

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Omega Chapter

June 6, 2023

Gateway Grill

5:00-5:30 pm Social time

5:30 pm President Dawn Scales opened the meeting by welcoming everyone including members who brought guests with them tonight. Renee Durso introduced her sister, Michelle Hodgeman and Alice Looney introduced her guest Kristen Lamson. President Dawn Scales gave a warm welcome to Mary-Martha Harvey for being able to attend our meeting tonight. Mary-Martha introduced Jill Fogel and Dr. Marla Iverson as her guests.

Pledge of Allegiance: Gail Rumsey

Welcome Song: Gail Rumsey

Blessing: Jan Wright

Hostess Committee member Lisa Carey explained the center pieces on the tables will be donated to the organization School Supplies.

5:45 pm Dinner

Pig Pink winner was announced, Renee Durso. The Pink Pig was donated by Lynda John.

6:20 pm President Dawn Scales called the Business meeting to order.

- **Did You Know:** Membership Committee Co-Chair Kerry Smartt explained what the Woman of Distinction Award is and who has received it in the past. This award was started by Pi State organization in 2003.

President Dawn Scales called Denny Clark up presenting her with a rose and a pin, as she was awarded Woman of Distinction for

2023. Denny was presented this award at the recent Convention. A cake was presented to Denny, which was shared by all.

- **President Dawn Scales** called Christine Bennett to come up to receive her award, an Educational Scholarship toward a Human Resources Certification. She was also presented a rose.
- **President Dawn Scales** called up Wendy Kierst to receive a rose and a card from the Chapter in honor of her upcoming wedding.
- **President Dawn Scales** explained that certificates for years in Omega will be given out in increments of 5 years.

Jerry Fletcher-40 years

Cindy Avery- 20 years

Mary Cherniss- 20 years

Della Ludwig-20 years

Cindy Meyers-20 years

Beverly Lanoue-20 years

Wendy Kierst-5 years

- **6:50 pm President Dawn Scales** gave an overview of the recent Convention that she, Denny Clark and Cindy Lynch attended. Dawn spoke about the workshops, speakers and the moving memorial service; Cindy shared a few of her workshops she attended; and Denny talked about her Woman of Distinction award and how special it was.
- **7:00 pm Founder's Day Program:** Ceremonies Co-Chair, Alice Looney along with Wendy Kierst, Beverly Lanoue and Jan Wright gave a history of DKG and how Omega came to be on May 14, 1955 at the State Convention which was held in Rochester, NY.
- **Attendance:** Membership Co-Chair Kerry Smartt reported 28 total, 24 members and 4 guests.
- **Minutes/Correspondence:** Secretary Linda Upchurch read a thank you from Natalee Mullen, one of our Grant-in-Aid

Scholarship winners who attended our May meeting. The May minutes were approved.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Co-Chair of Finance Judy Kiehle gave the report as of May 31. 2023 balance on hand is \$7,933.63.
- **Committee Reports:** None
- **Unfinished Business:** None
- **7:10 pm New Business:** President Dawn Scales shared with us ideas for Community Projects.

The Budding Reader Program is going to give each UPK, K & 1st grade teachers in the area districts a packet of 8 hard cover books for their classrooms when school starts in the fall. They have offered us the opportunity to be part of this by bagging up all the books by grade level over the summer and have them ready for distribution. Specific details will be shared with us in the next couple weeks.

Another community service project that may be of interest to Omega is for us to start working with the Food Cupboard in Clifton Springs. They would be interested in our making up Birthday Bags that shoppers could take for a family birthday celebration. Renee Durso brought a couple examples to show what they might look like. We will know more about each of these wonderful possibilities in the near future.

Meeting was adjourned by President Dawn Scales at 7:15 pm.

DKG song was sung.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Upchurch

Secretary