

October 2016 *Omega* Newsletter

Hello Omegans!

We hope you are all settling into whatever new endeavors the end of summer and transition into the fall season brings. Thanks to all of you that made our September meeting at King's such a success. There was much news to be shared and we know that first meeting can seem long, but enjoyed seeing our sisters as the busy school year began! Linda Coons sends out thanks to all who donated books. We are asking that you bring Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa or winter stories for our October 18 meeting at Clifton Springs Country Club.

At that meeting we will discuss how it takes a community to support our students. Our program will include information from guest speaker John Peck regarding school resource officers. We will be making bags of gratitude for local police officers. Jeanne Guastaferrero and Cindy Avery will share news about a new initiative/program being developed in Ontario County to help homeless families become sustainably independent, Family Promise of Ontario County.

As we think about the community of resources to support families and children, we'd like to take a moment to reflect on our community of members in DKG. October's Pi State Conference being held on the 14th and 15th is titled "Celebrating the Invitation of Membership by Exploring the Challenges of Change". Our Chapter and many others in the state are currently facing membership challenges. With one of the workshops at the conference being "Membership Makeover: Recruit! Retain! Reinstate!" we are hoping to collaborate with other Chapters and share information about how we can maintain active membership and strengthen our organization. Thanks to all who have registered to attend this local conference. We hope to have much to share about it at our future Chapter meetings!

Thanks also to Della Ludwig for her willingness to lead a tech workshop for those interested in building your computer and technology skills. Also thanks to Jen Knoble and Christine Bennett for assisting with the workshop as well. Approximately 15 members have shown interest in this gathering and we will be planning the details for this social event soon. We will contact those who expressed interest.

We have a few requests from chairpersons of committees:

Peg Snyder and Holly Rich are still looking for a volunteer to be the scholarship liaison for Canandaigua. Please contact either of them if you are interested.

Della and Lois Ludwig would like members to be thinking about bylaws and any updates that should be considered/made. We will discuss at future meetings.

The September meeting minutes are posted under minutes for your review prior to the October meeting. We have also received letters of resignation from two members. We will share these at October's meeting.

Please remember that dues should be to Judy Kiehle by October 20th if you have not already paid them!

Also, be thinking about our upcoming fundraiser/auction in November.....save up to bid on items, think about what items you can bring/donate, and also invite guests to come with you!

Hoping to see many of you at the October meeting.

Your Co-Presidents in Omega,

Kerry and Mary