



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™

2010-2011 Program

September 14, 2010- S. Cunningham's home, Canandaigua

Getting to Know Our Members

Purpose 1: Genuine Spiritual Fellowship

Purpose 4: Initiate, Endorse, Support Desirable Legislation

October 5, 2010- Belhurst Castle, Geneva

Area Council Conference and Author Panel

Purpose 1: Genuine Spiritual Fellowship

Purpose 7: Inform Members

November 9, 2010- Club 86, Geneva

Omega Auction

Purpose 5: To Endorse Scholarships and Grant Fellowships

March 8, 2011- Trinity Church, Geneva

Something for Active Teachers

Purpose 3: Advance Professional Interest

Purpose 6: Personal and Professional Growth

April 5, 2011- Notre Dame, Canandaigua

Omega Has Talent

Purpose 1: Genuine Spiritual Fellowship

Purpose 6: Personal and Professional Growth

May 10, 2011- Canalside, Newark

Founders Day

Purpose 2: Honor Women for Distinctive Service

June 7, 2011- Geneva Country Club, Geneva

Celebration

Purpose 2: Honor Women for Distinctive Service



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2011-2012 Program

September 13, 2011- Wegman's, Canandaigua

What's on the Horizon

Purpose 4: To Support Legislation for Women Educators

Purpose 7: To Inform Members of Important Issues

October 11, 2011- Notre Dame, Canandaigua

The Runaway Quilt

Purpose 1: To Unite in Spiritual Fellowship

Purpose 6: To Stimulate Personal and Professional Growth

November 8, 2011- Club 86, Geneva

Auction

Purpose 4: To Support Legislation for Women Educators

Purpose 5: To Endow Scholarships

Purpose 7: To Inform Members of Important Issues

March 13, 2012- Trinity Church, Geneva

Something for Retired Teachers

Purpose 1: To Unite in Spiritual Fellowship

Purpose 2: To Honor Service in any Field of Education

April 3, 2012- Ohmann Theatre, Lyons

Area Council- East Central Goes to the Movies

Purpose 1: To Unite in Spiritual fellowship

May 8, 2012- Phelps Art Center, Phelps

Celebrating the Arts

Purpose 6: To Stimulate Personal and Professional Growth

June 5, 2012- Canandaigua Yacht Club, Canandaigua

Initiation, Installation, Celebration

Purpose 1: To Unite in Spiritual Fellowship

Purpose 2: To Honor Service in any Field of Education



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**Omega Chapter
 2010-2012 Biennium**

Biennium Theme: *Take Time Today*

Name	Chair	Committee
Officers		
President	Lynda John	
Vice-President	Della Ludwig	
Second Vice President	Jeanne Guastafarro	
Secretary	Kathy Burke	
Treasurer	Linda Upchurch	
Parliamentarian	Elaine Kennedy	
Past President	Mary King	
Society Business Chairs		
Area Council Rep	Deb Trombino	
Historical Records	Judy Kiehle	Jerry Fletcher, Claris Schwing, Holly Rich
Finance	Judy Kiehle	Barbara Morgan
Membership	Maggie Wiegand	Kay VanDeusen, Jerry Fletcher, Linda Smith
Nominations	Jill Antonucci	Gail Rumsey, Mary Martha Harvey, Janalee Weaver, Karen Varricchio, Betty Mussack, Mary King
Program Of Work Chairs		
Legislation/US Forum	Carol Ramsey, Cindy Lynch	
		Mary Luckern, Ann Orman, Diane Clark, Arlene Eddington
Ceremonies	Susan Cunningham	Laura Hill, Dawn Scales, Barbara Heinzman, Margaret VanHaneghan
Music	Sharyn Powell	Christine Taylor, Sue Gray, Liz Hezel, Kammy Catchman
Personal Growth	Sally Maxson	Jacqueline Johnson, Adele Miller-Wadsworth, Deb Poplaski, Holly Rich
Professional Affairs	Jennifer Davison	
		Mary Shelley, Cynthia Meyers, Cindy Avery, Katja Stevens
Program	Della Ludwig	Program of Work Chairs
Research/Scrapbook	Mary Cherniss	Corry Cochol, Evie Bottorf



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Scholarship/Grants	Peg Snyder	Mindy Ritter, Jennifer Spina, Mary Dorgan, Beverly Lanoue, Lynn Broderick, Sandy Voigt
World Fellowship	Beverly Simons	Edna Choffin, Linda Coons, Helene Goodberlet, Denise Clark
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Auction/Fundraising	Kay Nemecek	Liz Koster, Jerry Fletcher



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In the spring of 2010 I received the honor of being elected president of Omega Chapter. What an honor to serve in this capacity! With membership in excess of 80 fantastic women, it was a remarkable experience to work for and with so many of you! The transition of leadership transpired with ease thanks to careful preparation and organization of all of the associated materials on the part of Immediate Past President Mary King. I am also grateful for her invaluable advice and support during the course of my biennium.

I spent the summer of 2010 reviewing and preparing for the upcoming year, and presided over my first meeting on September 14th, 2010, at Susan Cunningham's home. The program was "Getting to Know our Members". I also had the pleasure of attending the Pi State Fall Seminar and Executive board meeting on September 24th and 25th, held at the Rochester Radisson Riverside.

October 2010 brought us together at the Belhurst Castle in Geneva, for an Area Council Conference and Author Panel, featuring Cynthia DeFelice, Robyn Pulver, and Bruce Coville, among others.

November found us at Club 86 in Geneva for the highly anticipated and successful Omega Auction, chaired by Kay Nemecek. Many thanks to all who donated and/or purchased items!

The March 2011 program was fantastic: "Something for Active Teachers" at Trinity Church in Geneva. The retired members provided dinner and beverages and the program honored the busy active teachers.

April 2011 was a month for our members to shine in the "Omega has Talent" event at Notre Dame in Canandaigua. Several of our talented members presented workshops. Programs included "Not your Grandpa's Elderhostel" (Maggie Wiegand), "Show & Tell of Scrapbooking" (Katja Stevens), "Work Horses of the Garden" (Sandy Voigt), "The Art of Jewelry Making" (Edna Choffin), "Snazzy Notecards" (Kay Nemecek), and "Puppeteering" (Deb Poplasky). I also attended the Pi State convention on April 29th-May 1st. Carrying the Omega flag in the Parade of Chapters was quite a memorable experience!

The May meeting was held at Burnham's Canalside in Newark, with a Founder's Day program. A remembrance was offered for Thelma Messinger, who passed away on January 9, 2011. There was also a joint chapter meeting held at the Ramada in Geneva, organized by Beta Delta. I enjoyed attending as a guest, along with chapter members from Alpha Tau and Beta Theta.

In June 2011, the theme of the meeting held at the Geneva Country Club was Celebration! Linda Coons and Janice Wright were acknowledged for 25 years of membership, and Mary King was honored as a "Pi State Chapter Woman of Distinction".

The Northeast Regional Conference, held July 20th-24th, 2011 at Hershey Park, Hershey PA, was a terrific experience, with plenty of opportunities for networking with DKG members from across the Northeast Region.

Before I could blink, the summer and the first year of my biennium had passed and it was September again! We ushered in the new school year at Wegman's in Canandaigua. The meeting informed members "What's on the Horizon". Our committees met and developed their objectives for the coming year. The 2011 Fall Pi State Executive Board meeting, scheduled for September 23-24 at the Riverwalk Hotel in Binghamton, was cancelled due to significant flooding. Email ballots were used for the first time in Pi State history, and the business of the meeting was fortunately still able to be accomplished!

In October 2011, we enjoyed a presentation on The Runaway Quilt, held at Notre Dame in Canandaigua. Several members brought quilts to display and a "Quilt Talk" was presented by Sue Howard.

The meeting at Club 86 in November 2011 showcased the annual auction, and it was once again a highly successful and enjoyable event. I am deeply appreciative of the members who donated auction items, purchased items, or made monetary contributions to our grants for FLCC graduates who are pursuing careers in education!

In March 2012, we enjoyed a wonderful program, "Something for Retired Teachers".

We had a special treat in April with the Area Council program "East Central Goes to the Movies", held at Ohmann Theatre in Lyons. We enjoyed a theater tour, a delicious supper, and local speaker/comedian/magician Jim Bush entertained us with a program that provided laughter and inspiration for all!

In May 2012 we had a fantastic time "Celebrating the Arts" at the Phelps Art Center. We enjoyed talks and exhibits from Edward Phillips (Executive Director of the Phelps Arts Center), Michaele Boncaro (photographer), Marianne Clock (poet and watercolorist), Louise Furber (textile artist), Wayne Williams (sculpture), and Omega member Peg Snyder (miniature artist). A remembrance was offered for Marie Pagano, who passed away March 6, 2012. During this month I also had the pleasure of attending the Spring Pi State Executive Board meeting in Syracuse on Saturday, May 5th, 2012 in the company of Mary King and June Renner.

The June 2012 meeting, held at Canandaigua Yacht Club, was a time for celebration. Ann Orman was honored for 25 years of membership, and new members Jan Astles, Angela Bates, Sharry Cirulli and Renee Durso were welcomed and initiated into the Omega Chapter. We also celebrated Jennifer Spina, who was honored with a Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching, awarded by Channel 8 in Rochester.

During my biennium, I was continually impressed by the generosity of donations for Red Bookshelves in Canandaigua, Geneva Reads in Geneva, and the monthly collections of miscellaneous items for our area schools.

I could not reflect on my biennium without acknowledging the wonderful officers that I had the pleasure to work with. I could not thank Della Ludwig enough for organizing and supporting the fantastic programs that our membership enjoyed over the course of my biennium! I am also grateful to Jeanne Guastaferrro for her incredibly hard work making sure that we had our meeting sites secured, and for working with the hostess committees. She also put a tremendous effort into collecting and distributing the school supplies, mittens, socks and underwear that were so generously donated by members. Webmaster Lois Ludwig was acknowledged by Pi State for maintaining an exemplary website for Omega Chapter. Thanks also to Kathy Burke (secretary) and Linda Upchurch (treasurer). I greatly appreciated their accuracy and the many hours that they spent in service.

Parting thoughts... you cannot be an effective president without the support of the membership which I always felt that I had. I think that we have a membership that really exemplifies "Key Women Educators". It was a great honor to be chosen to lead such a remarkable group of women. My life has been enriched through knowing each and every member.

Take Time Today was the theme I chose for my biennium. Take time today to step away from the busyness of the day and reflect on what is truly important. There are no wrong answers. I hoped for every member to take time to consider what was truly important to them as an individual. I did, and... it was super!

Respectfully Submitted by Lynda John, Omega President 2010-2012