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Omega Chapter Meeting

June 7, 2016  
Trinity Church  
520 South Main Street, Geneva, NY 14456  
“Celebrating Omega”

Social Time: 5:00-5:30 pm

**Welcome:** President Mary-Martha Harvey welcomed our group and called meeting to order at 5:30pm. The June Co-Chairs Chairs Lynda John and Janalee Weaver and their Committee members Cindy Avery, Deb Poplasky, Sharry Cirulli, Susan Cuningham, Phyllis Frantel and Cindy Lynch were thanked for the evening preparations. A special thank you to Sue Cunningham her part as our Caterer. Cards were distributed for member notes to: Mary Luckern on the loss of her dear friend, Liz Koster thinking of you and Cindy Myers as she travels to Florida to care for her grandchildren.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Sharyn Powell.

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

**Celebrating Omega Grant(s)-in-Aid Recipients:** Peg Snyder introduced the four *Omega Grant(s)-in-Aid* recipients and their guests: Pal-Mac - Sydney Gagliano, attending MCC in Elementary & Special Education; Newark – Laura G. Van Auken , attending Roberts Wesleyan in Elementary & Special Education; Canandaigua – Samantha Jansen, attending Nazareth College in Early Childhood and Math Education, and Hannah Simpson, attending Brigham Young University in Math Education. Each recipient spoke about her reason for wanting to become a teacher. Recipients were presented with a certificate and letter at their school’s Awards Assembly. President Mary-Martha Harvey thanked Peg Snyder for serving as Scholarship Chair. Peg especially thanked our District Liaisons: Susan Cunningham for Canandaigua; Laura Hill for Geneva; Mary Cherniss for Marcus Whitman; Deb Trombino for Pal-Mac; Holly Rich for Phelps-Clifton Springs; Sharry Circulli for Newark; Karen Varricchio for Victor.

**The Business Meeting was suspended for dinner – 6:00-7:00pm.**

**Pink Pig:** The gift was provided by Gail Burr and won by Linda Coons.

**Blessing** was shared by Linda Upchurch.

**The Business Meeting was reconvened at 7:00pm by President Mary-Martha Harvey.**

**Correspondence:** Secretary Mary Shelley read a thank you note from Adelle Miller Wadsworth.

**Minutes:** *Motion was made by Maggie Wiegand, seconded by Linda Coons, to approve the Minutes of May 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting. Motion carried.*

**Treasurer’s Report:** Linda Upchurch reported the balance on hand was \$8,792.90. Pink Pig was \$49.50.

**Roll Call:** Mary King reported 51 members present and 9 guests.

**Standing Committees:** President Mary-Martha Harvey reminded Chairs that all Committee Inventories are due to her asap and Final Committee Biennium Reports due by June 30 to her.

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Helene Goodberlet acknowledged member June through August birthdays. Her Committee distributed our *Omega* gifts.

**Membership:** Mary King noted that the Reinstatement & Transfer flyers and “Journey for Life” brochures were on tables for members to distribute. The flyer is to give to someone you want reinstated in our Chapter who had previously resigned or dropped out. The brochure is for potential members.

**Communications:** Gail Burr noted that entries for *Facebook* should be sent to Presidents or her. She will forward to *Facebook* Manager Jenn Knobel. Webmaster Katja Stevens has placed the *Facebook* icon on our website for easy access.

**World Fellowship Chapter Project:** Adelle Miller Wadsworth reported that *Cranes of Hope* will be a project for the October meeting. Contact Adelle if you are willing to be a helper at a table.

**There was no Unfinished Business.**

**New Business:** Area Council Member-at-Large Gail Rumsey reported that our East Central Area Council Off-Year Seminar, “*Everything You Wanted to Know about DKG*” for 2014-16 Initiates, will be from 12:30 - 2:30 pm July 20 at the Phelps Community Center. Watch for a “*Save the Date*” invitation for the Biennial Past Presidents Luncheon from President Harvey.

**Co-Presidents Elect Appointments:**

**Kerry Smart moved, seconded by Maggie Wiegand to appoint Judy Kiehle Chapter Treasurer for Biennium 2016-18. Motion carried.**

**Kerry Smartt moved, seconded by Bev Lanoue to appoint Mary-Martha Harvey and Linda Smith Co-Parliamentarians for Biennium 2016-18.**

**New Biennium Notebooks:** Co-Presidents Mary Cherniss and Kerry Smartt distributed the Biennium Notebooks with Programs 2016-17, Committee Co-Chairs and members, Chapter information and member pictorial Directory. Their Biennium theme is **“Together We Grow.”**

**Summer Reads:** Mary Cherniss announced that the *Summer Reads* book is *Life in a Jar*.

**NEW! Omega Get Social:** Dawn Scales and Evie Bottorf announced the first event will be a picnic at Seneca Lake State Park on July 26th at noon. Persons 65 or older are admitted to the park **free**. Bring a dish to pass.

**Next Chapter Meeting is September 20 at King’s Catering,** featuring *Summer Reads* book discussion and Committee work.

**Program: “Celebrating Omega”**

**Perfect Attendance and Years of Service Certificates and Pins:** Mary King and Laura Hill recognized members and gave certificates and pins.

**Celebrating Retirees:** Judy Kiehle presented the retirees with *Omega* gifts. *Omega* members retiring from Geneva City School District are Sharyn Powell and Betty Tillman. Retiring from Midlakes are Reneé Durso, Jackie Johnson and Beverly Lanoue. Retiring from Pittsford is Kathy Eckler. Reneé Durso is attending the WROC-TV’s Golden Apple Awards Dinner and Kathy Eckler has another obligation this evening. Chapter members created special appreciation remembrances for each retiree.

**Recognizing Distinguished Service:**

President Mary-Martha Harvey recognized the following sisters and stated: “As my Biennium comes to a close at the end of the month, I want to recognize the following sisters for their commitment, generosity, leadership and service to *Omega* during the last two years. Their leadership would not be possible without all of us working as dedicated Committee members and providing assistance where needed. I especially want to thank all of you for your support of fellow sisters through our *Joys & Concerns* communications.

**June Renner** - Our BYLAWS & Rules Chair – for leadership in revising our Standing Rules to current practice and having an excellent approval from the State. *Congratulations* to June on her new home at Ashton Place.

**Bev Lanoue and Dawn Scales** – Our Ceremonies Co-Chairs – for leadership in two “Celebrations of Life” for Claris Schwing and Carol Ramsey and for our Installation Ceremony this evening – They are also creating electronic documents for our Ceremonies.

**Sally Maxson** – for leadership with Mary Cherniss in writing the script, organizing actors and performing our new Founders’ Day Panel

**Gail Burr** – Our Communications Chair – for leadership in working with the media and consistently sending timely articles and pictures

**Jennifer Knobel** – Our Chapter *Facebook* Manager – for leadership and vision to create and maintain our *Omega Facebook* Page

**Judy Kiehle** – Our Finance Committee Chair – for leadership in creating our budgets and maintaining our finances and always filling in for our Treasurer

**Lois Ludwig and Janice Wright** – Our Chapter Photographers – for leadership in providing pictorial memories of our evenings together

**Mary King** – Our Membership Chair – for leadership in our two calls for New Members as well as hosting our two Initiates’ Orientations – one at her home - and chairing our Initiation Ceremony, a meaningful and very special event. She also took care of our Roll Call at each meeting and anything else that we need doing.

**Lynda John** – Our Nominations and Legislation/US Forum Chair – for leadership in the selection process for our new Officers and for always being willing to help

**Susan Cunningham** – Our Auction Chair – for leadership in our Auctions that raised over \$6500 for our Scholarships, philanthropy and awards

**Phyllis Frantel** - Our Audit Chair – and **Linda Coons and Sally Maxson** – for leadership in assuring our Chapter Financial Records are secure and accurate

**Linda Coons** – our *Omega* Book Club Chair - for leadership that is consistent and communication that is essential

**Julie Hadyk** – Our Professional & Personal Growth Co-Chair - for leadership and commitment to her Committee and our Chapter - and **Della Ludwig** – her Co-Chair– for her leadership - Della could not be with us this evening. She is completing her Church’s certification process with her Bishop and Committees.

**Peg Snyder** – Our Scholarship Chair – for her leadership and time in successfully launching our new high school future educator scholarship program and her dedication and commitment to our Chapter – and our Liaisons for their dedicated service – for Canandaigua – **Susan Cunningham**; for Pal-Mac – **Deb Trombino** who could not be with us this evening; for Newark - **Sharry Cirulli**; for Victor – **Karen Varricchio** who could not be with us this evening; for Midlakes – **Holly Rich**. These Liaisons were our direct line of communication with the school districts and our scholarship (grant-in-aid) recipients. Presenting at the District’s Awards Ceremonies were **Deb Trombino** for Pal-Mac, **Sharry Cirulli** for Newark and past *Omega* member **Barb Morgan** for Canandaigua.

**Deb Trombino** – Our Area Council Member-at-Large 2014-15 – for leadership in planning and implementing our East Central Area Conference last fall

**Adelle Miller-Wadsworth** – Our World Fellowship Co-Chair – for leadership in our “*Jewels for Schools*” Chapter project and our launching “Cranes of Hope” Chapter project

**Sharyn Powell** – Our Arts & Music Chair – for leadership, commitment and dedication to our Chapter each meeting

**Helene Goodberlet** – Our Cheer Chair – for leadership, commitment and dedication to our Chapter - sending cards, flowers, remembrances and recognizing our birthdays at each Chapter meeting

**Kerry Smartt** – for presenting at our tri-Chapter meeting “*Updates for Educators*”

**Deb Poplasky** – for bringing her wonderful play and talented young actors to our last year’s June meeting

**Our Dedicated Executive Committee** – **Mary Cherniss and Laura Hill** – for leadership for our programs, locations and everything *Omega* – **Linda Upchurch** – for leadership for our accurate financials, reports, dues and funds – **Mary Shelley** – for leadership as our Secretary – **June Renner** – for leadership as our Parliamentarian – **Gail Rumsey** – for leadership as our Area Council Member-at-Large 2015-17 – **Katja Stevens** – for leadership in creating and maintaining our Chapter website and for leadership in willingly substituting as Secretary when needed – She could not be with us this evening and is attending her daughter’s concert. **Della Ludwig** – for leadership as our Immediate Past President

**Our Chapter meetings would not happen without the leadership of our Hostess Committee Co-Chairs - for 2014-15** Linda Coons and Maggie Wiegand; Gail Burr and Phyllis Frantel; Dawn Scales and Kay Van Deusen; Jan Astles and Linda Smith; Katja Stevens and Karen Varricchio; Cindy Avery and Cindy Lynch; Sharry Cirulli; **for 2015-16** Jennifer Bay and Pat Rice; Jeanne Guastaferro and Adelle Miller-Wadsworth; our Membership Committee; Helene Goodberlet and Marilyn Nicholson; Christine Bennett and Amy Monachino; Jennifer Spina; Lynda John and Janalee Weaver; **Committee members** – Cindy Avery, Evie Bottorf, Arlene Eddington, Jerry Fletcher, Sue Gray, Liz Hezel and Betty Tillman.

**Our Chapter growth – our 2014-16 Initiates** – Jamie Wagner, Anne Forbes, Jennifer Harris, Jackie Johnson (the 2<sup>nd</sup>), Kristin Jabara, Kristin Wahl, Kristen Carr and Mary Lou Lawrence all here with us this evening.”

**DKG Elevator Speech:** Our Chapter’s first Elevator Speech by Co-President Elect Mary Cherniss was read by President Mary-Martha Harvey.

**Installation of Officers:** Dawn Scales, Beverly Lanoue and Lynda John led the installation of the following officers for *Omega* Chapter 2016-2018: **Co-Presidents** Mary Cherniss and Kerry Smart; **First Vice President** Sally Maxson; **Second Vice President** Adelle Miller Wadsworth; **Treasurer** Judy Kiehle; **Secretary** Beverly Lanoue; **Co- Parliamentarians:** Mary-Martha Harvey and Linda Smith.

A receiving line was held where members welcomed and congratulated our new Biennium Officers.

**Adjournment:** *It was moved Maggie Wiegand, seconded Mary Shelley to adjourn. Motion passed.* Meeting was adjourned by President Mary-Martha Harvey at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary S. Shelley, Secretary