

## May 2017 Omega Newsletter

Hello Sisters.

As May approaches we hope everyone is feeling renewed and ready for a season of growth!

In April, we were blessed to reunite after the long winter to enjoy a musical performance by Sally Maxson's grandson Zachary Bills. We also celebrated the many birthdays that took place between our last meeting in November and April. We honored June Renner for her 92nd birthday, with a cake made by Phyllis Frantel.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming meeting on May 9th at the Holloway House in Bloomfield. We are fortunate that our previously arranged speaker for March, Jane Falter, will be presenting the program on how we can apply the principles of growth mindset in our personal lives and as educators. Please make sure to RSVP to Phyllis Frantel by April 30th. The form was emailed this week and can also be found on and printed from our website! We also plan to share stories of a special teacup that members are encouraged to bring to our May meeting. Feel free to dress up for this "tea party" as well. This tea tradition is a twist on what Omegan Sharyn Powell used to do with her students and parents each year. So come with a cup, a story, or a special memory of who or where your cup came from.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin, Collegial Exchange, recently came in the mail. We hope you can take some time to look at the wonderful assortment of articles and resources included in this issue. While looking through it, we can all find something of relevance and interest. Thanks to Renee Durso for pointing out the article on *STRETCH GOALS: Strategies to Break the Cycle of Disconnect within DKG* to us. It is a two page article (found on pages 22-23) with a focus on how we can stretch personally and professionally. Let's challenge ourselves to see how we can stretch and grow! What a perfect tie-in to growth mindset and our continued growth for the next year in our 2016-2018 biennium!

Reminders:

Please continue to bring donation of books for The Little Red Bookshelf project.

Also, if anyone is aware of upcoming celebrations/retirements for our chapter to prepare for in June please let us know. It's hard to believe but the school year will be winding down before we know it!

The June meeting will be held at Ray's in Canandaigua on June 6th.

Good evening sisters!

Hope everyone survived last night's storm! Some rain (heavy at times) but never lost power up on my hill.

As we get ready for next Tuesday's chapter meeting at the Holloway House I can't help be amazed that we are just about half way through this "Together We Grow" biennium.

Looking forward to Jane Falter who will present the Mindset program that was postponed due to our cancelled March meeting.

The Little Red Bookshelf project will again be accepting donations of children/adolescent books at next weeks meeting. You can put them in the box as you enter.

Kerry, Sally Maxson, Judy Kiehle, Bev Lanoue, Evie Bottorf, Gail Rumsey, Mary-Martha Harvey and I all attended the 71st Pi State conference this past weekend in Cooperstown. We had a fantastic and informative time in a beautiful setting. In addition to the moving ceremony where Mary-Martha was inducted as our 72nd Pi

State president (!) we had the opportunity to attend some great workshops and meet with DKG members from across the state. One of the aspects addressed was getting members more intrinsically involved in their chapters. Our Omega group had many conversations as to how to apply what we learned at our local level. Hearing our member's ideas is such an important aspect of keeping the chapter active and alive. The officers are always interested in your thoughts and ideas and in keeping with this you will find as you enter the Holloway next week a poster listing all of next year's meeting dates and locations. Rather than the officers picking hostess chairs we would ask you to volunteer, with a partner or by yourself, for these necessary positions. Once members have filled in hostess spots feel free to add your name to the committee for that month. And, if so inclined, you're always welcome to sign up for more than one month. Our newest members may find that taking on one of these hostess chair positions is a great way to get your feet wet in terms of leadership roles within the chapter. Having everyone involved and feeling needed is one of the executive committee's goals.

We're also planning on taking a few minutes next week to brainstorm ideas for chapter meetings. We'll divide you into groups (based on the number of years you have been in the teaching profession) realizing that as we progress through our careers our needs change. At our June meeting (as a follow up to this activity) we'll have all the suggestions listed where everyone can see them and we'll then ask all members to pick their top five program ideas.

In this way every member will have the opportunity to give input into Omegas future.

Preparing for June and our annual celebration, if you are retiring this year please let us know for planning purposes.

Looking forward to seeing your teacups/mugs and hearing the stories connected with them (as well as your tea party attire!) at next Tuesday's meeting!

Yours in Omega,  
Mary and Kerry