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Omega Chapter Meeting
October 14, 2014
Warfield's, Clifton Springs, NY

Omega Chapter

Promoting Purposes ~ Biennium Theme

Social Time: 5:00

President's Report: (5:35) President Mary-Martha Harvey opened the meeting and thanked all for their support of *Omega*. A moment of silence was offered for Claris Schwing who died this past week. Her Memorial Service will be on November 8th at the Western Presbyterian Church in Palmyra. *Omega* will have a Celebration of Life Service in her memory in June. Mary-Martha thanked this evening's Hostess Committee Chairs Gail Burr and Phyllis Frantel and Committee members Kathy Burke, Cindy Myers, Deb Poplasky, Gail Rumsey and Jenn Wohlschiegel. Katja Stevens is unable to with us this evening for the presentation of the Website due to her Mom's emergency hospitalization. Apologies were given to Marilyn Nicholson, whose picture in October Newsletter on p. 2, was identified incorrectly as Janice Wright.

Cards were circulated for everyone to sign for Kammy Catchman, Arlene Eddington and Jamie Wagner. Kammy has a very full plate with teaching full time and caring for her 3½ year old granddaughter whose Mom passed away in 2013. Kammy values her membership but will be unable to attend many meetings. Arlene's Mom passed away. Jamie's daughter, Courtney, is undergoing additional tests.

Notes on tables have been placed to identify winners of the centerpieces created by Deb Poplasky.

The Business Meeting will precede dinner since our speaker, Mary Skvorak, is delayed until 7:00pm.

Introductions: Kerry Smartt introduced her guest, Karen Busby. Karen was an *Omega* Grant-in-Aid recipient and teaches at Midlakes Intermediate School.

My DKG Elevator Speech: Mary Cherniss shared her thoughts.

Pink Pig: Karen Varrichio supplied the gift. Karen Busby was this month's winner.

Pink Pig and Pin Money: Linda Upchurch reported that \$54.04 is in this account.

Business Meeting: 5:40

Call to Order: President Mary-Martha Harvey called the Business Meeting to order at 5:40pm.

Correspondence: Secretary Mary Shelley stated that there was no new correspondence.

Minutes: Sally Maxson moved, seconded by Kay VanDuesen, to accept the September 16, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion was unanimously approved and carried.

Roll Call: Mary King reported 45 members and 1 guest were present with speaker to arrive later.

Treasurer's report: Linda Upchurch reported on Chapter's finances.

Balance on September 30, 2014	\$6139.36	(Checking \$5124.84 + Savings \$1014.52)
Total Receipts	\$7657.71	
Total Disbursements	\$1518.35	

Standing Committee Reports

Cheer: Helen Goodberlet recognized the October birthdays: Jen Davison, Betty Tillman, Betty Mussack, Bev Simons, Kathy Ekler, Linda Coons, Gail Burr, Amy Monachino and Jamie Wagner. They were given an *Omega* gift.

Chapter Website: President Mary-Martha thanked Kathy Eckler for her computer assistance in Katja Steven's absence. Bookmarks created by Katja were distributed with *Omega*'s new url: www.dkgpistateomega.org. Mary-Martha presented an overview of our new website, highlighting pages and navigation, and thanked Katja

Stevens for all her time and work on the new website. She encouraged members to bookmark our new site as a favorite. As soon as we receive International certification, our old site will be closed.

November Auction: Evie Bottorf and Committee members reminded all present to “*Make It, Bake It or Fake It*” for our fundraiser on November 18th at Club 86, Geneva. Jeanne Guastafarro shared a gift bag suitable for auction with the contents not to exceed a value of \$25.00. The action items for live bidding will not be available during the silent bidding time. Members are encouraged to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund if they are not able to attend the auction.

Area Council: Debbie Trombino was not able to attend the last Area Council Meeting. She shared that the fall 2015 meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn in Geneva in October on a week day evening. The theme will be “*Women’s Wellness.*” Deb would like that Area Council Meeting to count as an *Omega* Chapter meeting and encouraged all to consider attending. More details will follow.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

Dinner: 6:00

Program: (7:00) President Mary-Martha Harvey introduced Mary Skvorak, author of Resistant Students: Reach Me Before You Teach Me. Ms. Skvorak is a retired professor from Nazareth College, Rochester who has an extensive background in education and is known nationally for her contributions to the field of education. Each chapter of her book is a guide for teachers to enable them to establish positive relationships with reluctant students, which leads to improved academic achievements, through specific examples and remedies.

Adjournment: President Mary-Martha Harvey adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.
The Delta Kappa Gamma Song was shared by all.

Dates to Remember:

- October 25, 2014 ~ DKG West Central Area Conference
“*The River That Binds Us: The Genessee*”
Avon Inn, Avon, NY
- November 18, 2014 ~ *Omega* Chapter Meeting
Auction Night! “*Make It, Bake It, Fake It*”
Club 86 ~ Geneva
- March 17, 2015 ~ *Omega* Chapter Meeting
Tour of Stained Glass
“*Ontario County Stories of Our Towns – Canandaigua City and Town*”
St John’s Episcopal Church, Canandaigua

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary S. Shelley, *Omega* Secretary