

Omega July-August 2023 Newsletter

***Happy Belated August Birthdays to the following:**

Kristin Jabara - 6th

Evie Bottonf - 27th

Mary Shelley - 9th

Cindy Lynch - 29th

Mary-Martha Harvey - 14th

Jackie Johnson - 29th

Helene Goodberlet - 18th

Cheryl Fisher - 30th

***Happy Birthday to our September Members:**

Christine Bennett - 7th

Sally Maxson - 17th

Judy Kiehle - 14th

Jan Astles - 28th

Bits and Pieces of Omega Celebrations, Exciting News, and Important Information:

*It is with extreme pleasure to announce that Jill Ann Fogel, Michelle Hodgeman, Dr. Marla Iverson and Kristen Magnanti Lamson have all accepted our invitation to become members of the Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma!

With 70% of our total membership voting, the inductees were unanimously approved.

*The Crohn's Disease that Piper Havens, Denny's granddaughter, was diagnosed with is now in deep remission!

* Janalee Weaver and her husband, Stanley, have just celebrated their 50th. Wedding Anniversary!

***The 2023-2024 budget was approved** by the Executive Board and will now be presented to and voted on by the membership at the meeting Wed.

***Omega & Budding Reader Summer Project:**

We had the opportunity to participate in the Budding Reader Community Project of presenting each UPK, K and 1st gr. classroom teacher in the 7 surrounding school districts a bundle of new children's books for their classroom libraries as a gift to begin the new school year. The books were provided by the Budding Reader Program.

Our part consisted of putting labels in each of the 8 to 9 selected books for each grade level teacher, bagging them up and adding a newsletter about the program. In all we prepared about 134 bundles!

The Budding Reader Yearly Fundraiser Newsletter has just gone to print and there is a small article about Omega's part in the project included in it!

***Omega Gets Social" Summer Picnic:**

The afternoon was spent enjoying many delicious foods, joyful conversations about travels, books read, places to go for entertainment, venues for eating out where you could stay cool and a wonderful feeling of Fellowship between our Omega Sisters!

Wendy brought her wedding album to share which was a big hit! We held our famous Door Prize Event, and everyone seemed to find a new treasure to take home with them!

***Drawing to benefit the DKG World Fellowship**

As was mentioned on the dinner reservation, there will be a drawing sponsored by the Sept. Hostess Committee to benefit the DKG World Fellowship. Lynda John has donated a McKenzie Child's enamelware pitcher with a Flower Market Design pattern with the value being at \$100. The tickets will be sold before dinner at the price of **1 ticket for \$2.00 and 6 tickets for \$5.00. Thank you so much Lynda!**

***Pages for your Red Folders:** At the end of the meeting there will be 5 updated pages clipped together with a post-it attached with your name to be picked up and taken home.

Please add these to your red folders. They will include the Omega Birthday List; Meeting dates, Venues, Hostess Committees; Omega Chapter Committees; and a Directory Page with the new members' information. That page will go at the end of your other Directory Pages.

*There are two changes to be made to the other pages.

Wendy's last name is now Ryder instead of Kierst

Jerry Fletcher's address is now 5112 Cheshire Glen, Cdga 14424

***Omega Chapter Committees:**

There have been a few changes made to the Business and Mission and Purpose Committees.

Everyone has done a great job on your current committees & will be great on any new ones. A few changes were made to support the participation of the new members coming in and to give more support to some committees having too few members on them.

***October 24th 2023 ECAC Area Council Conference:** I will have copies of the dinner reservation form for the Oct. 24th "Ladies Night Out" meeting for you to pick up when you get the red folder pages at the end of the meeting on Wed. evening.

Each chapter was given a list of responsibilities for the conference.

Our chapter will oversee the Publicity and Evaluations this time which consists of:

*Publicize meeting to Chapters, local papers and DKG NY State Committees and Chapters

*Prepare and send out articles to website, local papers prior to the event and follow-up publishing after the event to local papers and Pi Lights

*Have a Photographer to take pictures for Pi Lights and Website. Make sure the release form has been signed.

*Co-Host event by greeting people at the door, directing them to check-in, etc.

*Copy evaluation forms, collect & report on evaluations to ECAC Chapters

I appreciate the help and support already from those who know just what to do from previous Area Council Conferences.

***I am reaching out to all of you for help with any of the following:**

*Those who have experience in any of the first areas mentioned and wish to help with what is still needed for publicity

*If you would like to photograph some of the evening events as we will need to capture many parts of the evening

* Be Co-Hosts by greeting vendors, DKG members and other guests as they arrive, direct them to check-in, answer questions as needed, and possibly give vendors a hand setting up

*Copy evaluation forms, collect & report on evaluations to ECAC Chapters

This Is A Time When We Can Really Make Omega Shine! Please sign up on my clipboard (Wed) to participate in some way or let me know by Sept. 24th.

***Thank you so much for taking the time to read through all of this as it covers so much information. If I forgot anything or made an error, I am truly sorry.**

I look forward to seeing all of you this Wednesday evening as we begin an exciting new Omega year!

Fondly,

Dawn

