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Just a Few Friendly Reminders...

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

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President's Letter

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Happy New Year Everyone!

The holidays are behind us - I don't know where the time went! I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday season with family and friends. The time leading up to the holidays never seems to be enough time, next thing you know they are over! But the memories remain. I hope you all had a great season. For the upcoming year - I wish you all health and happiness!

The weather this year has been warmer and more rainier than usual. The skiers were happy to see the snow in the mountains but somewhat sadly I haven't been able to get my snowshoes out for a spin. My new home is almost ready for moving day - I am looking forward to getting settled before we meet in April! Not promising I will have unpacked, but it will be nice to get settled in.

Speaking of April, the time to the 2024 State Meeting in Suffolk is quickly approaching! I have been looking over Third Call and there are so many fun and exciting things planned. Please review carefully and sign up for some of the events that are planned. I hope to see you all there and I encourage anyone who has never attended to think about attending. There are many opportunities for fun, learning, unwinding, and making friends with other moms from around the state.

It is also time to think about a host club for 2026. Clubs should start discussing the possibility of hosting convention in 2026 and if any club is at all interested please let me know. It can seem a daunting task but there are so many others who will assist. I know when Schenectady hosted in 2019, we were a very small club and other clubs assisted with many tasks.

Sincerely,

Kathy Brousseau, President

Executive Board Letter

Happy New Year to all!!

I hope your holiday season was filled with fun! It is always a busy time and then we roll right into the New Year! The State Meeting is a month away. I hope you all have submitted reports to the Webmaster. This meeting will be a busy one for the Webmaster, Susie Smith, who along with Janine Weber is the State Meeting Co-Chair. If you have not yet submitted your report please do so as soon as possible. The deadline is April 1 and it won't be possible to incorporate any late submissions.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of you for all the hard work keeping the organization running. You make my job so much easier and I truly appreciate you all! I look forward to seeing you all in April.

Vice President's Report

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Happy Spring!

Our State Meeting in April is almost here. I am excited to see you all again and catch up where we left off! I know the ladies from Suffolk have a wonderful weekend planned for us.

I have enjoyed reading all that is going on in your clubs over the past year. You all have some great ideas for new things to do to draw in more new members! I also love seeing all the pictures of you and your club members at your meetings and events.

It has been my pleasure to be your VP, and I look forward to another year in my position.

See you soon in Suffolk County!

Twinsincerely,

Pam Reussow - VP



As The Turtle Goes...

Westside Suburban had a cookie exchange with lots of delicious cookies shared by our members. They had their annual Christmas dinner at a lovely restaurant and did a gift exchange with a new twist, using a new game to exchange gifts. Rock, Paper, Scissors determined your gift! So much fun!! February they will have a candle making event, as well as planning for the upcoming State meeting. They also have started planning for the 2025 state meeting.



POM members met in January at a member's home to discuss convention and filled out paperwork. They zoomed with 2 members who could not attend. Maria, hope your knee cap is all better now!



Schenectady MOTC did not meet in January due to winter weather. They met at Glenville Panera Bread for their meeting in February. They are busy planning for their trip to convention. They are collecting cat items for their Broadway musical theme at convention.

WNY Moms had a great time at Chef's for their holiday party. In February they had a Chocolate Lovers Night theme with chocolate goodies to enjoy at their meeting with a gift card raffle. For March they were headed to Robs Comedy Playhouse for an evening of fun and relaxation.

Treasurer's Report



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



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Dec 2023/Jan 2024			YTD Total		
Opening Balance			\$5,874.92		
			\$5,467.53		
Income:					
			2022-2023 Year	2023-2024 Year	
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	\$ -			\$ 315.25	
Midterm Meeting Registration	\$ -			\$ 1,300.00	
Donation	\$ -			\$ 40.00	
2024 Show & Sell Income	\$ 395.00			\$ 420.00	
	\$ -			\$ -	
Total Income			\$ 2,982.00	\$ 2,075.25	
			\$5,057.25		

			2022-2023 Year	2023-2024 Year	
Expenses:					
State Reg Bars (VP)/New Badges	\$ -		\$ 237.60	\$ -	
Proc Manual	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Club Scrapbook	\$ -		\$ 34.04	\$ -	
Parliamentarian	\$ -		\$ 368.42	\$ -	
State Meeting Loan (Westside Suburban)	\$ -		\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	
Certificates	\$ -		\$ 12.93	\$ -	
Membership Pins	\$ -		\$ 24.00	\$ -	
Card Replacement/Bank Fee	\$ 15.00		\$ -	\$ 20.00	
President	\$ -		\$ 31.96	\$ -	
Advisor	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Zoom	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 149.90	
AV Charges (WNY MoMs)	\$ -		\$ 695.40	\$ -	
Midterm Meeting	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 1,620.61	
State/National Liaison - National Ad	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 75.00	
Website - Security Package	\$ 507.97		\$ -	\$ 507.97	
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Total Expenses:			\$ 3,404.35	\$ 2,373.48	
			\$5,777.83		

Closing Balance \$5,746.95 \$5,746.95

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

Dec 2023/Jan 2024			YTD Total		
Opening Balance			\$794.43		
			\$653.37		
Income:					
			2022-2023 Year	2023-2024 Year	
State Meeting Loan Repayment	\$ -		\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	
Interest	\$ 0.02		\$ -	\$ 0.08	
2023 Midterm Donations	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 165.00	
Total Income			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 165.08	
			\$2,165.08		

			2022-2023 Year	2023-2024 Year	
Expenses:					
Transfer of State Mtg Loan/Memb. Pins	\$ -		\$ 2,024.00	\$ -	
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Total Expenses:			\$ 2,024.00	\$ -	
			\$2,024.00		

Closing Balance \$794.45 \$794.45

Procedure Manual Chair

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For the past years, each Winter season is bringing surprising changes and challenges. For me one of the wonderful things about this time of the year is that a fresh new season is approaching...Spring! with kinder, more pleasant weather and of course, the State Meeting in April. Much fun awaits downstate!

The following procedures are being updated based on discussions held at the Midterm Board Meeting last October: Vice President; Archivist; Midterm Board Meeting; Photographer; Research; Resume Form; Twin Data Registry; State Meeting Chair and & Guidelines; Webmaster/Website Comm.

The current Procedure Manual is available to the Executive Board and to the Member Clubs via the website: www.nysomotc.org. For passwords or questions, please contact me or the Webmaster Susie Smith. Warmest regards to each of you! See you in April for Suffolk's "Broadway Bound Fun"!

Myriam Lavora

Midterm Meeting Chair

Hello ladies,

What a crazy up and down winter we have had so far! I am often wondering if we will ever again have the snowy winters of past.

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Having had our last midterm meeting in Albany, I think was a great location. It seemed to be an easy location for everyone. But before I check with the same hotel, I would like to see if there are any other available options. So Lori and I will be scoping that out very soon. We will provide more info as we compile it! If anyone has had any experiences with a given hotel and would like to pass along pros and cons, we would gladly accept comments!

Enjoy the rest of your winter! Stay warm and safe!

All my best,

Renie Cutt

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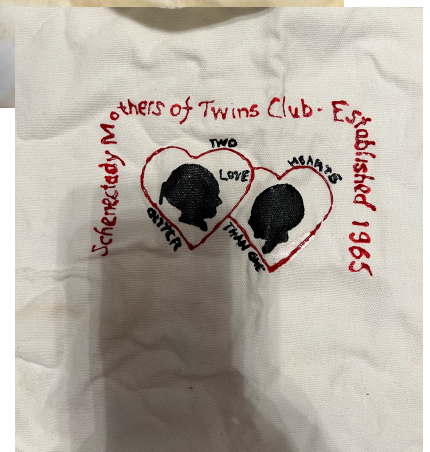
Happy Spring Everyone, I have been waiting all winter to say this!

The Unity Book is a wonderful collection of stories, pictures, events and memories from all of the Mothers of Twins Clubs in New York State. Each club has their own section where their contributions are kept, they are available for everyone to enjoy during State Conventions. State

Representatives are invited to share something of interest to you and your

club! I will forward what I receive from you to our State Editor to be published in an upcoming edition of the Presidential Papers, and I will notify our State Vice President of your contribution to ensure your point towards Super State Representative. I would also greatly appreciate a hard copy of what you would like published sent to my home address, so I can add it to your club's section of the Unity Book.

Jane Martinec, Unity Book Chair



Some fun things found in
Schenectady's Storage Box

Twin Photo Registry

I would like each club to send me a picture(s) of something your club has done this year. A party, charity event, at a meeting. etc. just anything that shows your group. You can text it to me and I will print it out. Please let me know the date it was taken and who is in it. I did not hear from anyone who might have the last (current?) book. Looks like we have to start another one. I sure wish the last book would be found. It just cannot disappear, (I hope).

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Well The girls from Buffalo are excited and getting ready for our 2024 State Meeting. Most are driving across the state. Our final plans have been put in place. A Happy Spring brings about a Happy Convention!!!

2025 State Meeting

Tracy Schaner and
Kristina Bird ~
Westside Suburban
MOTC



Westside Suburban MOTC has been busy preparing for our 2025 Diamond Anniversary State Meeting and celebration. Committees have been formed, fundraising has begun, logo designed and our skit presenting the 2025 State Meeting is being worked on. We have also been working with Tour Rochester (our area visitors bureau) and The Woodcliff Hotel and Spa on possible local tours, workshops, presentations, discounts and activities. We are bringing some great raffle items, including a beautiful handmade quilt, to the 2024 State Meeting on Long Island.

Respectfully,

Kristina Bird and Tracy Schaner

2024 State Meeting



April 11-14, 2024

MOTC Suffolk is excited for Convention and looking forward to seeing all of you!!

There are a few reminders we'd like to share:

First.....All Executive Board members are to bring a basket for the Raffle Room.
This is to be dropped off Thursday night.

Second.....If your club is tax exempt and plan to use it at the hotel for your rooms,
please be sure to bring your tax-exempt form with you and present it at
check-in. Also – last day to make hotel reservations in the group block is
March 11th.

Third..... All clubs must have their centerpieces completed and turned in prior to
the start of the Saturday General Meeting. If you cannot remember your
choice(s) or you are having difficulty, please reach out and let us know.
Our tables are based on the number of choices each club chose, so it's
important to let us know of any changes.

Last.....Come ready to have some fun!!!!!!

Twin Data Registry

All the State Reps. should have received a blank Twin Data Registry form from me. Please have your club members fill one out if they haven't already done so. They can be sent to me upon completion by email or regular mail. My mailing address is Doreen Greci 530 Durham Rd. Sayville, NY 11782.

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Although there was some discussion about changing some of the information on the form, we have not done that. If anyone has any issues with what information is asked for on the form, please let me know.

In the meantime, people can feel free to skip those questions. If anyone is not sure what club members have already submitted a form, please reach out, and I will get that information for you.

Membership Pins Chair

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As Membership Pins Chair I feel the need to increase your interest in attending Convention 2024! Are you curious about how many conventions you have attended? Maybe this is your year to receive a milestone attendance award. Maybe this would be your first year to attend convention!

At the Saturday General Meeting, during the Membership Pins presentation, we recognize First Time Attendees. We recognize members who will receive attendance awards for 5, 10, and 15 years and we recognize those members who have attended 20, 25, etc., conventions with attendance awards and read their Reflection Summaries. If you will reach 20+ years watch for an e-mail from me mid-March, requesting you to provide me with your Reflection Summary. I invite all of you to attend – fill out those registration forms! I am hoping to see many First Time Attendees. Come and catch up with your NYSOMOTC friends – meet members from other clubs.

Looking forward to seeing you at Convention 2024! I am Broadway Bound – are you?

Librarian

Hello Everyone,

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Hopefully everyone has stayed warm and safe this winter. I know for some you were happy with the amount of snow we received this year however, I was a bit disappointed. I was looking forward to a few trips up north to the hill to ride the snowmobile. Luckily we were able to get one trip in. In a few months we will all be in Long Island celebrating Broadway together and like many of you I truly can not wait. I can not wait to “get away” and make incredible memories with you amazing ladies. None will judge if you put a book or two in your bag for yourself to enjoy during your down time. I am sure many of us mom’s will have the same book in our bag for Friday’s workshop.

Children:

🧡 Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak: Max, a wild and naughty boy, is sent to bed without his supper by his exhausted mother. In his room, he imagines sailing far away to a land of Wild Things. Instead of eating him, the Wild Things make Max their king.

🍀 A Boy Called Bath by Elana K. Arnold - **Series**: For Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat), life tends to be full of surprises — some of them good, some not so good. Today, though, is a good-surprise day. Bat’s mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter. But the minute Bat meets the kit, he knows they belong together. And he’s got one month to show his mom that a baby skunk might just make a pretty terrific pet.

Young Adult:

🧡 We were Liars by E. Lockhart: A beautiful and distinguished family. A private island. A brilliant, damaged girl; a passionate, political boy. A group of four friends—the Liars—whose friendship turns destructive. A revolution. An accident. A secret. Lies upon lies. True love. The truth.

Moms:

🍀 No Two Persons by Erica Bauermeister: Alice has always wanted to be a writer. Her talent is innate, but her stories remain safe and detached, until a devastating event breaks her heart open, and she creates a stunning debut novel. Her words, in turn, find their way to readers, from a teenager hiding her homelessness, to a free diver pushing himself beyond endurance, an artist furious at the world around her, a bookseller in search of love, a widower rent by grief. Each one is drawn into Alice’s novel; each one discovers something different that alters their perspective, and presents new pathways forward for their lives.

Podcast:

🧡 Twiniversity Podcast with Natalie Diaz : Got Twins? Us too! This show is created by parents of twins FOR parents of twins from expecting times through the teenage years and everything in between. Just know that we are laughing WITH you every step of the way

MSS Treasurer

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Hello Ladies!

Not much has changed for our MSS account in the past couple of months. We did have a bank fee

charged to the account in error, but it was immediately returned to the account. I do need to order new checks for the new Chase account. I will do that very soon.

So here are the funds in the account as it stands!

Opening Balance \$9,409.35

Bank fee charge \$(15.00)

Bank Fee Reversal \$ 15.00

Closing Balance \$9,409.35

I can't wait to see you in April.

All my best,

Renie Cutt



Nominating Committee Chair

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As I sit writing this newsletter report, the temperatures are in the 50s and the sun is peeking through the clouds. While I know Punxsutawney Phil said we have six more weeks before spring, I'm wondering if Old Man Winter didn't get the message!!

As it is not an election year at our NYSOMOTC State meeting in April, the responsibilities of the Nominating Committee are minimal. We will, however, begin to gear up for next year when all elected offices will be vacated. I am hoping to have a meeting with the committee at the State meeting to begin to plan our strategy.

It is never too early to begin thinking about what your role in the State organization will be starting in 2025. For this reason, I am including a description below of the elected offices: President: serves as the official representative of the NYSOMOTC. They work with the Executive Board to provide a smooth-running organization, to initiate new projects, answer questions and resolve conflict. They appoint the Parliamentarian and the Advisor as well as the Standing Committees and Special Committee Chairpersons. They work with the State Meeting Co-Chairpersons to ensure the success of the annual State Meeting.

Vice President: serves as the second in command, working closely with the President. As the official NYSOMOTC Clubs Liaison, they handle all matters related to the Membership and encourages non-member clubs to join.

Treasurer: has the custody of the NYSOMOTC General Fund and the Eleanor Siegel Memorial Fund. Works with the President to formulate an annual proposed budget, pays vouchers, manages the bank accounts, prepares bi-monthly financial reports for the Presidential Papers, files the annual IRS Form 990, prepares the Midterm and year-end Financial Reports and presents the financial books for Audit at the State Meeting.

Recording Secretary: digitally records and takes the minutes at the annual State Meeting and the Executive Board Meetings. They call the Roll at the meetings. Using their notes and the recordings, they work with the Minutes Approval Committee to produce the Official Minutes of each NYSOMOTC Meeting. At the State meeting, the Nominating Committee will have two handouts which will be provided to all attendees at the Saturday General meeting - the NYSOMOTC Executive Board Job Descriptions and the

Eligibility Qualifications for Executive Board members which includes a section on how to become an elected officer as well as to become President. The Nominating Committee would welcome an opportunity to answer any questions you might have in regards to joining the Executive Board or being considered for an elected office. Resume forms will also be available.

Looking forward to seeing you in April!

Certificate Chair

Wow! Here we are at almost the end of February and the 2024 State Meeting will soon be here. It is time to honor our board members, state reps, super state reps and anyone else who has served our organization in any way this year. Please send me your list of honorees no later than March 15, 2024.

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Thank You for your Cooperation!

Cathy Renko



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Happy almost Spring everyone!!

Convention is around the corner!!! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in April. All Executive Board Officers and Chairpersons please submit your year-end activity report to me no later than March 26 th . As mentioned at Midterm, the plan is to have these reports printed/emailed to the Executive

Board prior to Convention – as Webmaster and 2024 State Meeting Chair – I will not have time to receive last minute reports to add into the presentation, so please get your reports in on time.

As a reminder, we have our website and the NYSOMOTC Members Facebook page. If you have checked out the website lately, please do – it has a lot of information there. Please join the NYSOMOTC Facebook page and start a conversation!!

See you all soon!

Susie Smith



Local Club News



**MOTC Queens celebrating the New Year 2024!
L to R: Marie Stagnitta, Myriam, Michele, Andrea
Irizarry and Evelyn Welby.**



MOTC Suffolk members gathered on January 27 at Janine Weber's residence for a cooking demo by Stephanie Leinoff and a night of bonding with fellow members.

