



Pi State

Omega Chapter

**Omega Chapter Meeting, April 16, 2013
Warfield's Restaurant - Clifton Springs, NY**

Visitation to MORS Schoolhouse: 4:00-5:00

Social Time: 5:00-5:30

President's Welcome & Introduction of Guests (5:30): President Della Ludwig welcomed members. She thanked Sally Maxson and the Professional Growth Committee for organizing a wonderful trip to MORS. Sally added many thanks to Jan Astles for organizing. Della then read poem, "I Had a Farm in Africa." Sylvia Hughson, guest of Elizabeth Mussack, was introduced.

Pledge of Allegiance: Della Ludwig

Song of Welcome: Linda Smith

Business Meeting I: The first portion of the business meeting was called to order by Della Ludwig at 5:47.

Secretary's Report: Katja Stevens read a thank you letter from Delta Kappa Gamma International thanking the Omega Chapter for its \$100.00 contribution to the World Fellowship Fund.

Roll Call: Kerry Smartt reported there 37 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Approval of the Minutes from March 12, 2013: A motion was made by Jan Wright and seconded by Beverly Lanoue to accept the minutes as presented with no corrections. The motion was unanimously approved and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Upchurch reported:

Balance on 2/28/13	\$10,051.39	Checking: \$7936.98
Total Receipts	\$960.80	Savings: \$1,712.95
Total Disbursements	\$1362.76	Total: \$9649.93
Balance on 3/31/13	\$9,649.43*	

*\$0.50 discrepancy

Standing Committee Reports:

Programs: Karen Varricchio handed out copies of the 2013-2014 Omega program. Della added that members should note there are two meetings in October – East Central Area Council and a Chapter Meeting which will only be a dessert meeting. The May 17th meeting is a Saturday morning meeting. The proposed schedule has the approval of the Executive Board. A motion was made by Mary King to approve the calendar. There was no discussion and the proposed program for 2013-2014 was approved and carried.

Hostess: Sharyn Powell – no report

Lois Ludwig: Lois reminded Committee Chairs to check their reports on the Website. Information should be updated every three months. The Pictorial Directory is coming along nicely. Thank you to Mary Cherniss for providing photos. Members who have not done so already can download a form and mail or email to Lois with permission for both information and photo to be put on the website. Lois needs this as soon as possible.

Ceremonies: Laura Hill reported that the next meeting will include a Ceremony of Remembrance as well as Founder's Day. She is looking for speakers for Lynn Broderick (Mary Shelley volunteered) and Donna Klage (Linda Coons volunteered). Mary Shelley also has contact information for Lynn's family.

Membership: Kerry Smartt reported that initiation of new members will be pushed up based on next year's meeting schedule. Members will vote on proposed members in October. The Membership Committee will need nominations submitted by June 2013. Email Kerry with questions about requirements for membership. Please consider districts that have fewer members currently in Omega. Also try to balance membership so that other buildings within district are represented.

Cheer: Jan Wright led celebration of April birthdays.

Dinner: 6:00-6:45

Blessing: Linda Upchurch

Pink Pig: Holly Rich (Gail Burr was this month's winner)

Pin and Nametag Money: Linda Upchurch

Program: 6:45-7:15

Schools for Africa: DKG International Project: Adelle Miller-Wadsworth & Della Ludwig
Bingo Fundraiser

Business Meeting II: 7:15-8:00

Unfinished Business

Pi State Educational Foundation Update: Omega has doubled its membership. With matched funds, \$550 will be delivered to the Foundation plus an additional \$100 from donations from existing members. Members are still encouraged to join and to apply for grants from that foundation.

Maya Angelou visitation to RIT: Has been rescheduled to April 30 at 7 pm. Tickets are still available. Let Della know if you'd like to attend. First come, first served invitation.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Philanthropic Funds: This committee is not feeling overworked. Omega has funds to support programs dedicated to women and education (local, national, or international). Please forward in writing suggestions for donations to this committee. It is beneficial to include documentation about this organization.

Badge Ribbon Order Update: Please pay for badge if you haven't done so already (\$17.00 to Linda Upchurch as soon as possible). Badges should arrive soon. Another order will be placed in the fall.

Pi State Conference: This coming weekend at Hyatt Regency in Buffalo.

Northeast Regional Conference: The 2013 conference is now open for registration and for rooms. Conference is in Portland, ME July 24-27. There will be many fabulous tours and interesting workshops. Go to the DKG website for more information.

New Business:

ECAC Scholarship Basket & Tickets: Tickets are still available for awards benefit. Omega typically gives \$100 towards this. "Be the Spark" is the theme and ECAC chose to have a candy basket from Simply Sweet along with a \$100 bill.

June Celebrations Meeting: Please let Della know as you become aware of members who are retiring as soon as possible so that she can begin planning the June meeting.

Schools for Africa: A question came up about whether Omega will be doing anything further to support Schools for Africa program. Della encourages members to make a suggestion to the Ad Hoc Philanthropic Funds Committee to consider. Adelle will meet with World Fellowship Committee to discuss further fundraising efforts for Schools for Africa.

Announcements: A special thank you to the Personal Growth Committee for organizing the visit to the MORS Schoolhouse.

Sue Cunningham has tickets to Les Miserables available through a friend. Please see her if you are interested. Also, Deb Poplasky announced the production of Charlotte's Web coming up this weekend.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm by Della Ludwig.

Delta Kappa Gamma Song

Thank you to tonight's Hostess Committee: **Cindy Lynch – Chair**, Angela Bates, Beverly Lanoue, Elizabeth Mussack Dawn Scales, Claris Schwing, Peg Snyder, Margo VanHaneghan, Kay VanDeusen

Thank you to Adelle and World Fellowship Committee for helping with tonight's program.

Dates to Remember:

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| April 19-21, 2013 | Pi State Convention
Hyatt-Regency, Buffalo, NY |
| May 14, 2013 | Celebration of Life & Founder's Night
Belhurst Castle, Geneva, NY |
| June 11, 2013 | Celebrations
Notre Dame, Canandaigua, NY |
| July 24-27, 2013 | Northeast Regional Conference
Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME |

Respectfully submitted,

Katja Stevens, Secretary