



Presidential Papers

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Just a Few Friendly Reminders...

MARCH 2025

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 2026 State Meeting to notify President and prepare a presentation for the 2025 Saturday General Meeting

APRIL 2025

10~ Treasurer's books closed for year-end audit; Treasurer prepares 990 form for filing

24027 ~NYSOMOTC State Meeting

Hope to see you shining bright like a Diamond in April

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President's Letter

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Hello Ladies,

I hope all of you are enjoying this winter weather and the many fun outdoor activities that are held in the Northeast! The kids in my neighborhood held a snowman contest and it was fun to see all the different snowmen. I do look forward to warmer weather though!

The annual State Meeting will be here in just a few short weeks. I hope to see many of you at the event. I know the ladies from Westside Suburban have worked very hard to put together a weekend full of fun and of course some business meetings.

The NYSOMOTC organization is run by volunteers and every two years positions will be open. Please consider taking a position on. There are many positions that are minimal work. If there is a position you would like to take on please let Nominating Chair Jane Martinec know. There is always someone to help you with any questions you may have. There is also a very detailed Procedure Manual that lists all the duties of the job.

At this time I do not have any club that has expressed interest in hosting the 2027 State Meeting. Please consider if your club is interested in hosting. It is a rewarding experience to host. Please think about this.

I look forward to seeing you all in Rochester as we all Shine Like Diamonds!

Sincerely,

Kathy Brousseau

Hello to the Executive Board. As I look over the last two years and all that we have accomplished, it makes me so grateful for all of you. Without your hard work and dedication to the organization I know my job would not have been an easy one. I want to thank you all for the work, assistance, guidance, and friendship that you have shown me over the past two years.

I hope to see you all at the State Meeting in Rochester in just a few short weeks. Please make sure to have your reports into the Webmaster by the deadline. Also any vouchers need to be sent to me prior to the deadline. I hope many of you will be continuing on in your role for the next two years. Please let Nominating Chair Jane Martinec know if you would like to continue on. Also make sure to send Jane a resume with the positions you are interested in filling for the upcoming term. If you do not plan to continue on in your position please send along any files that you have to Jane. 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

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Hello Ladies,

Where has 2 years gone? I can't believe that my term as your Vice President is almost up. I have enjoyed reading your articles, meeting and talking to many of you and hearing about some suggestions and new ideas for the future. I am a listener and so I have picked up on some interesting comments and possibilities for our organization.

It has been my honor to work with President Kathy and her board members. They have done an excellent job in carrying on the work of the NYSOMOTC. To my successor, I hope you enjoy this position as much as I have! I hope to see all of you at The Woodcliff Hotel for our 60th Convention!

Pam Reussow – Vice President

As The Turtle Goes...

GRMOTC met at Philips European Restaurant in February for dinner and some delicious dessert. They are working on their quilt square for convention.

Suffolk MOTC are working on some fundraisers for the next couple months. One of which is A Paper Pie fundraiser (card boxes). I can't wait to hear about this? They are also planning their children's winter party.

Westside MOTC is busy wrapping up convention details. On to their club fundraisers for January and February – a Sweetheart Raffle (\$50 cash, box of chocolates and bottle of wine). Sounds right up my alley! They are also doing a Magic Squares Raffle. They are also working on a design for new club shirts!

Can't wait to see them!

Treasurer's Report

Hi everyone!!

As a reminder, all expenses/vouchers for the year must be received by the Treasurer by April 10th . Please be sure to send your expenses/vouchers to President Kathy no later than April 1st in order for them to be paid within this club year.

Thank you!

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Parliamentarian

The credential mailing for the 2025 State meeting was sent as requested to the Officers, State Reps, and Past Presidents either electronically or via US Mail by the deadline of February 1. As part of the mailing, the Voting Protocols and the Delegate/Alternate Duties were also included. I am hoping by the time you are reading this report that everyone has met the deadline and my preparation for the State meeting has really begun. As a reminder, there will be a Delegate Alternate Meeting on Friday, April 25, at 6:00 p.m. in the Premium Suite. All Delegates and Alternates, NYSOMOTC Officers and Past Presidents must attend this meeting to review the process of how we will conduct business at the Saturday General Meeting.

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I am also happy to report that the Nominating Committee will be presenting to the membership at the Saturday General meeting the proposed Slate of Officers for the 2025-2027 term:

Pam Reussow, President

Michele DelleBovi, Vice President

Melissa Cocchiara, Treasurer

Doreen Greci, Recording Secretary

The Nominating Committee has confirmed the nominees have met the requirements as stated in the NYSOMOTC ByLaws Article VII, Section 2 Eligibility. "Shine Bright Like A Diamond" is just around the corner. I look forward to seeing everyone in April!

Procedure Manual Chair

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A friendly reminder to the Executive Board Members: As this is an election year, all the board positions become vacant at the conclusion of the Saturday General Meeting. Please bring the state badge and materials pertaining to your current board position to the State Meeting so they can be transferred to the incoming board member or to the Procedure Manual Chair. If you are not attending the state meeting, contact President Kathy Brousseau or me to arrange the transfer of the state-related items in your possession. Your cooperation is much appreciated. 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 Webmaster Susie Smith at any time. Looking forward to meet with you at Westside Suburban MOTC's "60th State Meeting" diamond celebration. Best regards to each of you!

Myriam Lavora



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April is approaching, State Representatives are you keeping track of your points earned? Do you need just one more point? If you do, a simple way to earn it is to submit an article to the Unity Book! Send your contribution to me by email and my home address. I will forward your article to our State Vice President to get your point and also to our State Editor so it will be published in an upcoming Presidential Papers edition. The hard copy will go into your club's section of the Unity Book.

Schenectady Member Mary Milford passed away February 20th from complications from Alzheimer's. Mary joined Schenectady in 1985 when her sons Michael and Matthew were born. She held several club positions over her many years of membership. Schenectady will add Mary to our Remembrance List and will honor her with a rose at this year's Convention. We will miss her!

Best Advice

From Westside Suburban Mothers of Twins Club

When you were pregnant, I bet you can remember everyone giving you advice about the pregnancy, having twins and the dos and don'ts of raising a child. Of course the members of Westside Suburban Mothers of Twins club were no exception to this. So we asked the question, what was the best advice you received about being pregnant and having twins?

I was complaining about how uncomfortable I was on a very hot August day while I was pregnant with my twins. I was visiting a friend and her parents. My friend's parent said to me, "In the span of your whole life time, this is just a blink of time." It may feel like this pregnancy was going to go on forever but it was just a blink in time. I remember these words often especially when I am going through a hard time, this too shall pass!

Joining a MOP group before finding Twins club was so helpful for my mental health. Happy Mom, Happy Kids! When Mom is happy usually so are the children. When I brought my boys home, I was nursing them both. They were having a difficult time latching on. I would cry that I was a bad Mom because I couldn't feed my babies. I gave myself permission to bottle feed because it didn't make me a failure and the babies were getting fed. It was just giving myself permission to do that that helped from another mom.

I had fraternal twin boys one of which has Down syndrome and Autism. I joined WSMOTC when they were 8 months old. It was only then that I was able to get a handle on taking care of them and being able to do other things. When I would attend the meetings I would describe situations that I was experiencing and each time my fellow Moms would remind me that my son was a baby first then he was a baby with Down syndrome. Every time I would describe a situation they would assure me it was a twin thing, having 2 babies at once, and all the pressures of being a mother of twins not because one of them had a disability. They always reminded me he was a baby first and all of what was going on was normal.

I was given the advice of keeping my twins on the same schedule, same eating, sleeping etc. That helped me tremendously. Always remember fed is best! Formula or breast, fed is best! When I came to WSMOTC asking about breastfeeding advice, immediately I was told to get a breast friend! It was a nursing pillow.

When it came time for school that there are no state guidelines in regards to separating or keeping twins together. It was so helpful to have the support of fellow moms when making the best decision for our family and it was ok to change our minds about their schooling as well.

Lastly, all of us were reminded through Twins club that our twins are individuals and that they will like, react and do things different than their sibling. Sometimes the opposite sometimes similar so try and treat them as individuals.

2025 State Meeting

Tracy Schaner and
Kristina Bird ~
Westside
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Tracy and I have been meeting with various committee members for our upcoming 2025 State Meeting. We have started to receive registration from various state clubs, thank you to those clubs. State reps please remember registration needs to be mailed out by March 1st. Also, please secure your room as room reservations close on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. Don't wait to call and reserve your spa appointment before you miss out! Make sure to mention the discount code: NYSOMOTC. Until we meet at the Woodcliff don't forget to enjoy the book First Lie Wins by Ashley Elston. We are looking forward to seeing everyone Shining Bright like a Diamond in April.

2026 State Meeting

"All The Presidents Friends" host committee met on February 6 with a full agenda and had a very productive meeting. We have agreed on our logo and finalized our fundraising for the 2025 State meeting. The primary topic was to review (with quite a bit of laughter) the presentation for Saturday's General meeting. We can't wait to share what we have planned and to begin building the excitement for 2026. We will be meeting again in March to determine what workshops we will be offering and finalizing our presentation.

We are looking forward to "Shining Bright Like a Diamond" with all of you in April!!

Ruth & Kathy

Twin Data Registry

I have been busy typing away inputting data into the registry. Keep giving out twin data forms to your members and encouraging them to fill one out and return to me at the above email or 530 Durham Rd, Sayville, NY 11782. I am aiming to be completely up to date on entering all the forms into the database by the time convention rolls around. It should be an easy transition for someone else to take over the position. I have everything on a flashdrive. Looking forward to seeing everyone in April!

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Librarian

Hello Ladies,

I apologize that there was no article in the last presidential papers. Life had thrown me a curve ball and the world kept going, even though I was in a twilight zone and did each day like I was on autopilot. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and was able to stay warm with this cold weather we have been experiencing. It is perfect weather for you to have some alone time with a blanket or with a family member and read or listen to a book!

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Children:

Welcome to Scare School by Jarrett Lerner: Bash is a young ghost who has never been good at scaring people and is nervous about his first day at scare school, where he will learn to master the necessary skills to become a successful ghost.

Dog Man Series by Dav Pilkey: "George and Harold have created a new hero who digs into deception, claws after crooks, and rolls over robbers. When Greg the police dog and his cop companion are injured on the job, a life-saving surgery changes the course of history, and Dog Man is born.

Middle School:

Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz: based on the life of Jack Gruener, this book relates his story of survival from the Nazi occupation of Krakow, when he was eleven, through a succession of concentration camps, to the final liberation of Dachau.

Young Adult:

ASAP by Axie Oh: "When her ex-boyfriend, a member of one of the biggest K-pop bands in the world and forbidden from dating, is rocked by scandal, K-pop idol Sorì offers him a hideaway with her until she must decide if her future is worth sacrificing for a second chance at love"--Provided by publisher.

Moms:

First Lie Wins by Ashley Elston: The identity comes first: Evie Porter. Once she's given a name and location by her mysterious boss Mr. Smith, she learns everything there is to know about the town and the people in it. Then the mark: Ryan Sumner. The last piece of the puzzle is the job.

MSS Fundraiser Chair

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Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is doing good. As you are reading this, two clubs have sent in their MSS scholarship calendars. The deadline for MSS scholarship calendar is March 15th, 2025. I am hoping to raise more money for MSS scholarship than last year. I am happy that this year we will be giving \$2,000

to each scholarship recipient.

I can't wait to see everyone in Rochester at the convention. I am super excited that I will be flying with many of the Suffolk moms.

See you soon,

Diana Donovan Campisi

MSS Committee Chair

Happy Springtime to All!

I think that everyone is quite ready to shed their heavy coats and winter wear, "lighten up" for the warmer weather and feast our eyes with the fresh new blooms that will be popping soon. Looking forward to gathering with friends in a few short weeks at the 60th State Meeting in Rochester.

The Marie Simmons Scholarship Committee anticipates having scholarship(s) to present to two students in pursuit of higher education. At the time of this writing, we are waiting to receive at least two complete applications. The Committee will have its second meeting in mid-February to discuss the status of the applications, the current Calendar Dates Fundraiser and review items pending to be discussed. As in years past, we will have raffles at the state meeting to support the scholarship fund. Be sure to check out our "purple" table on Friday and purchase your lucky tickets.

Remember to see your State Rep and buy your lucky dates for the Calendar raffle (on going through mid-March). Additionally, you may send a donation to the MSS Fund with your registration "in memory of" a loved one. The MSS Scholarship Committee is very grateful to each of you for the support that you give this project year after year. In 2026, we will proudly celebrate 30 years of scholarship awards, honoring the legacy of Marie Simmons (Co-Founder of the NYSOMOTC). If you have an interest in joining the Scholarship Committee, be sure to submit a resume to the Nominating Committee. For information, please feel free to contact me at any time. Best to each of you!

Myriam Lavora, MSS Committee Chairperson 2024-2025

Nominating Committee Chair

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Hello All! For those of you that don't know me, I am Jane Martinec, a member of Schenectady MOTC. I am as I call it the Acting Chair of the Nominating Committee. I am not running for the position for the next two years, I am just literally holding the information for the position until someone decides that they would like to take the office. Thanks to Ruth Barone, the information is very well organized and in a nice carry case. Please consider taking this position, it does not sound difficult and as I said, all the information needed is in the carry case that I have. It would be very helpful to have access to a computer and printer for this position, I do not have either. Thank you for your consideration!

All board positions are open for the next two years. If you are interested in filling a position for the upcoming term, please fill out a resume with your interests. There are many positions that require minimal work and there is a detailed Procedure Manual to assist with the position. Please let me know if you have any questions about the different positions and I will help find the answer.

Certificate Chair

Hello Moms of Twins, I have missed seeing all of you! It is that time of year for me to start working on the certificates to all who are eligible to receive them at this year at our 2025 convention. If you need any certificates made please let me know what you need by April 1, 2025. If you have any questions or problems please feel free to contact me at crenko@rochester.rr.com or 585-748-1118.

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Thank You!

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Happy Spring everyone!

All Executive Board members who need to submit their Activity Reports must submit them no later than April 10th . I have already received a few – thank you to those early birds ☺ If the reports are not received by this deadline, it will not be included in the presentation during Convention. You can send the reports to my personal email (Shotsie74@gmail.com) or to the Website committee email at nysomotc@gmail.com.

See you soon!

Susie Smith



Local Club News



WSMOTC annual Christmas party 2024

Members of MOTC Suffolk made personal goal Bingo cards to mark off during the year at their January General Meeting.





In January our member Lauren Hynes from WSMOTC organized an Adult bowling night. Some of our moms brought their grown up twins and children and some brought their husbands. The husband;s really loved meeting each other and are now planning another event with all of us in mind.

At our February meeting, we played a Valentine's day themed game of Pictionary. We divided into 2 teams and drew Valentine's day themed phrases. The winning team received 2 hand made heart shaped coasters . All of the players received a bag of sweets. We all had a great time even if the young people outscored us!

