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Some Friendly Reminders...

SEPTEMBER 2023

1 Hotel reservations made for Midterm Meeting; Nominating Chair sends Resume Forms to Executive Board; Official State Meeting Minutes sent to Executive Board

12 September/October Presidential Papers distributed; \$15 late fee applied to unpaid clubs; Vice President notifies the Club's President & State Reps

OCTOBER 2023

1 Midterm meeting registrations due to Chairperson; Agenda items and expense vouchers due to President; Resume forms due to Nominating Chairperson; MSS Scratch Off Tickets and monies due to MSS Fundraiser Chairperson

3 Midterm meeting reports due to Webmaster

14 Midterm Executive Board Meeting

17 Newsletter articles due to the Editor

NOVEMBER 2023

1 MSS Scholarship Calendar Fundraiser emailed to State Reps

7 3rd Call review finalized with State Meeting Chairperson; November/December Presidential Papers distributed

20 1st draft of Midterm Minutes Due to President, Parliamentarian and Minutes Approval

President's Letter

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Hello Ladies!

I hope this letter finds everyone well! Summer has been well underway and when you get this newsletter the fall season will be upon us. Fall brings the return to school. I hope all the school children have a great year. I know how quickly these years fly by! My oldest grandchild will be heading to 8th grade and my youngest grandchild will be turning 1! My youngest child will be getting married next month and both families are very excited.

The Midterm Board Meeting will be happening in October. I encourage all State Representatives and Club Presidents to attend. A lot of business happens at this meeting. It is a great way to learn about the operations of the NYSOMOTC Organization. There are also open board positions that have yet been filled. Research and Twin Photo Registry are open. Please let me know if you are interested in finding out what the position involves.

Executive Board Letter

Hello Ladies!

Please check the newsletter for information on hotel reservations and registration for the Midterm Board Meeting. This meeting is always very productive, and many items of business are accomplished here. Please make every effort to attend. If you are not able to attend please let me know. This will be the first meeting in the Albany area. I am excited to see how things work out with the new venue.

Please remember to put NYSOMOTC in the subject line for any correspondence. I will try my best to respond within a week. I know I sometimes have forgotten to put a subject in my emails, especially if responding from my phone with that small screen.

Thank you all for all the work you are taking on. I appreciate everything you are doing!

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 59th 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 am looking forward to a trip to Schenectady to attend our Mid Term Board Meeting and to seeing all of you.

Twinsely,

Pam Reussow



As The Turtle Goes...

POM of CNY celebrated Susie Vendetti's 70th birthday in July!

MOTC Suffolk held a Mother's Day picnic at Peconic Herb Garden. They also held a children's social that was a huge success.

They held their installation dinner at Cooperage Inn, in June.

They are now busily planning their Psychic Medium fundraiser event in October.

GRMOTC held a special celebration on May 24, 2023. Lori Connolly and Renie Cutt became Life-Time Members of Greater Rochester Mothers Of Twins Club. They had a nice dinner at Proietti's Italian Restaurant and they each said a few thoughts about the past 20 years in the club.



Treasurer's Report

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New York State Organization of Mothers Of Twins Clubs General Fund Treasury Report



| | June/July 2023 | YTD Total |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| Opening Balance | \$6,811.58 | \$6,467.53 |
| Income: | | |
| 2023 State Meeting Assessment | \$ - | \$ 83.00 |
| 2023 Show & Sell Income | \$ - | \$ 235.00 |
| 2023 Ways & Means Income | \$ - | \$ 640.00 |
| Transfer from ES Fund | \$ - | \$ 2,024.00 |
| Club Dues | \$ 239.25 | \$ 315.25 |
| Total Income | \$ 239.25 | \$ 3,297.25 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Club Scrapbook | \$ - | \$ 34.04 |
| Parliamentarian | \$ - | \$ 368.42 |
| State Meeting Loan (Westside Suburban) | \$ - | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Certificates | \$ - | \$ 12.93 |
| Membership Pins | \$ - | \$ 24.00 |
| Card Replacement Fee | \$ - | \$ 5.00 |
| President | \$ - | \$ 31.96 |
| Advisor | \$ - | \$ 237.60 |
| Zoom | \$ 149.90 | \$ 149.90 |
| Total Expenses: | \$ 149.90 | \$ 2,863.85 |
| Closing Balance | \$6,900.93 | \$6,900.93 |

New York State Organization of Mothers Of Twins Clubs Eleanor Siegal Memorial Fund Treasury Report

| | June/July 2023 | YTD Total |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Opening Balance | \$629.38 | \$653.37 |
| Income: | | |
| State Meeting Loan Repayment | \$ - | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Interest | \$ 0.02 | \$ 0.03 |
| Total Income | \$ 0.02 | \$ 2,000.03 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Transfer of State Mtg Loan/Memb. Pins | \$ - | \$ 2,024.00 |
| Total Expenses: | \$ - | \$ 2,024.00 |
| Closing Balance | \$629.40 | \$629.40 |

Midterm Meeting

NYSOMOTC MIDTERM MEETING

Saturday, October 14 th , 2023

The Hilton Garden Inn - Albany Airport

800 Albany Shaker Road, Albany NY 12211

Hello ladies!

I hope you are having/had a great summer. We certainly can't complain about the weather! It's been pretty nice! I myself have been doing a bit of traveling, which is always great! I hope you have been able to get in a new adventure or two!

Attached is the registration form for the Midterm Board meeting, to be held on Saturday October 14th! Registration forms are due back to me by October 1st , 2023. Everyone attending the meeting needs to submit a registration form and the \$50 registration fee. If sending a check with your registration form, please make it payable to NYSOMOTC. You can also send payment via Zelle to NYSOMOTCPAYS@gmail.com. If you plan to send via Zelle, please note that on the registration form by circling 'paid via Zelle'. I can then verify that the funds have been deposited. The registration fee will help to pay for the meeting room, a continental breakfast and a cold buffet lunch. If we have enough members attending, we may be able to kick lunch up to a hot buffet lunch.

Staying Friday night? The room rate is \$129/night. Hotel Reservations must be made by September 22, 2023. After that date, the block will be released, and the rate will increase. You may call the hotel to make reservations at 518-464-6666 or make reservations online at www.hilton.com. You must use the group code A07 when making your reservations. Please note: check-in time is 3:00 pm; check-out is 12:00 pm. If, by chance, you were planning to stay Saturday night, please let me know so I can make sure you get the same rate! Also, once I know how many of us are interested in a Friday night event, I will get that coordinated! Make sure to check that line on the registration form!

Lastly, there is a line on the form for donations to the Eleanor Siegel Fund. This fund is separate from the general fund and is used to purchase equipment, member pins, etc. It is in need of some replenishment! Please consider making a small donation. Every little bit helps!

Again, please send your completed registration forms and checks to me:

Lorena Cutt,

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

Hope to see you there! All My best!

Renie Cutt



2023 NYSOMOTC MIDTERM MEETING

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print clearly – Form & \$50 Non-refundable Registration Fee must be received by
October 1, 2023)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Current State Position held: _____

Club Name: _____ Club Position Held: _____

Please list any specific needs (i.e. dietary, handicapped, electrical, etc.): _____

Would you like to participate in a Friday Night Dinner Group event? ____ Yes ____ No

Optional Donation to the Eleanor Siegel Fund \$ _____

(Separate check/money order payable to the Eleanor Siegel Fund)

Please mail your completed form and non-refundable registration fee (or paid via Zelle) to:

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Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund – Final Report

Kathlene Lyman - Treasurer/Vice Chair

May 7, 2023- August 31, 2023

Opening Balance: \$11,436.35

Income:

Donation: MOTC Suffolk \$125

Donation: TNT of CNY \$100

Donation: Kathy Lyman \$150

Donation: Westside Suburban \$ 25

Calendar Fundraiser \$ 40

2023 Raffles: \$430

Total Income: \$870

Expenses:

Calendar Winners (4) \$ 500

2023 MSS: Julia Drake \$1500

2023 MSS: Mary Ftiha \$1500

Total Expenses: \$3500

Closing Balance: \$8806.35

Kathlene Lyman – I have passed the files to Renie Cutt.

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An Ad Hoc Committee Meeting was held to address the use of electronic mailing for business of the executive board between in-person meetings. A report will be presented to the executive board at the midterm meeting. Thank you to Ruth Barone for chairing this committee.

As electronic mail is being used more frequently for business of the NYSOMOTC, it is extremely important that "NYSOMOTC" appears in the subject line. It is also important in group email that the reply should be sent to the sender and not "reply to all."

I look forward to seeing everyone in Albany on October 14.

Kathy

Reflections Chair

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"True friends are never apart, maybe in distance but never in heart." – Unknown

I look forward to seeing all of you at the midterm meeting in Albany. I enjoy sharing life's experiences with everyone.

I have sent three cards since my last report:

A sympathy card to Kathy Rucci on the passing of her mother.

A sympathy card to Jeannine Kellenberger on the passing of her father-in-law, Walter J. Kellenberger. Jeannine, in turn, sent us a thank you for our kind words and support.

A thank you/sympathy card to TNT of CNY for their \$100 donation to the Marie Simmons Scholarship Fund on the passing of their 50-year club member, Betty Abrams.

Remember to contact me if you have news for the reflections chair.

Procedure Manual Chair

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Hola everyone!

Where did summer go?? Mine definitely dashed by but with a pleasant balance of “do nothing days”, travel time and hosting visitors at Casa Lavora.

At the State Meeting, several revisions were approved. These have already been added to the Procedure Manual and posted on the website. The updates include the Resume Form, the Summary of Executive Board Job Descriptions, the Certificates Chair, Reflections Chair, the Midterm Board Meeting and the Tellers procedures.

For information on board positions and other state-related procedures, please refer to the Procedure Manual @ www.nysomotc.org. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or need any assistance.

One last thought...

“Spring passes and one remembers one’s innocence.

Summer passes and one remembers one’s exuberance.

Autumn passes and one remembers one’s reverence.

Winter passes and one remembers one’s perseverance.”

— Yoko Ono

See you at Midterm!

Myriam Lavora



Unity Project

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I really enjoy being the Chair for the Unity Book Project! So many stories, poems and recipes that have been submitted by so many members of State belonging to so many Clubs! I would like to invite all State Representatives to send in an article that will be published in an upcoming Presidential Papers. So many topics that you could write about - your club and it's history, a particular member, an event that your club held, or something that you would just like to share, serious or funny. State Representatives you will earn one point towards earning Super State Representative!

Please send a hard copy of your submission to me and I will add it to your club's section. Please email also so I can send it to our State Editor for Publication and our State Vice President to keep tally of your points earned!

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Unity Project Submission

Schenectady's Mothers of Twins Club has had many members over the years, coming and going depending on family circumstances. Each member has brought friendship and support to all during their years of membership. One such member was Rita Tetreault. Rita's twins, Nicole Marie and Matthew William were born August 26, 1986 and would both grow up to follow in the medical field as their parents. Rita was a Public Health Nurse with Albany Visiting Nurse Association and her husband William was a Doctor at St Clare's Hospital in Schenectady (now associated with Ellis Hospital.) Rita joined Schenectady in October 1986 and was an active member until shortly before her death in December 2017.

It's definitely a small world when Rita's son Matthew, Dr. Tetreault, turns out to be the knee surgeon for Schenectady's Kathy Lyman's husband Art!

Submitted by Jane Martinec, Schenectady State Representative



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Hello Ladies,

Wow, we are already in the month of August, before we know it there will be leaves falling and soon snow on the ground. Do not get me wrong, I love fall and winter however, I am not ready to let summer go and this incredible warm weather we have been experiencing this summer! There never seems to be enough time in the day for us to get everything we need done but I hope each other you amazing ladies are getting to enjoy the weather, vacation, make incredible memories with family and friends, get a little relaxation and get to read or listen to a book on your list!

Young Children:

Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin: This is a humorous story about a worm who keeps a diary. In his diary, he talks about all the adventures of his day, from eating to going to school. This is a fun picture book for 1st graders.

Donut Feed the Squirrels by Mika Song: **Graphic Novel** Norma and Belly would really like a donut. With a burned breakfast and a cranky donut seller at the local food truck, they may be stuck with only nuts to eat unless they can steal the biggest, most delicious donut of their tiny lives!

Love that Dog by Sharon Creech: Jack hates poetry. Only girls write it and every time he tries to, his brain feels empty. But his teacher, Ms. Stretchberry, won't stop giving her class poetry assignments -- and Jack can't avoid them. But then something amazing happens. The more he writes, the more he learns he does have something to say.

Fenway and Hattie by Victoria J Coe: This lovable series introduces a little dog with a GIANT personality! Fenway is an excitable and endlessly energetic Jack Russell terrier. He lives in the city with Food Lady, Fetch Man, and—of course—his beloved short human and best-friend-in-the-world, Hattie. But when his family moves to the suburbs, Fenway faces a world of changes. He's pretty pleased with the huge Dog Park behind his new home, but he's not so happy about the Evil Squirrels that taunt him from the trees, the super-slippery Wicked Floor in the Eating Room, and the changes that have come over Hattie lately. Rather than playing with Fenway, she seems more interested in her new short human friend and learning to play baseball. His friends in the Dog Park next door say Hattie is outgrowing him, but that can't be right. And he's going to prove it! Get a dog's-eye view of the world in this heartwarming, enthusiastic & "tails" about two best friends.

Middle School/Young Adult:

Misfit Mansion by Kay Devault: ***Middle-grade graphic novel*** A monster girl named Iris who is able to escape her “foster home of horrors” (a mansion full of supernatural creatures) when a human boy breaks the sealing spell that keeps the creatures in Iris sets out to seek her forever family in a town full of humans, but there are adventures, bad and good, that lie ahead.

A Work in Progress by Jarrett Lerner: Written in diary form with illustrations throughout, this book is “for anyone who has ever felt less than.” In fourth grade, Will is called “fat” in the hallway by another angry student. With painful honesty, Lerner writes the truth about how these words stay with you, no matter how hard you try. Will loses friends and self-worth, avoiding hallways and the lunchroom and even the pretty girl he likes who also loves to draw. When Will finally tells his parents how he feels, with their help he slowly begins to repair the negative voices in his head.

Never Vacation with Your Ex by Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka: *****Young Adult***** Seventeen-year-old volleyball star Kaylee Jordan lives a life of player rankings, constant training, and a carefully curated social media full of followers watching to see if she’ll go pro out of high school like her famous mom. Her one refuge, and the thing she looks forward to every summer? The vacation her family spends in Malibu with the Freeman-Yus. This year, there’s only one problem: Kaylee and their son, Dean, dated for the past three months, and Kaylee just unceremoniously dumped him. Hoping to spare them the worst summer ever, Kaylee comes to Dean with her unconventional solution: she’s going to walk him through her rules for getting over an ex.

Throne of Glass by Sarah J Maas: *****Young Adult*** ***Book 1 of 7***** In a land without magic, where the king rules with an iron hand, Celaena, an assassin, is summoned to the castle. She comes not to kill the king, but to win her freedom. If she defeats twenty-three killers, thieves, and warriors in a competition, she is released from prison to serve as the king’s champion. The Crown Prince will provoke her. The Captain of the Guard will protect her. But something evil dwells in the castle of glass—and it’s there to kill. When her competitors start dying one by one, Celaena’s fight for freedom becomes a fight for survival, and a desperate quest to root out the evil before it destroys her world.

Moms:

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman: Meet Ove. He’s a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him “the bitter neighbor from hell.” But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn’t walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time? Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove’s mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents’ association to their very foundations.

Happy Place by Emily Henry: A couple who broke up months ago make a pact to pretend to still be together for their annual weeklong vacation with their best friends in this glittering and wise new novel

2024 State Meeting

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! Susie and I are almost ready for the 3rd call booklet. 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. There will be more information at the Midterm Meeting on Oct. 14th. See you all soon!

Janine & Susie

2025 State Meeting

Hello Ladies,

We apologize for missing the last newsletter so Westside Suburban could introduce their chairman for the 2025 State Meeting! Kristina (Krissy) Bird and Tracy Schaner are extremely excited to work together to make the 60th convention one for the books! We are working hard at this time to lock in a hotel! We are looking forward to provide more information in the next presidential paper and at midterm!

Nominating Committee

Ruth Barone GRMOTC

How is it possible that summer is over and the leaves are changing colors? It seems like only yesterday we were celebrating Memorial Day and the start of the lazy days of summer!

In early June, I reached out to President Brousseau and Procedure Manual Chair Myriam Lavora with recommendations to modify the resume form. The first recommendation was to place a time frame for when the resume was being completed for - whether it was for a two-year term or for the current calendar year. The second recommendation was to change the question of "Will you be continuing in this position(s) for another year?" to "Would you like to continue in this position(s) for another term? ". These changes were approved by the elected and appointed Officers in early August. Currently we have two vacancies on the NYSOMOTC Executive Board. They are Research and Twin Data Registry.

The job description for each position is:

Research: they create an annual Research Survey and report its findings to the membership at the State Meeting.

Twin Photo Registry Chair: collects photos of members and their family and maintains the albums as a permanent pictorial record of the NYSOMOTC membership.

If either of these positions "peaks" your interest, please contact President Brousseau. Once appointed, a resume form will need to be completed and sent to me. The updated fillable resume form can be found in the Procedure Manual on the NYSOMOTC Web site.

After reviewing the resumes currently on file, I sent an email to those Executive Board members who had not completed one. Thank you to everyone who responded to my request.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Albany on October 14 at the Midterm Board meeting.

Twin Data Registry

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Now that the summer is ending and our clubs are getting back to business, I will be sending out the Twin Data Registry Form to the State Reps. again in case they haven't saved it or can't find it. Please be sure to use this updated form and encourage your members to fill one out if they haven't already done so. This is completely voluntary and you can always withdraw permission to use your information at any time. Thank you to those who choose to participate in building this registry.

Twincereely,
Doreen Grenci

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

Local Club News

MOTC Suffolk families went to a Long Island Duck's baseball game on July 15th complete with fireworks.



GRMOTC Celebratory dinner for Lori Connolly and Renie Cutt Lifetime Membership 5.24.23





Book Club met on August 2nd. It was Sharon's birthday and Marie's is August 4th.



Buffalo's summer Luncheon

75% of Buffalo members at Convention 2023



Installation of New officers 2023-2024

