



Pi State

Omega Chapter Meeting

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April 19, 2016

Torrey Park, Geneva, NY

Promoting Purposes ~ Biennium Theme

Social Time: 5:00-5:30pm

Correspondence: Notes from Jackie Johnson, Tammy Olmstead, Ann Forbes and Kristen Jabara accepting the invitation to become members of DGK *Omega Chapter* were read. Thank you notes were read from Pi State Awards Chair Erin Merrill thanking the Chapter for our donation and Chapter members Julie Hadyk, Dawn Scales and Maggie Wiegand.

Program: 5:30pm

Eleanor Sterns presented “*Women of Vision: Clara Barton*” in period costume, which traced the life of Clara Barton through the Civil War years to the founding of the Red Cross.

Dinner: 6:00pm

Blessing: Linda Smith

Pledge of Allegiance and Omega Welcome Song: Sharon Powell

Business Meeting: 7:00pm

Call to order and welcome by President Mary-Martha Harvey. The April Hostess Committee was thanked for their preparations: ***Co-Chairs*** - Christine Bennett and Amy Monachino; ***Registrar:*** Lois Ludwig; ***Members:*** Kathy Eckler, Mary King, Jenn Knobel, June Renner, Gail Rumsey, Karen Varricchio and Katja Stevens (placecards)

Introductions and Welcome: New members Karen Busby, Kristin Carr, Ann Forbes, Jennifer Harris, Kristine Jabara, Jackie Johnson, Mary Lou Lawrence, Tammy Olmstead and Kristin Wahl were welcomed.

DKG Elevator Speech: Mary King shared that she was proud and humbled to be a member of DKG.

Roll Call: Mary King reported 37 members present and 10 guests.

Secretary’s Report: *It was moved (Maggie Wiegand) seconded (Kay VanDeusen) to accept the minutes of the March 15, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurers’ Report: Judy Kiehle reported for Linda Upchurch. For March 2016 total receipts were \$686.00. Total disbursements were \$1,081.56. The balance on hand as of March 31, 2016 was \$8,782.30, including checking account \$7,767.30 and savings account \$1,015.00. A \$50.00 donation to Pi State Educational Foundation was made in memory of Carol Ramsey.

Standing Committee Reports:

Celebrating Birthdays: Helen Goodberlet recognized the April birthdays which included Phyllis Frantel, Pat Rice, Sharry Cirulli, Lydia Berrong, Denny Clark, Peg Snyder and Lois Ludwig.

Scholarship: Peg Snyder announced the scholarship winners. They and their families will be invited to the June meeting. There were Hannah Simpson and Samantha Jansen (Canandaigua), Laura G. VanAuken (Newark) and Sydney Gagliano (Palmyra-Macedon).

Communication: Gail Burr reported that *Omega Facebook* is up and running. Some members are having trouble finding the page. One suggestion was to change the name to NY *Omega Chapter*. To access our page on *Facebook* type in Delta Kappa Gamma – Omega. Entries should be sent to Gail Burr.

World Fellowship: Adelle Miller-Wadsworth reported on the “Cranes of Hope” Chapter project. Members will be making cranes at the May meeting. Adelle gave options for a place and way to display the cranes and idea to create packets for ill children of all ages with a book, origami paper, directions on how-to-create the cranes and a string of cranes that would be given to hospitals and home-bound children in need.

It was moved (Della Ludwig) seconded (Maggie Wiegand) to create crane packet which would include a book, origami paper and directions and a string of cranes to be given to children in need.

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New Business: Mary Cherniss thanked all who agreed to be Committee Co-Chairs. She also thanked Kerry Smartt who will serve as *Omega* Co-President with Mary for her collaboration.

Initiation of New Members: Mary King and the Membership Committee explained the meaning of the DKG emblem, pin and symbols. President Mary-Martha Harvey led the Initiation Ceremony with the assistance of Mary King, Della Ludwig and Mary Cherniss. The following women were received and welcomed into *Omega* Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma International: Karen Busby, Kristin Carr, Ann Forbes, Jennifer Harris, Kristin Jabara, Jackie Johnson, Mary Lou Lawrence, Tammy Olmstead and Kristin Wahl. Their sponsors pinned our new members.

Pink Pig: Provided by Laura Hill and won by Jackie Johnson.

Announcements:

- Deb Poplasky invited all to attend “*Man of Steel: A Musical Parody of Your Favorite Zooper Hero*” at Marcus Whitman April 16, 22 and 23.
- Laura Hill is taking orders for magnetic name tags through the April meeting.
- Susan Cunningham reported that the dinner for the June Meeting will be \$20.00. Susan and Club 86 will cater.
- Mary Shelley announced that Trinity may not be available next year due to the discernment process.

Adjournment: *It was moved (Mary King) seconded (Marilyn Nicholson) to adjourn the meeting.*

President Mary Martha Harvey adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.

Delta Kappa Gamma Song: Sharon Powell led the group in the singing of the *Omega* song.

Dates to Remember:

June 7, 2016 *Omega* Meeting at Trinity Church, Geneva

Program: “*Celebrating Omega*”: Retirements, Installation of Officers, Scholarship recipients

Respectfully submitted,
Mary S. Shelley, Secretary