

Omega Chapter
May 9, 2023
Roy's Restaurant

5:00-5:30pm Social time

5:30pm President Dawn Scales opened meeting with the Scholarship Grants-In-Aid Committee introducing our Scholarship winners. Co-Chair, Tammy Olmstead introduced Natalie Mullen from Canandaigua who brought her grandparents, Katelyn Wilkes from Midlakes who brought her parents and Hannah Kinslow from Newark who was accompanied with her Mom and Grandma.

Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome Song was led by Gail Rumsey.
Blessing was given by Karen Busby.

5:45pm Dinner was served.

Pink Pig winners were Alice Looney and Katelyn Wilkes. Gifts were donated by Sharry Cirulli and Judy Western Farris.

6:30pm President Dawn Scales introduced our Program: Scholarship Presentations.

Co-Chair Tammy Olmstead introduced each Scholarship/Grants-In Aid winner and asked that they read their essay. Natalie Mullen winner from Canandaigua will be attending Potsdam; Katelyn Wilkes winner from Midlakes will be attending St. Bonaventure; and Hannah Kinslow from Newark will be attending Penn State.

Our winners and their guests were welcomed to leave at this time.

Our President Dawn Scales presented a red rose to Gail Rumsey in memory of her mother's passing and a red rose to Judy Western Farris in memory of her partner's passing.

President Dawn Scales, along with Webmaster Denny Clark and World Fellowship Co-Chair Lynch attended the NYSO Convention last month. They plan to give a short overview at the June meeting.

7:25pm President Dawn Scales called the Business meeting to order.

- Attendance: 28 members and 10 guests
- Minutes/Correspondence: Minutes for our November and April meetings were approved. We received a thank you for our \$100 contribution to World Fellowship Fund and our \$150 donation to Pi State Educational Foundation.
- Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Phyllis Frantel reported that balance at end of March/April was \$8,861.13. She also mentioned she needs an Expense Voucher attached to bills submitted to her, this needs to be done as requirement for our auditors.
- Committee Reports:

Membership: Co-Chair Kerry Smartt presented a "Did You Know" fact about DKG.

Fact: There are more than 100,000 members belonging to over 2,900 chapters in DKG.

Co-Chair Lynda John announced that there are 5 candidates for membership with the possibility of a 6th. Lynda read off the names and those who filled out the sponsor cards spoke a little about each candidate. The motion involving the candidates for membership was a bit confusing so the voting was invalid. The candidates for membership will be invited to our June meeting.

Legislation /US Forum: Chair Christine Bennett gave an update from her committee. She shared a May 2022 Resolution entitled "On Recognizing Mental Health Issues for

Educational Staff and Promoting Support Services”. Although a year old, the resolution gave an idea of DKG US Forum Steering Committee initiatives. As available, she will share easy to use email/letter/phone call templates with *Omega* to join in such advocacy efforts. She also invites *Omega* members to join the committee as interested.

- No other committees wished to report.
- Unfinished Business: none
- New Business: none

Meeting was adjourned by President Dawn Scales at 8:10 pm.
DKG song was sung.

Respectfully submitted by,
Linda Upchurch
Secretary