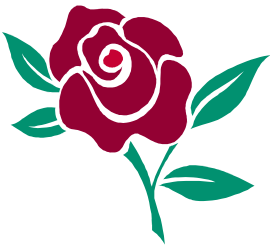




2006-2008 Biennium
“Treasuring Tradition, Forging the Future”
2006-2008 COMMITTEES

NAME	CHAIR	COMMITTEE
Maggie Wiegand	President	
Mary King	1st VP	
Lynda John	2nd VP	
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Jeanne Guastafarro	Music	Christine Taylor, Betty Mussack, Sharyn Powell, Jennifer Spina
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Jacqueline Johnson	World Fellowship	Kathleen Burke, Denny Clark
Lois Ludwig	Web Master	-----
Kay Nemecek	Auction	Linda Upchurch, Amy Story, Janalee Weaver, Cheryl Birx
Regina Czora	School Supplies	Mindy Ritter, Agnesmary Karol
Carol Ramsey	U.S. Forum Rep.	



Program 2006-2007

Summer Book to Read: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Haddon

**August 9, 2006 9:00 Executive Board Meeting at the United Methodist Church,
Canandaigua**

September 19, 2006 5:00 pm Ramada Inn, Geneva

Books and Business with Chapter Kick-off:
Treasuring Tradition, Forging the Future
Purpose VI: Personal and Professional Growth

October 17, 2006 5:00 pm DiPacific's, Farmington

Speaker: Sandra Simpson, District Superintendent of Herkimer BOCES
Joint meeting with Alpha Tau and Beta Theta
Purpose VII: Inform Members
Purpose IV: Initiate, Endorse, and Support Desirable Legislation

November 14, 2006 5:00 pm Club 86, Geneva

Annual Fundraiser Auction
Purpose V: To Endorse Scholarships and Grant Fellowships

**January 13, 2007 9:00 Executive Board Meeting at the United Methodist Church,
Canandaigua**

March 20, 2007 5:00 pm Phelps Hotel

Phelps-Clifton Springs Musical Teaser by Keith Childs
Purpose VI: Personal and Professional Growth

April 17, 2007 5:00 pm Miller's Essenhaus, PennYan

Bingo and Business:
What Do You Know and Need to Know about Delta Kappa Gamma?
Purpose III: Advance the Professional Interest

May 8, 2007 5:00 pm Bella Lago, Canandaigua

Initiation and Founders' Day Ceremonies
Purpose I: Genuine Spiritual Fellowship

June 5, 2007 5:00 pm Geneva Country Club

Celebrating the Past, Present, and Future of Educational Professionals
Purpose II: Honor Women for Distinctive Service

Program 2007-2008

Summer Book to Read: three choices: *The Lost Boys of Sudan* by Mark Bixler
The Color of Water by James McBride *Snowflower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See

August 22, 2007 9:00 a.m. Executive Board Meeting at the United Methodist Church, Canandaigua

September 25: 5:00 pm Abigail's, Geneva

Program: Book Discussion and Business Meeting

Purpose VI: Personal and Professional Growth

October 16: 5:00 pm DiPacific's, Farmington

Speaker: One of the Lost Boys of Sudan

Purposes IV & VII: Initiate, Endorse, and Support Desirable Legislation and Inform Members

November 13: 5:00 pm Club 86, Geneva

Program: Annual Fundraiser Auction

Purpose V: To Endorse Scholarships and Grant Fellowships

January 12, 2008 9:00 a.m. Executive Board Meeting at the United Methodist Church, Canandaigua

March 18: 5:00 pm Ventosa Vineyards, Geneva

Program: Wine-tasting/Tour and Mary Ferris, story teller + a children's author

Purposes II & III: Honor Women for Distinctive Service and Advance Professional Interests

April 22: 5:00 pm Ramada Inn, Geneva

Speaker: Della Ludwig, our Kenya Konnection, and Business Meeting

Purposes II & VII: Honor Women for Distinctive Service and Inform Members

May 20: 5:00 pm Steamboat Landing, Canandaigua

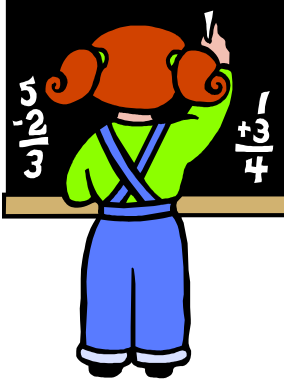
Program: Founders' Day Ceremonies and Pi State President Karen Crumley

Purpose I: Genuine Spiritual Fellowship

June 10: 5:00 pm Belhurst Castle, Geneva

Program: Installation of New Officers and Retirements

Purpose I: Genuine Spiritual Fellowship



Lessons in Leadership—2006-2008 Biennium

As a teacher for thirty-four years I discovered it was not so much what I imparted to my students as what I learned from them. So it was for my biennium as President of Omega Chapter.

Content to be just an “Indian” and serve other “Chiefs”, I never expected to serve as President. However, Nominations Chair Elaine Kennedy and dear Omegan Shirley Crosby each grabbed an arm and proceeded to twist until I agreed to run as First Vice-President. I remember being told I looked like a deer caught in the headlights during Installation. The possibility of taking on the responsibilities of Omega’s President in the future was daunting.

The next two years riding shotgun for President Deb Trombino were wonderful, as I studied-up on bylaws, standing rules, and all the ins-and-outs at both the chapter and state level at her side. She kept reassuring me that I’d be ready in 2006, and that Presidents’ Leadership Training would answer any questions I still had. However, the floods of July 2006, which washed out parts of I-90, 5 and 20, and NY 17 were precisely during the time of Leadership Training—guess who couldn’t get there? Now I was terrified! “Never mind”, said Deb, as she helped move the infamous President’s file cabinet up the stairs, “it’s all in here” (meaning the cabinet). “Besides I’ll be here for you.”

Lesson # 1: No matter how prepared you try to be, there will always be surprises.

Fortunately for me I not only had Deb, but a host of other wonderful Past Presidents to mentor me, and I used their wisdom and experience A LOT! I made no major decisions without sounding out their views. Their counsel and the continuity it provided for the chapter were invaluable. How fortunate I was to have Carol Ramsey, Past Pi State President, to help me navigate through the shoals of state level politics and personalities. I was also blessed with an imaginative, gifted and hard-working set of officers and Executive Board.

Lesson # 2: To lead you need to be ready to follow.

There were challenges I anticipated—oh, how I feared missing a report or a deadline and besmirching the honor of Omega—and many I didn’t—who would have guessed that eighty other women wouldn’t see things exactly as I did?? It is said that

working with teachers is like herding cats; add to that the factor that not a single educator became part of this organization for being a marshmallow or a doormat! Yet the members of our chapter became so precious to me. I came to admire women, who despite health challenges, tragedies, family demands, and personal issues, poured their energy, talents, and passion into the classroom or community service. They became my role models; their struggles and achievements became mine, as well.

Lesson # 3: A leader needs to care deeply for those whom she leads.

I can't single out an individual program or meeting that meant more to me than the rest. I loved them all. I was so proud of our wonderful auction, fattening Budget B beyond our greatest hopes. We were able to help two school districts hit by Hurricane Katrina—both in Louisiana and Mississippi. We stretched out hands of help to Sudan and Kenya, where one of our own went to work. And we provided means for four women to further their teaching education. Throughout the two years we celebrated the achievements of one another and our chapter as a whole. Mary King put it so well:

Celebrate

C-ontributions to schools, etc., community, poet

E-ven our new members and their sponsors

L-oyal leadership – Past Presidents and 25 years and beyond members

E-ager Pi Staters

B-irthdays and Babies and Bea Small

R-etirements

A-ttendance and auction and anniversary

T-eaching Recognition/administrative positions

E-nergetic hostesses/chairs/officers

Lesson # 4: A leader should recognize achievements, big and small, and rejoice in them.

Two years flew by. My days usually started with two to three hours on the computer, sending out e-mails and completing paperwork, followed up by telephone calls. December and July became my new best friends, allowing a little time to catch my breath, and yet the rest of those two years were so exciting and FUN! How other women manage to serve as chapter or state president and still work AND manage a family is beyond my comprehension. I bow in awe of them. But January 2008 dawned, and I realized that all too soon my term in office would end. It made me sad, even though I was really excited about the coming leadership of Mary King, Lynda John, and Della Ludwig. What a great lesson this was for a scared and reluctant leader. Now that I've had opportunity to enjoy the leadership of a new team, I have come to recognize—

Lesson # 5: Take on a daunting leadership challenge. It may take you out of your comfort zone, but you will hone your abilities and appreciate others' leadership even more.

Maggie Wiegand