

# Presidential Papers

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## *Some Friendly Reminders...*

*June 2024*

*1 Clubs' dues and Statistics forms due to Vice President*  
*11 Newsletter articles due to the Editor*

*1st Draft of Fri/Sat/Sun Meeting Minutes due to President, Parliamentarian and Minutes Approval*

*July 2024*

*11 July/August Presidential Papers distributed*

*15 \$5 Late Fee applied to unpaid clubs; Vice President sends dues reminders to Club Presidents & State Reps*

*August 2024*

*13 Newsletter articles due to the Editor*

# President's Letter

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Hello Ladies,

It was wonderful to see everyone in Long Island this weekend! Many thanks to the ladies of MOTC Suffolk. It was an enjoyable weekend with productive business sessions and great fun events. The ladies put on a fantastic weekend! For those who could not attend, we missed you and hope to see you in Rochester at the next meeting! Traveling south from Albany was rainy but the sun did come out and there were so many flowers blooming it was truly signs of spring. My hard holds a pile of dirt waiting for the landscaping to be completed on my new house so I have to wait a while before I see anything flowering.

This is my second year as President of NYSOMOTC and I thank you all for the support you have given me. It was great to see so many first attendees and hope to see you all again. This is a great organization and the sisterhood that we have built is amazing. If anyone ever has any suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. There are still a few positions left vacant on the Executive Board. If you are interested in learning more about this please feel free to contact me or Nominating Chair Ruth Barone.

This year for me personally has seen many changes as I sold the home I raised my children in and downsized to something much smaller. I plan to retire in the next few months and spend more time with my five grandchildren. They are growing so fast.

As of today, we do not have a location for the 2026 Annual State Convention and we do not have host club. Please talk it over with your clubs about the possibility of hosting. This can be several clubs coming together to host. This is an important weekend for our organization. I know it is a lot of work, but many hands make light work. If anyone is thinking about hosting or has any questions on what this would entail, please let me know!

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

Sincerely, Kathy Brousseau

# Executive Board Letter

Welcome to all of you to the Executive Board. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for a position on the Executive Board. I truly appreciate all of you. If anyone has any concerns or questions on your position, please feel free to reach out to me. Please review your job descriptions and if you have any ideas for changes please let me know. The position descriptions are on the Website under the Board Members Page. If you need the password please contact the Webmaster! .

Please remember to send your reports into the Newsletter Editor. Everyone loves to hear about what is happening in your position. The calendar of events will be sent soon. Please keep an eye on those dates and more information on the date of the Midterm Meeting.

# Vice President's Report

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Hello Ladies!

I want to thank Suffolk County ladies for hosting such a fun convention. I especially liked the Trivia night event! He was such a great guy to be the host of that.

STATE REPS, PLEASE NOTE: I will be sending out an email to all my State Reps with information and due dates for the 2024-2025 club year. Please pass on the State Rep information packet from Myriam Lavora, to your new President and State Rep, if you won't be continuing to be the state rep for 2024-2025 in your club. I will need the State Reps to be correct so that I have the updated contact information for club dues and information on the stats forms.

Congratulations to the following Super State Reps on a job well done for the past year.

Super State Reps-2023-2024

Lori Connolly GRMOTC

Doreen Grenco MOTC Suffolk

Lisa Cartini Parents of Multiples of CNY

Myriam Lavora MOTC Queens

Jane Martinec Schenectady MOTC

Sharon Witul Western NY Mothers of Multiples

Karyn Audycki Westside Suburban

Looking forward to another great year in our organization and to the 60th NYSOMOTC State Meeting hosted by Westside Suburban.





# *As The Turtle Goes...*

Schenectady would like to thank Suffolk County for their Fantastic job of hosting the 59th State Convention, Broadway Bound 2024. An outstanding job with Hospitality and all of the planned entertainment! We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and loved seeing everyone! Schenectady will meet in May to share all of the information learned at Convention with our Club members. We will also plan our end of the year social dinner and consider plans for summer get togethers.

In February GRMOTC, met at Phillips European for desserts. This is one of our favorite places to meet. We have been meeting there once a year for the past few years. They have such a wide variety of desserts that are so yummy! Our conversations ranged from breastfeeding, the State Meeting, kids in college and in the military to one of our members letting us know that she is pregnant with a singleton.

Suffolk celebrated their 65th Anniversary at their February General Meeting. Their moms started taking take a hike at different parks each month to get their steps in. A "Moms' Night In" was held at a member's house playing board games, eating and catching up. They held a Children's Spring Social at the Port Jefferson Bowling Alley, along with adults and guests. Time for some relaxation now after they put on an awesome, fun convention!

POM ladies that attended convention had a great time and we all expect to be together next year to Shine Like Diamonds in Rochester. The POM ladies won't be able to meet in May but are planning our banquet for June.



WSMOTC had 12 members of their club attend State Meeting 2024. They loved all the activities that were presented by MOTC Suffolk. Their team Twin Momma's played Trivia and enjoyed the challenge. They walked the red carpet to attend the Twinnies as the musical The Book of Mormon. They enjoyed a delicious dinner and had a blast with the 360-photo booth. They are planning a fundraiser for the 2025 State Meeting. They are planning their installation of officers and a dinner to celebrate the end of the year.



# Treasurer's Report

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## New York State Organization of Mothers Of Twins Clubs General Fund Treasury Report May 2023 - March 2024



	YTD Total		
Opening Balance	\$6,467.53		
<b>Income:</b>	<b>2022-2023 Year</b>	<b>2023-2024 Year</b>	
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		\$ 625.00	
Bank Fee Reversal		\$ 15.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,982.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,295.25</b>	
	<b>\$5,277.25</b>		

<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>2022-2023 Year</b>	<b>2023-2024 Year</b>	
State Rep Bars (VP)/New Badges	\$ 237.60	\$ -	
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	\$ -	\$ 20.00	
President	\$ 31.96	\$ -	
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	
Show & Sell Refund	\$ -	\$ 25.00	
	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 3,404.35</b>	<b>\$ 2,398.48</b>	
	<b>\$5,802.83</b>		

**Closing Balance** **\$5,941.95**

**New York State Organization of Mothers Of Twins Clubs  
Eleanor Siegel Memorial Fund Treasury Report  
May 2023 - March 2024**

<b>Opening Balance</b>		<b>YTD Total</b>	
		<b>\$653.37</b>	
		<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSE</b>
<b>Income:</b>		<b>2022-2023 Year</b>	<b>2023-2024 Year</b>
State Meeting Loan Repayment	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	
Interest	\$ -	\$ 0.10	
2023 Midterm Donations	\$ -	\$ 165.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 165.10</b>	
		<b>\$2,165.10</b>	
		<b>2022-2023 Year</b>	<b>2023-2024 Year</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Transfer of State Mtg Loan (\$2000)/Memb. Pins (\$24)	\$ 2,024.00	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 2,024.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
		<b>\$2,024.00</b>	
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>\$794.47</b>	

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I have just returned from convention and I must congratulate the ladies of MOTC Suffolk. You all worked so hard and put on a fabulous weekend! Thank you for everything! Whether it was game night in hospitality, trivia or the biggest Show and Sell I've ever seen. You all made it amazing. Thank you! I would like to also congratulate President Kathy on conducting very productive meetings. I look forward to working for you for another year.

Lisa

# MSS Treasurer/ Vice Chair Report

Lorena Cutt GRMOTC

## Marie Simmonds Scholarship Treasurer Year End Report

This was my first year as treasurer of the MSS Fund. I am glad to have been able to serve the Board in this capacity. As the new Treasurer, I have opened a new bank account with Chase Bank to ride along with the organization's other two accounts. I have also ordered new duplicate checks for this account. I have submitted newsletter reports as well as assisted with the MSS scholarship meeting to discuss the award amounts as well as reviewing the two applications that we received.

Here are the transactions for the past year:

Opening Balance	\$11,436.35
Calendar Raffle winner prizes	\$ 500.00
Scholarship Awards - Drake/Ftiha	\$3,000.00
Closeout of Old Account	\$8,556.35
Bank Fees	\$ 30.00
Total Expenses	(\$12,086.35)
Deposit to new Account	\$8,556.35
Donation from Suffolk	\$ 125.00
Deposit from State Meeting MSS Collections	\$ 495.00
Donations - TNT/Lyman/ Lottery sales	\$ 868.00
Refund of Bank Fees	\$ 15.00
2024 State Meeting Donations	\$ 240.00
Total Deposits	\$10,299.35
2023-2024 Closing Balance	\$ 9649.35

Here are the current transactions after the State Meeting:

Calendar raffle winner (J. Kellenberger)	\$ 500.00
Check order	\$ 38.91
Scholarship Winners (Jack/Andrew Koubek)	\$3,000.00
Total Expenses	\$3,538.91
Calendar raffle/Lottery ticket raffles deposit	\$1,865.00
April Closing Balance	\$7,975.44

All my best,  
Renie Cutt



# Unity Project

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The Unity Project was created to foster a spirit of unity and sharing among the members of NYSMOTC. All State Representatives have a standing invitation from me to submit a contribution anytime. Your article can be about your Club, a specific member or an event that was meaningful to you and/or your Club. When you submit an article, I notify our State Vice President to ensure that you receive a point towards the goal of becoming a Super State Representative. Your article is then sent to the State Editor with the request by me to be published in an upcoming Presidential Papers so it can be enjoyed by everyone. I ask that you send a hard copy of your article to me so it can be placed in your Club's section of the Unity Book.

The following State Representatives provided articles that earned a point towards Super State Representative:

Karyn Audychi; Lori Connolly; Barbie Cudney; Jane Martinec; and Myriam Lavora

Jane Martinec, Unity Project, Chair

# Ways & Means

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The 2024 convention is now history! A big thank you to Suffolk for their hard work! It was a great weekend!

Also a big thank you to the following donors of baskets for our state fundraiser: Nassau County POMC, Chemung Valley, POM of CNY, Greater Rochester MOTC, Schenectady MOTC, MOTC Queens, Ruth Barone, WNY MoMs, MOTC Suffolk, and Westside Suburban. Ticket sales from the baskets was \$540.

We also had a 50/50 draw for the Eleanor Siegel fund, raising \$315 for the fund, and giving the winner, Ruth Barons \$315.

I look forward to chairing this committee again next year! A big thank you to Peggy Fiorini and Linda Gettings who, once again, were part of the Ways and Means committee. Love working with them!

Sharon Wetzel

# Nominating Committee

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"Broadway Bound" was everything I hoped it would be! Congratulations to Susie Smith, Janine Weber and the MOTC Suffolk crew for hosting our 59 th Annual NYSOMOTC State Meeting. You outdid yourself from the moment I arrived until I left on Sunday morning.

As 2024 was not an election year, the responsibilities of the Nominating Chairperson and Committee members were minimal. In the next six months the work of the Nominating Committee will begin to gear up for 2025 when all elected and appointed offices as well as Executive Board positions will be vacated. This will include the creation and presentation of the Eligibility List for President and Nominating Committee Chairperson at the October 2024 Midterm Board meeting as well as the Letter of Introduction to be sent to the Member Clubs' President and State Representative within their assigned district in November 2024. We will also be reaching out to the current Executive Board to determine what their interest is in serving on the 2025 -2027 Executive Board.

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 a member of the Executive Board, eligibility requirements to be considered for an elected office as well as eligibility requirements to become President were distributed to the attendees.

At the present time the current positions are vacant:

- Marie Simmons Scholarship Chair
- Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee (Alternate)
- Research

Thank you to Merry Chiu, Cathy Renko and Nadine Fitoussi who served as these Executive Board members for 2023 - 2024. Your willingness to serve is very much appreciated. I am happy to report the Newsletter Contest will now be chaired by Melissa Cocchiara.

It is never too early to begin thinking about what your role in the State organization will be. 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.



# Librarian

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First I would like to say Thank You to Suffolk for hosting this year's convention. I am able to finally cross Long Island off of my list of places I never traveled to before! I had such an amazing time at all of the events you ladies put long, sleepless hours into! In addition to partying and feeling my inner "Tom Cruise", I truly enjoyed spending time with all of you ladies and being able to catch up. I am grateful for the bonds that we have created over the years. I guess I should do my part and recommend some books or podcasts now, hehe.

## Children:

I really really need to pee by Karl Newson: The perfect book to teach children the importance of that last-chance trip to the bathroom before leaving home! Bush Baby is in a jam. He didn't need to go to the bathroom before he left home - but now he needs to and right away! Uh-oh! But what will he do if there's just nowhere to go? A funny tale of determination and self-awareness.

Jack Splash by Tom Daley with Simon James Green: Jack really wants to impress his diving coach dad ... There's just one problem. Jack is the worst diver in the worst diving team in Damp Bottom, England. But when a new kid starts at school with magic swimming skills and an eagerness to share tips, Jack's luck might be about to change. But when Jack's new friend gets into trouble - and the fate of a secret world hangs in the balance - it's up to Jack and the rest of his diving crew to save the day. Sometimes it's not about winning, it's about helping your friends when they need it the most, it's about teamwork...

## Middle Age:

The Misfits A Royal Conundrum by Lisa Yee - When a notorious thief is out for priceless treasure (gems! cats! general decorum!)—who're you gonna call? An elite team of crime-fighting underdogs, that's who! The Misfits are on the case in this hilarious illustrated series from Newbery Honoree Lisa Yee and Caldecott Medalist Dan Santat!

"For any kid who's felt like a misfit, this crackling adventure packs a wallop!" —Lincoln Peirce, creator of Big Nate and Max & the Midknights

## Moms:

The Teacher by Freida McFadden : Lesson #1: Trust no one. Eve has a good life. She wakes up each day, kisses her husband Nate, and heads off to teach math at the local high school. All is as it should be. Except... Last year, Caseham High was rocked by a scandal involving a student-teacher affair, with one student, Addie, at its center. But Eve knows there is far more to these ugly rumors than meets the eye. Addie can't be trusted. She lies. She hurts people. She destroys lives. At least, that's what everyone says. But nobody knows the real Addie. Nobody knows the secrets that could destroy her. And Addie will do anything to keep it quiet...

## Podcast:

My Favorite Murder is a recommended antidote. It's a comedy true-crime podcast hosted by writers/comedians Karen Kilgariff and Georgia Hardstark, who spend each episode nonchalantly looking at one or two murder cases while interspersing their irreverent and conversational brand of humor. \*Colorful Language maybe too strong from some, discussing violent murders\*



# Webmaster

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While I'm not going to include my activity report from Convention, I will give a brief summary of my report. The Webmaster, along with my committee, keep tabs on the website and our social media sites. We are also the keepers of our Zoom account. If anyone needs to have a meeting with their committees, please be sure to reach out to us and we will schedule it for you.

The Webmaster is also responsible for gathering the activity reports for Midterm and Convention and create the presentation that you see on the screen at the meetings. This Convention, the activity reports were compiled into the presentation and emailed out to the Executive Board. The Officers received printed copies of Friday and Saturday's presentations – thank you to Myriam Lavora and Lori Connolly for helping me out and printing these reports for me – it was greatly appreciated.

As I have mentioned before in my reports and have announced at meetings – please, please adhere to the deadlines that are given for these activity reports. These reports still need to be inserted into a presentation and it takes some time, so please respect the deadline given.

Do you know we have a website? Have you been to our website lately? If not...go check it out. [www.nysomotc.org](http://www.nysomotc.org) It's updated often and it has all the information that you need – Convention Info, Meeting Minutes, pictures and more! The passwords to get into the Board Members and Club Members pages have been updated. Please contact your State Rep to get that information.

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

If you have Convention pictures that you'd like to share for the website, please email us at [nysomotc@gmail.com](mailto:nysomotc@gmail.com).

Thank you!

Susie Smith

## 2024 State Meeting

We hope that everyone is rested and recouped from Convention 2024!!!

MOTC Suffolk would like to thank everyone who attended and traveled to Suffolk's Broadway Bound 2024! We hope you enjoyed yourself!

There's still time to get your evaluation forms in – you can scan the QR code that was on the front cover of the booklet you received at Convention or you can click on the link below and complete the form online:

<https://forms.gle/f43x2sNWkHqv3LcF6>

Thank you!

Susie Smith & Janine Weber

# Procedure Manual Chair

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Hola to all! Spring has sprung and we are once again surrounded by beautiful blooms everywhere and warmer weather. YAY! What FUN we had at MOTC Suffolk's "Broadway Bound". THANK YOU Susie, Janine and your fab cast of stars for all your hard work and hospitality which made this State Meeting weekend sparkle from beginning to end.

The newly voted amendments and manual updates will be added to the Procedure Manual on the website (nysomotc.org) for the Executive Board and the Member Clubs. New passwords are now in effect. Contact Webmaster Susie Smith for assistance.

The 2024 State Rep Packet has been mailed to the member clubs' State Reps and Presidents. Please review the information and dues renewal form included in the packet. Feel free to reach out to me at any time if you have questions.

Looking forward to another exciting term with NYSOMOTC. Happy Spring and all there is to celebrate this time of year.

Myriam Lavora

# Twin Data Registry

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Hi. I'm the Twin Data Registry Chairperson. It used to be combined with the Research Chair, but I found that it was too overwhelming to work on the twin data registry which needed to be started over from scratch and come up with a research survey. So, I gave up the Research Survey. This year NYSOMOTC decided to officially separate Research and Twin Data in the bylaws. The Research Chair is vacant again if anyone is interested. It's really not a huge job by itself. I'm happy to talk to anyone who has any interest and help you come up with a topic for the coming year.

I have been busy inputting data from the Twin Data Registry forms into the database on Libre Office. It is set up on my desktop computer since the laptop hasn't been fixed. I started over, but thankfully I hadn't progressed that far on my defunct laptop. I have been backing up everything on a flash drive, so it won't be lost in a system crash. I have sent out to all the State Reps. a pdf and a word document of the twin data registry form which is also posted on the website. This past club year I have only received two new twin data registry forms – one from WNY Moms and one from MOTC Suffolk.

Please encourage your members to fill out a form if they haven't submitted one. I received two more at convention. At one of the board meetings, we discussed what outside research facilities might be interested in our Twin Data Registry. Nadine Fitoussi of MOTC Suffolk, who was Research Chairperson last year and is also a child psychologist, volunteered to look into what researchers might be interested in our database.

I am planning to continue inputting data this coming year. The membership needs to decide if they would like to make any changes in the data collected on the form. Any thoughts, ideas, or concerns are welcome.

Twincereely, Doreen Greci

# Membership Pins Chair

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

I have accepted the position of Membership Pins Chair for my 7<sup>th</sup> year. I am truly honored and excited to do this again. At this past Convention we had 16 First Time Attendees, and 12 Pin Recipients. Please look at the list I have included which was published in the Convention Program Booklet. Reading the Reflection Summaries provided by the 25, 30, 35, and 40 year pin recipients was ever so special as usual. I am currently President of my local Club - WNYMoMs - for my 3<sup>rd</sup> year and about to be installed in June as my Club Treasurer. I have been Treasurer before for my Club and look forward to the change in position. I have held many positions in my Club - most being an Officer position. I think I was "allowed" to sit out for 2 separate years - 3 at the most.

I have a singleton son who is 38 years old and twin sons who will be 36 this May. (How are they these ages? Time goes by too quickly.) I have one grandson who will be 7 in June. His father is my oldest son, Bennett. I have another grandson on the way - due in June. The father-to-be is one of my twin sons, Adam. I still work full time as a Payroll Administrator for Delaware North/Buffalo Sportservice and I am at the KeyBank Center in downtown Buffalo - home of the Buffalo Sabres and the Buffalo Bandits. I donate plasma - I have Rh negative blood. We are allowed to donate only twice a week with a choice of 4 days and need to have a day off in between. This is something that I do that I find to be very rewarding and am very proud of. If you are not familiar with Rh

2024

Congratulations to the following members for accomplishing great milestones:

## **First Time Attendees**

Sarah Deonarine - MOTC Suffolk  
Meghan Einhorn - MOTC Suffolk  
Emily Esposito - MOTC Suffolk  
Su Ethier - MOTC Suffolk  
Kristen Lima - MOTC Suffolk  
Geronima Maura-Ray - MOTC Suffolk  
Jillian Perras - MOTC Suffolk  
Angela Tatis - MOTC Suffolk  
Jane Troncoso - MOTC Suffolk  
Michelle Williams - MOTC Suffolk  
Denise Barnard - Nassau POMC  
Candice Collazo - Nassau POMC  
Irene Del Vecchio - Nassau POMC  
Ivy Gherardi - Nassau POMC  
Stacey Halpern-Bank - Nassau POMC  
Janis Meadow - Nassau POMC

## **5 Years**

Marty Fallon - MOTC Suffolk  
Lauren Oak - MOTC Suffolk  
Amy Sperber - MOTC Suffolk  
Merry Chiu - Nassau County POMC

## **10 Years**

Jeannine Kellenberger - MOTC Suffolk  
Kristen Pace - MOTC Suffolk  
Jane Martinec - Schenectady MOTC

## **25 Years**

Kathy Brousseau - Schenectady MOTC

## **30 Years**

Pam Reussow - Greater Rochester MOTC  
Peggy Fiorini - POM of CNY

## **35 Years**

Marie Vito - WNYMoMs

## **40 Years**

Sharon Witul - WNYMoMs



# 2025 State Meeting



## 2025 Convention - Shine Bright Like A Diamond

We want to thank our Suffolk family for hosting a memorable Broadway memory.

Westside Suburban is excited to see all of your shining faces at The Woodcliff Hotel & Spa from April 24 - 27, 2025. If you are not sure where the Woodcliff hotel is - don't stress, your GPS will know exactly where to go. Just plug in 199 Woodcliff Dr Fairport NY 14450. Don't worry you will be able to book your room soon! The rooms are a flat rate of \$169.00 per night. Our club has been working hard in the shop to make sure the weekend is sparkling bright for you. If you have any questions or concerns about the weekend feel free to reach out to our jeweler's Tracy Schaner or Kristina Bird. It was great seeing so many bright faces at our 2024 State Meeting on Long Island and congratulations to all of our winners of the 2025 raffles.



# Club Scrapbook Contest

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We had 7 scrapbook page entries from; Schenectady, Westside Suburban, Suffolk, Western NY, Parents of Multiples, Queens and Greater Rochester.

After finding judges and giving them thank you gifts along with the ballot polls the winners are:

3rd place Western NY

2nd place Suffolk

Winner Queens

All pages were given to the photo registry chair

# Photographer

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Happy Spring NYSOMOTC,

What a fantastic State Meeting we attended in April. A huge thank you goes out to MOTC Suffolk for all they did to put on this wonderful Convention! I sure at well this past weekend and they provided me with so many opportunities to take pictures. I went through 2 memory cards on my camera. I sure will be busy gathering all the pictures I took and putting them on a flash drive to give to the hosting club as well as the archivist. If you have pictures that you would like to share with NYSOMOTC of the 2024 convention please

send them on to me and I will put them on the flash drive. The best way to share your photos with me is to click this link

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12a\\_gRhgUUJeaYLyBMMTOhId6VOq8YLOc?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12a_gRhgUUJeaYLyBMMTOhId6VOq8YLOc?usp=drive_link)

I will be sending the pictures to our webmaster to post on the website so don't forget to go and check it out. Thanks for always smiling and posing for me when you see me coming.

Keep Smiling,

Karyn Audycki

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THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!  
WE HAVE CREATED A SHORT SURVEY TO HELP US  
UNDERSTAND HOW OUR MEMBERS UTILIZE OUR  
WEBSITE.

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THANK YOU!





# Twin Photo Registry

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I will be doing this position again this year. After searching for any answers last year and inquiring as to where the scrap book contest pages/books etc. were. I am happy to say I now have them (2) in my possession. I also have a photo book to use as the photo Registry. I hope this year all State Reps will collect pictures from their club members for this book.

I received a wonderful page at this past convention from Myriam Lavora. It was a computer make up of pictures of her family, who was in them and some information about them. Thank you so much Myriam for this fresh start. So.... State Reps.... please ask your members to give you a picture(s) of their family or just their twins and their other kids. I would love pictures of their Grandkids too!

Please list the following: Date picture was taken, names, ages (kids only ha-ha) etc. of the people at the time the picture was taken. I will need your club's name and member's name. I would rather have more info than any lack of it. Let's fill this book this year! It can help you be a "Super State Rep." I will take pix of any activity or older photos. Just mail them to me! (see above) You can text them to me with the information and I will print them out. (Easy-Peasy)

It was also my quest to find out who handles the scrap book pages after they are judged and displayed. In my search I found there is a mix up in the job descriptions of Twin Photo Registry and Scrapbook Contest saying that each chairman should handle the pages to get them to the correct person after they are judged and displayed. That person was not listed! Hence, each could think the other one had them (and books too).

So... at Sunday's Board meeting I asked to have these descriptions looked into and fixed/reworded. I also would like to possibly change the title (TPR) to make it clearer. Melissa Coccharia from Westside has volunteered to go over this with me. Thank you so much! We should have something set at the Mid Term Board meeting.

Lastly..... Just so this is clear, and this confusion does not happen again let me repeat what Myriam has said many times. If you are NOT going to continue the position you currently have, you must do one of these two things. #1) If there is someone to take your position, then all materials are given to her then. or #2) If you do not know if there is someone to take it over or you know that there is NO ONE then - all materials should be given to Myriam at the convention when you exit your position. Don't keep anything.

# Unity Club Submissions

We have been enjoying finding new recipes and making soups each weekend during the winter, here is our favorite one.  
Enjoy! Lori Connolly - Greater Rochester Mothers of Twins Club

## Sausage Tortellini Soup

1 lb. ground Italian sausage

1 small onion

3 cloves garlic, minced

3 Tablespoons flour

1 teaspoon dried basil

1/2 teaspoon oregano

1 teaspoon hot sauce

1/2 teaspoon mustard powder

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 pinch red pepper flakes

1 cup heavy cream

5 cups chicken broth

2 cups kale/spinach, chopped

2 cups tortellini, just under 10 oz, refrigerated or frozen

Salt to taste

1. Remove the casings from the sausage if you purchased links. Cook and crumble the sausage and diced onions over medium-high heat until the onions are softened and the sausage is cooked through, 8-10 minutes. Drain grease. Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute.

2. Add the flour and cook for 1-2 minutes.

3. Add basil, oregano, hot sauce, mustard powder, pepper and red pepper flakes. Stir to combine.

4. Add the chicken broth and use a silicone spatula to clean the bottom of the pot. Slowly stir in the heavy cream. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer.

5. Add the kale/spinach and tortellini and simmer for 3-5 minutes.

6. Taste the soup and add salt if desired.

7. Transfer to serving bowls and serve!

The saga of my own twin 5th graders and a lunch count gone wrong... Stacy Meyers

Highlights- Hannah's happy Monday morning mood is shattered when she is assigned the classroom job of lunch count for the week

-She systematically counts the popsicle sticks identifying choice 1: mozzarella sticks- 0 and choice 2: grilled cheese - 11

-the cafeteria calls the teacher, Mr G, to verify this count (knowing everyone loves mozzarella sticks) and he assured her the count was accurate, having the utmost confidence in Hannah (he has no knowledge about her anxiety around the lunch count job)

-11 students head to the lunch line in the cafeteria, mouths watering, ready to get the mozzarella sticks they have been looking forward to since that morning when they put their popsicle stick in the choice 1 cup

- the horror ensues as 10 angry, hungry 5th graders are served grilled cheese, hearing their teacher re-iterate that his class was unanimous in ordering grilled cheese. The 11th student, Hannah's twin brother Brandon, the sweetest peacemaker in the world, tries to shift the tone of his classmates, praising the school grilled cheese - better known as buttery toast with semi-warm, thick imposter cheese

-Hannah realized her mistake upon entering the cafeteria, taking her own, self-made lunch from home to her assigned cafeteria seat, relieved she didn't need to be a firsthand witness to her classmates justified rage in the line

-one student hurls his apple juice, enraged he is being forced to miss out on mozzarella sticks

-as the rest of the class makes their way to their seats, scowling at their toasted cheese, Brandon holds up his sandwich proclaiming how delicious it is, in an effort to save his twin's feelings of guilt in ruining lunch for half the class

-another student is devouring his grilled cheese, while loudly grumbling with every bite how much he hates toasted cheese, ingesting it as if it is the last meal he will ever eat

-hannah hangs her head, feeling awful and hides in her hood, wondering how she messed up her job so badly, and how she will get through the week doing it without sabotaging everyone's lunch again and again

-back in the classroom, Mr. G tells Hannah to take her hood off, noticing her sadness, and asks the class what the main ingredients are in both mozzarella sticks and grilled cheese

-after convincing all 11 students they had basically eaten what they intended since both choices were made from the same 2 things- cheese and breading, he says, & anyone who had something to say to Hannah about their Toasted Cheese better have an apology for her now!

-relieved, the traumatic lunch ordeal is over and Hannah is offered an assistant for the rest of the week, to ensure no one's meals are ruined based on her report of the wrong choice

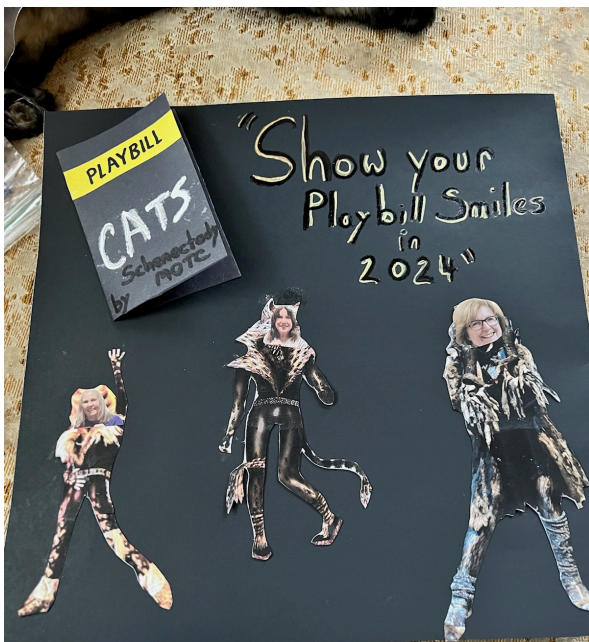
# *Club Happenings*

These are pictures and reports submitted from member clubs.



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Schenectady Scrapbook Page



Jane and Schenectady's Centerpiece



Kathy L. making the dedication for the meeting



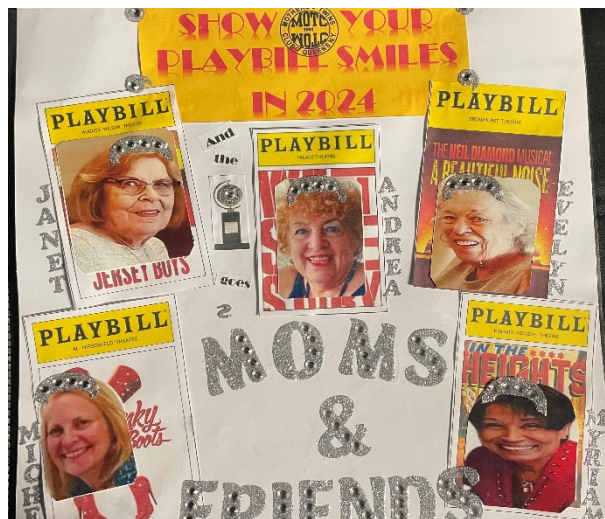
Jane getting her 10 year pin



Schenectady's CATS



A Note to my Queens from their proud State Rep...  
I would like to acknowledge my four co-members of MOTC Queens –  
Andrea (aka The Imperial Turtle), Evelyn, Janet and Michele for  
attending the  
  
State Meeting and giving our club a 100% attendance.  
And to those who voted for our club scrapbook page  
  
as this year's top winner...  
Thank You!! What a lovely surprise.



The ladies of MOTC Suffolk made heart wreaths at the March General Meeting because February was snowed out! Thank you to Daniela Eaton for teaching us how to make them.



Here are all the MOTC Suffolk conventionneers at the Saturday Twinnies party. Love these ladies!



