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Just a Few Friendly Reminders... For More details see calendar

January 2025

1-Clubs begin discussing 2027 State Meeting

14 -January February Presidential Papers distributed

February 2025

1 -Midterm Board meeting minutes distributed.; mailing of credential documents to officers, past presidents and member clubs

6- newsletter articles due to the editor.; reminders for 2025 State Meeting

20- MSS Applications due to MSS Chairperson

March 2025

1 -2025 State Meeting Registration due.; Agenda items due to President.; Credentials, Club scrapbook entry, Newsletter contest entry and Show and Sell registration due.;Program booklet information due to State Meeting Chairs.

12- March April Presidential Papers distributed

15- MSS Calendar packet and money due.; names due for certificates

26 MSS Fundraiser chairperson send money.; State Meeting registration/ Attendance due.; Executive Board member reports due.; year-end vouchers due.; clubs prepare for contests ad raffle auction.; clubs interested in hosting 2027 state Meeting to notify President.

President's Letter

Kathy Brousseau
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Hello Ladies,

The holidays are well underway. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and freinds.

The rest of December is starting off as a chilly one. I hope everyone has had a great holiday with celebrating family and friends. Many of the clubs have had holiday

dinners and I have enjoyed seeing your posts on Facebook.

I am happy to say that my sixth grandchild Aiden Anthony was born on December 4th. He joins 4 year old Declan and 2 year old Madison. Proud and busy parents are Chris and Lauren. Chris is one of my twins. I look forwarding to spending a lot of time with them now that I am retired.

Recent changes in the NYSOMOTC board are Ruth Barone has volunteered to take on the position of Parliamentarian due to Kathy Lyman stepping back. We wish Kathy good health. Jane Martinec has taken on the position of Nominating Chair. These changes are for the rest of the NYSOMOTC year. All positions will be open so please consider if there is a position you would like to take on. Feel free to submit a resume form with portions you might want to take on. There is always someone to help you with any questions you may have. Also I am happy to report that we have a slate of elected offices! See the details on the candidates later in the newsletter.

Third call should be out by the time this newsletter is sent. I look forward to many fun events during the weekend!

Stay warm everyone!

Sincerely,

Kathy Brousseau

Hello to the Executive Board. It is hard to believe that the term is almost up and I wanted to thank you all for the hard work and support you have given me over the last two years. You have truly made my job much easier and I appreciate each and every one of you. It takes many hands to keep our organization strong and without your dedication it would be much harder.

Nominating Chair Jane Martinez with the assistance of Ruth Barone is working on putting tighter a list of everyones preference for the next two years. Please be sure to get Jane an update resume. This will make any needed transitions easier.

I hope you all will be able to attend convention in Rochester this year. There will be something for everyone to enjoy between workshops, outings, shopping, and especially the spa! Please check the newsletter for deadlines getting reports ready for the meeting. I know its early but time sneaks past so quickly! Even being retired I don't know where the time goes! Please feel free to let me know if you need assistance with anything. Happy to help or to answer any questions you might have!

Sincerely, Kathy Brousseau

Vice President's Report

Pam Reussow
GRMOTC

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Happy New Year Ladies!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. We are four months away from finalizing plans for the remainder of this term and our 60th State Meeting in Fairport!

If you haven't filled out a resume form, for a position for the upcoming 2025-2026 year, please consider taking on a position that you might enjoy doing. This is an election year and all positions will be open. There are many ways you can contribute your talents to help our state organization continue to thrive!

State Reps please remember to send me an article or newsletter. There are only two more newsletters after this one to get some more Super State Rep points!

Enjoy the snow and stay safe! Pam Reussow - VP

As The Turtle Goes . . .

Suffolk MOTC is collecting hats, mittens and scarves for a local shelter. A wreath and plant sale is their current fundraiser. A fun club event was marching in the Patchogue Holiday Parade. Everyone dressed up as the Whooville characters from the Grinch. The club members are doing a movie outing to see the movie Wicked. A sweet way to enjoy the holiday is their annual Gingerbread contest. Mmmmm!

Westside Suburban MOTC is busily working on preparations for our 60th State Meeting in April. Among some of the fun things they are doing in their club, is instead of a cookie exchange they are doing a shareable appetizer exchange at their November meeting. They will also be having an adult evening at Batavia Downs with a dinner buffet and free play voucher. BINGO at the local Elks club may pay off for some lucky winner in their club.

Schenectady MOTC has been busy signing 164 Christmas cards at their October meeting, for the Baptist Home. The residents always look forward to receiving their cards. Club members are planning their annual Christmas dinner at the Blue Ribbon Diner in December.

GRMOTC held a night out in November to catch up, at Knucklehead Craft Brewery with drinks and dinner. In December they held a Christmas party at Pittsford Pub and invited lifetime members, former members and current members. Dinner, drinks, much chatting and a grab bag gift exchange were among the fun events of the evening. They had a great time seeing a few members who they hadn't seen in a while.

Treasurer's Report

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New York State Organization of Mothers Of Twins Clubs 2024-2025 General Fund Treasury Report



Opening Balance	Oct/Nov 2024		YTD Total			
	\$5,252.09		2023-2024 Year		2024-2025 Year	
	INCOME	EXPENSE	INCOME	EXPENSE	INCOME	EXPENSE
2024 Conv Officer Reg/Lunch	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 570.00	\$ -	\$ -
2024 Show & Sell Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95.00		\$ -	\$ -
2024 State Meeting Assessment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97.00		\$ -	\$ -
2024 Ways & Means Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 540.00		\$ -	\$ -
AV Charges	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 630.00
Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ 50.00			\$ -	\$ 53.00
Certificates	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 12.93	\$ -	\$ -
Club Dues	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 305.25	\$ -
Club Scrapbook	\$ -	\$ 16.19		\$ 35.39	\$ -	\$ 16.19
Membership Pins	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 56.00	\$ -	\$ -
Midterm Meeting	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,049.76			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,049.76
Nominating Committee	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 43.42	\$ -	\$ -
President	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 24.97	\$ -	\$ -
Proc Manual	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 129.14	\$ -	\$ -
State Meeting Loan	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Transfer from ES Fund	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Website	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 472.26
	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,115.95	\$ 732.00	\$ 871.85	\$ 2,305.25	\$ 3,221.21

Closing Balance

\$4,886.14

New York State Organization of Mothers Of Twins Clubs 2024-2025 Eleanor Siegel Memorial Fund Treasury Report

Opening Balance	Oct/Nov 2024		YTD Total			
	\$2,109.62		2023-2024 Year		2024-2025 Year	
	INCOME	EXPENSE	INCOME	EXPENSE	INCOME	EXPENSE
State Meeting Loan Repayment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	\$ 0.04	\$ -	\$ 0.02	\$ -	\$ 0.19	\$ -
Transfer of State Mtg Loan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
50/50 Proceeds from 2024 State Mtg	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 315.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 130.04	\$ -	\$ 2,315.02	\$ -	\$ 130.19	\$ 1,000.00

Closing Balance

\$2,239.66

MSS Committee

Hola MOMs! New year greetings to All!

The deadline to submit the scholarship application with the required documents is February 20th . Students may request an application by contacting the MSS Chairperson: nysomsscholarship@gmail.com. Please share the information below with your college students and encourage them to apply.

Eligibility Requirements:

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 must have completed at least one (1) 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 (2) 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 20, 2025. In the lower left-hand corner of all envelopes it must be written, "To be opened by the MSS Chairperson only."

The Calendar Fundraiser drawing is in April. Please continue your support by purchasing your favorite lucky dates. The MSS Scholarship Committee truly appreciates your contributions.

Wishing you and your families a healthy and prosperous 2025.

Myriam Lavora

MSS Committee Chairperson

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Nominating Chair

On December 1, Ruth Barone resigned as Nominating Chairperson and agreed to be appointed to the position of Parliamentarian to complete the 2023-2025 term of Kathy Lyman, who resigned as of December 1. With Ruth's resignation, President Brousseau contacted me and asked me to complete the 2023-2025 term as Nominating Chairperson, which I agreed to.

Jane Martinec
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Prior to December 1, the Nominating Committee had been actively working to secure candidates for the 2025-2027 term. We are pleased to announce the following NYSOMOTC members have agreed to be nominated at the April State meeting:

President: Pam Reussow

Vice President: Michele DelleBovi

Treasurer: Melissa Cocchiara

Recording Secretary: Doreen Grenci

Below are the bios for each of these candidates.

I am Pam Reussow of Greater Rochester MOTC and I am running for the office of President of the NYSOMOTC. My husband Dave and I will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary in June. We have 3 children: Rachel who is 40 and Mark and Julie who are 36. And we have two darling grandchildren: Charlie who is 9 and Lily who is 6. And my mom Peggy is 93 and still enjoying her time with our family! I am a retired medical office assistant and administrative assistant.

As a Lifetime member of Greater Rochester MOTC, I have been president, vice president, secretary, and on many other committees in our club. Currently I am serving as Vice President of our NY State Organization. A few of the other positions I have held are recording secretary, membership pins, state meeting chairman, MSS committee member and many more. I am running for President because I enjoy being on the board of our state organization. This has also led me to making many great friends throughout NYS. I have enjoyed learning and seeing how each position is carried out. I want to work together with the other officers, board members and you, to see this wonderful organization continue to thrive!

My name is Michele DelleBovi. I have three sons – Bennett is my singleton and is 38. He is engaged and is father to my 7-year-old grandson Jameson. My twin sons are Adam and Alexander, and they are 36. Adam is married and he is father to my 6-month-old grandson Damon. Alexander is recently engaged – November 22, 2024, and I am anxiously awaiting the wedding plans!

I am a member of WNYMOMS (Western New York Mothers of Multiples) aka MOTC of Buffalo. I joined in October 1991 when my twins were 2 and a half years old so I believe that would be 33 years now! My current position is Treasurer and was most recently our Club President. I have held multiple Officer positions throughout my years in my Club. There are only 2 or 3 years of not being a Club Officer, and I have also been the chair of many committees.

For NYSOMOTC I am the current Membership Pins Chair. This is my 8th year as chair of this committee which I truly enjoy. I have been on the State Board for many years – not consecutively. Some previous committees I was chair of were Research, Newsletter Contest, Club Banner Contest which is now our Club Scrapbook Contest. I have also been a Convention Co-Chair. In all my years as a member of the NYSOMOTC Board I have never held an Officer position. I am currently running for the office of Vice President. I have a true commitment to this State Organization and want to see it continue to flourish. My Club is supportive of the State Organization, and I have made multiple friends throughout the years being on the State Board. I would be honored to be considered for this position.

Hello my name is Melissa Cocchiara, mother of three boys, my oldest Aiden and then having twins 17 months later, Jasen and Jon.

Even though my twins were already teenagers, I joined Westside Suburban Mother of Twins club back in 2019. The mother that brought me into our club tried for a very long time to get me to join. Finally in 2018, I decided to go with her to an adult event and had such a wonderful time with this amazing and welcoming group of ladies. I was extremely drawn to the club due to the wonderful members. I went to a few more events and a meeting and knew I wanted this club in my life. To have this special bond with mothers no matter the life stage your children are in, is so special. Once I was a member I jumped right onto committees in our club, I am the nominating chair and one of my favorites is our Christmas dinner chair. After missing a few conventions due to COVID and getting married, I decided in 2022 to go to Midterm. Here a position opened and I took the Scrapbook Contest chair. I was glad I could help the club out in a fun position which brought me to the Executive Board. At the 2024 convention I took on Newsletter contest chair. These are my two current NYSOMOTC Executive Board positions.

For my local club I held the treasurer position for its two-year term in 2022-2024. I currently hold the treasurer role for our current 2025 convention, which started back in 2023, and is one of the many convention tasks that I have.

I really enjoy working in a treasurer roll and would love the opportunity to do this for the NYSOMOTC Executive Board.

My name is Doreen Bennett Grenci, and I am a 20-year member of Mothers of Twins of Suffolk County. I joined when I was pregnant with my fraternal boy twins Jonathan and Nicholas who will be 20 on December 10. My daughter Olivia is 21. I live in Sayville with my husband Sal and our 3 children. Olivia is unable to live independently as she is low functioning on the autism spectrum. The boys are high functioning on the spectrum and attend Suffolk Community College part time. I am the State Rep in my local club, and I have held that position for over 10 years. In the past, I have done refreshments and been the nominating chair. For NYSOMOTC, I am the Twin Data Registry Chair and was previously the Research Chair when the two positions were combined. I have also been on the Nominating Committee and the Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee.

I am a Stay-at-Home mother, and I keep busy just trying to manage our lives. Before I was married, I was a secretary at the East Hampton Town Police Dept. where I mostly did Data Entry work. My husband's cousin was a police officer there, and he introduced us to each other. While working there I took some graduate courses and earned a Masters in Elementary Education. I did some substituting in East Hampton and then further west after I was married. After that, I was a teacher's aide where I was a 1:1 for a first grader in a general education class that needed support for a year. I also worked as the Director of Education at a Sylvan Learning Center for a few years before I started having children.

I have decided to run for Recording Secretary of the NYSOMOTC because I like to serve, and this office appeals to my attention to detail. I also know that the Nominating Committee has been trying to fill this position with someone new.

These nominations will be presented at the 2025 Saturday General Meeting. Until that meeting, anyone who may have an interest in being considered for one of these positions may contact me as the acting Nominating Chairperson. In addition, during the 2025 Saturday General Meeting, there will be an opportunity for other nominations to be made should there be an individual(s) who would like to be considered for one of these positions.

One of the responsibilities of the Nominating Chairperson and the Committee is to assist the incoming President with filling the Executive Board positions which will become vacant at the end of the Saturday General meeting. If you or any of your club members have an interest in serving, please feel free to contact me, Michelle Kesner or Cathy Marsicano. We will be happy to provide the responsibilities of the positions as outlined in the NYSOMOTC Procedure Manual.

Unity Book

State Representatives earn a point towards your Super State Representative tally! Submit a story or describe an event that has importance to you about your club, a particular member, or yourself.

I'm asking that you email the story to me so that I can forward it to our State Editor for publication in the next Presidential Papers and to our State Vice President so she can add your point to your tally for Super State Representative. I also ask that you send a hard copy of your story to my home address, I will add it to your club's section of the Unity Book.

Thank you,
Jane Martinec, Unity Book Chair

Jane Martinec
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Unity Book Submissions

THE TWIN COMMANDMENTS

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

2026 State Meeting

At our last meeting, our committee discussed having a survey regarding the possibility of a "Presidential Exclusive Package" for the 2026 State Meeting. In order to determine what we will do, we need you, as Club President or State Rep, to ask your members the following questions:

1. Do you plan on attending the 2026 State Meeting?
2. How many members of your club would you anticipate will attend?
3. Do your club members typically attend all the events or only certain events?
4. If there was an inclusive package, would your club members participate?
5. If there was an inclusive package, would that be cost prohibitive for your club members?

You can send your club members response along with any questions they might have to Ruth via email (rsb070556@gmail.com). Please be sure to put NYSOMOTC 2026 State Meeting Inclusive Package as the subject line. We may also put the survey on the NYSOMOTC Website.

On November 14, Kathy and I traveled to the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs to meet with Julie Tierney, our Sales Representative. It was a very productive meeting and we were able to get answers to all of our current questions. The committee will be meeting on January 9 to begin work on our presentation and our fundraising plans for the 2025 State meeting. We will hopefully have agreed on our logo as well.

Ruth & Kathy

MSS Treasurer

Hello ladies!

Renie Cutt
GRMOTC
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Somehow my midterm report didn't make it into the presidential papers, so I am including it again!

Since we were last together, I have deposited all the funds collected at the state meeting in our new Chase bank account, received all the documents required to issue the scholarship awards, and mailed the checks to the two winners. I have also submitted reports for the presidential papers. However, I may have missed one as there was no activity since I had mailed the checks and advised of the current transactions at the time.

As of our midterm meeting, I received three additional donations from Kathy Lyman, Queens MOTC and Westside Suburban MOTC. Queens and Westside's donations were sent in memory of our dear Nita Landes.

Here are all the transactions for the MSS account since the April 2024

State meeting:

2024-2025 opening balance: \$9,649.35

Income from Calendar/fundraising raffles \$1865.00

Donations \$200.00

Total income \$11,714.35

Calendar raffle winner (J. Kellenberger) \$500.00

Check order \$38.91

Scholarship Winners (Jack/Andrew Koubek) \$3,000.00

Total Expenses \$3,538.91

Balance \$8,175.44

Enjoy the rest of the winter season! Renie Cutt

Membership Pins

As Membership Pins Chair I feel the need to increase your interest in attending Convention 2025! 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!

Michele DellaBovi
WNYMoMsL
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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 and have a wonderful time.

Looking forward to seeing you at Convention 2025! I can't wait to Shine Bright Like a Diamond!

Twin Data Registry

I haven't received any Twin Data forms from anyone this club year. State Reps. should distribute forms to new members and anyone who hasn't previously filed one with the NYSOMOTC. I know some of the clubs have memberships that don't change, but if your club gets new members, please give them a form and encourage them to fill one out and return it to me at the above email address or mail to 530 Durham Rd., Sayville, NY 11782. Thanks!

Doreen Grenci
MOTC Suffolk
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Doreen Grenci

Local Club News

Current and former members of MOTC QUEENS reunited for an *end of summer* dinner to celebrate long lasting friendships and our club's 63rd year.



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GRMOTC Annual Holiday Party





MOTC Suffolk held their holiday dinner on December 10 at Ragazzi restaurant in Nesconset.



Some MOTC Suffolk members and their children marched in the Patchogue Christmas parade.