



## ***Omega Chapter***

**April 11, 2017**

**Torrey Park Grille, Geneva, New York**

**Attendance:** 36 members and guest performer, Zachary Bills.

**Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.**

**Review of November Minutes:** Maggie Weigand moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Gail Burr. All approved.

**Pi State Tickets:** Co-president, Kerry Smartt, announced that Gail Burr is selling tickets to benefit Pi State scholarships. Winners of the raffle will be selected at the Pi State Convention in Cooperstown later this month.

**Change of June Meeting location:** This will now be held at Ray's in Canandaigua which is on route 332. Sue Cunningham arranged this for Omega.

**Hostess Committee:** Co-president, Mary Cherniss, thanked Cindy Lynch for volunteering to hostess the April meeting due to the resignation of the original hostess chair.

**March cancellation rescheduled:** Co-president, Kerry Smartt, announced that the speaker for the March meeting- which was cancelled due to the snow storm- has been rescheduled for May. Jane Falter will

present on the Growth and Fixed Mindset. This topic will be explored for further discussion and future Omega meetings.

**Scholarship:** Chair Peg Snyder noted that the renewed and new efforts to advertise the Omega education scholarships have paid off. With some media publicity and adding an Omega representative in the school districts, Omega has received a record 13 applications from potential future educators.

**May “Tea”:** Sharon Powell told the story of how she would hold a parents “tea” at her school and people brought in tea cups “with a story.” She would like Omega sisters to replicate the idea and bring a tea cup to the May meeting to share a story. Mary Cherniss also suggested attendees could dress up for the tea party.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Judy Kiehle reported that the four scholarship recipients from last year have successfully gone on to their second semesters. As a result, Omega paid the three thousand dollars in scholarships to the students. In addition, Judy reported that the auction raised a record \$4,487.

**By-Laws Committee:** Della Ludwig reported that the committee has been studying the issue of how the chapter handles the passing of former chapter members as well as the idea of a special membership for those who have been long-time members but have become unable to attend meetings due to illness or moving a distance away. The committee has suggested that if a former member passes, those Omegans who wish to contribute to flowers may collect them from those who choose to participate rather than having the chapter make the donation. This proposal is still being studied and will be presented to the membership for a vote sometime in the future.

**Communication:** Jerry Fletcher sent a thank-you note for the plant sent by Omega following her illness. She also thanked the individual members for all their cards and gifts of support. Michelle Tyman, school nurse at Midlakes, thanked Omega for the mittens and gloves donated for needy students at the elementary school.

**Special Birthday:** June Renner was honored with a cake, card and song for her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. All Omegan birthdays between November and April were also honored.

**Special Entertainment:** Zachary Bills, a Victor High School Senior, provided musical entertainment for the evening. Zachary is the grandson of Omegan Sally Maxson. Zachary will be attending Fredonia College for music education.

**Meeting adjourned**7:35.

Respectfully submitted by:

Beverly Lanoue, Secretary