



Pi State

Omega Chapter

**Omega Chapter Meeting
June 9, 2015
Sonnenberg Gardens
Canandaigua, New York**

Social Time: 5:00-5:30pm

Welcome: 5:35pm

President Mary-Martha Harvey welcomed all present and especially thanked the June Hostess Committee: Co-Chairs Sharry Cirulli and Jenn Davison and Committee members Sue Cunningham, Sharyn Powell, Mindy Ritter, Bev Simons, Jen Spina, Christine Taylor and Janalee Weaver. *Special thanks* to Barb Hiezman for the flowers for the centerpieces and Christine Taylor for the hand-painted vases that she is donating to the Ceremonies Committee.

We all welcomed sisters Evie Bottorf and Pat Rice back to our area. A card for Carol Ramsey wishing her well on her move to Ohio was circulated. *Omega* Directory updates were shared. Thanks were given to Adele Miller-Wadsworth and her World Fellowship Committee for the last showing of our Chapter's two-year project, "*Jewels for Africa*." The money raised will be donated to International for *Schools for Africa*.

Pledge of Allegiance: Sharyn Powell

Song of Welcome: Sharyn Powell

Introductions: Peg Snyder introduced her guest, Nicole LaVancha, our Grant(s)-in-Aid/Scholarship recipient. Deb Trombino introduced her guest, Kristin Wall.

Blessing: Jennifer Wohlschlegel

Dinner: 5:35-6:35pm by King's Catering

"Celebrating Omega": 6:35-7:30pm

Years of Service Awards: The following were recognized for years of service by Mary King: Mindy Ritter 10 years, Katja Stevens 15 years, Evie Bottorf 20 years, Mary Shelley 20 years, Adele Wadsworth-Miller 20 years, Lydia Berrong 20 years, Jackie Johnson 20 years, Betty Mussack 40 years, Lois Ludwig 40 years and Kathy Eckler 20 years.

Perfect Attendance: Certificates were presented to Jan Astles, Mary Cherniss, Phyllis Frantel, Helene Goodberlet, Deb Trombino, Mary-Martha Harvey, Judy Kiehle, Mary King, Della Ludwig, Linda Smith, Adele Miller-Wadsworth, June Renner and Mary Shelley.

Women of Distinction: Mary-Martha presented Mary Cherniss with a pin and certificate for the *Omega* Woman of Distinction for 2015.

The following prior Woman of Distinction recipients were also honored with their pins:

2013 - Mary-Martha Harvey

2011 - Mary King

2009 – Betty Bay *in absentia (deceased)*

2005 – Lois Ludwig

Retirement Celebrations: The group honored our 2015 retirees - Mary Cherniss, Deb Poplasky and Laura Hill with skits, honored words and gifts from Omega sisters. Special thanks to all skit and speakers and to Judy Kiehle for providing gifts and wrappings.

Pink Pig: Janice Wright provided the gift which was won by Jennifer Wohlschlegel.

Pin and Nametag Money: Linda Upchurch reported \$42.49 was received in May.

My DKG Elevator Speech: Lynda John and Kerry Smart shared the impact of DKG in their lives.

Business Meeting: 7:30pm

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

Roll Call: Mary King reported 40 members were present and 3 guests.

Secretary's Report: *It was moved by Sharon Powell and seconded by Maggie Wiegand to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report: Linda Upchurch reported for May 2015

Total Balance on hand as 5/31/15 \$7,357.34 with Checking \$6,342.58; Savings \$1,014.76

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented, pending Audit.

Audit Committee: President Mary-Martha Harvey appointed Linda Coons and Phyllis Frantel to Audit Committee.

Standing Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee: Peg Synder introduced Nicole LaVancha and commented on her well prepared essay. Nicole shared her essay with the group. She will be studying Inclusive Childhood Education at SUNY Cortland.

Peg reported that the Scholarship Committee will be meeting to formulate letters to our Chapter Districts to announce our high school scholarships for young women entering education and will develop a plan on how to gather applications from high schools from districts represented in our *Omega* Chapter.

Omega Philanthropy: There is \$2400.00 available in budget B for Philanthropy. Discussions were held at each table to determine which of the seven charities suggested at the May meeting would receive donations. (*List of organizations attached to May minutes*).

It was moved by Peg Snyder that \$1,000.00 roll over to the scholarship fund for use in 2016. Motion seconded by Sally Maxon and passed.

It was moved by Gail Rumsey and seconded by Karen Varricchio to divide the \$1400 among four local charities serving needs in our local school districts: The Storybook Project, Canandaigua; Friendship House, Middlesex; Family Support Center, Phelps Clifton Springs; and West Street Back Pack Project, Geneva. Concern was expressed that all grants were being awarded in the United States and that we need to recognize our global community. Motion passed 26 yes to 10 no.

Membership: Mary King reminded members that today is the due date for New Member Forms. To date five forms have been received. The Committee will present bios with the vote on new members to take place in September.

Cheer Committee: Helene Goodberlet recognized the June and the summer months birthdays. A birthday song was shared by all.

November Auction: Sue Cunningham is the Chair for our annual fundraiser in November. She encouraged all sisters to start saving money for bidding and creating their auction items.

Omega Standing Rules: The revisions were approved by Executive Committee; therefore, no second is needed. President Mary-Martha stated that there was a precedent for the President to attend the August luncheon for Past Presidents held at the end of each biennium.

Lois Ludwig moved and seconded by Maggie Wiegand to amend the Standing Rules I. B. President (y) to read “She will convene a meeting of Omega’s Past Presidents in august after conclusion of her biennium.” Motion carried.

It was moved by Sally Maxon to approve the revisions to the Standing Rules as presented in May and amended.

Recognition: *Omega* members were thanked for their service on Pi State Committees during 2013-15 Biennium: Linda Smith on the Bea Small Award Board of Trustees Committee; Gail Rumsey on Travel & Study Stipend Committee and Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund; Della Ludwig on Finance and Communications & Publicity Committees; Mary-Martha Harvey on Pi State Executive Committee, State Editor, and Committees of Awards, Communications & Publicity and Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award.

60th Anniversary Surprise: President Mary-Martha Harvey spoke to the group recognizing each person’s contribution to *Omega* over the years and presenting them with a single long-stem red rose.

Announcements:

Programs for 2015-16: Program document with dates, locations, programs and Hostess Committee Co-Chairs and members with Blessing and Pink Pig assignments were distributed. Hostess Committee Co-Chairs need to pick up their packets from Second Vice President Laura Hill.

September 15 Chapter Dinner Meeting will be held at the Holloway House, Bloomfield. The Program theme is “*Celebrating Omega Membership.*”

East Central Area Council Conference will be held on October 27 at Club 86 in Geneva and will be our October meeting. The theme is “*Women’s Health.*”

Our annual Auction – “Make It ... Bake It ... Fake It” – will be held on November 17 at Club 86 in Geneva.

Adjournment:

Linda Coons moved, seconded by Phyllis Frantel to adjourn the meeting.

President Mary-Martha Harvey adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.

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