



PI State

Omega Chapter Meeting

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May 12, 2015

Trinity Church Hall, Geneva, NY

Promoting Purposes ~ Biennium Theme

Social Time: 5:00-5:35pm

Welcome: President Mary-Martha Harvey welcomed all to our 60th Anniversary Year and thanked our *Omega Hostess Chairs and Committee* for all their work and asked them to stand: Co-Chairs Cindy Lynch and Cindy Avery and Committee Members Angela Bates, Arlene Eddington, Julie Hadyk, Lynda John, Betty Tillman and Jamie Wagner. Susan Cunningham was thanked for the dinner catering with Club 86 and all her set-up. Mary Cherniss was thanked for the **programs** for the evening. Mary-Martha announced that Adelle Miller-Wadsworth and her World Fellowship Committee have a display table for *Omega 2-yr Project, "Jewels for Schools"* for DKG International *Schools for Africa*. Mary King and her *Omega Membership Committee* have displayed the first and second "**Members of the Month**" posters and have placed post-its on each table. They asked that members record a positive saying or draw a picture depicting that positive thought about our Chapter and place it on the large piece of foam board, creating our *Omega "Celebrate Us" quilt*. The quilt will be on display at our June Dinner Meeting. Mary-Martha indicated that two copies to **update the 2014-15 Directory** addresses, phone numbers and emails were being circulated so that members could record updates. She asked that they be returned to her.

Pledge of Allegiance: Sharyn Powell led the pledge.

Song of Welcome: Sharyn Powell led the *Song of Welcome*.

"Celebrating the Arts" Program: Mary Cherniss, *Omega* First Vice President, introduced the Marcus Whitman

Middle School Drama Club and their Director, Deborah Poplasky, an *Omega* member. Their performance this evening was a medley of songs from the play, "*How to Eat Like a Child*." Bravos were given to Director Poplasky and her MS Drama Club.

Dinner: 6:00-7:00pm

Blessing: Janice Wright delivered the blessing.

Introduction of Guests: Kerry Smartt introduced her guest, Karen Busby.

Omega Founders' Skit: 7:00-7:20pm

President Mary-Martha Harvey introduced *Omega Founders' Day Skit* writer Mary Cherniss and collaborator Sally Maxson and thanked them and their 13 Founders' Actors for all the preparation for this evenings' play. The Skit was a triumph.

Presentation to 50-Yr. Member Mary Luckern: Mary-Martha Harvey presented Mary Luckern with her 50-Yr. pin and Pi State Certificate and her *Omega* long-stem rose bouquet and spoke of her achievements in the field of education and for *Omega*. Mary served as Principal of North Street Elementary School, Geneva, and was the Geneva Town Supervisor.

Happy 60th Birthday Omega: Candles were lighted and special cupcakes made by Susan Cunningham were given to everyone. After a birthday song, everyone made a wish and blew out their candles in celebration of our *Omega Chapter's* 60th Anniversary.

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Business Meeting: 7:30-8:00pm

Call to Order: The Business Meeting was called to order by President Mary-Martha Harvey at 7:30pm.

DKG Elevator Speeches: Lois Ludwig stated that being a member of *Omega* encouraged her to develop her professional skills and appreciated the opportunity to create the first *Omega* web page. Angela Bates presented an OMEGA Show and Tell with the assistance of Jennifer Spina, which illustrated the way *Omega* has helped her connect with others.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence: Mary Shelley will report on correspondence in June.

Roll Call: Mary King reported 48 members present and 1 guest.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Sally Maxon and seconded by Linda Coons to approve the Minutes of the March 17 and April 14, 2015 meetings. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Upchurch reported balances for end of April 2015:

Checking \$6,875.28; Savings \$1,014.68; Total \$7,889.96

The Pink Pig & Name Tag total was \$42.24. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Standing Committees

Scholarship: Mary-Martha reported for Peg Snyder. Lisa Scott, FLCC Resource Development and Alumni Relations, will look at graduates continuing in education after graduation and Peg will meet with her. The Committee will be meeting in June to formulate the process, procedure and guidelines and develop packets that will be sent to *Omega* school districts.

Celebrating Birthdays: Helene Goodberlet presented *Omega* gifts to members with April and May birthdays. A song for them was shared by all.

Budget B – Philanthropy – AD HOC Committee: Mary-Martha reviewed past recipients. Members presented various ideas for this year's designation for philanthropy, which included: Friendship House in Middlesex, CCIA - St. Vincent DePaul Society, DKG International Golden Gift Fund, scholarship money, the West Street School Weekend Food Backpack program, a school in Haiti, and the Family Support Center. Judy Kiehle asked for suggestions to be sent to her or Mary-Martha so that she could research these organizations. Voting will take place in June.

Omega Standing Rules: Mary-Martha thanked Della Ludwig and June Renner for helping her with the revisions. Two-thirds of the Executive Committee approved the revisions/additions that members received by email and mail. The changes now bring the *Standing Rules* up-to-date with current Chapter practices. Mary-Martha reviewed the recommended revisions/additions and reasons for these. Maggie Wiegand suggested that the *Standing Rules* with changes highlighted would be helpful. Mary-Martha will send a highlighted document to members via email and mail. Voting will take place in June.

Membership: Mary King reminded members of the process which will be used to nominate new members. Membership forms are available on the web site. 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. Mary King reminded everyone that the *New Membership Recommendation* forms are due to her at the June Meeting. This is a firm deadline. Bios will be

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shared in September and voted by the membership. There will be an Information and Orientation Meeting for nominees in January. On February 6 our Chapter will hold our Invitational Initiates' Brunch. New members will be inducted in April.

Unfinished Business:

Pink Pig: Jennifer Wohlschlegel provided the gift which was won by Judy Kiehle.

70th Pi State Convention: Mary-Martha was honored to represent *Omega* in the Hour of Remembrance at the 70th Pi State Convention in April in Uniondale. Deceased *Omega* members Donna Klage and Claris Schwing were honored.

Alpha Alpha Resolution: Mary-Martha attended the May *Alpha Alpha* Meeting and presented the Chapter with an *Omega* Proclamation, congratulating their Chapter on their 60th Anniversary, and gift, honoring their 60th Anniversary to the Pi State Educational Foundation. Our two Chapters were both installed in Pi State on May 14, 1955.

New Business: President Mary-Martha Harvey reminded everyone about due dates: June 9th for "Member of the Month" forms and *New Member Recommendation Forms* to Mary King. The June 9th Chapter Meeting, "Celebrating Omega," will be held at Sonnenberg's Carriage House with Mansion and Rose Garden Tours and Tram Rides 4:00-5:00pm. Reservations are due to Sharry Cirulli by May 22nd. Program for 2015-16 and Committee, Hostess Committees and Directory Updates will be distributed. Member recognitions, retirements and 60th Anniversary surprise will be featured. A note from the Program Committee is that there will not be a *Summer Reads* this year. Susan Cunningham shared information about the May 14th Fashion Show at Canandaigua Academy, sponsored by The Country Ewe, with guest appearance by Mrs. New York of America 2015, to benefit the Breast Health Patient Navigation Program at Thompson Health. Constellation Brands and Sands Family Foundation are matching all proceeds.

Adjournment: It was moved Lois Ludwig, seconded by Cindy Lynch to adjourn the meeting. President Mary-Martha Harvey adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

The DKG Song: Sharyn Powell led *The Delta Kappa Gamma Song*.

Dates to Remember:

May 27, 2015 Ontario County Retired Teachers' Spring Luncheon and Meeting at the Canandaigua Country Club with Guest Speakers Jacquie Johnson and Jamie Wagner's daughter, Courtney

June 9, 2015 ~ ***Omega Chapter Meeting***
Tour of Rose Garden, Tour of Mansion and Tram Ride
"Celebrating Omega"
Sonnenberg Gardens, Canandaigua

June 13, 2015 Worldwide Knitting in Public Day, "*Better Living through Stitching Together*"

June 14, 2015 Week of *Plein Air* Festival in Canandaigua

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary S. Shelley, *Omega* Secretary