

June 2017 *Omega* Newsletter

Dear Omegans,

Here we are wrapping up the school year and preparing for our last DKG meeting for this season. Where has the time gone?!

Our agenda for the June 6th meeting at Ray's in Canandaigua will begin with our social time followed by an introduction by Scholarship Committee Chairs, Peg Snyder and Holly Rich of our 2017 award recipients. All the girls will deliver a short essay telling us about themselves and their plans as they head to college in the fall. A big thank you to the committee for all the time they've devoted to our 2017 selection!

The officers would like our members to take a moment or two before we meet in a few weeks to reflect on what upcoming programs you would like to see offered at future meetings. To meet that end we'll divide into two different groups - those currently working and those of us who have retired. Realizing that as we travel through the different phases of our lives we know each group has specific interests. We're sure many ideas will be common to both groups and your thoughts & suggestions will help the officers provide meaningful and relevant topics for upcoming meetings.

There will be a few business issues to discuss at our meeting as well. First and foremost will be a presentation by the new Pi State president, Mary-Martha Harvey on the new Guidelines for Membership. With our 2018 induction scheduled for next May the information will soon be put to use. We will also have an update from the Bi-Laws Committee and info on ECAC.

Kerry and I will be passing out handouts at the meeting to update our red folders as well as hostess/committee assignments for next year. If you find you cannot attend the meeting please ask a colleague to collect your info.

Finally, Bev Lanoue is finalizing the May minutes which will be emailed to you for your review. We will vote to accept the minutes at our meeting.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for upcoming OMEGA GETS SOCIAL activities that are being planned.

Maggie Wiegand has suggested a follow-up to an Omega Book Club recent read *The White* by Deborah Larsen, a fictional narrative of the life of Mary Jemison, first white woman on the Genesee. Maggie has suggested a field trip to the Seneca Art and Culture Center (Ganondagon), started by Mary's descendant Peter Jemison, at 10 a.m. June 28. The cost, \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors, is due by June 7th - Maggie has graciously accepted to collect deposits at the June meeting. A few of us have already signed up and we'll follow the presentation with lunch in Victor.

In addition Dawn Scales and Evie Bottorf are planning the 2nd annual Summer Picnic at the Seneca Lake State Park on August 16th so be sure to mark your calendars. The dish to pass lunch was enjoyed by many last summer and we're sure this year's offerings will be just as tasty.

And finally, as we head into the lazy days of summer (which we hope will be warm & sunny!) we are offering three choices for our Omega Summer Read. For those of you that are intrigued by the Mindset concept Kerry has suggested two books which will further both your understanding and usage of the philosophy. *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success* by C. Dweck and *Mindsets in the Classroom* by Mary Cay Rick.

Our third option was suggested by Gail Burr. *Hillbilly Ellegly: A Memoir of a Family and a Culture in Crisis* by J. D. Vance is about the Appalachian values of the author's upbringing and their relation to the social problems

of his hometown. This selection topped the New York Times Best seller list in August 2016 and January 2017. I've downloaded the book from the iTunes Store for \$15.99. Also saw that it's available as an audio book for those who will be traveling.

Hoping to see you all on the 6th at Ray's.

Yours in Omega,

Mary & Kerry