

*HISTORY OF OMEGA CHAPTER*

*PI STATE*

*1984-2006*

*THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL*

*VOLUME II*

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**Program 1984-1985**

THEME: Express the Aspirations of a Global Society

September 18

"Express Our Year's Goals" – Mini-committee meetings – Report of Pi State Convention  
Zappia's, Newark

October 16

"Express Support of the Cause of Women Educators"  
Polimeni's, Canandaigua

November 13

"Express Ourselves Through Giving"  
DiPacific's, Victor

March 19

"Express Ourselves with Music" – Major Business Meeting  
Penelope's, Newark

April 16  
"Improving Creative Expression"  
Caruso's, Canandaigua

May 7  
"Express Ourselves on the Cause of Promoting Literacy"  
Stagecoach Inn, Geneva

June 4  
"Welcome and Congratulations" – Initiation – Honor Retirees  
Sheraton Inn, Canandaigua

### **Program 1985-1986**

September 24  
"Previewing Our Year's Focus"  
Penelope's, Newark

October 15  
"Encouraging a Conscience for Human Dignity"  
Abigail's, Waterloo

November 12  
"Giving With Our Hearts"

March 18  
"Letting Music Move Us"  
Penelope's, Newark

April 22  
"Employing Ourselves in Life"  
Holiday Inn, Waterloo

May 20  
"Recognizing Professional Growth and Change:  
Abigail's, Waterloo

June 10  
"Welcoming, Honoring, and Congratulations"  
Rose Hill Mansion and Stage Coach Inn, Geneva



The lovely butterfly, symbol of life, evolves in four stages during its metamorphosis. Webster tells that such a metamorphosis is a "change of form, structure, or substance." I should like to use writer's license and think of this change as growth. As the eggs of my biennium were laid, not on the comely milkweed but on the petals and leaves of a lovely long stemmed red rose, they were destined to grow and change during this biennium.

Each egg was etched with a goal which was to pass through its stages until each came to fruition. Some goals were more dynamic than others, requiring a lengthy gestation period. Others were on-going....daily, weekly, and monthly. With the unselfish help of every member and officer each goal was met. These may be stated as behavioral objectives which will be evaluated twenty-four months hence.

1. Participate visibly within our Society's structure.
2. Articulate, communicate, appreciate.
3. Be informed of local, state and international policies.
4. Attend Chapter, District, State and International meetings.
5. Be provided with a program/agenda for each meeting.
6. Receive all materials during an absence.
7. Beat all deadlines.
8. Become a member of a chapter within a Coordinating Council.
9. Attend meetings of substance and education.
10. Support a scholarship to be awarded a woman entering the field of education.

The new Executive Committee of Omega Chapter first met at my home on August 21, 1984 to finalize plans for this biennium. Sixteen members were present and discussed disposition of our society jewelry, tardy responses, formation of a Coordinating Committee from our area, hostessing at Syracuse Executive Board meeting in September, a contingency fund and programs for the following year. Donna Klage was appointed Omega's new treasurer and Georgia Hartmann reported on the International Convention which was held in Las Vegas, Nevada earlier in August.

Each member voiced her commitment to our Chapter and we all knew a strong team had been formed.

Pi State's Executive Board meeting was held at the Hotel Syracuse on September 14 and 15. Several Omegas attended all sessions and each committee received directions from her state counterpart. Many from our chapter acted as hostesses at the Birthday Luncheon on Saturday noon.

The first chapter meeting was held on September 18 at Zappia's in Newark. Kathy Malone continued "Getting-to-Know-You" segments which I had initiated during Betty Mussack's biennium. We are getting to know one another. Mini committee meetings were held and each chairman received from the President a packet of useful information for her committee.

The formation of an area Coordinating Committee was put into motion by Georgia Hartmann. Our Chapter voted to take the first step.

With Virginia Zadorozny at its head, an ad hoc committee was formed to expand the image of Delta Kappa Gamma. Many beginnings are evolving already. We're moving into that busy larva stage where work is done in preparation for the future.

October was a busy month for us larvae. Dr. Leslie O'Malley, of the Cortland Historical Society addressed our chapter on "Finding Women in History". We met at Polimeni's in Canandaigua on the 16<sup>th</sup> with Margaret VanHaneghan as hostess in her own dining room.

"Pearls' Girls", Carol Ramsey, Mabel Hatton and Lois Ludwig presented a preface (in verse) to next month's fund raiser, "Down Home Auction".

Octoberfest on Lake Ontario, The North Central District meeting, was held at SUNY Oswego on October 27. Thirteen Omegans attended. The presidents' seminar led by Julia Jones was a survival course for chapter presidents. Ida Lautz led the workshop for new committee chairmen and Claire DeLoria presented one on Scholarships and Awards. The luncheon speaker, Burton Ramer, Oswego County BOCES Superintendent spoke on the New York State Regents Action Plan.

Our "Make It, Bake It or Fake It" auctioneer, Jean Wright, once again functioned as "Pearlie" and brought out the best in and generosity of Omega members. The November 13 meeting was a long one, but was financially successful. At this meeting, Omegans supported Wanda Ward as Pi State First Vice-President and Joan Neubert as Second Vice-President. Penny Miller reported on the North Central District Meeting and we were all pleased to hear that Omega Chapter responds to state and international requirements properly.

Our chrysalis will soon be wrapped for the winter respite. The society and chapter will still be advancing through the pupa stage. No rest during this metamorphosis!

The yearly theme of "Expressing Ourselves" was fulfilled in March in Music at Penelope's in Newark. Lloyd Geise and Palmyra-Macedon students demonstrated, explained, and performed Dalcroze Eurhythmics Methods based on the idea that the source of musical rhythm is the natural locomotor rhythm of the human body.

Omega's standing rules were available to the chapter after long work by Georgia Hartmann and Margaret VanHaneghan. Omega joins Alpha Tau, Beta Delta, Beta Theta, and Gamma Beta in the formation of a Coordinating Council. Our objective has been met promptly.

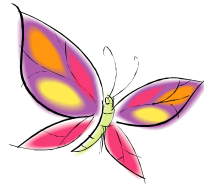
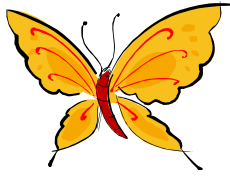
Pi State's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book will be available in May of 1986 and one will be ordered for our chapter files. Following our meeting, the Ceremonies Committee conducted a lovely necrology service for Eleanor McAvoy and Margaret Spangle. These two special ladies will be missed by all.

The adult must be wriggling to emerge. The month of April is busy with Executive Committee, Chapter Meeting, and the first Coordinating Council of the Finger Lakes Meeting.

The Executive Committee met at my home on April 2 and under the hand of Kathleen Malone, formulated the meeting structure for the 1985-86 year.

Caruso's Lakeshore House in Canandaigua provided the setting for our April 16 chapter meeting. The following were guests of Omegans that evening: Shirley Carney, Clara Johnson, Mary Murphy, Jane Crosby, Doris Eldredge, Marilyn Sacheli, and Freida Mulheron. Patricia Naracong introduced the members of the Coordinating Council of the Finger Lakes: Evelyn Dahlberg, Mary Lou Angeline, Carol Lord, Patricia Alena, Mary Alice Henry. Pat and I for Omega.

A hand crafted afghan made by Alice Hosenfeld was raffled and won by Virginia Zadorzny. The proceeds went to World Fellowship. During our meeting Marion Magnus spoke on Odyssey of the Mind, a gifted and talented program. Janice Wright of the Phelps-Clifton Springs District spoke on her program "Project Apple". At the conclusion of our meeting, Vice-President Kathleen Malone presented me with my treasured president's bar and a lovely long stemmed red rose. My metamorphosis was complete I could spread my wings and fly.



The first Coordinating Committee meeting was held this month and Omega's Patricia Naracong was elected president of the group. Mary Lou Angeline, Alpha Tau, was elected secretary-treasurer.

May 3, 4, and 5 found Omegans Georgia Hartmann, Patricia Naracong, Pauline Angeline, North Central Representatives on the Nominations Committee at the Mohonk Mountain House near New Paltz for the Pi State Convention. President Marian Fitzpatrick presided, our Georgia Hartmann, Pi State Vice-President, presided at the Birthday luncheon and Pat, State Chairman of Awards, presented the Pi State Achievement Award to Doris Morton at the Banquet. I was proud to represent Omega Chapter in the President's March. Audrey Gallucci was installed as President, Wanda Ward as First Vice-President and Mary Fiumano, Second Vice-President.

Back home, Isobel Skellett presented two of her 4-H Ambassadors to our chapter. Mona McDowell and Michelle Smith presented the program on "The Cause of Promoting Literacy". Our meeting at the Stage Coach Inn on May 7 commemorated Omega Chapter's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday and we shared a cake to celebrate. Our Founder's Day ceremony was presented by and to women who were dressed in period costumes symbolizing women teachers of the past. My gavel that evening was the school bell used in Wayne County by my grandmother.

On May 19 Linda Casey and Natalie Lemmon were guests at a membership tea at my home. They were introduced to our society and the workings and purposes of the organization were explained to them.

New wings to dry, stretch and try.

"Who would succeed in the world should be wise in the use of his pronouns. Utter the YOU twenty times, where you once utter the I." This quote, from John Milton Hay, set the mood for our "Welcome and Congratulations" meeting on June 4 at Abigail's. The YOUs honored were: Omega Founders Doris Crellin, Florence Deci, Christine DeLuca, Mabel Hatton and Helen Manley; Retirees: Agnesmary Karol, Marion Magnus and Helen VanFleet; and Initiates: Linda Casey and Natalie Lemmon.

Little did we realize that in two weeks our joyous YOUs would turn toward a note of sorrow. Pi State President Marion Fitzpatrick requested our officers conduct a service for State and Chapter Officer Georgia Hartmann whose wings were folded forever, but whose deeds and memories, like the butterfly, symbolize life eternal.

From July 15 to 18 five Omegans: Pauline Angeline, Patricia Naracong, Elizabeth Mussack, Donna Klage and I enjoyed the hospitality, workshops and tours offered by the North East Regional in

Hartford, Connecticut. We were being motivated to further the seven purposes of our society at each session. International President, Miss Jessie Sim, was our honored guest and speaker.

The cycle has come round. The second summer Executive Committee meeting was held on August 13 to tie any loose ends for the second year of this biennium. The scholarship objective was thoroughly discussed and Pauline Angeline accepted the challenge to take suggestions to her Scholarship Committee and then to Dr. John Cable of the Community College of the Finger Lakes for coordination.

September 1985 was a busy month with Pi State Executive Board being held in Albany on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and our chapter meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Mary Miller, Donna Klage, Patricia Younglove, Patricia Naracong, Pauline Angeline and I represented Omega in Albany.

At our chapter meeting each committee reported and stated its goals for the ensuing year. Following our business meeting, a necrology service was held in loving memory of Georgia Hartmann.

Our second round of "Getting-to-Know-You" was off and running at our October 15 meeting. Kathleen Malone had many volunteers signed up to continue this Omega tradition of every member participation.

Three speakers fulfilled the challenge of informing and education us. Francine Sheppard, Executive Director of the Battered Women's Shelter of the Finger Lakes, acquainted us with the history, goals, and needs of this service. Pi State second Vice-President, Mary Fiumano, brought a message from our state organization and Omegan Lucille DeGraw shared her summer experiences as a participant in a Delta Kappa Gamma seminar in Brattleboro, Vermont.

The topic of the Fall issue of our Omegazette newspaper was "My Summer in a Nutshell".

Eleven busy Omegas winged their way to the historic Springside Inn on October 24 to our North Central District Meeting. The workshops on stress management and Thomas Lickona's book reviews enriched our day.

The Coordinating Committee of the Finger Lakes met October 29 to discuss the five-chapter meeting which will be held in May of 1986.

Emile's Restaurant in Geneva provided the auctioneer's ring for our annual November auction sponsored by the Finance Committee. Jean Wright so graciously cajoled us into loosening our purse strings. At this time, we gave final approval to and voted \$300 for our scholarship fund. A CCFL woman graduating and continuing her education with teaching as her goal will be chosen as recipient.

This month also marked the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday of Beta Delta Chapter. Elizabeth Mussack and I attended their celebration at the Waterloo Holiday Inn.

No time for dormancy within our group. Omega's March business meeting was held at Penelope's in Newark. Officers for 1986-1988 were elected: President, Mary Miller; First Vice-President, Carol Ramsey; Second Vice-President, Patricia Younglove, and Secretary, Kathleen Pagano-Fuller.

Mabel Hatton, an Omega Founder, who passed away in October, was bid farewell by her chapter's necrology service following this meeting.

From April until our final meeting in June, the members of Delta Kappa Gamma were put to the test. The Executive Committee meeting on April 8 at my home found us planning Omega meetings and activities for next year. Our Coordinating Committee met again this month with state coordinator Mary Fiumano and guest Carolyn Ryder in attendance.

Omegas and administrators met on April 22 at the Holiday Inn in Waterloo. Using a question/answer format, we familiarized them with goals of the Society. The evening's speaker was William Castiglione, Executive Director of Abbey Industries.

Mary Putnam, International First Vice-President, was the guest speaker at a five-chapter meeting held at the Belhurst Castle in Geneva and hosted by Beta Theta Chapter. Many members of our chapter attended. Margaret VanHaneghan brought Mary up to date on Omega's happenings and presented her with a red rose print.

If April was busy, May was no less so. Four of our six prospective members attended the membership tea at my home on May 4.

Pi State's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was held in Syracuse May 16-18. Attending this special convention were: Patricia Naracong, Charter President Florence Deci, Alice DeLesio, Pauline Angeline, Patricia Younglove, Lucille DeGraw, Mary Miller, Carol Ramsey, Elizabeth Mussack, Margaret Facer, Irene Angell (who received a Pi State Scholarship), Margaret VanHaneghan, Donna Klage, and yours truly. Our state's memorable anniversary book was presented at this meeting and our copy has been placed Omega Chapter files.

We hurried home to our May 20 chapter meeting at Abigail's in Waterloo where Omegan Margaret VanHaneghan spoke and involved us in her topic: "Recognizing Personal Growth and Change". A memorable Founder's Day Ceremony was held following our meeting.

The last month of my biennium, the final stage in this metamorphosis came all too quickly. With thoughts of roses, wings, smiles, tears, adventures shared, memories fleeting, I, at last, was honored to do something for the officers and members of Omega who had done so much for me. Stately Rose Hill Mansion furnished the setting for my president's reception prior to our June meeting. The new officers were installed here and six new Omegas: June Adams, Agnes Chamberline, Kathleen Clark, Linda Coons, Tamara Hervey, and Janice Wright were initiated.

The second flight of our evening took place at the Stage Coach Inn where our Charter members: Doris Crellin, Florence Deci, Christine DeLuca and Helen Maney were honored. Eunice Barnes and Leonora Albertson were presented gifts in recognition of their retirements. My final duty as President of Omega Chapter was "the nicest thing I have ever done". Alice DeLesio was presented with Omega Chapter's Achievement Award and it was pleasure to make this presentation.

Jean Ann Long of Geneva, a 1986 graduate of CCFL, became Omega's first scholarship recipient. It was a pleasure and honor to present her with our Chapter's certificate at the Second Annual Widmer's Honors Banquet on May 29. Jean Ann will seek her four year degree in education at SUNY Brockport.

On June 11, we helped our daughter chapter, Alpha Tau, celebrate her 25<sup>th</sup> birthday at Caruso's Lakeshore House.

It's not often one gets to quote oneself but I shall..... "The years have passed more quickly than I ever anticipated and the satisfaction gained from serving our Society is gratifying and I should like that feeling to continue." That feeling does continue now as I see your gift, an Omega guard, attached to my President's bar pin symbolizing our affiliation with one another.



Elizabeth C. Bay



My first official duty as President of Delta Kappa Gamma, Omega Chapter was to attend the International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 3-10, 1986. It was an honor and a privilege to represent our chapter. Omega had more members attend than any other chapter in Pi State. Those attending were: Carol Ramsey, Patricia Younglove, Thelma DeGraw, Elizabeth Bay, Elizabeth Mussack, Pauline Angeline, and myself.

On August 12, 1986, I hosted the first Executive Board meeting for my biennium. At this meeting, my goals were set for the next two years.

1. To make everyone active members through participation.
2. To make Omegans better acquainted with one another.
3. To maintain superior professionalism in Omega Chapter.
4. To incorporate the 1986-87 goals from our Delta Kappa Gamma International guide book.

The Pi State Executive Board meeting was held September 12-13 in Syracuse. Attending were Elizabeth Bay, Patricia Naracong, Margaret VanHaneghan, Thelma DeGraw, Donna Klage, Kathie Pagano-Fuller, Carol Ramsey, Patricia Younglove, and myself. I drove. My passengers were Donna, Carol and Kathie. I was stopped and ticketed for speeding in Newark.

September 23, 1986 at the Stagecoach in Geneva, Omega held its business meeting. The program consisted of committee meetings. The business included committee reports, presentation of the budget, and special reports on the International Convention and Pi State Executive Board. We also formed a committee to urge the Finger Lakes counties to provide services to battered women. Volunteers to serve on this committee included Carol Ramsey, Eunice Barnes, Gail Burr, Shirley Crosby, Kathleen Malone, and Jean Wright. At the end of the evening, our precious Florence Deci presented everyone with hand crocheted butterfly magnets. Also, Carol Ramsey presented me with a homemade Fuzz Buster to use when driving to Pi State meetings.

In October, we met on the 21<sup>st</sup> at Caruso's Lakeshore House in Canandaigua. We received our "Summer in a Nutshell" from the Research Committee. Johnine Simpson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services at Marion Central School was our guest speaker. Her topic was, "The Changing Family – Impact on Education".

November 18, 1986 the York Inn in Phelps was our meeting place. Our annual fund raiser auction was the program for this evening. We raised \$777.00.

In January, we had a mid-winter social at Roberta Chapman's home. No business was discussed. This gathering was strictly social.

In March, Claris Boehmler and June Adams led the group in a sing-a-long at Abigail's in Waterloo. We were proud to hear the Carol Ramsey had been selected to participate in the 1987 Delta Kappa Gamma Management Seminar in Austin, Texas. Also our secretary, Kathie Pagano-Fuller had a new baby girl. Under new business, the chapter was asked to vote on nine candidates for membership. All nine were turned down. This is a "first" for our chapter. It presented a problem that was to be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting.

The April 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Board meeting was held at my home. We took care of the usual business of setting up programs and meeting places for 1987-1988. Then we discussed at length the business of new members. A committee was selected to study this.

April 14, 1987 we met at Emile's Restaurant in Geneva. Our own Elaine Kennedy did a wonderful presentation on her family's trip to China. It was titled, "Our Unique Family: Comparative Cultures".

The Delta Kappa Gamma International, Pi State Convention was held on May 1-3 in Buffalo. Ten Omegans attended. Elizabeth Bay is now chairing the State Indian Affairs Committee. Also serving on state committees are Thelma DeGraw – Travel and Study, Patricia Naracong – Personnel, and Kathleen Malone – Communications. At the luncheon, two Omegans were presented with Pi State Scholarships. We are proud of Judy Blazey and Margaret VanHaneghan.

Omega's May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at Penelope's in Newark. Gail Burr of the Professional Affairs Committee made a presentation on "Peer Coaching" stage of the staff development program "Elements of Instruction."

On May 29<sup>th</sup>, I had the privilege to present scholarship grants to two C.C.F. L. students at their awards banquet. Grants of \$300 each were presented to Lisa Ann Burrl of Phelps and Deborah A. Dunlap of Canandaigua.

We had a very special meeting on June 9, 1987 at the Gould Hotel in Seneca Falls. Guests included our two C.C.F. L. grant recipients and Mary Alice Short, a past president of Omega. I had various members pay tribute to each past president of Omega Chapter as they were presented with a rose and certificate of service. We also presented gifts to members for 5, 10, 15, and 30 years of service in Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International.

The August Executive Board meeting was held at my home on my new deck. We voted on the budget for 1987-1988. Most of the meeting was spent discussing guidelines for taking new members into Omega chapter. Membership Chair, June Renner will present these at the September meeting.

September 22, 1987 we met at Castelli's in Newark. First Vice President Ramsey suggested that we not have a head table. The officers were spread out all over the room. Several reports were given at this meeting. All of the committees reported on activities for the new year. Thelma DeGraw reported on the Pi State Executive Board meeting held in Albany on September 18-19. Elizabeth Bay reported on the Northeast Regional meeting held at the lovely Greenbrier in West Virginia. Carol Ramsey reported on the Leadership Management Seminar in Texas. Her report was very moving as she become emotional with the pride she felt for having the opportunity to attend.

Our October meeting was held at Caruso's Lakeshore House in Canandaigua. We had very special guests as speakers for this meeting. Sister Madeline Therese Kelso, Pi State Fellowship Chair and Mrs. Christine Chang, the 1978-1979 Fellowship recipient were our honored guests. The topic was the "The Joy and Journey of Developing Values". For this meeting we tried a different format. We had the program before dinner. It went very well.

November was the traditional fund raiser auction. Also some of our members volunteered to judge a history contest.

January 18, 1988, we held our second mid-winter social. It was tea in the Park Presbyterian Church in Newark. The handful of members who attended was very happy to have the opportunity to socialize with sister Omegans.

The March meeting was held at Penelope's in Newark. The music committee led by Clair Boehmler presented the program. Also, Gail Burr gave an excellent book review of "When Children Invite Child Abuse". The business of the evening was to elect officers for the next biennium.

April included an Executive Board meeting at my house and a business meeting at York Inn in Phelps. Joan Neubert of Beta Delta was the featured speaker. Her topic was "Values: An Introspective View".

We were very pleased to have Pi State Secretary Claire DeLoria as our guest speaker in May at the Gould Hotel in Seneca Falls. We also held our Founder's Day Ceremony at the conclusion of our business meeting.

My final meeting as president was held at the Holiday Inn in Waterloo. At this meeting I gave my "Farewell Address" and then we held a very lovely formal installation of officers.

My term as president gave me the opportunity to get to know all of my sister Omegans better. Also, I learned what a finely oiled piece of machinery our chapter is. Whenever I asked a favor of any Omegan, it was done. My biennium as Omega's president will be one of my life's most memorable experiences.

*Mary A. Miller*

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Research	Marie Pagano
Legislation	Kathy Pagano-Fuller
Communications	Gloria Abraham
Scholarship	Shirley Crosby
World Fellowship	Thelma Lucille DeGraw

**Program 1988-1989**

"Reviewing Our Changing Roles" Sheraton, Newark	September 20
"Partners in Education" Holiday Inn, Waterloo	October 18
"Helping Others Define Their Roles in Education" Lakeshore House, Canandaigua	November 15
"Music and Our Changing Roles" Abigail's, Waterloo	March 14
"Defining the Role of Today's Educator" Sheraton, Newark	April 11
"Government and the Role of Education" Garlock House, Palmyra	May 16
"Interpreting Delta Kappa Gamma's Role" The Gould Hotel, Waterloo	June 13

### **Program 1989-1990**

"Once an Educator, Always an Educator" VFW, Clyde	September 19
"The Realities of Mandates", Judy and Lynn Western Lakeshore House, Canandaigua	October 17
"Fund Raiser" Sheraton, Newark	November 14
"Mentoring – Panel Discussion" Abigail's, Waterloo	March 20
"Fine Arts" Holiday Inn, Seneca Falls	April 24
"Six Chapter Meeting" Lakeshore House, Canandaigua	May 15
"Recognition and Installation" Garlock House, Palmyra	June 5



F. Carol Ramsey

The red rose is the official symbol of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and it is a fitting one. The red rose is a universal symbol of love. From the bud stage to the full flowering of maturity, the red rose is representative of our growth as individuals, as Omegans and as members of the Society.

No lovelier gift  
could life send  
Then a beautiful rose  
or a special friend

My biennium began with a tremendous trip to the International Convention in Baltimore, MD on July 17-22. Six Omegans attended. In addition to interesting workshops and business meetings, we were able to shop, tour and sightsee. The harbor area was beautiful and we enjoyed the warm weather.

My first Executive Committee meeting was held on August 30 at my home. The fifteen members who were present worked cooperatively for over two hours to finalize plans for the coming year. The three goals for my biennium were given at that time:

1. to continue our genuine spiritual fellowship as Omegans and as members of the
2. to continue to grow professionally and personally
3. to consider literacy as a top for action by Omega Chapter

The Sheraton in Newark was the setting for our September meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>. During the evening the committees met to complete plans for the year. A touching Necrology Service was held for Evelyn Johnson. Marie Pagano spoke about the Summer Update as well as a new Omega Yearbook. After the reading of 'A Recommitment to Delta Kappa Gamma', rose patterns were given to members to encourage personal and professional growth.

Several Omegans attended the North Central District Meeting on October 15 at the beautiful Springside Inn in Auburn, which featured Margo VanHaneghan as the luncheon speaker.

October was a really busy, hectic time as this was the year to host our Administrator's Night. Seventy-five members and guests were present at the Holiday Inn, Waterloo, on October 18. Erma Rooke presented a brief summary of the meaning of the Delta Kappa Gamma symbols. This was followed by a highly interesting and informative panel discussion on 'The Effective Schools Movement'.

The Lakeshore House in Canandaigua was the scene of our annual auction fund-raiser on November 15. Although much had to be accomplished that evening, it was done with a spirit of 'togetherness'. A wide variety of items were available to the highest bidder. We voted to invite nine new members into Omega Chapter. Marie Pagano distributed 'Summer of '88 Update', so we were able to learn about the summer activities of our sisters.

Because of our unpredictable, snowy winter weather we do not have meetings from December – February. So in order to keep in touch, I sent a short, newsy letter to each member.

After several date changes our Executive Committee meeting was finally held on February 26. Fifteen members discussed committee plans for the remainder of the year, the orientation procedure for new members, our pictorial yearbook and the length of reports during meetings.

March greeted us kindly this year. We met at Abigail's in Waterloo on March 14. Our speaker, Dr. Jack Petrie, professor emeritus from SUNY Cortland, who is Pat Younglove's brother, gave an interactive presentation on 'Swamp Music – From Literature to Imagery to Writing'. Betty Bay held a raffle for the Indian Grant Fund. A Necrology Service was held for Helen Maney. It was, as always, good to come together again after such a long time.

A special musical program, the highlight of our April 11 meeting, was presented by Lucinda Loomis from Marcus-Whitman Central School. She spoke about, and demonstrated, some of the changes in music education. Our tables were decorated with placemats which were made by the students in Shirley Crosby's class. A raffle was held to raise money for World Fellowship. A special presentation,

giving both pro and con sides, was given by Gail Burr and Kathy Pagano-Fuller, on the topic, 'Should English Be The Official Language in New York State?'

Several Omegans made an enjoyable trip to the Sagamore for the Pi State Convention in May. A full schedule of workshops, special events and meetings kept us busy for the weekend. But in such delightful surroundings, it was a treat just to be there.

The Garlock House, Palmyra, May 16....What a beautiful, distinctive evening....so many Omegans were there....a new member by transfer....Founders Day Ceremony....initiation of eight new members....two scholarship winners....tables piled high with books for children....Pauline's scrumptious cake....each Omegan 'all dressed up, with someplace to go'....a most memorable evening....

June 13 found Omegans at the Gould Hotel in Seneca Falls. A handmade necklace was raffled to raise money for the literary project. Especial recognition was give to members for perfect attendance, for being charter members and for years as an Omegan. Pauline Angeline and Edna Oaks were recognized for their accomplishments. After the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song, the committees met briefly.

A warm day greeted us for the August 20 Executive Committee meeting. Fifteen enthusiastic members quickly completed the agenda items for the day. Plans were completed for the ensuing year, Betty Bay related her plans for the six-chapter meeting, Pauline Angeline reported on the regional meeting in Grand Rapids and a number of other items were discussed.

Our September 19 meeting at the Clyde VFW began with the following quote, "For Delta Kappa Gamma, I am hoping ....that the teaching profession, in the mind of each member, may take on a greater dignity and more vital importance in it service to humanity."

Mamie Sue Bastian, Bulletin, Jan. 1938

After the social hour, dinner and business meetings, five retired members, Chris Brunetti, Betty Lush, Kathy Malone, Pat Naracong and June Renner spoke on the various types of activities in which they are involved.

For some reason October seems to be a very active month. Our October 17 meeting proved to be so. Omegan Judy Western and her husband, Lynn, gave an informative presentation on state mandates and their effects on school districts. Jeanne Cole, recipient of the Pi State Friend of Education Award, was our guest for the evening. Margo VanHaneghan, who nominated her, was also able to share the evening with us. Wanda Ward, who was unable to attend our May meeting due to illness, was our very special guest.

Auction night....November 14....Sheraton, Newark....make it, bake it, or fake it ....a variety of goodies to buy or sell....Kathy Malone's excuse....fun and funds....standing rules approval....all for active, out-reaching Omega Chapter....have a good winter....see you in March!

Again this year, a mid-winter newsletter was sent to members in December. Along with personals, information regarding meeting dates for committee work and profit from the auction (\$675.00+) was included.

Despite the gloomy forecast, fourteen brave souls traveled to my home on January 28 for the Executive Committee meeting. During the two hours several items were discussed: dues, annual report, literacy project, six-chapter meeting, convention and the responses to the program survey.

March 20, Abigail's, Waterloo

The wearin' o' the green – so many Omegans helped to celebrate our gathering together again after such a long winter and to greet spring by wearing green. We sang Irish songs, too. Shirley Crosby and Pat Younglove introduced a five-member panel of area educators who spoke of the various views of mentioning –from an intern's view to the process as seen by a superintendent.

This was no April fool's meeting, but at this meeting of the Executive Committee, we did have fun along with the serious business! Of concern to us was the completion of my biennium, the program for next year, the purchase of name tags, the updating of all files and future meeting dates.

April 24, Holiday Inn, Waterloo

Historically, one of our spring meetings has involved music, but our program committee expanded this idea to include any the 'arts'. In keeping with this theme, Judy Cermak, member of Alpha Tau, and a teacher at Bloomfield Central, truly enlightened us with her presentation/demonstration on, 'Art – The Real Core of Education'. We all came away "seeing" things in a different light.

May 4-6, Pi State Convention, Rochester

Beautiful setting....gracious hostesses....challenging workshops....honoring members....special ladies....camaraderie....growth....sisterhood....sixteen Omegans have been members for 25+ years. At the Saturday luncheon these women were honored. Doris Crellin, Pauline Angeline and Pat Naracong attended the luncheon. Certificates were given to those who were unable to attend. Omega is proud of these women who have given so much of themselves to the Society.

It was a true privilege for me to have been president of Omega when we hosted the Six-Chapter Meeting. On May 15 at the Lakeshore House in Canandaigua we each had a real treat! Under the capable leadership of Betty Bay and her committee, "A Stroll Down Memory Lane" served to remind us each of many pleasant thoughts from and of our past. The tables glowed with the lights from kerosene lamps and the antiques and collectibles which formed the centerpieces of each table, created a warm and relaxing atmosphere. Wanda Ward, immediate past president of Pi State, shared some of her memories which were evoked by the centerpieces. Mary Fiumano, Pi State President, spoke with us about the theme for her biennium, 'sowing seeds of success', and related it to the past and to the future. Frances Weaver, noted author and speaker, entertained and delighted us with her views of, 'I'm Not as Old as I Used to Be'. Each chapter president was recognized, as well as each charter member of the participating chapters.

June 5, Garlock House, Palmyra

The graciousness of the Garlock House was a perfect background for this last meeting of my biennium. The grace we sang, 'As we come together', seemed to be written just for us. Jan Wright concluded the book collection for our literacy project. Thelma DeGraw collected money for World Fellowship by having us 'line our umbrellas with silver or green. We had the opportunity to meet our grant recipient. Recognizing and honoring our Omega sisters for their achievements is always the theme for the June meeting, and we had full evening of doing this!

Memories for the last two years....looking ahead to the future....celebration....Congratulations....support....love....

To grow....to widen and expand our horizons....

To continue the "Omega Tradition".....





Friendship is the breathing rose with sweets in every fold.

President's Message

June 1990

F. Carol Ramsey

I have a rose garden – made up mostly of hybrid teas and floribundas – 26 in all. There is one old-fashioned rose bush that I transplanted from the yard. I don't know how old it is; we have lived there for 26 years. I had rather hoped that it would die when I transplanted it because it sprawls, sends out shoots of different lengths; flops over and has to be pruned continually throughout the growing season. But, oh! When it blooms, the heady fragrance is heavenly – it permeates the entire garden area.

I enjoy all my roses: the rosy creaminess of Peace; the clear, pure white of John Kennedy; the quiet, salmon-red of Tropicana; the bright, bubbly yellow of Oregold; the dignity and serenity of Sterling Silver.

Some of my roses grow tall; some are short; some have few thorns; some have many; some are highly fragrant, some have almost no fragrance; some need continual pruning; others do not.

Each rose is unique, each is different, each has a beauty of its own. Each adds a dimension to the whole; the loss of one diminishes the whole.

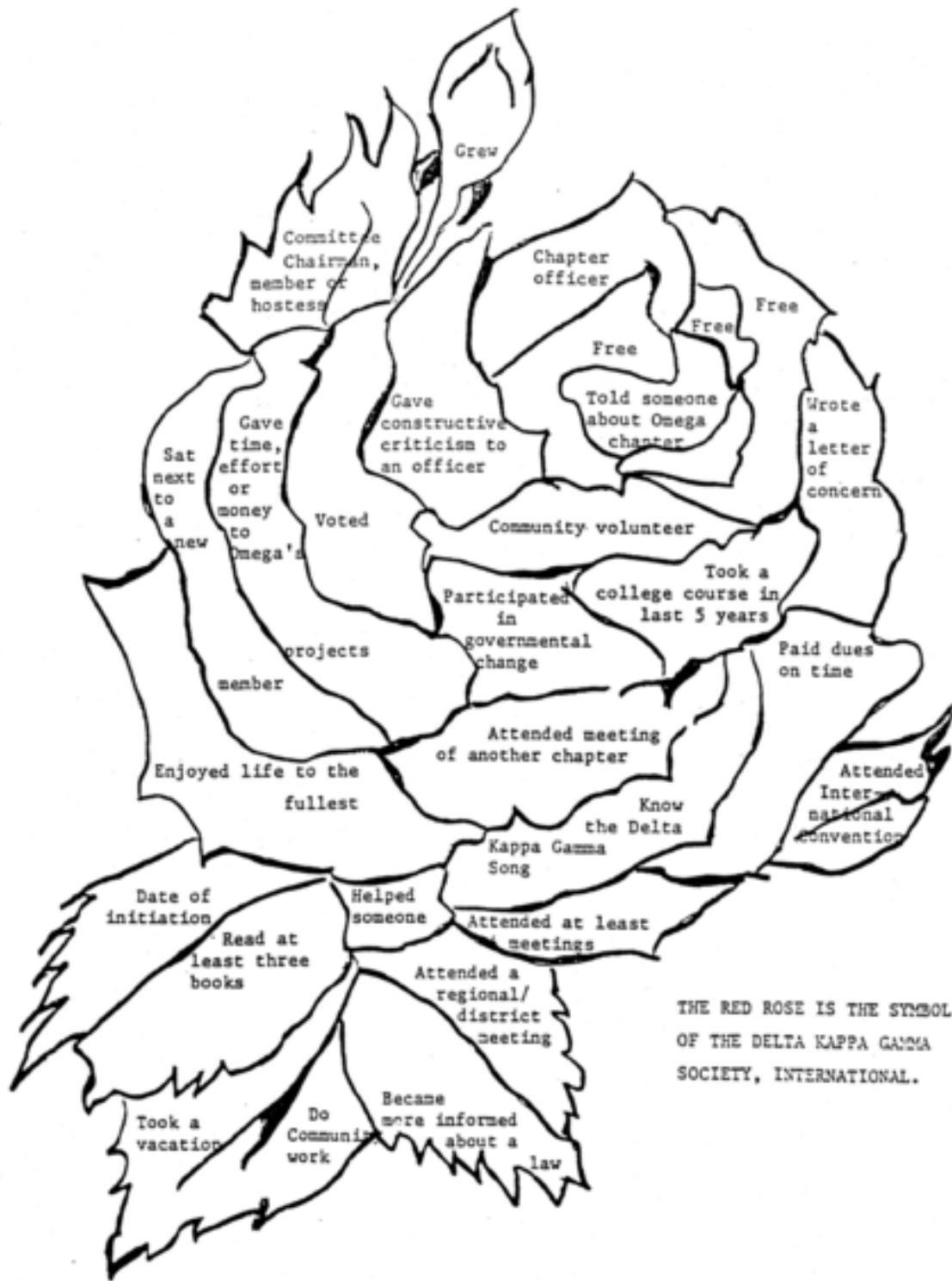
Omega is a rose garden. Each member unique in her talents and abilities, each a different in goals and aspirations, but each special in her own way.

The roses you have been keeping – coloring in – for the past two years are not for me. They are for you. They are the representation of your growth and your uniqueness as an Omegan.

My wish for you is that you continue to grow; to use your abilities, talents, to emphasize your own specialness. And, while you are growing, continue to support, love and nourish your sisters in Omega.

Appreciate, acknowledge, understand, accept, love....each other.

My gift to each of you is a fragrant rose potpourri made from the petals of roses from my other rose garden. Enjoy the fragrance – and remember – that fragrance comes from the combination of the essence of many, many very different roses.



THE RED ROSE IS THE SYMBOL OF THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY, INTERNATIONAL.

DIRECTIONS FOR USING THE ROSE DIAGRAM:

1. FILL IN EACH PETAL OR LEAF AS IT APPLIES TO YOU.
2. THERE ARE THREE FREE PETALS. YOU MAY CHOOSE YOUR OWN ACTIVITIES TO PUT IN THOSE PLACES.
3. THE ROSE BUD IS A FREE ONE, TOO. USE IT TO FILL IN WITH A NEW ACTIVITY FOR YOURSELF, WHICH HAS ALLOWED YOU TO GROW AS AN INDIVIDUAL.
4. ALL MEMBERS WHO BRING THEIR ROSES TO THE JUNE MEETING WILL BE GIVEN AN AWARD.
5. ITEMS LIKE CHAPTER OFFICER EXTEND TO PAST YEARS AS WELL AS TO THE PRESENT TIME.

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 ----- (91-92) Gloria Abraham  
 Membership-----Judy Western  
 Nominations-----Pauline Angeline  
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 Legislation-----Margaret Snyder  
 Music-----Elizabeth Mussack  
 Personal Growth/Services-----Shirley Crosby  
 -----Linda Smith  
 Professional Affairs----- (90-91) Thelma Lucille DeGraw  
 ----- (91-92) Agnesmary Carol  
 Program-----June Renner  
 Research-----Lois Ludwig  
 Communications-----Janice Wright  
 Scholarship-----Elaine Kennedy  
 World Fellowship-----Thelma Messinger

Program 1990-1991

"Working Together in Delta Kappa Gamma"  
 VFW, Clyde September 25

"Education in New Zealand"  
 Abigail's, Waterloo October 23

"Fund Raiser"  
 Quality Inn, Newark November 13

"Managing Stress"  
 Holiday Inn, Waterloo March 19

"Life of a Page in Washington, D.C."  
 Quality Inn, Newark April 16

"Initiation of New Members"  
 Lakeshore House, Canandaigua May 14

"Recognizing and Honoring Retirees"  
 VFW, Clyde June 11

## Program 1991-1992

"Omegas Fostering A More Caring World" VFW, Clyde	September 14
"Scotopic Sensitivity" Abigail's, Waterloo	October 15
"Fund Raiser" Lakeshore House, Canandaigua	November 12
"Volunteers in Our Public Schools" Moose Club, Palmyra	March 17
"Music to Grow By" Holiday Inn, Waterloo	April 14
"Six Chapter Meeting" Lakeshore House, Canandaigua	May 12
"Installation of Officers and Recognizing Members" DiPacific's, Victor	June 9

New Orleans, Louisiana – the 1990 International Convention from July 31 to August 4! What a fabulous beginning to my biennium! Along with informative meetings and workshops, we were able to cruise the Mississippi River, wander through the French Quarter, feast on delicious food, shop in the River Walk, and enjoy the fellowship of Delta Kappa Gamma members from the United States and the member countries.

August 21 was the date of the first Executive Committee meeting at my home. The seventeen members present spent an entire afternoon discussing plans for the coming year. Much of the discussion centered on the importance of our committee structure and ways to make it stronger and more effective and efficient. My goals for the biennium were shared with the Executive Committee:

1. To more actively involve our members in all aspects of the Society through:
  - a. each committee establishing a goal to be accomplished during the biennium.
  - b. all members of the committee being responsible for achieving that goal, not just the chairman.
  - c. greater attendance of Omegas at district, state and regional meetings.
2. To incorporate the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag into our meetings.

The Pi State Executive Board Meeting was held September 21 and 22 at the Holiday Inn in Latham near Albany. Six Omegas were in attendance: Pauline Angeline, Linda Coons, Jerry Fletcher, Mary Miller, F. Carol Ramsey, and myself. Carol Ramsey presented a workshop entitled, "Heroes, Where Have They Gone?" It was an excellent workshop and very well attended and received.

The first chapter meeting of my biennium was held September 25, 1990 at the VFW in Clyde. Following committee meetings, each committee reported on one main goal to be accomplished during the biennium. The goals were ambitious ones and indicated a very busy but productive biennium by our committees.

The North Central District Meeting was held on October 13 at the Sheraton Inn in Utica. Eight Omegans attended workshops on Leadership, Committees, and Life Planning. The keynote speaker and founder of the Literacy Volunteers of America, Ruth Colvin, was initiated as an Honorary Member of Pi State.

Abigail's in Waterloo was the destination of Omegans on October 23 where we heard an informative and entertaining talk on "A Look at Education in New Zealand and the U. S.". The presenter was Grace Brougham, a Second Grade exchange teacher in Canandaigua.

Our fund raiser was held November 13 at the Quality Inn in Newark. The silent auction was a great success. We also learned the exciting news that our own F. Carol Ramsey was being nominated for Second Vice-President of Pi State.

Omega's Executive Committee meeting on January 6 was attended by 19 of the 23 members. It was a very busy and most productive meeting. Much of the time was spent reviewing the undated Standing Rules of Omega Chapter, presented by our Parliamentarian, Elizabeth Bay.

The March 19 meeting found us at the Holiday Inn in Waterloo. Mary Lou Palumbo, a teacher at CCFL (now FLCC) presented a program on a timely issue, "Stress". We each received a "warm fuzzy" to help us through stressful situations.

Fifteen members of the Executive Committee met April 7. Along with the other business conducted, dates and places for the following year's meetings were set and program ideas discussed.

The highlight of our April 16 meeting was a delightful and informative slide presentation by Jody Dowdle. Jody was a student of Elaine Kennedy's at Marcus Whitman and he shared with us his experiences as a Page in Washington. We also learned that Jody and a group of students from Marcus Whitman, with Elaine Kennedy's guidance and tutelage from Isobel Skellett, had won the opportunity to go to Washington to participate in a competition dealing with parliamentary procedure. As a personal highlight, I was very proud and honored to receive my President's Pin from Omega Chapter at this meeting.

April 26-28 found seven members at the 55<sup>th</sup> Pi State Convention in Binghamton. It was a busy weekend but very exciting as F. Carol Ramsey was elected Second Vice-President of Pi State for the 1991-1993 biennium.

If it is May, can summer be far behind? Our May 14 meeting at the Lakeshore House on Canandaigua Lake was perfect for a moving Founder's Day Ceremony by our Ceremonies Committee and the beautiful Initiation Ceremony for our eight new members: Rebecca Addona, Denise Clark, Mary Ann Dobmeier, Mary King, Cynthia Lynch, Lynn Malchoff, Patricia Rice, and Deborah Trombino.

Where had the first year of my biennium gone? It was June 11 and we were at the VFW in Clyde. A loving Necrology Service was held for Beth Stanley. Three new retirees were honored: Pauline Angeline, Elizabeth Bay, and Beverly Simons. Gifts were presented to members for perfect attendance, for being charter members, and for years as an Omegan. All in attendance received a plant as my appreciation for their love and support.

The Northeast Regional Conference was held July 24-27 in Pittsburgh, PA. Seven Omegans attended the well-organized and informative workshops and meetings. One of the highlights was an evening cruise on the Ohio River. I will always remember that spectacular sunset.

Our Executive Committee meeting on August 13, 1991 began with a picnic lunch. Unfortunately, only nine members could attend, but the weather was great. The proposed budget for the year was discussed, along with other plans for the year. We were ready and excited about the programs planned for our future meetings.

The Pi State Executive Board meeting was held on September 20 and 21 at the Sheraton Inn in Syracuse. Nine Omegans were in attendance with F. Carol Ramsey joining the head table in her role as Second Vice-President of Pi State. Yearbooks were picked up to be distributed at our September meeting.

September 24 found at the VFW in Clyde. Following the business meeting, June Renner led us in a stimulating exercise wherein all tables thought of as many and varied ways Omegans foster a more caring world. It confirmed what was already know: the ladies in Omega Chapter are very caring and most generous of their time. June then treated all members to a handmade, decorative wreath. Talk about "fostering a more caring world"! We all left that meeting with a very warm feeling inside, thanks to June.

Abigail's in Waterloo was the setting of our October 15 meeting. The many members in attendance were intrigued by F. Carol Ramsey's program on "Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome". This syndrome occurs when the light the eye receives distorts what the eye sees. Since color seems to modify and reduce distortions, a variety of specially colored lenses and overlays are used in the treatment of this disorder. It was a fascinating and most interesting presentation and many members wished to learn more on the subject.

Seven members of Omega Chapter attended the Western District Meeting on October 10 in Waterloo and hosted by Beta Delta, instead of traveling to Morrisville College for the North Central District Meeting. It was a most enjoyable workshop based on the theme "Me, Myself, and I".

It's November 12 at the Lakeshore House in Canandaigua so it must be our annual Fund Raiser! Mary (Penny) Miller and her Finance Committee worked very hard and raised over \$1,000, the highest amount ever! We did our Christmas shopping, bought goodies to eat, and had a great time while contributing money to many good causes.

The January 12 Executive Committee meeting at my home produced an important change in our committee structure. The twenty-one members present, following a very thoughtful discussion, decided to recommend to the membership at the March meeting that the following committees be consolidated:

1. Communications and Cheer
2. Historical Records and Research
3. Professional Affairs and Legislation

This recommendation was passed at the March Chapter meeting. Another most important decision was made when Pat Younglove and Eunice Barnes volunteered to be co-chairmen of the North Central District Meeting October 30, 1993 at the Holiday Inn in Waterloo. It will be a great meeting with these two ladies in charge.

St. Patrick's Day, 1992, found us in the green and white, shamrock decorated Moose Club in Palmyra. The slate of officers for Omega Chapter for the 1992-1994 biennium was presented by Pauline Angeline, Nominations Chairman. Our new officers will be: President, June Renner; First Vice-President, Patricia Younglove; Second Vice-President, Janice Wright; and Secretary, Gail Burr. Excellent choices! Our speaker, Joyce Bergmark, Community Resource Coordinator from Newark School District, gave an interesting talk on "volunteers in Our Public Schools".

Thanks to the generosity of Pauline Angeline, the April 5 meeting of the Executive Committee was at her home in Manchester. I was still recovering from a hip replacement operation and the change in locations was a great help to me. Dates and places for meetings along with programs, for 1992-93, were discussed. It was decided to recommend to the membership that the monies raised in the fund raiser should not be used for operating expenses and to ask the Finance Committee to work out the details. This was passed at the April Chapter meeting.

April 14 found us at the Holiday Inn in Waterloo. The meeting ended on a high note as Elizabeth Mussack and her Music Committee took us on a musical trip through "The Nostalgia Years". They highlighted history and selected songs from the "Roaring Twenties", the "Tuneful Thirties", and the "Fabulous Forties". We all sang on our way home that evening.

The Pi State Convention was held at the Radisson Hotel in Niagara Falls on May 1-3. This is always a busy weekend but so special with its productive business meetings, interesting workshops, the Birthday Luncheon, The Presidents' and Founders' Banquet, the Necrology Service, and the Awards and Scholarship Brunch.

The Six Chapter Meeting at the Lakeshore House in Canandaigua was the site for our May 12 meeting. "Hats Off" to Alpha Tau for providing us with such a wonderful evening.

It was hard to believe, but it was June 9, 1992 and we were at DiPacific's for the last meeting of my biennium. Evadna Crawford, Assistant to the Pi State Treasurer, brought greetings from Pi State. Our two grant recipients from FLCC, Julie Meder and Kimberly Ridall, were our guests. Lois Ludwig was honored and presented with a retirement gift from Omega. It was also a great honor to recognize so many Omegans for perfect attendance, for years of service to the organization, along with the officers and committee chairmen who served during my biennium. As a special "thank you" all members received a beaded ornament from me with sincere appreciation for everyone's help and encouragement the past two years. The beautiful padded scrapbook presented to me by June Renner will hold the fond visible memories and my heart will hold all the lovely emotional memorials of my biennium. I will treasure both forever.



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Second Vice-President	Janice Wright
Secretary	Gail Burr
Treasurer	Linda Coons
Parliamentarian	Lois Ludwig

**Committee Chairmen**

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Membership	Jerry Fletcher
Ceremonies	Elizabeth Mussack
Nominations	Mary Miller
Scrapbook	Alice DeLesio
Music	Carol Woodrow
Prof. Growth/Services	Mary King
Prof. Affairs/Legislation	F. Carol Ramsey
Program	Patricia Younglove
Research/Historical Records	Deborah Trombino
Communication/Cheer	Margaret Snyder
Scholarship	Elizabeth Bay
World Fellowship	Eunice Barnes

**Program 1992-1993**

Omega's Planning Session VFW, Clyde	September 22
Parental Guidance for the 90's Phelps Hotel, Phelps	October 20
Fundraiser for Grants Lakeshore House, Canandaigua	November 17
The Meaning of Parenting in Today's World Moose Club, Palmyra	March 16
Administrator's Night Abigail's, Waterloo	April 20
Initiation of New Members DiPacific's, Victor	May 18
Recognition of Members and Honoring Retirees Holiday Inn, Waterloo	June 08

### Program 1993-1994

Reaching Out to the World Through Technology Hobart/William Smith Colleges, Geneva	September 21
Investing in Yourself, District Meeting Holiday Inn, Waterloo	October 30
Fundraiser for Grants Lakeshore House, Canandaigua	November 16
Our New Members Tell All Quality Inn, Newark	March 15
Planning the Future for Omega VFW, Clyde	April 12
Six Chapter Meeting hosted by Beta Delta Holiday Inn, Waterloo	May 10
Installation of Officers, Honoring Members/Retirees DiPacific's, Victor	June 07

My biennium began with a trip to Stony Point to attend the Leadership Training for Chapter Presidents on June 30-July 1, 1992. The twenty-four workshop was packed with meetings and socializing. From the workshop, I received lots of knowledge, challenges and many new friends.

On August 11 at the Park Presbyterian Church Lounge, sixteen members attended my first Executive Meeting to set the goals for my biennium. The goals were:

1. More active involvement of members in all aspects of the Society through:
  - a. greater attendance of Omegans at local, district, state and regional meetings.
  - b. all members working for goals established in committee meetings.
  - c. sponsors working closely with new members.
2. All members working to present the best District Meeting on October 30, 1993 ever.

The Pi State Executive Board Meeting was held September 18-19, 1992 at the Binghamton Regency Hotel. Six Omegans were in attendance: Pauline Angeline, Donna Klage, Betty Mussack, Carol Ramsey, Pat Younglove and myself. Workshops on "Parenting" and "Gender Equality" were presented. Reports on Intolerance and the Reshaping of Pi State were presented.

The VFW in Clyde was the setting for our September 22 meeting. We dressed for the work meeting in our favorite T-shirt or sweatshirt. We enjoyed hearing why it was our favorite shirt. Each committee worked on setting goals for the coming year.

Donna Klage and I attended the Finger Lakes Coordinating Council Meeting on October 5 at Carol Lord's home in Phelps. Joan Youngman presided over the meeting. The Council will support Carol Ramsey as First Vice President of Pi State. Dues were set at five dollars.

October 13 found us at the Phelps Hotel. Kathy Martuscello talked to us on "Parental Guidance for the 90's? Our task of selecting new members has begun. The collection of books and magazines is to continue. The hostess gave us a flower bulb to plant to nurture friendship and fellowship.

Five of us attended the North Central District Meeting on October 24 at Morrisville. The theme was "Frontiers for Women". Much to my surprise, but delight, I won the quilt drawing.

The "Winter of 1992" arrived in full force! What a disaster this turned to be for the Omega Chapter. The Chapter's annual fund program was scheduled for November 7 at the Lakeshore House, Canandaigua but was cancelled due to inclement weather. It was rescheduled for December 5 and again Mother Nature worked against us. This too was cancelled. Once again Omegans came through by donating money to the chapter fund.

The Omega Executive Members braved the winter weather to meet January 9, 1993 in the lounge of the Park Presbyterian Church in Newark. Seventeen members were present. Support was given for Mary Fiumano's nomination for Pi State's Achievement Award. The Finance Committee suggested asking for donations in lieu of no auction. The Membership Committee will present ten nominations for membership at the March meeting. Dates for orientation were established. A report on chapter pins and distributions was given. This is the first time chapter pins will be offered to new members.

The cold stormy winter continues, but many ventured out on March 15, 1993 to the Palmyra Moose Club. Our guest speaker, Mary Griswold, was unable to make the drive from Penn Yan. The chapter members voted in all nominations presented for membership. A discussion of the reshaping of Pi State was held. The survey found in PiLights was to be completed by members.

On March 27, at one o'clock the Executive Members held their meeting in Newark. Sixteen members were present. The places and dates for the 1993-1994 chapter meetings were set up. Committee assignments were made for the new members. Pat Younglove presented me with the President's Pin. What an honor to wear it!!

Donna Klage and I attended the Coordinating Council Meeting on April 5, 1993 at Carol Lord's home in Phelps. Beta Delta will be having the 6 Chapter Meeting on May 10, 1994 at the Holiday Inn. Joan Martin is the next Chair of the Council.

"Administrators' Night" was held at Abigail's in Waterloo on April 20, 1993. Carol Ramsey, Mary Kay Bolan and Isabell Jenson gave an informative and interesting presentation on the topic of "Parenting". Ten school districts were represented at the meeting.

The Pi State Convention was April 3-May 2, 1993 at the Sheraton in Saratoga Springs. What an honor to represent the Omega Chapter and march in with the flag for the Banquet. The convention was centered around the theme, "Winning Roses". Each of us received a small gold rose pin as our gift. Ten Omegans attended and were very proud when Carol Ramsey was elected First Vice President of Pi State.

On May 18, 1993 at DiPacific's, Victor, seven members were initiated as new members. The Founder's Day Ceremony was given by the Ceremonies Committee.

June 8, 1993 found us gathered at the Holiday Inn, Waterloo, to recognize and honor our one retiree, Donna Klage, Omegans with said number of years of membership, perfect attendance for 1992-1993, and our two FFLC recipients Shannon Appleman and Heather Clark.

The Northeast Regional was July 21-24, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Five members plus myself attended. The theme was "Visions: to Dream, to Dare, to Do".

Sixteen members of the Omega Executive Board met in Newark on Tuesday, August 24, 1993. The 1993-1994 budget was approved and dues will remain the same at forty dollars. Some pictures are still needed to complete the pictorial history. Anne Marie Carlson will be our State representative at the District Meeting.

Scandling Center, Hobart and William Smith Colleges was the setting for our September 21, 1993 meeting. What a beautiful setting for our fall gathering. Jack Crawford presented an informative meeting on "Reaching Out to the World Through Technology".

Our October 30 meeting was the North Central District Meeting, hosted by us at the Holiday Inn, Waterloo. "Investing in Yourself" theme was beautifully carried out by Co Chairs: Eunice Barnes and Patricia Younglove. Once again Omegans presented a delightful program and a fun day was enjoyed by all attending.

We were saddened by the passing of Florence Payne on October 6, 1993 and of our charter members, Christine DeLuca on October 30, 1993. They will be greatly missed by everyone.

November 16, 1993 found us once again at the Lakeshore House, Canandaigua for our annual fund raiser, an auction. We netted \$1,117. We voted on the recommendations for reshaping Pi State.

Again the weather forced the cancellation of the Jan 9, 1994 Omega Executive Meeting to be held at the home of Alice DeLesio of Clyde.

March 15, 1994 brought the Omegans together after a long cold winter at the Quality Inn, Newark. Our committee decorated for St. Patrick's Day. We tried to match faces with our baby pictures. I didn't do very well. New officers for the next biennium were elected.

March 28, 1994 was my last meeting of the Coordinating Council held at Carol Lord's home in Phelps. The sweatshirts with Bea Small's rose were delivered. I was very happy that I was allowed to purchase one when my chapter chose not to take part in the sweatshirt project. We were given information on the Six Chapter Dinner Meeting.

A workshop for the chapter was held April 12, 1994 at the VFW in Clyde. It was announced that the Program Committee wished suggestions on the future of the Omega Chapter from the members. Many good ideas were given.

The 58<sup>th</sup> Pi State Convention was at the Huntington Hilton at Melville on Long Island from April 29-May 1, 1994. Seven members arrived by bus, car and air to the meeting. The theme was "Celebrating Women". Pat Younglove and I attended the necrology service for Christine LeLuca and Florence Payne. This was my last Presidential Procession down the aisle to receive the red rose at the Saturday Night Banquet.

On May 10, 1994 we journeyed to the Holiday Inn, Waterloo to attend the Six Chapter Meeting hosted by Beta Delta. The theme of the evening was "Bloom and Grow". Our keynote speaker was Claire DeLoria, Chair of the Professional Affairs Committee. Omega was proudly represented by forty members.

My final meeting was June 7, 1994 at DiPacific's, Victor. Omegas came to say goodbye to one group of officers and to welcome the new 1994-1996 officers aboard. The state visitor, Dr. Roselyn Freeman-Baum, Second Vice-President of Pi State, brought greetings from the State. The two FLCC recipients: Christina Pickering and Joanne Sumner received their grants. The Founders' Day Program was presented by the Ceremonies Committee, members honored and perfect attendance awards were given to seventeen members. Although our retiree, Lynn Broderick was not present, Edith Braun gave a nice tribute to her.

Pat Younglove, First Vice-President, presented me with a beautiful painted red rose plate inscribed with "June Renner, Omega President, 1992-94" in gold. It will hold a special place in my heart and in my home. Words cannot express the pride and joy I have as being your president. Thanks each of you for allowing me to have this memory as an Omega President. Only the members that have down that path know the pride that remains with you forever. Another milestone has been completed in my life.

*June Renner*

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**Special Committee**

U. S. Forum-----Janice Wright

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### Program 1994-1995

September 20  
Committee Work – Parliamentary Procedure Team  
Phelps Hotel, Phelps

October 18  
Slide Presentation – Siberia/Mongolia  
Taranwould, Newark

November 15  
Auction Fund Raiser  
Lakeshore House, Canandaigua

March 14  
Creativity – Fine Arts Appreciation  
Sheraton Inn on the Lake, Canandaigua

April 8  
Joan Smith – Olympic Champion  
Club 86, Geneva

May 9  
40<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Omega Chapter – Founders’ Day – Initiation  
Holiday Inn, Waterloo

June 6  
Recognition & Honoring of Retirees & Other Members

### Program 1995-1996

September 19  
Committee Close-ups  
Tananwould, Newark

October 17  
Dealing with Cancer Through Persistence, Research, and A Positive Attitude  
VFW, Clyde

November 14  
Auction/Fund Raiser  
Lakeshore House, Canandaigua

March 19  
Administrator’s Night  
Abigail’s, Waterloo

April 23  
Five Chapter Meeting, Hosted by Beta Theta  
Holiday Inn, Waterloo

May 14  
Nurse Practitioner-- Founders’ Day  
Zappia’s Catering, Newark

June 4  
Safety in our Schools --Installation of Officers--Honoring Members/Retirees  
Holiday Inn, Waterloo

To help me execute my duties as Chapter President, I attended the Doris E. Nickerson Leadership Training for Chapter Presidents on June 28 & 29 at the Ramada Inn, Albany. I found the workshops contained a wealth of valuable information. It was stimulating to meet with other Presidents and share our common goals and concerns about our chapters. I "borrowed" an idea from our Pi State First Vice-President, F. Carol Ramsey for our chapter meetings. Each member was asked to construct a collage representing their interests, family, hobbies, etc. and share with the members. This way we all became better acquainted with one another.

The following poem by Edward Everett Hale epitomized my philosophy for my biennium:

I am only one,  
but still I am one!  
I cannot do everything,  
but still I can do something;  
and because I cannot do everything,  
I will not refuse to do the  
something that I can do.

Omega's Executive Committee met on August 16 at my home in Wolcott at 1:00pm. Our theme – Renewal Through Each Members' Energy and Talents. My goals for the biennium 1994-1996

1. Encourage our members to actively participated in all the Society's business through
  - a. Attending local, district, regional, state, and international meetings.
  - b. All members should work on goals established by committees.
  - c. Everyone should be working with new members to help them become active, working members of the Society.
2. Institute a simple evaluation form for our meetings so we can adjust to the needs of our members.
3. Introduce the ideas about the collage at some time during my biennium.

The September 20 meeting was held at the Phelps Hotel. Each committee met and worked on their goals for the biennium,. They shared the information with membership and explained how they would achieve and implement their ideas. The Chapter discussed how they would work hard to get F. Carol Ramsey nominated for Pi State President. They wrote letters and I addressed the Coordinating Council. Pauline Angeline reported on the International Convention held at Nashville. Those attending were: Pauline, Donna Klage, June Renner, Betty Mussack, Margaret Facer, Carol Ramsey, and Pat Younglove, I asked Betty Mussack to give us some "Sage" advice at our chapter meetings after she attended a workshop at the convention. I felt this would be an added attraction for our meetings. She needed a name so I asked our members to give suggestions---

Our Pi State Executive Board Meeting was held at the Sheraton, Saratoga Springs. The reshaping of Pi State was explained and workshops were held to clarify and answer questions. The proposal: number of districts in Pi State will increase from 6 to 10 and renamed areas. Pi State Conventions will be held on odd-numbered years and area meetings will be held on even-numbered years commencing in 1997-1998 school year. Those attending were: Shirley Crosby, Betty Bay, Donna Klage, Betty Mussack, Carol Ramsey and Patricia Younglove.



Our second meeting was held at Taranwould, Newark on October 18. It was decided that Betty Mussack's Title would be: Dr. B. Gracious and her bits of wisdom helped to keep us all on track! Elaine Kennedy, Nominations Chair, moved that we support F. Carol Ramsey for Pi State President and Dr. Margarethe McCurry for First Vice-President. Our Finance Committee presented a skit based on Family Feud to advertise our annual auction in November. A letter of resignation was accepted from Isobel Skellet with regrets. Betty Mussack volunteered to write and print a chapter newsletter. Edith Braun presented slides on Siberia/Mongolia.

On November 15 we met at the Lakeshore House, Canandaigua. Mary King and June Renner attended the North Central District meeting held at SUNY Oswego. F. Carol Ramsey was elected as the Northeast Region Representative to the U. S. Forum. Sally Maxson conducted the preview of prospective members. All candidates were accepted for membership and will be sent invitations to join Omega Chapter. (12) Following our business meeting we all enjoyed the suction which raised \$1,137.95.

Our January 21 Executive Board meeting was held at Alice DeLesio's house in Clyde. It was decided to hold two initiate teas—March 11 and April 1. Members of the Executive Committee were asked to participate. Carole Woodrow has been automatically dropped due to non-payment of dues. Members were informed about a showcase of Our Creative Talents Exhibit being held at the North Regional Conference in Buffalo in August.

Sheraton Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua was the setting for our March 14 meeting. Members were encouraged to send materials for the share fair display at the Northeast Regional in Buffalo. Bead Small sent a cross-stitch paper weight for display. Several Omegans have been asked to serve on several committees for the Regional. Janice Wright has accepted the position as representative of the U. S. Forum for our chapter. We voted to send \$100.00 to the Pi State Awards Fund. Our program was presented by Rom Drum, Vocal instructor at Phelps-Clifton Springs.

Our Executive Board Meeting was held at the Park Presbyterian Church on April 8. We discussed our Founders' Day Ceremony and Immediate Past President June Renner had our 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration all planned. We were saddened by death of long time member and friend Edna Oaks. First Vice-President Shirley Crosby informed us that Omega Chapter would be responsible for hosting the five chapter meeting in the year 2000. Carol Ramsey will be retiring in June. I was presented with my President's Pin, which was very special since it had belonged to Christine DeLuca --- a deceased member of my school District, Clyde-Savannah.

On April 11, we met at Abigail's in Waterloo. We had an excellent program presented by Joan Smith, U. S. Olympic Biathlete. We discussed people attending Northeast Regional Conference in Buffalo and the Pi State Convention in Syracuse in May. Involvement on a higher level is so important!!

The Pi State Convention was held in Syracuse at the Sheraton Inn, Liverpool – the theme was The Heart of the Matter. The highlight for me was to see our own F. Carol Ramsey become President of Pi State. The redistricting of Pi State was accepted by the membership. The ultimate thrill of the convention was the parade of Chapter Presidents. I was so proud and humble to represent my chapter – I also thoroughly enjoyed myself at the reception for Cathie Olinger and Carol Ramsey following the banquet. Betty Bay, Pat Naracong, June Renner and I helped to make this an enjoyable evening for Carol. Pauline Angeline was honored at the Birthday Luncheon as one of Omega's outstanding chapter members.

Our May 9 meeting was held at the Holiday Inn, Waterloo and was filled with activity. My first honor was to introduce our Pi State Present who had been elected at our Pi State Convention on May 6 in Syracuse. Our 21 members in attendance were so proud of Carol and Omega Chapter. June Renner introduced Doris Crellin, a charter member of Omega. Our Founders' Day Ceremony was led by Eunice Barnes. Immediate Past President June Renner presented our 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party. We ended our wonderful evening by inducting Donna Patrick, Adelle Miller, Jacqueline Johnson, Leona Hawkins, Mary Shelly, Dawn DeLisio, Sue Clark, Evelyne Bottorf, Lydia Berrong and Betty LaBarge.

On June 6, we met at Clyde VFW. Our FLCC grant recipients were with us – Amy Price and Christy Kehr. Wanda Ward sent a list of committee assignments for the Northeast Regional. The meeting was a time to remember our members for attendance, honor our retiree, Carol Ramsey (tribute by Mary Miller) and pay special respect to those members for years of service to Omega Chapter. Our evening ended with a necrology service for Edna Oaks.

On June 28 & 29, Pauline Angeline and I were in Albany to attend a meeting for State Committee Chairs at the Ramada Inn. Pauline chaired the Personnel Committee and I co-chaired the Legislation Committee (Retired).

August 2-5 found several Omegans "Shuffling off to Buffalo" for the Northeast Regional Conference. Several were asked to help during the Convention: Hostesses and Greeters – Pauline Angeline, Donna Klage, Shirley Crosby, Mary King, Chair of Pages – Betty Bay and Mary Miller, Properties – Carol Ramsey, Exhibits – Pat Younglove. Also joining us were Marie Pagano, Johanna Ramsey, Linda Smith, and Debbie Trombino. Theme of the Conference was Key Women Educators – Chat a Course for Excellence. We especially enjoyed Carol Ramsey's welcoming speech on "New York Night". Most of us were too busy to enjoy the excellent workshops.

Right after the conference in Buffalo we met in Newark for our Executive Board meeting on August 8. Plans were finalized for the following year and it was decided to institute the "Getting to Know You" collages' at each meeting. Each committee will continue their goals for the next year and Shirley Crosby and her committee has another year of excellent programs in place.

Our first fall meeting was held at DiPacific's, Farmington on September 10. We were seated with our working committees to plan for our coming year. We had a speaker from WIC – Sylvia Hughson who explained the program. Johanna Ramsey has been encouraging members to continue to donate children's books for distribution to Dr.'s offices, etc. Judy Blazey and Leona Hawkins had decided to join the ranks of the retire community. Margaret Costello's resignation was accepted with regrets.

The Pi State Executive Board meeting was held in Clyde at the VFW. Shirley Crosby chaired the meeting due to my absence. Judy Western presented the program dealing with cancer through persistence, research and a positive attitude. I received all my information from Betty Bay who had been sending the minutes to people who were absent from the meetings. She has been keeping people informed for quite awhile!!

The November meeting which was to be held at the Lakeshore House in Canandaigua was cancelled due to weather conditions. People were asked to send a money donation for the auction to help raise funds for our grant.

Club 86 in Geneva was the site of our March 19 meeting. Our own Denise Clark was the program presenter with her co-operative learning team. Our Administrators were our invited guests for the evening. An interesting time was had by all---

My last Executive Board meeting was held March 30 at the Park Presbyterian Church in Newark. The dates and locations of meetings were established for the following year. I was presented with a beautiful floral arrangement by the Board and a pin guard for my service to Omega Chapter.

On April 23 the five chapter meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Waterloo, hosted by Beta Theta. Claire DeLoria was the Key Note speaker and President Carol Ramsey brought greetings from Pi State.

I attended my last Pi State Convention as President of my chapter on April 26-28 at Westchester. The theme – Reflections on the Past, Responding to the Present, Retooling for the Future. As usual it was an excellent convention with many workshops to choose from and inspirational messages received from the speakers.

We met at Zappia's in Newark for our May 14 meeting. An excellent program was provided by Kathryn VanGelder, a nurse practitioner, who provided information on Women's Health Issues. Judy Western introduced our Grant in Aid recipient Rebecca Hartwell. Our evening came to a close with a beautiful Founders' Ceremony.

On June 4 we met at the Holiday Inn, Waterloo – my last official meeting as President of Omega Chapter. A very busy evening – honoring our members, installation of new officers, and a necrology service for Virginia Vivier. I received a beautiful bisque rose from the chapter presented by First Vice-President Shirley Crosby. Our program presenter was Steve Mumby who talked about safety in our schools.

All things come to closure and bring new adventures and challenges. Thus I left my Presidency with mixed emotions but added blessings to my life. It was an honor to serve each of you and I hope I was able to touch each one with a spark of love for Omega Chapter. You have truly enriched my life.!!!

*She who laughs.....  
Lasts*

**Officers**

President	Linda Coons
First Vice-President	Shirley Crosby
Second Vice-President	Lois Ludwig
Secretary	Denise Clark
Treasurer	Sally Maxson
Parliamentarian	Donna Klage

**Committee Chairs**

Ceremonies	Lynne Erdle
Finance	Linda Smith
Membership	June Adams
Nominations	June Renner
Scrapbook	Alice DeLesio
Music	Leona Hawkins
Personal Growth/Services	Mary Shelley (96-97) Betty LaBarge (97-98)
Prof Affairs/Legislation	Kathy Malone
Program	Shirley Crosby
Research/Hist. Records	Lydia Berrong
Communications/Cheer	Betty Bay
Scholarship	Patricia Rice
World Fellowship	Marguerite Wiegand
Editor Omegazette	Betty Mussack

**Program 1996-1997**

September 24, 1996 at V. F. W. in Clyde	Committee Meetings and Focusing on World Fellowship
October 15, 1996 at Taranwould in Newark	Point /Counterpoint Legislative Issues
November 19, 1996 at Lakeshore House in Canandaigua	Auction for Future Teacher Grant
March 18, 1997 at Club 86 in Geneva	Gardening at Sonnenberg
April 22, 1997 at Wayne Hills Country Club in Wayne	Women in Administration
May 13, 1997 at Lakeshore House in Canandaigua	Initiation
June 3, 1997 Area Meeting at Holiday Inn in Waterloo	Author Night

## **Program 1997-1998**

September 16, 1997 at V. F. W. in Clyde	Committee Meetings and Focus on Scholarship
October 14, 1997 at Quality Inn in Newark	Legislative Link
November 18, 1997 at Lakeshore House in Canandaigua	Auction for Omega Grant
March 17, 1998 at Holiday Inn in Waterloo	Irish Dancing
April 21, 1998 at DiPacific's in Farmington	Mother and Daughter Chapters with Alpha Tau      Literacy
May 18, 1998 Area Meeting at Quality Inn in Newark	Making Connections For a Safe and Caring Environment
June 2, 1998 at Pronti's in Geneva	Installation and Awards

This time line is the tool of Social Studies teachers. It appeals to the mathematical side of my nature.

### **1996**

#### **JUNE 26-27 PRESIDENTS LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

After the installation of officers in June, my first Omega adventure was the Leadership Training Workshop in Albany. Jane Crosby, president of Alpha Tau, Pat Younglove, past Presidents and co-chair of the State Legislative Committee, were my adventurers. I met other new chapter presidents and I learned.

#### **AUGUST 8 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING FLCC**

The new executive board focused on plans for the next year, membership and the changes that the new area council system would precipitate. My goals were:

1. to help make our meetings meaningful in some way to each member;
2. to help make our work important to the communities in which we live;
3. to help each member learn more about their "Delta-Kappa-Gamma-ness".

#### **SEPTEMBER 24 OMEGA AT WORK CLYDE VFW**

An enthusiastic group of Omegas met in committees to discuss the work of the next 2 years. Maggie Wiegand gave an excellent overview of what World Fellowship was all about. Her presentation educated long-time as well as new members. Jan Wright was elected to serve on the area council. Decorations were flags and dolls of different countries.

#### **OCTOBER 16 LEGISLATIVE ISSUE OF NY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION ACT TARANWOULD, NEWARK**

Claris Schwing and the hostess committee decorated with a collection of Native American dolls and artifacts. Kathy Malone and the Professional Affairs/Legislation committee presented NY State Senator Michael Nozzolio and NYSUT representative Debra Nelson. The topic was an act to fingerprint all school employees. These presentations were the highlight of an interesting and thought provoking meeting.

NOVEMBER 19 BID ON THE BOUNTY

LAKESHORE HOUSE, CANANDAIGUA

A hors d'oeuvre buffet replaced the usual dinner as Omegans met for business and a lively auction. \$1238 was raised by the always generous, fun-loving members of Omega for our grant.

## **1997**

JANUARY 11 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING CANANDAIGUA ACADEMY

The focus of the January executive board meeting was the orientation and induction of new members. June Adams presented plans for these important events. Spring plans including a party for Carol Ramsey, Pi State President at the Pi State Convention were discussed. The Omegazette will be edited by Betty Mussack.

MARCH 18 SONNENBERG HISTORY AND BEAUTY CLUB 85, GENEVA

Amidst decorations with an Easter theme, we met for our March meeting. The program was a presentation by Nora Laske and Thyra Waite on the Sonnenberg Gardens. Jerry Fletcher was elected to the Pi State Finance Committee and Debbie Trombino was elected to the Pi State Nomination Committee. Jan Wright and Peg Snyder did a presentation on some of the writers and their books for the June Area Meeting.

APRIL 5 ORIENTATION TEA UNITED CHURCH, CANANDAIGUA

June Adams and the Membership Committee hosted a lovely tea for new members and their sponsors. The atmosphere was friendly and elegant.

APRIL 22 WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP WAYNE HILLS COUNTY CLUB

Festive decorations greeted the smiling faces of Omegans including new members and their sponsors. The speaker was Sandy Voigt who gave an up-lifting, spirited presentation on following your path in life in order to achieve. The festive spirit of the evening grew somewhat thoughtful as Lynne Erdle and the Ceremonies Committee led us in a remembrance service for Bea Small who passed away on February 22.

MAY 2-4 PI STATE CONVENTION ROCHESTER

A large group of Omegans attended the convention. We listened, worked and learned. Executive board meetings, ceremonies, workshops and meals filled our day. Carol Ramsey presided as Pi State President for the last time with grace and efficiency. We all felt proud of her. Betty Bay, Donna Klage, Penny Miller, Pat Younglove and June Renner organized and ran the reception for Carol at the end of Saturday night's festivities.

MAY 10 PROGRAM PLANNING NEWARK

Program planning was done at lunch in Newark. The planning was led by Shirley Crosby.

MAY 13 INITIATION AND FOUNDERS DAY LAKESHORE HOUSE, CANANDAIGUA

The end of our regular chapter meetings for the year was an outstanding gathering. With heart-shaped candles and long tapers, we enjoyed the candle lit ceremonies. Under the leadership of Lynne Erdle and Dawn DeMott their committees gave us a night to remember and enjoy. Betty Bay and Donna Klage presented Carol Ramsey with a remembrance book and a delicate rose for her work in Pi State as President. The Founders Day Ceremony lit up the room as members stood at various places in the room and lit a candle to honor our founders. We joined them and lit our candles at the end. The result was moving. We then joined together to welcome and induct our new members.

JENNIFER LANGAN BAY, JUDITH KIEHLE, BARBARA BENZONI MORGAN, MARILYN BOWEN NICHOLSON, JOANN K. SHEPARD, LINDA DRISCOLL UPCHURCH AND KATHLEEN (KAY) CARROLL VAN DEUSEN joined Omega.

JUNE 3 AREA MEETING AN ABC EVENING AUTHORS, BOOKS, CONVERSATION  
HOLIDAY INN, WATERLOO

A year of planning and hard work culminated with a different sort of meeting for the chapters that make up our area. 15 authors hosted by 15 Omegans were the guests of area chapters for an evening of conversation about books. The evening was presided over by Shirley Crosby.

AUGUST 12 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AT CANANDAIGUA ACADEMY

The executive meeting focused on the program for the coming year. We started to make plans for the formation of the next executive board and new committees.

SEPTEMBER 16 REDEDICATION TO DELTA KAPPA GAMMA CLYDE VFW

Sometime the best meetings are when we just get together. Awards, retirement presentations to Betty LaBarge and Judy Kiehle, a special RAP let by Marie Pagano were activities. Pat Rice gave a presentation of the work of the Scholarship Committee. Under the leadership of Betty LaBarge we split up into areas and discussed what each area could do for the Headstart group in its community.

SEPTEMBER 28 STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SYRACUSE

Lois Ludwig, Shirley Crosby, June Renner, Pat Younglove, Pauline Angeline, Donna Klage and I attended this meeting. State business, a great luncheon, workshops and a chance to network made the day worthwhile.

OCTOBER 14 ADMINISTRATORS NIGHT NEWARK HOLIDAY INN

Our company was the many administrators from various districts. Our specialty was music, music, music organized by Lee Hawkins. We sang to others and were sung to by the Clyde Savannah Women's Group which included the daughter of a new Clyde Savannah School Board member Kathy Malone. The group is led by Rebecca Pezzulo.

NOVEMBER 18 HARVESTING A HORN OF PLENTY CANANDAIGUA  
LAKESHORE HOUSE

The Finance Committee under the leadership of Linda Smith and auctioneer Betty (I know ya got the money) LaBarge raised a whopping \$1380 for some lucky FLCC student. We honored Linda Smith on her retirement. We snacked, bid on goodies and gave a children's book to WIC

MARCH 17 IRISH STORES AND DANCING WATERLOO HOLIDAY INN

Marilyn Nicholson gave us an evening to remember. Helped by the decorations of Evie Bottorf and her committee, Marilyn transported us to Ireland. She included stories about her trip, Irish tale, dancing with music and a display. The last of the Irish festivities was the Irish dancing. I believed some of us (yours truly) put the "jiggle" in the Irish jig.

We elected officers for the next biennium 1998-2000. Elected were: Shirley Crosby, president; Lois Ludwig, first vice-president; Peg Snyder, second vice-president; Denny Clark, secretary; Sally Maxson, treasurer and Mary King as area representative. I predict 2 great years for Omega with this group of officers.

APRIL 21 MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS FARMINGTON DIPACIFIC'S

Alpha Tau and Omega joined together for a meeting. Over 100 members attended as a presentation on the Literacy Link was given by Lawrence Karz a board member of Literacy Volunteers. Responsibilities for this meeting were shared by both chapters. It was a very enjoyable evening. We will do it again.

MAY 16 AREA MEETING NEWARK BURNAM'S CANALSIDE/QUALITY INN

A Saturday brunch and workshops made up the area meeting. Seventy-four members heard Anne Marie Carlson speak on Delta Kappa Gamma in the international setting. Workshops were given on various topics including: The Gambia Project, Jane Covillion on the meaning of being a Delta Kappa Gamma member, growing lilies, stamping, humor and women in crises. Personal items were collected for the Wayne County Women's Crises Center.

JUNE 2 HONORING US

GENEVA PRONTI'S

Founders Day ceremonies (postponed because of the May Area Meeting) and the installation of new officers made up the last meeting of this biennium. The theme for the evening was the rose. Buttons with saying "SHE WHO LAUGHS---LASTS" were given to each member as that is my new motto thanks to our own blossoming, brilliant, beguiling Dr. B. Gracious, Betty Mussack.

*Linda Coons*



# COME FLY WITH ME

*“What we think, or what we know, or what we believe,  
is in the end, of little consequence.  
The only thing of consequence is  
what we do.”*

John Rushkin  
From “Timeless Wisdom”



COME FLY

WITH ME

IN MY BEAUTIFUL BALLOON

**OMEGA CHAPTER HISTORY –1998 — 2000**  
Shirley Crosby, President

1998-1999  
1999-2000

OMEGA CHAPTER  
EAST CENTRAL AREA  
ORGANIZED MAY 14, 1955

**OFFICERS**

President	Shirley Crosby
First Vice-President	Lois Ludwig
Second Vice-President	Margaret Snyder
Secretary	Denise Clark
Treasurer	Sally Maxson
Parliamentarian	Elizabeth Bay
Immediate Past President	Linda Coons

**SOCIETY BUSINESS CHAIRS**

Area Council Member-at-Large	Mary King
Ceremonies	Lynn Erdle
Finance	Mary-Martha Harvey
Membership	Judy Western
Nominations	Agnesmary Karol
Scrapbook	Alice DeLesio

**PROGRAM OF WORK CHAIRS**

Legislation	Kathy Malone
Music	Elizabeth Mussack
Personal Growth and Services	Betty LaBarge
Professional Affairs	Janice Wright
Program	Lois Ludwig
Research/Historical Records	June Renner

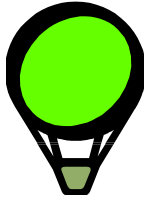
**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CHAIRS**

Communication and Cheer	Jennifer Bay
Scholarships	Evelyne Bottorf
World Fellowship	Jacqueline Johnson





COME FLY WITH ME – COME FLY – LET’S FLY AWAY  
COME FLY WITH ME – LET’S FLY AWAY A WAY  
IN MY BEAUTIFUL BALLOON



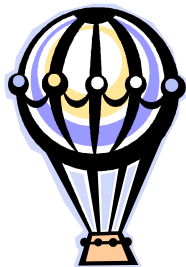
Our balloon ride began with installation of new officers in June of 1998. At the ceremony I was honored to be installed as Omega Chapter’s 22<sup>nd</sup> President. The take off began with many smiles, warm hugs and kind words of support. I felt so proud.

I began my preparation by attending the Seminar in Purposeful Living in Grapevine, Texas, July 9-11, 1998. The Seminary, “Voice from Deep in the Heart” was attended by 250 educators and guests that participated in discussion groups and workshops relating to the development of the individual. Attention was on the individual’s physical, nutritional, mental, financial and spiritual well being.

I attended the 1998 International Convention. It was held July 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> in Dallas, Texas. I had the opportunity to network with educators from around the globe. I learned much about the workings of Delta Kappa Gamma at the International level by attending workshops and committee presentations. I had fun visiting Texas and going on tours. A real highlight of the trip was going to Delta Kappa Gamma headquarters.

I returned to begin my work for Omega. We held our first Executive Board meeting of the biennium at the Park Presbyterian Church in Newark, New York, August 11, 1998. President’s goals were reviewed and guidelines were established for taking in new members with a 10% increase in membership in mind. Sally Maxson was appointed Treasurer for the biennium. We all voiced our commitment to work as a strong team for the good of Omega.

**AND SO THE BALLOON LIFTED OFF!!!!!!!!!!**



The first chapter meeting was held on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1998 at John’s Restaurant in Clyde, New York. We held committee meetings with the following work theme thought: “When we know where we are headed, we will know when we have arrived.” Where we are now? Where do we want to be? And – How will we get there? We honored our past presidents with a tribute and picture taking.

President's goals for the biennium were distributed and discussed. Getting to know you collages were continued by last year's new members Linda Upchurch and Jennifer Bay. Ad Hoc committees were formed for the use of additional funds from the budget and for the Bea Small scholarship fund. Perfect attendance awards were presented from last year.

From our balloon we were able to see the beauty of autumn.

We drifted into a busy October meeting at the Wayne Hills Country Club in Lyons at which we honored the many women who along our way to today inspired us and changed the course and direction of our lives. We thought about the women who held us tenderly and nudged us gently to become the strong women we are today. We celebrate Doris Crellin's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and celebrated the life of Florence Deci, our founding president who passed away. We each brought a book for the WIC program as our ticket in the door. Martha Groot from Head Start gave us information about the special project so we not only enjoyed good food but served a good cause. June Renner told us about her work as Research Chair to prepare a Picture Directory for Omega. Getting to know you collages were presented by Kay VanDeusen, Marilyn Nicolson and Judy Kiehle.

Then we began to bake those pies and goodies – did that beautiful needlework, bought that crafty holiday specialty to bring to our MAKE IT/BAKE IT/ or FAKE IT Scholarship Auction in November at the Lakeshore House in Canandaigua. The finance girls outdid themselves with the presentation of items throughout the evening. Our auctioneer Betty LaBarge and her gals brought us to a financial success as well as providing us with fun and laughter. We left with empty pickets and a full heart wishing everyone a safe holiday season and a wonderful New Year. At this meeting Barbara Morgan presented a "Getting to Know You" collage and we voted on new members.

Omega Chapter endorsed the following candidates for Pi Sate Offices (1999-2001): Barbara McCaffery – President, Sheila Mahady – 1<sup>st</sup> V.P., Mary Reagan – 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. and Beverly Anker – Secretary. Letters of support for these women were sent.

The balloon would drift lazily for a while as we saw ourselves into the winter months and looked back with pride on our Omega accomplishments.

Burnham's Canalside in Newark provided the setting of our combined meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1999 with Beta Theta (our daughter chapter). Betty Mussack outdid herself with her funny stories and an Irish Sing-a-long. The Boss Tones Instrumental group provided us with toe-tapping Irish music and Kathleen Minor had us in laughter again and again with her presentation of putting humor into our everyday lives. The decorations and the wearin' of the green by so many really added to our St. Patrick's Day spirit.

On a sad note, the day following the March meeting we heard about the passing of our beloved Doris Crellin. Our hearts were saddened by her passing but knew how much richer we were for having had her in our lives. Doris was a charter member of Omega.

At the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Lakeshore House in Canandaigua we were treated to a program brought to us by Carol Ramsey. The program called "Feely Can, Snuffy Jar" was presented by Kate Chamberlin. Kate was a teacher of nursery school and after becoming blind in 1984 now educates about blindness. We enjoyed Kate and her dog.

April being a time for renewal we welcomed our prospective members as our guests. They were Edna Choffin, Joyce Gardner, Gail Mooney, Kay Nemecek, Susan Onze, Deborah Proffitt, Gail Ramsey, Dawn Scales and Mary Wilsey. At this meeting we remembered our Gloria Abraham with a Necrology. She was a devoted member of Omega Chapter and will be missed greatly.

April 18<sup>th</sup> was the 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday of Pi State.

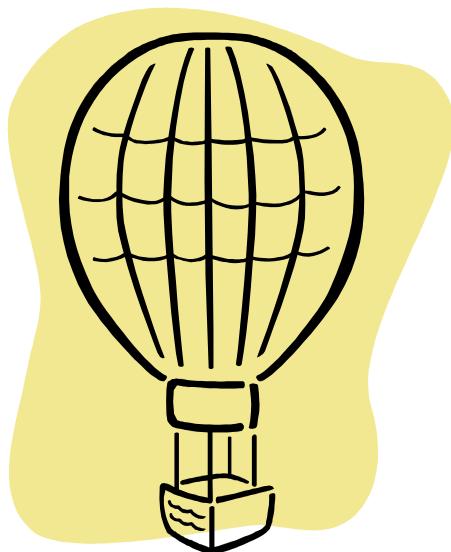
We had a memorial meeting in May at the Holiday Inn in Waterloo for several reasons. We had our Founders' Day tribute and we initiated new members. We also remembered our Doris Crellin with a necrology and celebration of her life.'

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> saw several Omegas attending the Pi State Convention at Peek 'n Peak. As Omega's president I took the memorable walk into the Presidents and Founders Banquet. It was a proud moment for Omega when Carol Ramsey received the Pi State Achievement Award. At the Hour of Remembrance Lois Ludwig and I placed roses for Gloria Abraham and Florence Deci. We felt deep grief at the loss of our Omega sisters.

The June meeting brought with it a great many "oo's and ah's" as June Renner handed out our 1999 yearbook which she worked so hard on with the help of Della Ludwig. Della outdid herself on behalf of Omega with the graphics and layout and it was much more than we imagined it would be.

We had a special proud presentation for Carol Ramsey. She was the 1999 Pi State Achievement Award Winner and Omega was beaming with pride. We also were beaming with pride as Evie Bottorf presented Kristey Uhly with our Omega Grant and when we presented our new members with their key pins and Donna Klage reminded all of the proper way to wear the pin. Our speaker at this meeting was Kirk Baker of Wayne County Literacy Volunteers.

Our balloon came in for a soft landing as the 1<sup>st</sup> year of this biennium ended. My reflections were those of gratitude to all members of Omega for making the ride of the first year so pleasurable. In Pi State, Omega has a reputation of excellence and I felt proud to be counted among you.



# 1999-2000

## *LIFTING OFF INTO THE SECOND FLIGHT*

The second summer Executive Committee meeting was held on August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Park Presbyterian Church in Newark. Betty LaBarge reported about the Community Reading Partner Program in Canandaigua and asked Omega to participate by bringing books for their red book shelf project. We decided also to continue with Head Start and WIC.

At the September meeting we welcomed Diane Walter, the Pi State Verna M. Mulholland Friend of Education Award Winner. Lois Ludwig spoke about the Pi State Web Site and of her efforts toward setting up our Omega Web Site. There were committee reports and the presentation of perfect attendance awards. The Fall Executive Board for Pi State was held Sept 24 -25<sup>th</sup> at the Albany Marriott.

The splendor of Autumn was once again upon us as we glided into our October meeting. We felt the warm sunny crisp temperatures as October threw its yearly party of colorful trees. We enjoyed the sight of brimming apple trees and pumpkins on doorsteps decorated with cornstalks. The beauty of the season brought us to the Wayne Hills Country Club. Our program about Alternative Healing was brought to us by Jack Coons.

We were ready once again to come to the November meeting at the Lakeshore House in Canandaigua with pockets full of cash for our Barnburner Fundraiser Auction by the Finance Committee. Betty LaBarge was the lady of the night again with her witty auctioneering. A birthday list was received by all so that we can celebrate our sisters' birthdays. We sang to the October and November ladies. Collage presentations were given by Edna Choffin and Mary Wilsey.

## **Happy 2000 The dawn of a new millennium**

A time to reflect on the past accomplishments of Omega  
and a time to plan for a future filled with  
new challenges and possibilities.....

We renewed acquaintances at our March meeting with the "wearin' of the green" at the Holiday Inn in Waterloo. We stuck to a social agenda as we entertained administrators. We enjoyed a program planned by Lois Ludwig---Beth Whitbeck from the Clifton Springs Hospital.

We moved into April with the Executive Committee meeting at the Park Presbyterian Church in Newark and then into a special April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting where our own Leona Hawkins spoke on the Civil War. It was called "Ira Ransom Weaver, I Love You." Burnham's Canalside was the setting for this wonderful evening.



The Inn on the Lake welcomed us for the East Central Area Conference on Saturday, May 6th. Special guests were Barbara McCaffery, Pi State President and Jane Tanner, Pi State Executive Secretary. I had the privilege of introducing Barbara McCaffery. This meeting took the place of our regular May meeting and it was a memorable experience for all.

The beautiful Belhurst Castle in Geneva saw us ending the biennium balloon ride. Linda Smith and Betty Mussack presented us with a program of "Decades of the Last Century". We congratulated Janice Wright for being named Wayne - Finger Lakes BOCES Library Media Specialist of the year. Committee chairs handed over materials, folders and notebooks to the new chairs and the Telephone Tree, Committee Assignments as well as Omega Program and dates for 2000-2001 were handed out.

We honored our members with membership awards for 5, 25, 30 and 35 years. Jacqueline Johnson's retirement was celebrated with a presentation by Linda Smith & The Midlakes Singers.

Installation of Officers for 2000-2001 was held.

President: Lois Ludwig  
1<sup>st</sup> V.P.: Janice Wright  
2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.: Deborah Trombino  
Secretary: Denise Clark  
Treasurer: Sally Maxson  
Parliamentarian: June Renner

Thanks for the great ride.

Thanks for your smiles, loyalty and inspiration.

Thanks for your team work and cooperation.

Thanks for your support and confidence.

It has been wonderful, happy experience and I will continue to serve Omega and Pi State in any way I can.

**I Love You All!!!**

**OFFICERS AND CHAIRS FOR 2000-2002**

**OFFICERS**

President ----- Lois Ludwig  
 First Vice President ----- Janice Wright  
 Second Vice President -----Deborah Trombino  
 Secretary -----Denise Clark  
 Treasurer -----Sally Maxson  
 Parliamentarian ----- June Renner  
 Immediate Past President -----Shirley Crosby

**SOCIETY BUSINESS CHAIRS**

Area Council Member-at-Large ----- Mary King  
 Ceremonies ----- Gail Burr  
 Finance ----- Barbara Morgan  
 Membership ----- Judith Kiehle  
 Nominations ----- Marie Pagano

**PROGRAM OF WORK CHAIRS**

Legislation -----Patricia Younglove  
 Music -----Marilyn Nicholson  
 Personal Growth and Services -----Betty LaBarge  
 Professional Affairs -----Kathleen VanDeusen  
 Program ----- Janice Wright  
 Research/Historical Records/Scrapbook ----- Mary Miller Shaw

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CHAIRS**

Communications & Cheer -----Joyce Gardner  
 Scholarships ----- Evelyne Bottorf  
 World Fellowships -----Donna Klage

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

U.S. Forum ----- Marguerite Wiegand  
 Webmaster ----- Lois Ludwig

## PI STATE OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Past President (1995-1997) ----- F. Carol Ramsey  
Parliamentarian (2001-2002) -----Shirley J. Crosby  
Pi State Bylaws and Rules Committee Ex officio member (2001-2002) -Shirley J. Crosby  
Expansion committee Member (2001-2002) -----Lois M. Ludwig  
Finance Committee Member (1999-2001) ----- Jerry Fletcher  
Finance Committee Chair (2001-2003) -----Jerry Fletcher  
Historical Records and Scrapbook Chair (1999-2001) -----Shirley J. Crosby  
Historical Records and Scrapbook Member (2001-2002) -----Shirley J. Crosby  
Nominations Committee Member (1997-2001) ----- Deborah Trombino  
US Forum Liaisons Co-chair (1999-2001) ----- F. Carol Ramsey  
Professional Affairs Committee Member (1999-2001) ----- F. Carol Ramsey  
Talent Directory and International Speakers Fund (1999-2001) -----Patricia Younglove  
Communications (2001 – 2002) -----Patricia Younglove  
Native American Grants-in-aid Committee Member (2002-2001) -----F. Carol Ramsey  
Webmasters Co-chair (2002-2003) ----- Lois Ludwig

**Pi State Achievement Award Recipient** (1999) -----F. Carol Ramsey

**East Central Area Council chair** (2001-2002) -----Mary King

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Foundation Project Grant Recipient** (2001 and 2002) -----  
-----Betty LaBarge

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Theme** (2000–2002) - Education in a Global Society.  
Collaborate, Communicate, and Commit for an Optimal Future.

### **Omega Chapter President’s Goals for 2000 – 2002:**

1. To perform all duties as prescribed in the, “Omega Chapter Standing Rules”.
2. To represent Omega Chapter at chapter, area council, state and international meetings/events.
3. To support the program committee in developing programs and projects that involve community service and are educationally focused.
4. To increase our use of technological communication.
5. To encourage attendance to the area council, state, and international level meetings.
6. Invite young educators to membership.
7. Present timely and informative programs.
8. Helping women educators become more professional.
9. Gain public recognition for women educators.
10. Sponsor significant projects.
11. Ensuring membership diversity
12. Simplifying organizational structure.
13. Collaborate with other professional organizations.

**Programs 2000-2001**

September 19, 2000 – 5:30 PM at DiPacific’s Restaurant in Farmington, NY: “The Canandaigua Women’s Resource Center”

October 17, 2000 – 5:30 PM at Wayne Hills Country Club in Lyons, NY: “Point-Counterpoint”

November 14, 2000 – 5:30 PM at the Lakeshore House in Canandaigua: Annual Fundraiser.

March 13, 2001 – 5:30 PM at the Phelps Hotel in Phelps, NY: “All Things Green”

April 10, 2001 – 5:30 PM at Burnham’s Canalside Restaurant in Newark: “Community Partnership “

May 8, 2001 – 5:30 PM at the Garlock House in Palmyra, NY: Initiation and Founder’s Day Ceremonies

June 5, 2001 – 5:30 PM at the Ramada Lakefront Restaurant in Geneva, NY: “Wholeness Healing”

**PROGRAMS and EVENTS 2000-2001**

International Convention, July 25-29, 2000: It was an honor to represent Omega Chapter at the International Convention in Toronto, Canada. The weather was perfect, the accommodations were first class and I was fortunate to be accompanied by my husband. Fred took care of transportation and made sure I stayed on schedule. I was especially proud to be wearing my president’s pin. Five members of Omega Chapter: Carol Ramsey, Lois Ludwig, Shirley Crosby, Patricia Younglove and Pauline Angeline were in attendance. The theme of the convention was, “Enlighten, Empower, and Enrich – Keys to the future”. Hi-lights of the convention included an impressive opening flag ceremony, super entertainment, inspiring keynote speakers and a myriad of workshops.

**Executive Board Meeting, August 8, 2000:** The meeting opened at the First United Methodist Church in Newark. Nineteen officers and committee chairs spent an entire afternoon planning for the first year of this biennium. The audit report was received and placed on file. The budget was approved and placed on file. The Professional Affairs Committee plans to have a “Professional Moment” at each chapter meeting. Personal Growth and Services committee is planning a reading event for November 4<sup>th</sup>. The president will update the Omega Chapter brochure. Historical Records committee will research the responsibilities of the Research Committee. Sally Maxson was appointed treasurer of Omega Chapter. The president’s goals were read and accepted. A motion to provide a stipend (contingent on the availability of funds in Budget B and chapter approval), to help defray the cost of members attending international, state or district meetings, conferences, or events was approved by this board. Omega Chapter has 76 active members and two reserve members. All committees will meet over the summer and hand in their goals at the September Chapter Meeting. This dedicated and hard working board is sure to make Omega proud.

**Chapter Meeting, September 19, 2000:** Fifty-seven members and three guests enjoyed a tasty dinner at DiPacific’s restaurant in Farmington. Janice Creamer of the Women’s Resource Center in Canandaigua presented an informative program telling of services this center offers. Her theme was “Helping Women Help Themselves”. For a “Professional Moment” Jan Wright discussed “The First Days of School” written by Harry and Rosemary Wong. The Standing Committee Chairs handed in their goals as part of an entertaining degree about “Leadership Hats”. Maggie Wiegand accepted the appointment as the U.S. Forum Representative. Dawn De Mott’s resignation was accepted with regret. The motion supported by the Executive Board offering a stipend from Budget B to members making application was passed. Shirley Crosby presented perfect attendance certificates to seven members for the 1999-2000 year. As a new feature our president presented “Omega Roses” in recognition of members’ accomplishments. Roses were presented to celebrate the publication in “Pi Lights” of articles written by Carol Ramsey and Shirley Crosby, the election of Kathy Malone as president of the Clyde Savannah School District Board of Education, the appointment of Deborah Proffitt to the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Palmyra - Macedon Central School District, the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Betty and Norm Lush, and Penny Miller, on becoming Mrs. Gary Shaw.

**Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Leadership Training, September 22-23, 2000:** Four members of Omega Chapter: Lois Ludwig, Shirley Crosby, Patricia Younglove and F. Carol Ramsey attended this meeting held at the Holiday Inn in Syracuse/Liverpool. Shirley Crosby gave inspirational “Thoughts for the Day”. Omega Chapter received three certificates (two from the state and one from international) recognizing that Omega had achieved 100 percent participation in the Golden Gift Fund for the years 1996-2000

**East Central Area Council Meeting, October 2, 2000:** Mary King and Lois Ludwig attended a meeting at the Blue Ribbon restaurant in Phelps. Plans were initiated for the East Area Conference. Projects are sponsoring a sale of ΔΚΓ sweatshirts and support of the Pi State Beautiful, Bountiful, Benefit Baskets. The proceeds of BBBB will help fund the Pi State Scholarships, Awards, and Grants-in-Aid. .

**Chapter Meeting, October 17, 2000:** Forty-seven members and one guest attended this meeting at the Wayne Hills Country Club in Lyons. Kathleen VanDeusen, Chair of the Professional Affairs Committee organized an interactive and thought provoking discussion regarding the president’s goals using a “Point- Counterpoint” format. A Time of Remembrance ceremony was held in memory of Marion Eleanor Magnus who passed away on September 15<sup>th</sup>. 2000. Twenty-five dollars was donated to the ΔΚΓ Education Foundation in her memory. Jacqueline Johnson gave a short presentation for the Professional Moment about “The Art of Doing Nothing”, a book by Veronique Vienne. All past Presidents of Omega Chapter received an “Omega Rose” and were honored by a poem. Those present were Laura Wellman (1960-1962), Christine Brunette (1968-1970), Pauline Angeline (1976-1978), Patricia Naracong (1978-1980), Margaret Van Haneghan (1980-1982), Betty Bay (1984-1986) Penny Miller Shaw (1986-1988), F. Carol Ramsey (1988-1990) Donna Klage (1990-1992), June Renner (1992-1994), Patricia Younglove (1994-1996), and Linda Coons (1996-1998). Those who were absent also received their rose: Alice DeLesio (1974-1976), Betty Mussack (1982-1984), and Shirley Crosby (1998-2000).

To the past presidents

It has been an education sorting through the files

Gleaning information from a vast array of styles

Of the ever living present, in images clear and clean  
Your deeds are reflected like pictures on a screen  
No chapter lives without you, you’re the base on which it stands  
A monument of seven purposes, upheld by your loyal hands.

F. W. Ludwig

*Two “Omega Roses” were presented to Jan Wright in recognition of her new grandchildren (twins) and her being published on the web.*

**“Passport to Reading”, November 4, 2000:** Eight Omegas, Linda Coons, Shirley Crosby, Jackie Johnson, Betty LaBarge, Lois Ludwig, Susan Onze, and June Renner joined volunteers at this family book festival. Three hundred forty-nine children, ages three to eight, accompanied by their parents, attended and participated in storybook related activities. In addition to volunteering, Omega Chapter contributed 257 children’s books to the “Red Book Shelf”. Betty LaBarge, as the Personal Growth and Services Chair represents Omega Chapter in a coalition of community organizations in Canandaigua called, “Community Reading Partnership”. At the April Omega Chapter meeting Betty announced that she received a grant of \$3000.00 from The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation to help fund the “Community Reading Partnership”, “Red Bookshelves” and “Read for Life”. This foundation supports and encourages intercultural understanding and standards of excellence in education. It also provides grants for women scholars to carry out study and research: to assist and cooperate with schools, colleges, universities, and other persons, organizations, trust funds or foundations in the support, encouragement and improvement of education.

**Chapter Meeting, November 14, 2000:** Forty-five members and two guests attended our annual fundraiser at the Lakeshore House in Canandaigua. Barbara Morgan with the help of the finance committee organized the, “Make It, Bake It, or Fake It” auction using the theme of, “The Twelve Gifts of Christmas”. Betty LaBarge in the person of Ms. Santa was the auctioneer. \$2,077.25 was realized to support Omega’s philanthropic endeavors such as the CCFL Grant in Aid, Membership Stipend, Pi State Awards, World Fellowship and Native American Contributions. Thirteen prospective members were approved to receive invitations for membership in Omega Chapter. “Omega Roses” were given to Betty La Barge and Jackie Johnson in recognition of their appearance on the Channel 10 News on November 1<sup>st</sup> to promote the “Partnership in Reading” program and to Marie Pagano for the donation of over 200 children’s books to the “Red Bookshelves”

**Executive Committee Meeting, January 6, 2001:** Nineteen officers and chairs met at the First United Methodist Church in Newark. The Treasurer’s report was accepted and filed. Recommendations for the Standing Rules were reviewed and accepted. An orientation tea was planned. Membership nominees will be invited to the May chapter meeting. History and Heritage will be covered at that time via the founder’s day ceremony. Membership kits and Certificates for the new members will be purchased. An Omega Chapter tri-fold brochure and president business cards were approved. These are to be given to program presenters, restaurant managers, prospective members and school administrators.

**Chapter Meeting, March 13, 2001:** Thirty-nine members were present for the dinner meeting in the Phelps Hotel. Janice Wright presented an informative and fun program on the use of seed catalogs called “All Things Green”. A touching Necrology Service was held for Virginia Munson who passed away on October 28th, Helen Rowley who passed away on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000, and Christine Brunetti who passed away on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Twenty-five dollars (a total of \$75.) was donated to the ΔΚΓ Education Foundation in memory of these sisters. Omega Chapter’s scrapbook was on display. The Music Committee led us in the “Unicorn Song”. For the Professional Moment Marilyn Nicholson talked about Maeve Binchy. Omega roses were presented to three new grandmothers, Sally Maxson, Jean Wright and Denise Clark. (Denny is an American grandmother to the son of her Japanese foreign exchange student.) and to Gail Burr recognizing her new position of staff development plus teaching three English classes. A new feature was added to the meeting evaluation forms called, “Sharing your Expertise”.

**Orientation Tea, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2001:** Judy Kiehle and the membership committee provided a lovely tea and informational orientation for prospective members at the home of Jerry Fletcher in Canandaigua. Those nominated for membership, their sponsors (or designee) and executive officers were in attendance. The program focused on the International, State and Chapter organizations, the responsibility and obligations of members, the meaning of being a member, and financial expectations.

**Executive Board Meeting, March 31, 2001:** Thirteen officers and chairs met at the First United Methodist Church in Newark. Parliamentarian, June Renner reported that she had mailed the revised Omega Chapter Standing Rules to Pi State for approval. Ceremonies Chair, Gail Burr moved that copies of the words spoken on behalf of a deceased member at an “Hour of Remembrance” ceremony be sent to their family. Motion carried. Professional Affairs Chair, Kay VanDeusen moved that the “Professional Moment” be renamed the “Membership Moment”. Motion carried. Second Vice President, Deborah Trombino will mail a letter to the families of deceased members requesting the return of their key pins. Vice President, Janice Wright led in planning the program dates and locations for next year. Shirley Crosby will monitor the progress of Pi State toward making the Bea Small Award available. President Lois reported that she has organized nominations for membership (3 volumes), withdrawals and resignations, transfers, and necrology reports into red report booklets that fit in the files of the chapter president. These reports were previously kept in a notebook that had become unwieldy. Pi State co-chair of the U.S. Forum, Karen Prave requested signed support for the U.S. Forum platform regarding prescription drug cost and 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. The Executive Board will need more specific information before they endorse this platform.

**East Central Area Council Meeting, April 2, 2001:** Mary King and Lois Ludwig attended the meeting at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant in Phelps, NY. Mary King was elected chair for the ensuing two years and graciously accepted. Women's Health Issues will be the theme of our May Conference. Pi State president Jane Tanner will be invited to be our keynote speaker.

**Chapter Meeting, April 10, 2001:** Thirty-six members and eight guests attended this meeting at the Canalside Restaurant in Newark. Guests include seven perspective members. Betty LaBarge discussed the steps taken to create a community reading program similar to "Community Reading Partnership" in Canandaigua. Scholarship/Grant Chair Evelyne Bottorf announced Erica Calahan (a FLCC student) was chosen to receive a \$1000.00 Omega Chapter Grant. The music committee led in singing "April Showers", "Singing. In the Rain" and "Getting to Know You" (in honor of our prospective members). Lois Ludwig introduced the book, "Talking Dirty with the Queen of Clean" by Linda Cobb for "A Membership Moment". "Omega Roses" were given in recognition of Betty La Barge receiving a \$3000.00 grant from the ΔΚΓ Education Foundation for the "Partnership in Reading" program, to Denise Clark on becoming a grandmother and to Susan Onze who gained a daughter-in-law.

**Pi State Convention, April 27-29, 2001:** Shirley Crosby, Patricia Younglove, Carol Ramsey and Lois Ludwig attended the 63<sup>rd</sup> Pi State Convention in Corning. The theme was "A Paradigm for Change". Inspiring workshops provided models for positive changes. The Executive Board passed a motion directing Pi State to support and establish a nonprofit 501 c (3) corporation, and to set up an ad hoc committee to form a nonprofit foundation. New "Talent Directories" were distributed. (Omega's is placed on file in the president's file.) The Omega Chapter Scrapbook, a page for the Pi State Scrapbook, and a poster and scrapbook describing the "Community Reading Project" were on display. It was impressive to learn that in 1999-2000 ΔΚΓ awarded \$1,240,724.80 in scholarships and grants. Six Omega members were published in the Pi State Birthday Luncheon program in honor of 25 years membership. They are Bernice Hilfiker, Elizabeth Mussack, Erma Rook, Jean Wright, Patricia Younglove, and Lois Ludwig. Four sisters were remembered in the memorial service: Marion Magnus, Virginia Munson, Helen Rowley and Christine Brunetti. It was a special honor for the president to represent Omega Chapter in the parade of chapter presidents at the Presidents and Founders Banquet.

**Chapter Meeting, May 8, 2001:** Fifty-two members and three guests met at the Garlock House in Palmyra. Dawn Scales introduced Jitsupa Saechin a foreign Exchange student from Thailand who is living with the Scales family. "Sue-Ching" performed two Tsai dances in native costume. Gail Burr in the person of Anne Webb Blanton presented a creative Founders Day Ceremony with the help of her Ceremonies Committee. Six new members, Barbara Heinzman, Lynda John, Martha Uticone, Ann van der Meulen, Janalee Weaver and Regina Czora were initiated in the traditional ceremony planned and executed by Judy Kiehle. For "A Membership Moment" Donna Klage described how the key pin should be worn. In the spirit of World Fellowship, Omega Chapter granted \$1000.00 in financial assistance to help a Russian exchange student, Olga Tchoudakova complete her education. "Omega Roses" were presented in recognition: of the roles of Kay Nemecek in planning and executing a scholarship drive at Canandaigua Academy, Elaine Kennedy received the Home Economics "Orchid Award", Carol Ramsey became a new grandmother, Jan Wright helped organize a BOCES storytelling festival at Midlakes School, Shirley Crosby acted as a judge at the Midlakes story telling festival, Marie Pagano was listed in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers", Alice Hosenfeld for having taught fifty years and Alice DeLesio received special mention in the York State Retired Teachers anniversary issue. (Alice is one of six people to ever receive the NYSRTA highest honor for her work at the state, zone and county levels. She served as Friendly Service Chair and Historian for many years.)

**Chapter Meeting, June 5, 2001:** Fifty-seven members and six guests met at the Ramada – Lakefront Restaurant in Geneva. Guests included Erica Callahan, Olga Tchoudakova and Olga's sponsor, Debbie Poplasky. Erica is an FLCC student and Omega's Grant recipient; Olga had been a high school exchange student in the Canandaigua City School District. She returned to Russia for three years of study at the University of Novgorod. A Rochester based organization had promised financial aid for her final year of study

at Elmira College however the organization failed to meet its promise. Omega Chapter contributed \$1000 toward Olga's final year of Education in the name of World Fellowship. Jacqueline Johnson presented a fascinating program about "Wholeness Healing". For A Membership Moment, Deborah Trombino told of her program to help students Bring up Grades (BUG). Omega's Charter Members were remembered with the following poem:

It was at the Rochester – Sheraton  
In nineteen fifty-five  
Where Omega Chapter was christened  
And at once it began to thrive

It was the twenty-fourth chapter  
And the last with a single name,  
To be admitted to Pi State  
Its goals and policies to ordain

Thirteen prospective members  
Gathered on that day  
They were initiated by Eta Chapter  
In a most impressive way

Florence Deci and Doris Crellin  
Were the last to leave our ranks  
To them and the other eleven  
We owe tremendous thanks

There was Mary Parker, Christine DeLuca  
And Mable Hatton so fair,  
Florence Eels, Charlotte Merrell  
And Viola VanLare

Laura Waldron, Helen Maney,  
Beulah Whitmore and Edna Crane  
And of course Mercedes Tierney  
Completing that first chain

Some members leave Omega  
To fulfill another goal  
Creating brand new Chapters  
To bring into our foal

This happened to fifteen Omegas  
In nineteen sixty-nine  
Who transferred to Beta Theta  
To help fill in their line.

But still our chain is lengthened  
As each year passes by  
And tonight is no exception  
As again we multiply

New members join our ranks tonight  
And new history they will mold,  
Exemplifying the many goals  
Of our wonderful Scarlet and Gold.

By F. W. Ludwig 1995

"The Valley Girls Plus" emceed by Jeanne Schenk of Alpha Tau honored retiree Denny Clark with a "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" skit. The "Canandaigua Contingency" led by Donna Klage and Jerry Fletcher honored retiree Linda Coons. Omega Chapter presented an elegant sterling silver rose pin to the retirees. Ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five and thirty year members were recognized and awarded a Certificate of Achievement. Twenty-five year members also received their twenty-five year pin. We remembered Alice DeLesio a forty-year member and Laura Wellman a forty-five year member who left our ranks this May. "Omega Roses" were presented to Shirley Crosby in recognition of her appointment as Pi State Parliamentarian and to Judy Western who will become Mrs. Jim Farris on August 18, 2001. Red binders containing the chapter directory were distributed.

Eighteen members were recognized and awarded Certificates of Appreciation for perfect attendance. The following poem is dedicated to them.

You attend the meetings regularly  
And help with hand and heart,  
You are an active member  
And take an active part.  
You should be honored every night  
But there's always so much to do,

Know that we care, that you're always there,  
A special thanks to you.

By F. W. Ludwig



**Programs 2001-2002**

September 18, 2001 – 5:30 PM at the Wayne Hills Country Club in Lyons, NY: Author Visit.

October 16, 2001 - 5:30 PM at DiPacific's Restaurant in Farmington, NY. A Joint Meeting with Alpha Tau Chapter.

November 13, 2001 – 5:50 PM at the Lakeshore House in Canandaigua, NY: Annual Fundraiser.

March 5, 2002 – 5:30 PM at Burnham's Canalside Restaurant in Newark, NY: Administrator's Night.

April 9, 2002 – 5:30 PM at the Geneva Country Club in Geneva, NY: "Walking in Two Worlds" and Founder's Day Ceremonies

May 4, 2002 – East Central Area Council at Clifton Springs Hospital and Clinic in Clifton Springs, NY: "Women's Health Issues".

June 4, 2002 – 5:30 at the Abigail's Restaurant in Waterloo, NY: Installation of Officers and Recognition of Members.

***PROGRAMS and EVENTS 2001-2002***

**Northeast Regional Conference, July 18-21, 2001:** Shirley Crosby and Patricia Younglove attended the Northeast Regional Conference held in Boston, MA.

**East Central Area Council Meeting, August 5, 2001:** Mary King and Lois Ludwig attended the meeting at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant in Phelps. Plans continued for the Area Conference to be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Clifton Springs Hospital and Clinic. The theme will be "Alternative Choices for Women's Health". Omega Chapter will be hostesses, prepare evaluation forms and summarize the feedback information. Alpha Tau will handle reservations, Beta Delta will cover the planning, Beta Theta will do favors and decorations and Gamma Beta will make programs, flyers, and cover publicity and communications.

**Executive Board Meeting, August 14, 2001:** Fourteen officers and committee chairs met at the First United Methodist Church in Newark, N.Y. at 9:30 A.M. The audit committee report was received and placed on file. Since our May meeting will be the East Central Area Conference, the Founders Day ceremony will be moved to the April meeting. The Membership Committee Chair will update the Bio Profiles. New Member Nomination Forms will be distributed in June. In response to fourteen proposed changes to the International By-Laws described in the May-June ΔΚΓ NEWS, a new feature, "Your Voice Counts" is being added to the Omega Chapter Newsletters. Each newsletter will describe one issue being considered as a possible change at the International level. Members express their opinions at the next meeting on meeting evaluation forms. The president compiles the results and reports back to the chapter in the next newsletter. A summary of the reports is sent to the State president and International Communication Chair by e-mail. In this manner Omega's voice will be heard. Since last August Omega Chapter lost four members by death and one by withdrawal. Six new members were initiated. At the present time we have 77 active members and 2 reserve members. The web master reported that 58 members have given permission to have their name, picture, and news about them listed on the web. Thirty-eight members have e-mail addresses. According to our standing rules it is required that the Chapter honor those who have been members for years in multiples of five. A motion to include membership in other chapters for the members who joined us through transfer was passed. June Renner presented changes suggested by Faith Prather, State Chair for Bylaws and Standing Rules. These changes are necessary to be in compliance with the state and were approved by the Executive Board. Each Committee Chair received an evaluation and planning form to plan for the ensuing year. The president received a lovely rose pin guard.

**Chapter meeting, September 18, 2001:** Forty-nine members and one guest met at the Wayne Hills Country Club in Lyons, NY. Hearts were heavy for on September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist struck our country. Two planes crashed into the World Trade Center Twin Towers in New York City killing 6,452 people. Another plane hit the Pentagon killing 189 people. A third plane believed headed for the White House crashed in Pennsylvania

killing 44 passengers. Two members of Omega Chapter lost loved ones. Janice Wright lost her brother and Dawn Scales her brother-in-law. The United States of America lost its innocence. Will we ever feel as safe and secure as before 911? The President of the United States asked the country to move on and conduct business as normal. We cannot let terrorist take away our freedoms. Tonight we will find solace in the fellowship of our members. Betsy Urban, a High School English teacher and published author presented a program about the process of writing and publishing a historical fiction novel. F. Carol Ramsey explained the purpose of the Golden Gift Fund Special Stipend for Conferences and Conventions. Leona Hawkins and Martha Uticone requested withdrawals. Their requests were granted with regret. A Time of Remembrance was held in memory of Alice DeLesio who passed away on May 18<sup>th</sup> and Laura Wellman who left us on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Twenty-five dollars was sent to the ΔΚΓ Education Foundation in memory of each of these sisters. Dues were increased from \$40.00 to \$45.00. The Audit Committee found the books to be in good order. The budget was approved. June Renner moved that the chapter accept the changes to Omega's Standing Rules mentioned above. Motion accepted. The subject surveyed under "Your Voice Counts dealt with the possibility of "associate membership". A motion was carried to endorse Wanda Ward (Alpha XI) for the position of Member-at-Large on the International Administrative Board. Penny Shaw talked about class management for a Membership Moment. "Omega Roses" were presented to Beverly Simons, president of the Ontario County Retired Teachers, Thelma Messinger and her husband retired as store managers, Agnes Mary Karol is volunteer of the year for the Geneva Historical Society, Lynda Coons and Janice Wright are new grandmas, Regina Czora is a new mother, and Alice Hosenfeld who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Leadership Training, September 21-22, 2001:** Shirley Crosby, Jerry Fletcher, Lois Ludwig and Carol Ramsey attended this meeting at the Regency in Binghamton, NY. Shirley assisted in the Leadership Training program. During the Information Fair Jerry and Carol manned information and material tables. Jerry's table provided information for Finance Committees and Carol's table provided information about grants for Native Americans. Lois gathered information from all tables to bring back to the officers and committee chairs of Omega Chapter. Each chapter president was asked to present a collage of the hi-lights of the first year of their biennium. The collage for Omega was selected as the best example of using technology to create a collage. A copy was placed in the chapter and state scrapbooks. Also Omega's newsletter was on display with about ten other newsletters to demonstrate the usefulness of newsletters.

**East Central Area Council Meeting, October 1, 2001:** Mary King and Lois Ludwig attended this meeting at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant in Phelps, NY. Plans for the East Central Area Conference continued. The title of the conference will be "Women's Health – Naturally". It is planned for speakers to cover a variety of programs regarding alternative choices for women's health, such as acupuncture and naturopathic medicine. The theme for the East Central B.B.B.Basket is "Taking Care of Me". Omega Chapter purchased one ticket for each Omega Chapter member and contributed body and bath items for the basket. Proceeds will go to Pi State Scholarships.

**Chapter Meeting, October 16, 2001:** Eighty-seven members of Omega and Alpha Tau Chapters gathered at DiPacific's Restaurant in Farmington to share in a literary meeting. Janice Wright led book discussions. Nearly 3 shelves of books were collected for the "Little Red Bookshelves" (Community Reading Project). Sherry Gibbon of Alpha Tau read an inspirational composition about an Indian child learning to read and passing his love of reading on to future generations. Omega Chapter contributed their blind pig proceeds of \$30.83 to the United Nations ProMAYA – The Child-Friendly School Project for Mayan children in Chiapas. (ΔΚΓ has set the goal of raising \$60,000 to support five Child Friendly Schools and to increase the chances of children finishing school.) Joy Lethbridge of Alpha Tau and Marilyn Nickolson led us in singing, "Getting to Know You". For a Membership Moment Mary Lou Angeline of Alpha Tau and our own Pauline Angeline of Omega shared memories regarding the formation of Alpha Tau (our daughter chapter). They mentioned achievements of the two chapters. Thank you to the Angeline sisters. Lynne Erdle and Bernice Hilfiker requested withdrawals from membership. It was with deep regret their requests were granted. Omega Roses were given to Deborah Trombino in recognition of her chairing a Building Improvement Team and organizing a

successful field trip to Fort Niagara. The issue for “Your Voice Counts” related to the reserve membership category. Omega Chapter leaned toward the elimination of the reserve category and elimination of International Dues for members 80 years old or older. For “Sharing your Expertise” the membership wishes peace, a safe happy life, a free country with open doors, and enjoyable work for the children of the twenty first century.

**Community Reading Partnership Festival, November 3, 2001:** Ten members: June Renner, Sally Maxson, Denise Clark, Linda Upchurch, Linda Smith, Shirley Crosby, Evelyne Bottorf, Maggie Wiegand, Judith Kiehle, and Lois Ludwig participated at the Community Reading Partnership Festival for children ages 3 to 10 held at the Canandaigua Primary School. This year’s theme was “Reading Around the World”.

**Chapter Meeting November 13, 2001:** Fifty members and four guests gathered at the Lakeshore house at in Canandaigua, NY for a hors d’oeuvres buffet and to conduct our annual fundraiser. \$1,819 was realized from our auction. A special thank you to the hostess and finance committees for planning and executing this event. Thanks also go to our Christmas Elf auctioneer, Penny Shaw. The family of Erma Rook requested that her membership be discontinued. This request was granted with regret. Notices of transfer to Omega Chapter were received for Judy Farris and Ann Orman. Omega welcomes these members. A Membership Moment was presented by Claris Schwing. Omega Chapter collected \$215.00 to contribute to, “The Fund for Public Schools/ World Trade Center School Relief Fund”. (Jane Tanner, Pi State President announced at the 2002 International Convention that Pi State donated over \$5,000.00. In all ΔΚΓ International donated over \$38,000.00 to this worthy cause.) An “Omega Rose” was given to Shirley Crosby in honor of her being selected by Pi State to participate in the Parliamentary Training Seminar in Chicago in February. The question for “Your Voice Counts” was should International eliminate the reinstatement fee? Omega felt that while removal of the reinstatement fee would simplify the reinstatement process and encourage reinstatement it would lessen the incentive to pay dues on time and eliminate a source of revenue.

**Executive Board Meeting, January 5, 2002:** Seventeen officers and committee chairs met at the First United Methodist Church in Newark. Betty La Barge reported that the Community Reading Project gives books to newborns, kindergarten registrants, and high school graduates. The hope is to increase the number of “Little Red Bookshelves from 11 to 22. This coalition also hopes to increase community participation. A letter received from Dr. Souders (2000-2004 Member at Large of the International Administrative Board) promoting “Mentoring Service Opportunity for veteran Members” was read and discuss.

**Chapter Meeting March 5, 2002:** Forty members, thirteen guest administrators, and five other guests honored us with their presence” at the Canalside Restaurant in Newark, NY for Administrator’s Night. Jessica Long, the daughter of Jana Lee Weaver accompanied a quartet from Penn Yan academy. They sang “All that Jazz”, “Flower of Beauty” and “Seize the Day”. The members from Phelps Clifton Springs School District presented an informative and entertaining program that explained the activities and goals of our chapter. Kay VanDeusen introduced and distributed the Membership Moment that had been prepared by Barbara Morgan. Each administrator received an envelope that listed the Omega Chapter members from their school district and contained Chapter, State, International and “The Honor of Membership” tri folds. Under “Sharing your Expertise,” the president announced that Omega Chapter represented over 2148.5 years of professional educational experience. After a brief intermission the businesses of the evening was conducted. A motion to accept the slate of officers for the ensuing biennium as presented by the nomination committee was accepted. The Executive Board report moved that Scrapbook Committee should be separated form the Historical Records and Research Committee.

**East Central Area Council Meeting, March 6, 2002:** Mary King and Lois Ludwig attended a meeting at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant in Phelps, N.Y. Committee assignments were reviewed. Registration forms were distributed. It was decided to give a gift basket to Pi State president Jane Tanner at the Area Council Convention.

**Executive Board Meeting, April 6, 2002:** Sixteen officers and committee chairs met at the First United Methodist Church in Newark. A communication from Sheila Murray Mahady, Pi State World Fellowship Chair

commended Omega Chapter for their response to Olga Tchoudakova's need for financial assistance. A motion passed to contribute \$8.00 to a basket to be presented to Jane Tanner at the East Central Area Council. Omega Chapter duties were discussed. Each committee gave a report and named one member of the committee that should remain on the committee to provide an even flow of information into the next biennium. The Scrapbook committee chair will prepare the scrapbook and a special page for the state scrapbook to be taken to the Pi State Executive Board Meeting. Omega Chapter is one of seven chapters listed on the Pi State Honor roll for contribution to the International World Fellowship Fund. Evelyne Bottorf put the final touches on the Membership Stipend Application Form and moved that it be accepted. Motion approved to present to the membership. Officers and Committee Chairs were reminded to update their red notebooks to pass on information to the next chair. Deborah Trombino directed the scheduling of meetings for the next biennium. The president distributed thank you notes and a New York State ΔΚΓ pin to each officer and committee chair.

**Chapter Meeting April 9, 2002:** Forty-three members and one guest met at the Geneva Country Club. This meeting opened with a recommitment to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The favors were candy using Annie Webb Blanton's recipe for candy. Three new members, Regina Czora, Barbara Heinzman and Janalee Weaver introduced themselves to the members by presenting collages that highlighted their lives. The membership approved a change in the presentation of the Omega Chapter Scholarship Grant. The FLCC Foundation will handle the distribution of the grant. The Foundation promises more ease of distribution and wider public recognition for Omega Chapter. Ann Van De Molen requested a withdrawal. Her request was granted with regret. Betty La Barge received a Delta Kappa Gamma Education Foundation grant for the Community Reading Partnership project in the amount of \$4000.00. Evelyne Bottorf announced that Amy Finch of Victor will be the recipient of the Omega Chapter Scholarship grant. Amy is an English major and plans to attend the University of Buffalo. Donna Williams, an artisan of the Turtle Clan of the Seneca Indians and owner of the Silver Feather Gallery, explained what it is like "Walking in Two Worlds". Continuing with the theme of honoring your heritage Gail Burr and her committee presented a delightful Founders Day Program. Each Founder visited us and presented a vignette of life in their time and their vision for a society to support female educators. Denise Clark withdrew her name for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president. A motion was passed that Kathleen VanDeusen be elected to the office. Your voice counts asked how to entice members to attend chapter, region, and national and international meetings. Omega responded that there should be more effort to car pool and to go as a group. Omega Roses were presented to Shirley Crosby for passing her Parliamentary Procedure test with flying colors, Jackie Johnson recognizing her induction into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, Betty La Barge's new granddaughter and receiving another grant from the ΔΚΓ Education Foundation, and June Adams and her husband in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Leadership Training, April 18-20, 2002:** Shirley Crosby, Lois Ludwig, and Deborah Trombino attended leadership training and the executive board meeting at RIT Inn and Conference Center in Rochester, NY. The Omega Scrapbook was on display. Alice DeLesio and Laura Wellman were remembered in Memoriam. The theme of the Awards Luncheon was "Confronting the Challenges-Reaping the Rewards". The Pi State Web Master resigned due to family illness. Barre Hall of Gamma Epsilon and Lois Ludwig of Omega accepted the appointment of co-webmasters to complete her term.

**Chapter and East Central Area Conference May 4 2002:** Fifty- two ΔΚΓ Members (23 from Omega Chapter) attended this "Women's Health – Naturally" conference at the Clifton Springs Hospital. A healthy breakfast was served. Jane Tanner, Pi State President and keynote speaker told of the health of our society in an entertaining yet informative fashion. Other speakers were Penny Moore Director of Naturopathic Medicine, Penny Somerset a licensed Acupuncturist and Les Moore Director of Naturopathic Medicine. All speakers were well received. They were thought provoking and gave concrete ideas on living a healthier life style. It is suggested that guests should be invited to this conference. This could encourage membership.

**Chapter Meeting June 4<sup>th</sup> 2002:** Forty-three members and three guests met at Abigail's Restaurant in Waterloo. Ragan Fletcher, daughter of Jerry entertained us with music throughout the meal. Amy Finch, the recipient of Omega Chapter Grant was in attendance. Lynda John helped the membership get to know her

better with a collage that stressed her hobbies, favorite activities and family. Requests of withdrawal were received from Pat Naracong and Mary Wilsey. These requests were granted with regret. Since last August Omega Chapter lost two members in death, seven in withdrawals, one transfer out, two transfers in and the family of one reserve member requested that she be dropped from membership. We now have 69 regular members and one reserve member. Under Membership Recognition: charter members were remembered in a moment of silence, six members received certificates in recognition for five years of membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, one member for fifteen years membership, and two members for twenty years membership. Betty Lush, F. Carol Ramsey, and June Renner received twenty-five year certificates. Elizabeth Bay received a thirty-year certificate and Marion Welch a forty-year certificates. Eleven members received certificates for perfect attendance. Three members: Marguerite Wiegand, Janice Wright and Marilyn Nicholson were honored in recognition of their retirement. A special presidents thank you was awarded to three members; Kay Nemecek for an outstanding work on the chapter scrapbook. (Kay also received the Pi State award of excellence.) Claris Schwing repaired the scrapbooks of the past and put together an inventory of scrapbooks that covers 11 volumes dating from 1966. Betty Bay adopted a Little Red Bookshelf located in the waiting room of Family Court at the Ontario County Courthouse. She regularly stocks the bookshelf for the Community Reading Partnership. The president thanked each officer and chair by highlighting their successes. She thanked her husband and daughter for their support. Each member present received an Omega rose in recognition to their contributions to the successes of this biennium. The following officers prepared for installation. President – Janice Wright, First Vice President – Deborah Trombino, Second Vice President – Kathleen VanDeusen, Secretary – Mary King, and Area Council Member at Large – Evelyne Bottorf. Officers for the 2002 –2004 Biennium were installed closing the chapter on the 2000 - 2002 biennium and opening a new chapter for the 2002 – 2004 biennium. Being president of Omega Chapter was truly an enriching experience. It was an honor to have had that opportunity. One could not imagine a more supportive staff of officers, chairs, and members. This biennium will always have a special place in my book of memories.

*“The achievements of an organization are the result of the combined efforts of each individual.” By Vince Lombardi, football coach.*

**Officers and Chairs for 2002-2004**

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***Theme***

Maintaining a "healthy" chapter by embracing new and old members, as well as encouraging all members to be active and step into leadership positions.

***Goals***

1. To get to know each other better
2. To increase public awareness of Omega Chapter and The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
3. To share the talents of the members of the chapter

## ***Chapter Projects***

1. Community Reading Partnership including collecting books for the Little Red Bookshelves.
2. Connecting and supporting the newly formed Delta chapter in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

## **Highlights of this Biennium**

1. All of Omega reads the same book
2. Making use of the talents of our members as speaker
3. Getting all members to feel actively involved
4. Emailing more members in order to stay in touch and receive monthly mailings
5. Roll calls as a way to get to know each other (ex. A favorite summer memory)
6. Using the reservation forms to survey the members or ask for input
7. "Each One Reach One" – a way to connect the older and new members
8. Birthday lists and birthday balloons each month. "Thinking of you " cards are passed around during the meeting to send to members in need.
9. Family members were invited to attend necrology ceremonies.
10. Money was allotted for Omega stipends to encourage attendance at state and international meetings
11. Welcoming 20 new members to our chapter.
12. The making of "Professional Pins"
13. Expanding our web site through the efforts of our web master, Lois Ludwig, including a listing of our grant-in-aid winners from 1986 to present and the president's monthly newsletters
14. Edith Braun resigned.
15. Supporting Delta Chapter, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

## **Biennium Year 2002-2003**

International President-Jean Gray

Pi State President-Jane Tanner

**August 13, 2002 Executive Board Meeting-** Clifton Springs Library Meeting Room. Judith Kiehle approved unanimously as treasurer for 2002-2004. Increase in International dues by \$6.00. Omega dues will be \$51.00 per year. Starting time for meetings will be 5:00 pm social, and dinner to start at 5:30 with a goal to finish by 8pm. Shirley Crosby will be Pi State Parliamentarian and Lois Ludwig, Pi State Webmaster. Judy Western Farris has moved to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and is starting a new chapter called Delta. Three "new" questions at dinner will focus on personal, educational and Omega questions and issues.

**September 17, 2002 Chapter Meeting** at Wayne Hills Country Club in Lyons. Program-Committee planning meetings and discussion of The Persian Pickle Club by Sandra Dallas (that members read during the summer). Memorial Necrology service for Bernice Hilfiger, who passed away May 2002. Our chapter was highlighted in the summer Pi Lights for our "Book Share" with Alpha Tau last spring.

**September 27-28, 2002 Pi State Executive Board Meeting** in Utica. Betty LaBarge spoke about Omega's role in the Community Reading Partnership Project. Seven Omegans attended-Jerry Fletcher, Betty LaBarge, Lois Ludwig, Deb Trombino, Shirley Crosby, Carol Ramsey and Janice Wright. Barb Quinn is new Pi State editor and Susan Hustleby is Pi State Treasurer. Our area council will be making a basket called "Traveling Through the Finger Lakes" for the scholarship raffle at the May 2004 Area Council Meeting. Our area council will be having a fundraiser by selling denim shirts with DKG and rose emblem. Approved and added to standing rules-that prospective members must have taught for 5 years. Must be a member for 3 years in order to nominate a new member. Grant of \$4000.00 from Delta Kappa Gamma International Education Fund in behalf of Omega's role in the Community Reading Partnership.

**October 15, 2002 Chapter Meeting** at Club 86 in Geneva. Program- Brainstorming session led by Gail Rumsey and Membership Committee on important membership questions. *Question #1*-How can we get to know each other better? *Question #2*-How can we do a better job on orienting new members?, and *Question #3*-What draws you to our meetings? "Friends of Dolly Parton" gave a "Nine to Five" retirement tribute to Patricia Rice. Making of "Omega Connection Pins" by professional Affairs Committee. Different color beads for (1) numbers of years taught, (2) building level and (3) a gold bead denoting retirement from teaching.

**November 12, 2002 Chapter Meeting** at the Lakeshore House in Canandaigua. Program-Auction entitled "Busy Ants for Omega Grants". Many Prospective members came as guests. \$2102.00 was raised at this auction.

**January 11, 2003 Executive Board** meeting at the home of Janice Wright. Focus on spring meetings, orientation and initiation of new members, and updating biographical data and other historical records.

**March 4, 2003 Chapter Meeting** at DiPacific's Restaurant in Farmington. Program-Character Education in our districts. Twenty-one new educators were brought up for membership and were approved. Through the efforts of Adelle Miller Wadsworth and the World Fellowship Committee, a raffle was held of woven articles by the Ellelloang Basali Weavers Cooperative in Lesotho, South Africa. Entertained by Canandaigua Academy Ensemble. Members notified of the death of Marion Walsh in January 2003.

**March 31, 2004 East Central Area Council Meeting** at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant in Phelps. Jerry Fletcher elected as our representative to the Pi State Finance Committee. Confirmed that Andrea Morris will attend the May 1, 2004 conference.

**April 5, 2003 Executive Board** meeting at the home of Janice Wright. **Cancelled due to ice storm!!!**

**April 8, 2003 Chapter Meeting** at the Geneva Country Club. Program-Omega Shuffle. **This meeting was cancelled due to an area-wide ice storm!!!!**

**April 26, 2003 New Initiates Orientation breakfast** at Warfields Restaurant in Clifton Spring for new members and sponsors. Eighteen prospective members attended with a total of 42 in attendance.

**May 1-4, 2003 Pi State Convention** in Lake Placid. Theme- "Going For the Gold". Judy Blazey, Lynn Broderick and Agnesmary Karol were honored for 25 years of membership with a certificate and a 25-year pin (given by Omega chapter). Judy Western Farris awarded a Pi State Scholarship. Fourteen Omegans attended this conference. Omega received a GOLD certificate for completing the appropriate number of challenges set forth by Pi State President, Jane Tanner.

**May 6, 2003 Chapter Meeting** at the Phelps Hotel. Grants-in-Aid recipient from FLCC, Debra Grebner, was introduced. The Midlakes Chorale Ensemble performed. Founder's Day Ceremony included Pi State founders as well as Omega's chapter founders. Prospective members attended this meeting. Memorial Necrology Service to honor Marion Walsh and June Adams. Members of their families attended.

**June 3, 2003 Chapter Meeting** at the Garlock House in Palmyra. Program-Initiation of new members and retirement celebrations. Nineteen new members were initiated: Acceptances -Beverly J. Lanoue, Christine Taylor, Cindy Myers, Cynthia A. Avery, Della Ludwig, Elizabeth Koster, Jeanne Guastafarro, Jill Antonucci,



Joan Cox, Julie D. Winston, Kathleen Paetzold, Laurie A. Clarcq, Linda Bolan, Lisa Gage, Liz Hezel, Mary S. Cherniss, Natalie Clark, Sarah J. Snyder, Sharyn Powell. **Transfer**-Amy Story-membership was reinstated at this meeting. (**Declines**- Susan J. Everdyke, Paula Davis). Retirement celebrations for - Edna Choffin, Peg Snyder, Susan Onze, Alice Looney, Barbara Heinzman and Evie Bottorf. Omega Members were honored for years of membership.

#### **Biennium Year 2003-2004**

The following Omega members were on Pi State Committees:  
Lynda John-Chairperson of the Pi State World fellowship Committee  
Carol Ramsey-Chairperson of the Pi State Leadership Committee  
Jerry Fletcher-member of the Pi State Finance Committee  
Lois Ludwig- one of the two Pi State Webmasters

**August 12, 2003 Executive Board Meeting** at the home of Janice Wright. Initiated "EACH ONE, REACH ONE" to get to know new and old members and strengthen our chapter. The membership committee will be composing a letter that identifies the sponsor's responsibilities for new members. Judy Kiehle will be timekeeper for our meetings so that we can finish by 8pm. New biographical data form being created in order to update as well as store on the computer. Need to update our pictorial directory. Betty LaBarge reported that Omega has been given another grant from the Education Fund of \$2000.00 for the Community Partnership Reading Project. Motion was made and carried to allow individual hostess committees decide whether hors d'oeuvres should be part of the dinner menu for certain meetings. The cost of this will be added on to the dinner prices.

**September 23, 2003 Chapter Meeting** at the Geneva Country Club. Discussion of the book that all of Omega read entitled THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES by Sue Monk Kidd. Cindy Lynch and her hostess committee had special "BEE" displays and organized a special BEE raffle. Presentation of pins to the new members

**October 21, 2003 Chapter Meeting** at DiPacific's in Farmington. Program-Creating Memories, a scrap booking presentation by Kay Nemecek. A "time of remembrance" was given for Erma Rooke (whose family withdrew her membership in 2001 due to health issues). Our second Omega grant recipient, Annetta Maenza, was announced.

**November 18, 2003 Chapter Meeting** at the Lakeshore House in Canandaigua. Program-Annual Auction entitled "Omega Whirlwind Auction". Canandaigua Madrigal Singers performed. \$2832.50 was raised at this year's auction.

**January 10, 2004 Executive Board Meeting.** Motion approved that \$5.00 for each of the 86 Omega members (total of \$430.00) was contributed to the Afghanistan project for teacher training, a joint effort of UNICEF and Delta Kappa Gamma International. \$300.00 will be contributed to the project in Mexico to help the newly formed chapter in Puerto Vallarta. \$1219.38 added towards the Omega Membership grants to encourage attendance at state or international meetings. Our chapter has 85 members and one reserve member. Professional Affairs committee will follow-up on past FLCC Grant-in-Aid recipients. Adelle Miller Wadsworth will be attending the CTAUN conference in New York City and was awarded an Omega stipend.

**March 9, 2004 Chapter Meeting** at the Clifton Springs United Methodist Church. Program- "Stress 101" given by Omega member, Jacqueline Johnson. Maggie Wiegand honored for her efforts in producing Omega chapter's "Roses in Winter" newsletter.

**April 6, 2004 Chapter Meeting** at Club 86 in Geneva. Program- Speaker is Omega member, Mary Luckern on leadership roles of Women. Approved the following officers for 2004-2006: President-Deborah Trombino, First VP-Maggie Wiegand, Second VP-Mary King and Secretary-Kay Nemecek.

**April 16-17, 2004 Pi State Executive Board Meeting** and Spring Seminar in Corning. Maggie Wiegand receives a Pi State Scholarship. Margaret Facer, Donna Klage and Penny Shaw were honored for 25 years of membership.

**May 1, 2004 East Central Area Conference** at the Clifton Springs Hospital. Program-“Women’s Health Naturally, the Sequel”. Workshops on Classical Chinese medicine and Hydrotherapy. Omega was responsible for registration. **Five** Pi State officers were in attendance-Beverly Anker, Andrea Morris, Karen Crumley, Barbara Quinn, and Jane Tanner.

**June 8, 2004 Chapter Meeting** aboard the “Canandaigua Lady” boat on Canandaigua Lake. Program-Installation of new officers and retirement celebrations for Marie Pagano, Lynda John and Gail Burr. Motion to have Omega’s 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration at Sonnenberg Gardens in June 2005 was passed. Carol Ramsey was awarded a \$350.00 stipend to attend the International Convention in Minnesota in July. Members were honored for their years of membership in Omega including Mary Luckern and Pauline Angeline, who celebrated 39 years of membership. Announced that A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park will be the book that our chapter will read and discuss in September.

**July 27-31, 2004 International Convention** in Minneapolis, Minnesota - Diamond Jubilee 75<sup>th</sup> year Celebration.

**Final thoughts.....**I am very thankful to have had this unique leadership opportunity. I was so proud to represent our chapter at all of the Pi State meetings, and learned so much from everyone that I had contact with over these past two years. I especially loved getting to know each and every one of our Omega members a little better. Their enthusiasm and encouragement meant so much to me and made my job much easier. Finally, I want to thank my mentor, Lois Ludwig, for guiding me and supporting me.

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**PROGRAM 2004-2005**

- August 10, 2004, 10:00 am Home of Deborah Trombino, Palmyra  
Executive Board Meeting
- September 21, 2004, 5:00 pm Geneva Country Club  
Chapter Connections, Book Discussion and Speaker: Elaine Hardman  
Pi State Scholarship Recipient 2004  
Purpose III: Professional Interest and Position of Women
- October 12, 2004, 5:00 pm Wayne Hills Country Club  
Speaker: Adelle Miller-Wadsworth, U. N. Forum  
Purpose III: Professional Interest and Position of Women
- November 16, 2004, 5:00 pm Canandaigua Inn on the Lake  
Annual Fundraiser Auction  
Purpose V: To Endow Scholarships and Grant Fellowships

- January 28, 2005, 10:00 am Home of Deborah Trombino, Palmyra  
Executive Board Meeting
- March 15, 2005, 5:00 pm Chart House Restaurant (Quality Inn) Newark  
Speaker: Sr. Diana Dolce, Hope Hall, Pi State Scholarship Recipient 2004  
Purpose VI: Professional and Personal Growth
- April 2, 2005, 10:00 am Home of Deborah Trombino, Palmyra  
Executive Board Meeting
- April 5, 2005, 5:00 pm Club 86, Geneva  
Student Drama Group  
Purpose VI: Professional and Personal Growth
- May 17, 2005, 5:00 pm Essenhaus, Penn Yan – Joint Meeting with Alpha Tau  
Speaker: Sandy Voigt, "Conducting an Effective Meeting"  
Purpose III: Professional Interest and Position of Women
- June 7, 2005, 5:00 pm Sonnenberg Gardens, Canandaigua  
Omega's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Founders' Day Celebration  
Purposes: Genuine Spiritual Fellowship and II : Honor Distinctive Service

#### **PROGRAM 2005-2006**

- August 16, 2005, 10:00 am Home of Deborah Trombino, Palmyra  
Executive Board Meeting
- September 13, 2005, 5:00 pm Phelps Hotel  
Chapter Connections, Book Discussion and Speaker: Margaret Osborne  
Topic: Communication Your Passions  
Purpose VI: Professional and Personal Growth
- October 4, 2005, 5:00 pm Geneva Country Club  
Speaker: Former Lt. Gov. Mary Ann Krupsak  
Purpose IV: Initiate, Endorse, and Support Desirable Legislation
- November 15, 2004, 5:00 pm Steamboat Landing, Canandaigua  
Annual Fundraiser Auction  
Purpose V: To Endow Scholarships and Grant Fellowships
- January 14, 2006, 9:30 am Home of Deborah Trombino, Palmyra  
Executive Board Meeting
- March 7, 2006, 5:00 pm Club 86, Geneva - Administrators Night  
Geneva High School Jazz Ensemble  
Purpose VI: Professional and Personal Growth
- April 1, 2006, 9:30 am Home of Deborah Trombino, Palmyra  
Executive Board Meeting
- April 11, 2006, 5:00 pm DiPacific's, Farmington  
Speaker: Sr. Diane Dolce, Director of Hope Hall  
Purpose VI: Professional and Personal Growth

- May 13, 2006, 8:00 am Canandaigua Inn on the Lake – Area Council  
Topic: Pastime Potpourri  
Purpose VII: Current Issues
- June 6, 2006, 5:00 pm Belhurst Castle, Geneva  
Installation of New Officers and Retirements  
Purposes I: Genuine Spiritual Fellowship and II: Honor Distinctive Service

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Omega Chapter  
President: Deborah Trombino**

“Seize The Moment” is the theme of my biennium for 2004-2006. At meetings, I would like to offer something that all members of the chapter will find engaging. We will be addressing at least one of the seven purposes at every meeting.

My first Executive Board Meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup> was very productive. Each committee chair discussed what she wanted to accomplish during my biennium. We had taken a large group of new members last biennium, so we decided to have ice breakers at the beginning of each meeting.

Our first meeting of the Omega chapter was at the Geneva County Club on September 21. Before the meeting the whole chapter read the book, A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park to coordinate with our guest speaker. At each table there were questions about the book to stimulate the discussion. Elaine Hartman, who won the Pi State Gladys Meisereaux Scholarship to study porcelain in Jedehea, China, spoke to our chapter. Her Power Point program and interesting dialogue focused on the pottery industry. Our meal and table decorations kept with the Chinese theme. We had beef teriyaki, vegetarian stir fry, and grilled chicken breast with peanut sauce. We also had a raffle on some Chinese items and sent the money to tsunami flood victims.

Wayne Hills Country Club was the site of our October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. We held a necrology service for our sister Margaret Facer. It was hard to lose such a loving person. We had a full theme for the centerpieces with gourds and autumn leaves. Our speaker, Adelle Miller-Wadsworth, an Omegan, spoke about the U. N. Forum that she had attended. Her talk inspired some members to investigate attending the U. N. Forum in New York.

On November 16<sup>th</sup> we found ourselves at the Canandaigua Inn on the Lake. This is our annual fundraiser for our scholarship. The holiday theme was carried out through the table decorations, favors and display of auction items. It certainly looked like a Winter Wonderland. Three nominations were presented and all three were accepted.

Our Executive Board meeting was moved to January 28<sup>th</sup> because of the weather. At each meeting, we have brought in books for our Little Red Book Shelves. A member suggested that we could also bring in school supplies for children in need. Our March meeting collection will be sent to the Geneva Elementary School. Another concern that needs to be addressed is that members are not filling out their evaluation forms. We feel that these are very useful to plan future meetings.

Our March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at Chart House Restaurant in Newark. The Canandaigua Academy Players directed by Mr. Scott Schauman presented excerpts from Seuissical, The Musical. Favours, table decorations and a fantastic display board were all centered around Dr. Seuss. This meeting certainly brought us back to our childhood through Dr. Seuss. Betty Bay got us thinking about what to do with our Key pin when we pass away. The card with the information was shown and some were handed out. I reminded everyone that there will be a brunch for our new initiates on April 30<sup>th</sup> at my home.

Our Omega Executive Board Meeting was on April 2, 2005 at the home of the president. The committees gave their various reports. Our Historical Records and Research Committee put all of Volume I of our history on a CD. At each meeting, we plan to have a special birthday surprise for our sisters celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> or beyond. There was a discussion on how to encourage our members to attend the meetings. Many ideas will be used in the future. We discussed our shared meeting in May with Alpha Tau at The Steamboat Landing in Canandaigua. Our East Central Area Council meeting will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2006.

Club 86 in Geneva was the site of our April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Everyone was thinking Spring. A getting-to-know-you activity was at the tables. Many tables challenged the other tables to see who would be done first. Of course my table won first! Our guest speaker was Sister Diana Dolce, Hope Hall, Pi State Scholarship Recipient 2004. She spoke about her school which deals with children with central auditory processing problems, and their individual needs. Everyone was enthralled with her program, so we have decided to invite her back next year. The chapter would like to hear about the actual techniques that her teachers use in their classrooms. The Omega chapter is giving two \$1,000 scholarships to women graduating from Community College of the Finger Lakes. We have also adopted Skukria Amani from Afghanistan who is attending RIT. Christine Luehring, a Delta Kappa Gamma member of Alpha Rho in Oregon, asked us to look after her while she was in Rochester. Many members have already been in contact with her. Shukria is an honorary member of their chapter. We will be inviting her to our May meeting.

Omega had a joint meeting with Alpha Tau Chapter on May 17, 2005 at Steamboat Landing in Canandaigua. The guest speaker, Sandy Voigt, our own Omega sister, spoke on "The Power of Effective Meetings." Many went away with some excellent tips on how to lead such a meeting. The Spring Theme with butterflies and flower pots with seeds to plant was such a great addition to the meeting. Everyone had such a good time visiting with our sister chapter.

Happy, Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Omega! On June 7<sup>th</sup> at Sonnenberg Gardens in Canandaigua, Omega had their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Garden Tea Party. The members donned beautifully decorated hats for the celebration. We were much honored to have Pi State President Elect Dr. Andrea Morris as our guest speaker. She spoke of her goals for her presidency and Pi State. We initiated three new members: Kathleen Burke, Diane Clark and Melinda Ritter. What a moving ceremony! Retirement celebrations were shared with Mary-Martha Harvey and Cynthia Lynch. The tables were set with lovely teapots with flowers in them to help carry out the theme. We had such a wonderful and busy night.

The September 13, 2005 meeting was held at the historic Phelps Hotel. The topic of our evening was "Communicating Your Passions". Our speaker was Peg Osborne, who shared her passion of cooking by talking about her cookbook, Rush Hour Recipes of America. All of the members were seated by their various passions. At each table we discussed the book, Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe, which everyone had read over the summer. Everyone received a complete

updated list of membership that goes back to 1955. Our Budget A and Budget N were discussed and accepted for the new year.

Our October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting dealt with Purpose IV: Initiate, Endorse and Support Desirable Legislation. Former Lt. Governor Mary Ann Krupsak spoke to us about legislation and what we can do as individuals and as a society to create change in the current status quo in educational funding. Ms Krupsak gave the chapter a book that her husband Edwin Margolis and a colleague wrote, The Elusive Quest: The Struggle for Equality of Educational Opportunity. Ms. Krupsak left us with the thought, "Passion follows commitment. If you have the passion the rest of the people will follow." As a 'kick off' for our November auction, the Finance Committee gave us a new rendition of "Beat It". Dessert and hors d'oeuvre recipes were due this meeting for our Omega cookbook. The Omega cookbook will be published as a fundraiser for our scholarship fund.

The November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at Steamboat Landing was our Make It, Bake It or Fake It Auction. The auction raised \$2,359.50 for our scholarship fund. Our Omega cookbook was ready to sell for this meeting. What a great cookbook! Thanks to Della and Jan, who got the cookbook ready to publish. A challenge worksheet was distributed to each table to record what the members thought were the issues that the chapter need to address. Another survey was sent during December to every member to get a more personal opinion on how to improve our Omega chapter. The surveys were collaged and discussed at the Executive Board Meeting in January.

Our January 14, 2006 Executive Board Meeting was very successful. A survey was given asking how to improve our chapter. A discussion followed and a committee was formed to tackle the suggestions. Our chapter wants to adopt an Omega Chapter from the hurricane region. That is being looked into by Joyce Gardner's committee. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President outlined the spring meeting and programs.

Our March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting at Club 86 was Administrator's Night. During the cocktail hour we were able to visit with the administrators from the other school district. Each administrator was given a brochure about The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International explaining who we are. A DVD was also played to further explain the history, philosophy and philanthropic gestures made by the Society. The Geneva Jazz Ensemble performed for us that evening. Everyone felt they should have their own CD. Jerry Fletcher, Chair of Nominations, presented the slate of officers for the 2006-2008 biennium and voting took place. The results are as follows: Marguerite Wiegand will be President, Mary King will be First Vice President, Lynda John will be Second Vice President and Cynthia Lynch will be Secretary. Our Omega chapter is adopting Omega Chapter from Zeta State (Mississippi) so as to help any way that we can to get them back on their feet from the hurricane. After reviewing the survey, we discussed what we would like to do with the results. We feel these results will help us set up our new biennium.

What an outpouring of generosity! Sister Dolce almost couldn't pack all of the contributions in her car. Sister Dolce, at our April meeting, shared some techniques for working with atypical students that attend Hope Hall. Many of us found her techniques useful in our own classrooms. We also filled out a quick survey for Carol Ramsey, Chair of Pi State Forum. A tentative schedule was presented that evening.

Our June meeting was held at Belhurst Castle on Seneca Lake, where we had the installation of the new officers. It was such a lovely ceremony. Mary King distributed the 2006-2007 program for the chapter. Kathy Henry e-mailed the chapter from Mississippi that three boxes of books had arrived for our Katrina impacted sisters. We will continue to correspond with our sisters from Mississippi. A Remembrance of Leona Sherman Robb was conducted. I was honored to give 25-year pins and certificates to Marie Pagano and Claris Schwing.

In my term, I wanted everyone to "Seize the Moment" to embrace the new programs that were presented during my biennium. The programs varied from educational to recreational. During my biennium we took in three lovely new members: Mindy, Diane and Kathleen. They are such a lovely addition to Omega. I had so many lovely moments being President from my initiation on the Canandaigua Lady, Pi State Convention in Buffalo to our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party. Thank you for such a wonderful two years!