. The other good news is that I no longer require a pacemaker, due to an ablation which corrected the problem in the ventricle. I am healing well but so sorry to miss the Midterm Board Meeting and all of you. Thank you for your kind wishes and thoughts. I look forward to seeing you at our next state meeting in Suffolk County. With love and gratitude for your friendship, Barbi Cudney

PS: A thank you goes out to Sharon Atti and her husband Don for the TLC and hospitality shown to Ken and I before and after my surgery. They were just great and made this journey easier.

Ways and Means

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It was so great to see many of you at midterm. I passed around a list of Broadway Shows that are to be used for Ways and Means baskets. If you were not at midterm and would like to pick a basket theme, you may message me with your pick. If you have another Broadway show you would like to use, just let me know. Suggestions are:

Aladdin Once Upon One More Time I Need That Bye Bye Birdie Pajama Game A beautiful Game Little Miss Sunshine Funny Girl Merrily We Roll Along Harmony Gypsy A Doll's Life Happy Days

I will make matching tags for each basket and ticket bag. I look forward to seeing all the creativity! Sharon Wetzel



Lisa Cartini

POMCNY

What a great Midterm meeting we have just returned from. President Kathy was able to accomplish a great deal of business and everyone everyone seemed pleased with the new location. Thank you Renie and Kathy for coordinating it all.

It was so great to see everyone who was able to attend and such a surprise to see Nita! This meeting really gets us thinking about what else needs to happen before we can gather again. Chairs all have their jobs to do and committees get to work. One item that was discussed is to make sure reports get in on time! It will be imperative ,especially this year, due to our Editor and Webmaster having other commitments associated with convention weekend. Mark your calendars NOW to get them in on time.

Once again, Congratulations President Kathy on a great meeting

Lisa Advisor

MSS Treasurer

Renie Cutt

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I am happy to be able to take the reins from Kathy Lyman as the new MSS Treasurer. I have received and reviewed all the files from her, along with a certified check for the balance of the account. I have been working with our Chase Bank contact to open a new account for the MSS fund. This will allow for consistency with accounts from treasurer to treasurer along with the ability to accept Zelle payments like we do for the General Fund and Eleanor Siegal Accounts. As soon as our new account is set up, I will make the deposits noted below.

In the meantime, as noted in Kathy's last Presidential Papers report, we have also received two donations to be deposited to the account. Many thanks to Kathy Lyman and TNT of CNY. TNT's donation was made in Memory of a member (Betty Abrams) who passed away.

Funds to be deposited into new Account:

Cashier's check from old account balance: \$8,556.35

Donation – K. Lyman \$ 150.00

Donation – TNT of CNY \$ 100.00

Balance of new account \$8,806.35\*

\*Please note, this amount coincides with Kathy's May-August financial report as posted in the latest issue of the presidential papers.

Enjoy your upcoming holidays with families and friends! Renie Cutt



## MSS Scholarship

Hello and warm Autumn wishes to everyone!

The Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee is looking forward to a great scholarship year. We have had a few application requests since September 1, 2023 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 (<u>nysomsscholarship@gmail.com</u>) Students can request the application from us anytime and begin to collect all the required documents. The deadline for submission is February 20, 2024 -- and it creeps up!

Congratulations to the winners of this year's scratch offs! We appreciate all of our members who generously donated the scratch-offs. We couldn't do it without you. Next we will continue the tradition of our Calendar Drawing at Convention. We will be circulating the calendars for membership to "purchase" their favorite dates in hopes of winning a cash prize! We thank you in advance for your participation as all the proceeds from these fundraisers go directly to funding our scholarships. Please remind your club members to spread the word about the available Marie Simmons Scholarships. Eligible students can request the application from us now and begin to collect all the required documents.

#### 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 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 in April. Remember, all required documents will need to be submitted to me by February 20, 2024.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Fall season and festive Thanksgiving!

Respectfully Submitted,

MSS Committee Chairperson 2023-2024



MOTC Suffolk hosted a Psychic Brunch on October 15 to raise funds for convention. Many prizes were raffled off, and guests enjoyed brunch fare, fellowship, and a message from a departed loved one delivered by Psychic Angela <u>Hei</u>l. Thanks to Amy Sperber and Michelle Kesner for their hard work putting the event together.













1961-2023



Former and current members reunited...



MOTC Queens is proud to be one of the original member clubs that were represented at the first official "NYSOMOTC Convention Luncheon" held on November 1966, in Yonkers (<u>Westchester</u> Co.) The nine MOTCs are: Buffalo, Nassau Co., Norwich, Queens, Rochester, Southern Tier, Staten Island, TNT of Syracuse and TMC of <u>Westchester</u>. Eleanor Siegel was the first "Coordinator", and served from 1967-1969.

## GRMOTC

A few members of our club went out for a fun evening of axe throwing. We went to Axes and Ales in Rochester and had a great time!









POM





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Presidential Papers is a publication of the New York State Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs. It is published:

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- September/October
- November/December
- January/ February
- March/ April

Each member club is emailed a PDF copy through their Sate Rep and Club President. State Reps should forward a copy to each of their club members. Copies are also available on the website at <u>www.nysomotc.org</u>.

