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Just a Few Friendly Reminders...

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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
- 20 MSS Applications due to MSS Chairperson

MARCH 2024

- 1 -2024 State Meeting Registration due; Agenda items due to President; Credentials due to Parliamentarian; Club Scrapbook entry forms due to Chairperson; Newsletter Contest entry form due to Chairperson; Show and Sell Registrations due; Program booklet information due to State Meeting Chairpersons
- 12- March/April Presidential Papers distributed
- 15- MSS Calendar Packet and monies due to MSS Fundraiser Chairperson; Names due to Certificates Chairperson
- 26- MSS Fundraiser Chairperson sends calendar money to MSS Treasurer; State Meeting Registration/Attendance list is sent to Parliamentarian, President, and Membership Pins Chair; Executive Board member reports due to Webmaster; year-end vouchers due to President; Clubs prepare for contests and Raffles Auction Basket; Club hosting 2025 State Meeting to notify President and prepare a presentation for the 2024 Saturday General Meeting

APRIL 2024

- 10 Treasurer's books closed for year-end audit; Treasurer prepares 990 form for filing
- 11-14 NYSOMOTC State Meeting

President's Letter

Kathy Brousseau SchenectadyMOTC

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Hello Ladies!

Happy Holidays to All! I hope you all had time to spend with family and friends. The season can be wonderfully hectic but I enjoy every minute of it! With my family spread out each year is a little different than the past but we make new traditions as we go!

I am happy to report that the 10k walk/run in Savannah went well. The weather was perfect and I took 15 minutes off my time from last year. It was nice to spend time in the outdoors and take a few walks on the beach before heading back to the chilly weather in the Northeast.

In a few short months we will be meeting for the State Meeting in Suffolk! I know the ladies have been hard at work preparing for the weekend. Please review Third Call and sign up for some of the great events planned for the weekend. I always look forward to a few days away and to spend time with fellow moms from across the state.

I hope everyone is staying healthy and enjoying the New Year! 2024 here we come! Its going to be a great year!

Happy New Year to All!

Sincerely,

Kathy Brousseau, President NYSOMOTC

Executive Board Letter

Hello Ladies and Happy New Year!

It seems we just turned the corner to 2023 and now we are in 2024! Convention 2024 is just around the corner. I am looking forward to a great weekend. I know the ladies from MOTC Suffolk have some great events planned for us all. There will be opportunities for fun as well as business. Please review the Procedure Manual to review what should be in your report. The reports need to be sent to the webmaster by the deadline – the Webmaster has many duties in addition to hosting the meeting so reports need to be received so please get those reports to her by March 26!

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.

Happy New Year to All!

Sincerely,

Kathy Brousseau, President NYSOMOTC

Vice President's Report

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Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with your friends and families. Our State Meeting in April is fast approaching. State Reps please continue to send me your articles and newsletters for the Presidential Papers. I am enjoying reading all that is going on in your club. Also, I want to encourage you to check the Super State Rep guidelines so that this year you can be a Super State Rep!

Something to think about. Would your club like to possibly host an upcoming convention, in 2026? If your club is small maybe another small club would like to share the hosting duties.

If you have any questions or I can help you in any way, please reach out to me. I am always happy to assist.

Enjoy the Winter!

Pam Reussow - VP

As The Turtle Goes...

Westside Suburban MOTC started their 54th year with an annual Pot Luck Dinner. They all bring a delicious dish/dessert to pass and spend time discussing our summer adventures and our plans for all our upcoming meetings. In October, they had a question and answer session with their members. In November they had a cookie exchange to help each other out with holiday baking. They are having many meetings to plan the 2025 State meeting. In December, they celebrate the holiday season by having a Christmas Dinner and gift exchange at a Grandpa Sam's restaurant.

Schenectady MOTC addressed over 100 Christmas Cards to be delivered to the Residents of an area Long Term Care Facility. They do this every November! Their Christmas Dinner will be at Blue Ribbon Diner again. They will do their Scratch Off Game Card exchange again, several people seem to win which is fun!

Suffolk MOTC held a Gentle Sleep Coach on line discussion. They are busy with fundraising with a plant sale and super bowl boxes. They are having a gingerbread house/Holiday PJs party. They are having their holiday dinner at the Village Idiot. There will be donated prizes and a 50/50 raffle. In January they will be celebrating the 65th anniversary of their club. They will be having a cooking class in January at a member's home. Their club is currently very busy with the final preparations and planning for our NYSOMOTC Convention in April!

Treasurer's Report

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



Opening Balance

Oct/Nov 2023

\$6,877.88

YTD Total

\$6,467.53

Income:

2023 State Meeting Assessment	\$ -	
2023 Show & Sell Income	\$ -	
2023 Ways & Means Income	\$ -	
Transfer from ES Fund	\$ -	
Club Dues	\$ -	
Midterm Meeting Registration	\$ 1,050.00	
Donation	\$ 40.00	

Total Income \$ 1,115.00

2022-2023 Year 2023-2024 Year

\$ 83.00	\$ -	
\$ 235.00	\$ -	
\$ 640.00	\$ -	
\$ 2,024.00	\$ -	
	\$ 315.25	
	\$ 1,300.00	
	\$ 40.00	

\$ 2,982.00 \$ 1,720.25

\$4,702.25

Expenses:

Club Scrapbook	\$ -	
Parliamentarian	\$ -	
State Meeting Loan (Westside Suburban)	\$ -	
Certificates	\$ -	
Membership Pins	\$ -	
Card Replacement Fee	\$ -	
President	\$ -	
Advisor	\$ -	
Zoom	\$ -	
AV Charges (WNY MoMs)	\$ -	
Midterm Meeting	\$ 1,620.61	

Total Expenses: \$ 1,695.61

2022-2023 Year 2023-2024 Year

\$ 34.04	\$ -	
\$ 368.42	\$ -	
\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	
\$ 12.93	\$ -	
\$ 24.00	\$ -	
\$ -	\$ 5.00	
\$ 31.96	\$ -	
\$ 237.60	\$ -	
\$ -	\$ 149.90	
\$ 695.40	\$ -	
\$ -	\$ 1,620.61	

\$ 3,479.35 \$ 1,925.51

\$5,404.86

Closing Balance

\$6,297.27

\$5,764.92

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

Opening Balance

Oct/Nov 2023

\$629.41

YTD Total

\$653.37

Income:

State Meeting Loan Repayment	\$ -	
Interest	\$ 0.02	
2023 Midterm Donations	\$ 165.00	

Total Income \$ 165.02

2022-2023 Year 2023-2024 Year

\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	
\$ -	\$ 0.07	
\$ -	\$ 165.00	

\$ 2,000.00 \$ 165.07

\$2,165.07

Expenses:

Transfer of State Mtg Loan/Memb. Pins	\$ -	
	\$ -	

Total Expenses: \$ -

2022-2023 Year 2023-2024 Year

\$ 2,024.00	\$ -	
\$ -	\$ -	

\$ 2,024.00 \$ -

\$2,024.00

Closing Balance

\$794.43

\$794.44

MSS Treasurer Report

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NYSOMOTC MSS Treasurer Report

Happy Holidays everyone. Hopefully you all had an enjoyable, healthy holiday season and were able to share it with family and friends! Since our midterm meeting, our new Chase MSS account is opened. The funds from the old account and earlier donations from Ms. Lyman and TNT of CNY have been deposited. Also deposited were the donations received in conjunction with the lottery ticket raffle totaling \$618!! The clubs that donated were Westside Suburban, WNYMOMS, Suffolk County, GRMOTC, POM of CNY, Chemung Valley and Queens. MSS Treasury Fund to date:

Opening Balance \$0.00

Old Account Funds \$8,556.35

Deposits – Lyman/TNT \$ 250.00

Deposit – Lottery Raffles \$ 618.00

Checking account Fee* \$(15.00)

Closing Balance \$9,409.35

*The account had a fee deducted as it had been opened for over a month without money deposited.

This should not happen again!

All my best,

Renie Cutt



MSS Chair Report

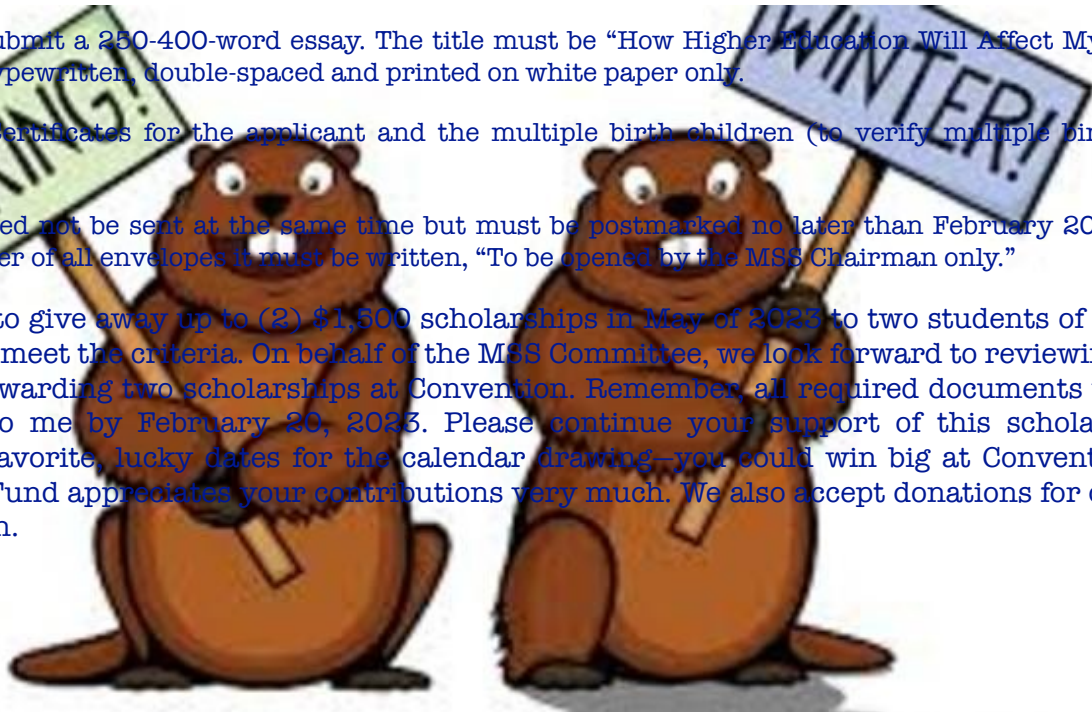
Happy Winter Everyone,

The MSS Committee is looking forward to receiving applications! We have received some inquiries and hopefully will have a nice pool of applicants come February. Our next committee meeting is scheduled for early February to review the judging process so everything runs smoothly. There is still time to apply, so please continue to spread the word to your clubs to encourage eligible students to email us for an application (nysomsscholarship@gmail.com). Students can request the application from us anytime and begin to collect all the required documents. The deadline for submission is February 20, 2024 -- and it is right around the corner!!

Checklist for Eligibility

1. An unmarried offspring who lives at home with their parent or legal guardian. The parent or legal guardian must currently reside in New York State and has for the last five years.
2. Applicant must be a high school graduate or equivalent and completed at least one term of post-secondary education. A GPA of 2.50 or higher is required.
3. Attached application must be completed and returned.
4. A complete personal resume is required. It should include all work history, education, plus involvement in any extracurricular activities, clubs, civic or community service.
5. At least two letters of recommendation that state the strengths and character of the applicant. The name, address, and phone number of the person writing the recommendation, as well as, the nature of the relationship and the length of time the applicant is known by said individual must be included.
6. Official sealed copies of academic transcripts from High School, College, or other accredited educational institutions attended. If the Applicant is a college Junior, Senior or Post Graduate, the High School Transcript is not needed.
7. Applicant must submit a 250-400-word essay. The title must be "How Higher Education Will Affect My Future." The essay must be typewritten, double-spaced and printed on white paper only.
8. Copies of Birth Certificates for the applicant and the multiple birth children (to verify multiple birth family status).
9. All documents need not be sent at the same time but must be postmarked no later than February 20th. In the lower left-hand corner of all envelopes it must be written, "To be opened by the MSS Chairman only."

We are privileged to give away up to (2) \$1,500 scholarships in May of 2023 to two students of multiple-birth families who meet the criteria. On behalf of the MSS Committee, we look forward to reviewing all the applications and awarding two scholarships at Convention. Remember, all required documents will need to be submitted to me by February 20, 2023. Please continue your support of this scholarship by purchasing your favorite, lucky dates for the calendar drawing--you could win big at Convention! The MSS Scholarship Fund appreciates your contributions very much. We also accept donations for our raffle table at Convention.



Unity Project

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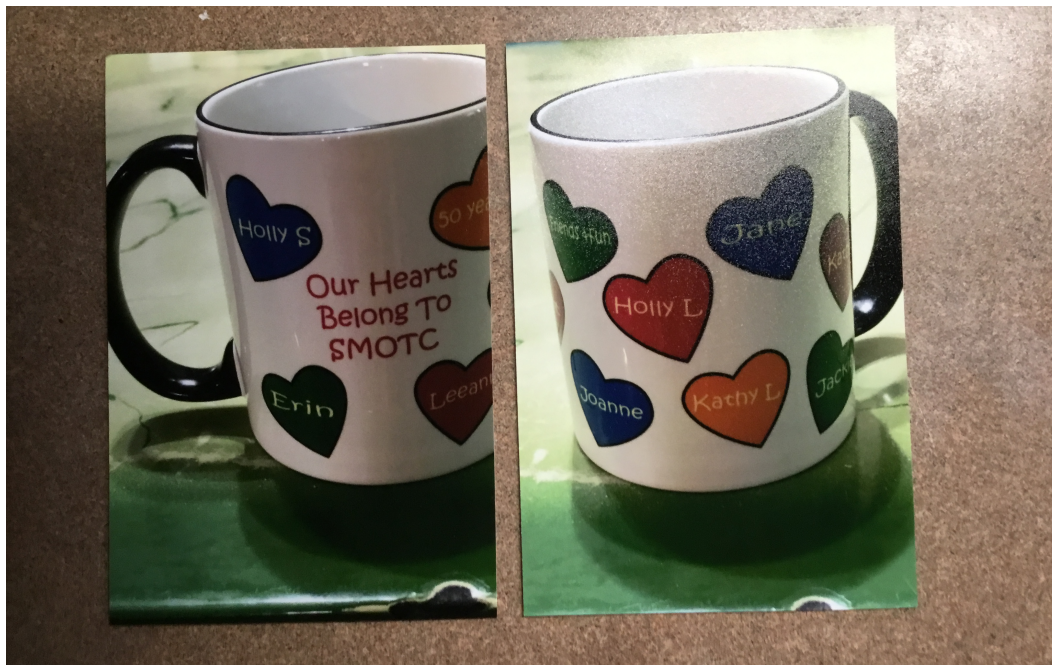
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Unity Book is an opportunity to share stories of importance to you in particular or your club. All State Representatives are invited to submit an article that will be published in an upcoming issue of the Presidential Papers. You will also earn a point towards your Super State Representative tally! Send your article to me by email and I will send it to our State Newsletter Editor and our State Vice President. Please also send a hard copy to my home address and I will add it to your club's section of the book! Jane Martinec, Unity Book Chair

The mug in these pictures was a gift to all Schenectady's members at the time. Given to us by our Founding member Jackie Lotano. Schenectady was celebrating our 50th year!



Librarian

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Happy December Ladies,

It is that time of year with everyone going a million miles a minute for the holiday season. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday in November, and was able to get some decorating done, maybe do a little black friday shopping. Even though it is a crazy time of year, try and enjoy the moments and not let the holiday stress take over. I know as parents we forget to take a step back, take in those moments and schedule a little time for ourselves. If you can grab a book that has been on your list, or if you still have little ones, take a few minutes before bed and read to or with them. Hope you all have an awesome holiday!

Young Children:

*Owl Diaries by Rebecca Elliott: **Book Series***: Eva learns a number of valuable — or owl-uable — lessons, from overcoming jealousy and apologizing to friends she's hurt, to learning to ask for help when she needs it.

Middle School

A Rover's Story by Jasmine Warga: Meet Resilience, a Mars rover determined to live up to his name. Res was built to explore Mars. He was not built to have human emotions. But as he learns new things from the NASA scientists who assemble him, he begins to develop humanlike feelings

Young Adult/Adult :

I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys: Seventeen-year-old Cristian Florescu dreams of becoming a writer, but Romanians aren't free to dream; they are bound by rules and force. Amidst the tyrannical dictatorship of Nicolae Ceaușescu in a country governed by isolation and fear, Cristian is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer.

*One of Us Is Lying by Karen M. McManus **Series Book 1 of 3***: Five Bayview High School students are in detention when one of the students, Simon, suddenly dies while the teacher is out of the room. After claims that this incident was no accident, the four remaining students in the detention all become suspects. Each of the four have motives.

Talk Santa to Me by Linda Urban: A teen girl gets the perfect second try at a first kiss in this hilarious, romp-filled young adult romantic comedy perfect for fans of Jenna Evans Welch and Hal



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Hi, I am back on the State Board after living in Florida for many years. What my main thing to do in this position is to put together a photo album of memories that your club has made &/or your club members families etc. Please send anything you would like to contribute to this book. A physical photo or a photo texted to me that I will print out at my local drug store would be best. Please give me all the information about it, date taken etc. More information is better than less.

I am also looking for any past books (like this) that your club may have that might belong or should go to State. Does anyone have the book that may contain any past scrap book contest pages that we have at each state meeting? (Reps this will really help me.)

2025 State Meeting

Tracy Schaner and Kristina Bird ~ Westside Suburban MOTC

Westside Suburban Mothers of Twins Club

Kristina Bird and Tracy Schaner met via Zoom with the State Meeting chairs for the years 2023 and 2024 as well as Myriam Lavora. We discussed suggestions and possible corrections to the state meeting guidelines. Krissy and Tracy were given many helpful suggestions on how to best facilitate the 2025 State Meeting that our club, Westside Suburban MOTC, will be hosting. We brought back information to Westside Suburban MOTC members and working off all of the suggestions, we began working with Wendy O'Duffy from Rochester's visitor's bureau, Tour Rochester. At this point, it is not cost effective for us to hold the State Meeting at Hotel Canandaigua and we look forward to working with Tour Rochester and Wendy to find a more suitable location. We have given Wendy an outline of important guidelines that we would like included in whichever hotel we choose while we host the 2025 State Meeting. We are currently awaiting proposals from other area hotels and will tour them before giving our own proposal as to where we would like to hold the 2025 State Meeting. Krissy and Tracy have toured The Woodcliff in Fairport, NY. Their staff was very agreeable to our needs and wants and the hotel is beautiful. As stated previously, we will be touring other hotels before making our final decision. Wendy and Tour Rochester are also working with us to find possible tours and entertainment in the Rochester area for our members to enjoy in 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Schaner and Kristina Bird

Research Chair

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Hi MoMs!

A big THANK YOU to those who have already filled out the survey. For those who have not, please take a few minutes to help us out!! You can use the emailed survey from your local club (which was sent out to the state liaisons and club presidents) or use the link included here:

<https://forms.gle/eQ9BU2oLm9NbwZ8B6>

It is a Google Form and shouldn't take too long.

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

The more responses we get, the more the results will reflect our whole group! ANYONE with multiples of ANY AGE can respond!!

Results will be presented at Convention 2024!

Thank you,
Nadine Fitoussi

Twin Data Registry

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In case any of the State Reps. are wondering if they missed an email from me with the Twin Data form attached, they have not. I did not send it out. Anyone who needs one can find one anytime on the website. However, after the holidays, I will send it out specifically to remind the State Reps. to ask their members to fill one out if they haven't already done so. Also, if any members, report any issues of being uncomfortable with any questions on the form or have suggestions for changing anything on the form, please let me know about that, so we can take these issues into consideration in the future. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Twincerely,

Doreen Greci

History of Westside Suburban Mothers of Twins Club

By Nita Landes, Founder

"We are over 50 years old. I thought it is appropriate to tell you a little history of Westside Suburban MOTC.

I joined Greater Rochester when my twins were four weeks old. Greater Rochester had just formed. They had two coordinators instead of a president. These two ladies called on me and invited me to join their club. I was a member for several years when we moved to Hamlin. I was bothered by the long drive so I started making plans to start a twins club in Hamlin.

By advertising around, six ladies came to our home for our first meeting. We decided to meet the first Thursday of every month. We selected a chairman. Several months later we elected a president and three other officers. We also decided on a name for our club; Westside Suburban MOTC was born. That was in 1969.

We met in members' homes for several years; also in the Firemen's Exempt in Hamlin, and the Hilton Town Hall. I still belonged to the Greater Rochester Club and went with three other ladies to the very first State Meeting in Yonkers New York in 1966.

In 1967, we had our second State Meeting in Rochester. I worked on that State Meeting, but I don't remember what Chairman I was.

Our eighth State Meeting was in 1973, Go County Style, by then Westside Suburban was well established and I was selected to be the Chairman.

Ten years later I was again Chairman of the 18 th State Meeting, Somewhere over the Rainbow The 37th State Meeting, Let the Sun shine on you was chaired by Karyn Audycki. That was the year 2002.

Our 49 th State Meeting in 2014, A Disney Dream, Co-Chaired by Barbi Cudney and Debbie Barton.

Since our beginning, we have had two terrible tragedies. Westside Suburban remained strong throughout the years, as it is today.

There are no original members in the club with the exception of myself, Nita Landes. Several years ago we had a reunion and invited formers members.

Dear Friends of the NYSOMOTC,

Here's wishing you a safe, healthy and happy 2024!!

This is to let you know I cannot attend the 2024 Convention in Suffolk County this year. Unfortunately I need a right shoulder replacement, which is scheduled for March. But there is a 3 month recovery period and traveling long distances is out.

I am so sorry for this timing; I was hoping to see you all since I also missed our MidTerm Board meeting.

But have a wonderful convention and I will see you as soon as I can,

Love,

Barbi Cudney



From Amazon...Stay safe by identifying impersonation emails

During this time of year, we often see a surge in impersonation scams. Stay safe by learning to identify and avoid them.

In impersonation scams, a scammer reaches out to you pretending to be someone you trust to get sensitive information like social security numbers, bank information, or Amazon account details. Scammers change tactics quickly making them hard to detect.

Scam Trend: Email attachment scams

Scammers send emails posing as Amazon and include pdf attachments stating that your **account will be suspended or on hold**. These **attachments** prompt you to **click on a fraudulent link to "update your account."** These links lure you to provide personal information such as **payment information** or **account login credentials**.

Please do not click on any links or provide your information without **authenticating the email or verifying the link**. Visit the [Message Center](#) which displays a log of authentic communications sent from Amazon.

Prime membership scams

These are unexpected calls/texts/emails that refer to a **costly membership fee** or an **issue with your membership** and ask you to confirm or cancel the charge. These scammers try to convince you to **provide payment or bank account information** in order to **reinstate** a membership.

Amazon will never ask you to provide payment information for products or services over the phone. To **verify your Prime Membership status** or make payments, log into your Amazon account, and go to Your Account.

Here are some important tips to identify scams and keep your account and information safe:

1. Trust Amazon-owned channels.

Always go through the Amazon mobile app or website when seeking customer service, tech support, or when looking to make changes to your account.

2. Be wary of false urgency.

Scammers may try to create a sense of urgency to persuade you to do what they're asking. Be wary any time someone tries to convince you that you must act now.

3. Never pay over the phone.

Amazon will never ask you to provide payment information, including gift cards (or "verification cards," as some scammers call them) for products or services over the phone.

4. Verify links first.

Review the link for misspellings or repeated characters. Legitimate Amazon websites contain "[amazon.com](#)" or "[amazon.com/support](#)." Go directly to our website when seeking help with Amazon devices/services, orders or to make changes to your account.

5. Verify email senders.

Legitimate Amazon emails contain "[@amazon.com](#)". In your web browser, hover over the display name under "From" to see full sender address. Look for misspellings or added or substituted characters. Visit the [Message Center](#) to view authentic messages from Amazon.

For more information on how to stay safe online, visit [Security & Privacy](#) on the Amazon Customer Service page.

If you receive communication — a call, text, or email — that you think may not be from Amazon, please report it to us at, [amazon.com/reportascam](#).

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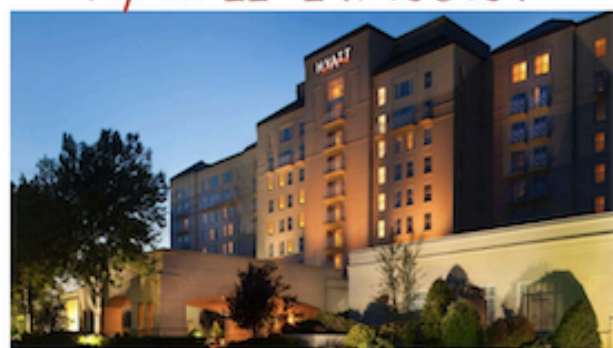
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MOTC Suffolk is excited to host the 59th Annual State Meeting!

April 11-14, 2024



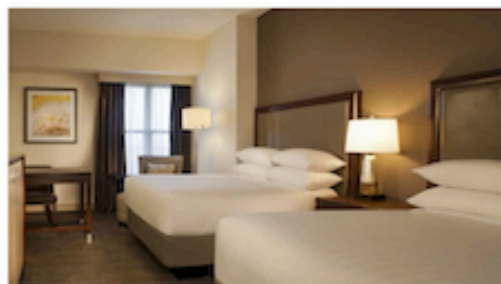
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DETAILS:

- \$155/night
- 2 Double Beds or King
- Minifridge in each room
- Free Parking



<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/HAUPP/G-TWIN>

*Bring your Broadway
knowledge. You never know
when you might need it!*



Club Happenings...

Left MOTC Suffolk members got together after Thanksgiving for Friendsgiving at Rudi's in Patchogue. Right A group gathered on December 2 to make Gingerbread Houses at Daniela Eaton's house in Patchogue.



A club photo was taken at the MOTC Suffolk Christmas party on December 5 at The Village Idiot in Lake Grove. The food was very good in spite of the name!

SchenectadyMOTC

Our annual dinner with Kathy, Leeaan, Holly, Joanne, Kathy and Jane
We are missing Jackie!!

Scratch Off card pass around, four out of six winners!

We will meet again in January!



Schenectady addressed over 100 Christmas Cards to be delivered to the Residents of an area Longterm Care Facility, we do this every November!



GRMOTC

In November we met at Andrea's house for a crafting day. Pam's daughter Rachel helped us paint holiday signs. We had some snacks and a great time.

December we had a nice dinner and White Elephant gift exchange at Rising Storm at the Mill, a new brewery in Penfield. It was a great way to celebrate the holiday



Westside Suburban

