



PI State

**Omega Chapter Meeting
March 17, 2015**

Omega Chapter

St. John's Episcopal Church, Canandaigua, NY

Promoting Purposes ~ Biennium Theme

Social Time: 5:00-5:35

Welcome & Celebration: President Mary-Martha Harvey welcomed all present. Mary-Martha thanked everyone who donated to the Gleaners Community Kitchen, totaling \$277.00 to date. The March Hostess Committee was thanked for the set-up and St. Patrick's Day theme. Phyllis Frantel donated St. Joseph's bread for each table. Special thanks to Mary Cherniss for designing and printing our Dinner Meeting Program and the "Celebration of Life" Program and to our Ceremonies Committee for today's "Celebration of Life" Ceremony for Claris Schwing. Donations for the *Pi State Awards Benefit Tickets* were distributed for collection during the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Mary-Martha Harvey led the pledge.

Song of Welcome: Linda Smith led the *Song of Welcome*.

Celebration of Life: A service of "Celebration of Life" for departed sister, Claris Schwing, was held by the Omega Ceremonies Committee: Dawn Scales, Beverly Lanoue, Judy Kiehle and Jen Bay. Judy Kiehle read her "Tribute of Remembrance" of Claris.

Dinner: 6:00-7:00

Blessing: Cindy Avery

Introductions: President Mary-Martha Harvey introduced Caterer Victoria Hunter, cook Lou Bliss, server Rebecca Brotzman and St. John's Staff Ruth Dainty and thanked them for all their work.

Surprise Dessert: Cheer Committee Chair Helene Goodberlet and President Mary-Martha Harvey surprised June Renner with a 90th birthday cake. Linda Smith led the group in a song for June's birthday.

Program: Dr. Preston Pierce "*Ontario County Stories of Our Towns – Yoshi Kajiro: The Canandaigua Connection*"

Omega First Vice-President Mary Cherniss introduced Dr. Preston Pierce.

Pink Pig: Provided by Janalee Weaver and won by Katja Stevens.

Pin and Nametag Money: Linda Upchurch was absent. Report will be given next month.

Business Meeting:

Call to Order: The Business Meeting was called to order by President Mary-Martha Harvey at 7:25pm.

DKG Elevator Speech: Holly Rich stated that being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma allowed her to meet wonderful people who inspired her, encouraged her to grow and to see the world in a better way.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence: Secretary Mary Chernis read *thank you* notes from Lois Ludwig, Sandy Voigt and Gail Burr.

Roll Call: Mary King reported 44 members present and 1 guest.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Kiehle reported for Linda Upchurch.

Checking: \$7,327.88

Savings/Shirley Fund: \$1014.60

December auction: \$3430.00

Approval of the Minutes: *Motion was made by Linda Coons and seconded by Maggie Wiegand to approve the November, 2014 minutes as presented. This motion was unanimously approved and carried.*

Omega Woman of Distinction for 2015: President Mary-Martha Harvey announced that Mary Cherniss was selected as the 2015 *Omega* Woman of Distinction.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership: Mary King requested members read the membership report in the last *Omega* Newsletter. Members are to think about possible members who could be invited to attend one of the three upcoming meetings. Membership forms are available on the website. Printed forms were available for members this evening. The sponsor is expected to encourage the new member to become an active participant in the life of the Chapter. Sponsors need to be Chapter members for three years. Candidates for membership need to have five years of professional service in education. Membership forms are due to Mary King at the June Chapter Dinner Meeting. Bios of prospective members will be presented and voted on at the September Dinner Meeting. There will be an informal Information and Orientation meeting for nominees in January 2016. On Saturday, February 7th 2016, an Invitational Brunch for new nominees will take place. New members will be inducted in April.

Scholarship: Peg Snyder presented the motion and rationale to change Section H. p.14 #1 of the *Omega* Chapter Standing Rules to read “*high school*” instead of FLCC and add “*from Omega’s respective school districts.*” This was approved by the Executive Board at the January Meeting. Letters will be sent to 14 school districts to inform them of the Scholarship and specifics of procedures will be discussed by the Scholarship Committee. This will be in effect beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year. Resolution was approved and is attached to the Minutes.

Cheer Committee: January, February and March birthdays were recognized by Helene Goodberlet.

Midlakes One-Room Schoolhouse: Jan Astles reported that this site is now designated as a Chamber of Commerce Tour site. Mary Lou Mueller expressed thanks for the fence donated by *Omega* Chapter, Peg Snyder’s donation of the miniature school house and Lois Ludwig’s family donation of books. Stories of attending a one-room schoolhouse are still welcome. Volunteers are needed to give talks to visitors as well as children from visiting schools. Training is available. Contact Jan to arrange a visit or to volunteer.

Little Red Bookshelves Project: Susan Cunningham brought new children’s books, donated by Susan of Susan’s Shop that closed when Loomis Barn closed. Linda Coons will distribute the books.

Unfinished Business: The Hostess Committee announced that members should look under the table cloths by their seats and if they find a shamrock, the 4-Leaf Clover centerpieces were theirs to take home.

New Business: Dinner Reservation Forms with payment are due to Christine Bennett by April 7th for the April 14th Tri-Chapter Meeting with *Alpha Tau* and *Beta Delta* at NY Wine & Culinary Center, Canandaigua.

Adjournment: President Mary-Martha Harvey adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Song was shared by all.

Dates to Remember:

April 14, 2015 ~ *Omega Tri-Chapter Meeting (Omega, Alpha Tau, Beta Delta)*

Panel Discussion with Q & A: “*Updates on Educators*”

NYS Wine & Culinary Center, Canandaigua

May 12, 2015 ~ *Omega Chapter Meeting*

Founders Day Ceremony and “*Celebrating the Arts – High School Musicals*”

Trinity Episcopal Church, Geneva

June 9, 2015 ~ *Omega Chapter Meeting*

Tour of Rose Garden, Tram Ride and Wine Tasting

“*Celebrating Omega*”

Sonnenberg Gardens, Canandaigua

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. Shelley, *Omega* Secretary