



Pi State

**Omega Chapter Meeting
May 17, 2016**

Omega Chapter

Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, NY

Promoting Purposes ~ Biennium Theme

Social Time: 5:00-5:30pm

President's Welcome: President Mary-Martha Harvey welcomed all to the meeting at 5:35 pm. The President thanked the May Hostess Committee: Chair and Registrar Jennifer Spina and Committee members: Arlene Eddington, Julie Hadyk, Sharon Powell, Betty Tillman and Jamie Wagner.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Song of Welcome: Sharyn Powell led the members in saying the *Pledge of Allegiance* and in singing the *Omega Song of Welcome*.

Business Meeting:

Call to order by President Mary Martha Harvey at 5:39 pm.

Correspondence: Mary Shelley read notes of appreciation from new members, Jackie Johnson, Mary Lou Lawrence and Kristen Carr thanking Omega sisters for the lovely Initiation service in April. Notes of regrets were read from Barbara Gunton and JoAnn Wallace since they were not able to attend the "*Celebration of Life*" for Carol Ramsey. A note of remembrance of Carol from Karen Prave and letter from International President Lyn Babb Schmid for Omega's contribution of \$100 to the World Fellowship Fund were read. A note of thanks from Jane Tanner, Treasurer of *Pi State Educational Foundation*, for Omega's donation of \$175 to the Foundation was shared.

Minutes: *There being no corrections to the April minutes it was moved by Jeanne Gustafarro and seconded by Maggie Weigand to accept the minutes of the April 2016 meeting. Motion carried.*

DKG Elevator Speech: There was none for this month.

Roll Call: Mary King reported 43 members present and 4 guests.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Upchurch reported that the receipts for April 2016 were \$1,149.75. \$1028.00 of that amount was for dinner checks. The total disbursements for April 2016 were \$1,139.15. The disbursement for \$865.00 was to Torrey Park for the April meeting expense. The balance on hand as of April 30, 2016 was \$8,792.90 (\$7,777.90 in the checking account and \$1,015.00 in the savings account). A complete report is attached to the minutes. The report was accepted for audit.

Welcome and Introductions: Members of Carol Ramsey's family were introduced: Johanna Ramsey (daughter-in-law), Mercedes Ramsey (granddaughter), Jay Ramsey (husband), and Joan Fish, a special friend. Mary-Martha welcomed them to the meeting.

Blessing: Deborah Trombino provided the blessing.

Dinner: 5:50-6:50pm

Time of Remembrance: The *Omega* "Celebration of Life" for Carol Ramsey was led by Ceremonies Co-Chairs Dawn Scales and Beverly Lanoue with *Omega* members: Jennifer Bay, Deborah Poplasky, Lois Ludwig, Sally Maxson, Liz Hezel and Sharyn Powell. Sharyn closed the Ceremony with the singing of "*Wayfaring Stranger*." The Committee was thanked for this beautiful time of remembrance for a faithful DKG sister.

Standing Committee Reports:

Celebrating Birthdays: Helen Goodberlet recognized the May birthdays which included Reneé Durso, Jan Wright, Maggie Wiegand, Della Ludwig, Deb Trombino and Laura Hill.

President's Reminder: Inventories by Committee Chairs are due June 1st and Final Biennium Reports June 30th. Committee accomplishments will be celebrated at June Meeting.

Scholarship: The four scholarship recipients' and their families are invited to the June meeting. Deb Trombino for

Pal-Mac, Susan Cunningham for Canandaigua and Sharry Cirulli for Newark were thanked for their help as Liaisons. Barb Morgan will present the awards at the Awards Ceremony at Canandaigua Academy. Our Chapter will be included in programs at the schools. Gail Burr will send an announcement and picture of the scholarship recipients in area newspapers in June after our dinner meeting.

Membership: Mary-Martha gave a special thank you to Membership Chair Mary King and her dedicated Committee for all their work. She passed out copies of the new “*Journey for Life*” brochure to give to potential new members and the new flyer, “*Changes in Membership: Reinstatement & Transfer.*” She encouraged members to contact prior *Omega* members to see if they would like to rejoin. International has found that personal contact is successful for retaining and regaining members. Our next Initiate class will be in year 2017-18.

Communications: Mary-Martha thanked Gail Burr for all her communications with our area media and shared that Webmaster Katja Stevens has placed a link on our *Omega* website for easy access. *Facebook* Manager Jennifer Knobel demonstrated locating the *Facebook* icon on the bottom of the “*Links*” page on the *Omega* website, www.dkgpistateomega.org. She presented the *Facebook* content posted so far and explained the procedure for her postings. She stated that there have been 11 likes to date. She reminded members to remember to “*Like*” our *Facebook* page before leaving. Members need to sign-in on *Facebook*.

World Fellowship: The Chapter “*Cranes of Hope*” Project will be part of our fall October meeting.

Unfinished Business: There was none.

New Business:

ECAC Conference: East Central Area Council Representative-at-Large Gail Rumsey reported that our Area Council will host an off-year event this year. This year’s event will be held on Wednesday, July 20th at 12:30-2:30pm at the Phelps Community Center for each Chapter’s last two Initiate groups, entitled “*Everything You Wanted to Know about DKG.*” There will be a lunch, activity and time to socialize with other East Central Area Council Chapters - *Alpha Tau*, *Beta Delta* and *Beta Theta*. The Biennial ECAC Conference will be held in October 2017. At the Area Council Meeting in the Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in Syracuse in April, Jane Crosby, *Alpha Tau*, offered this idea and volunteered to be Chair of the event.

Pink Pig: The gift was given by Christine Bennett and was won by Jennifer Spina. Mary-Martha congratulated Christine on her commencing her CAS in educational administration at the UR Warner School of Education this evening.

Program Updates: Co-President Elect Mary Cherniss reported there have been several sessions with members evaluating and planning for next year. She is excited about the upcoming DKG events and appreciates the support of *Omega* sisters. There was an opportunity for members to have pictures taken for the new Chapter Directory. Co-President Elect Kerry Smartt reminded members to review the Committee list on each table and indicate what Committee they wished to be a part of for the coming year with first and second choice.

June Meeting: The June meeting will be on June 7th at Trinity Church, 520 South Main Street, Geneva. To date we will be celebrating the following retirements: Geneva CSD ~ Betty Tillman and Sharyn Powell; Phelps-Clifton Springs CSD ~ Reneé Durso, Jackie Johnson and Bev Lanoue; and Pittsford CSD ~ Kathy Eckler. The Installation of Officers, Scholarship recipients and recognition of members will also take place.

Adjournment: *It was moved (Bev Lanoue) seconded (Laura Hill) to adjourn the meeting.* The meeting was adjourned by President Mary Martha Harvey at 7:45pm.

Delta Kappa Gamma Song: Sharyn Powell led the group in the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Dates to Remember:

June 7 *Omega* Dinner Meeting at Trinity Church, Geneva Program: “*Celebrating Omega*”

Respectfully submitted,
Mary S. Shelley, Secretary