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**Omega Chapter Meeting
September 15, 2015**

Omega Chapter

The Holloway House, Bloomfield, NY

Promoting Purpose ~ Biennium Theme

Social Time: 5:00

President's Report: (5:30) President Mary-Martha Harvey opened the meeting and thanked all for their support and "Celebrating Omega Chapter Membership." She welcomed members to our continuing 60th year Celebration. She thanked our Hostess Committee Co-Chairs Jennifer Bay and Pat Rice and Committee Members: Registrar Linda Coons, Judy Kiehle, Jerry Fletcher, Liz Hezel, Sally Maxson, Barb Morgan and Maggie Wiegand. She thanked our *Omega* photographers: Della Ludwig, Lois Ludwig and Jan Wright.

Congratulations were given to Mary King on the birth of her granddaughter, Julia Ruth King.

Omega BINGO: First Vice President Mary Cherniss introduced the *Omega* BINGO activity.

Table Discussions: First Vice President Mary Cherniss explained the cards on each table for group discussion during dinner. This is an informal poll. She asked each table to have a recorder to record votes of table members for the two questions. Do we want to continue with the March Meeting, effective 2017? Do we want a \$2 dues increase for 2016-17?

Surprise Song and Pledge of Allegiance: Sharyn Powell led the group.

Blessing: Maggie Wiegand gave the blessing for dinner.

Dinner: 5:45

Business Meeting: 6:20

Call to Order: President Mary-Martha Harvey called the Business Meeting to order at 6:20pm.

My DKG Elevator Speech: Jennifer Bay shared her thoughts.

Correspondence: Secretary Mary Shelley stated that there was no new correspondence.

Minutes: *Maggie Wiegand moved, seconded by Della Ludwig, to accept the June 9, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion was unanimously approved and carried.*

Roll Call: Mary King reported 39 members present.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Upchurch reported on Chapter's finances.

Balance on June 30, 2015 \$4904.30 (year-end)

Balance on August 31, 2015 \$4904.38 (Checking \$3889.54 + Savings \$1014.84)

Chapter Budget 2015-16: Judy Kiehle presented the Chapter Budget for 2015-16. Members had received the budget in the September Newsletter. This budget was approved by the Executive Board in the August Meeting so there is no need for a second.

Judy Kiehle moved adoption of the Chapter Budget 2015-16 as presented. Motion was unanimously approved and carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Celebrating Birthdays: Helen Goodberlet recognized the summer and September birthdays. Members were given an *Omega* gift.

Membership: Mary King presented the prospective new members and shared their biographies. Sponsors also shared their thoughts and reasons for their sponsorship. Adelle Miller-Wadsworth and Peg Snyder sponsored Kristen Lawrence (Carr as of July 2015). Adelle Miller-Wadsworth sponsored Mary Lou Lawrence. Kerry Smartt, Janice Wright and Kay VanDeusen sponsored Karen Busby. Cindy Lynch and Lynda John sponsored Jennifer Harris. Deb Trombino, June Renner and Lois Ludwig sponsored Kristin Wahl. All prospective members were approved unanimously by individual member voting. There will be a meeting of all sponsors and prospective members December 1 or 2 at Wood Library. Formal invitation letters will be sent to prospective members. The February Invitational is not a regular Chapter meeting but everyone is invited. The Hostess Co-Chairs and

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Committee assigned will be reassigned to other months. The Membership Committee takes care of plans, reservations and program for this meeting. The Committee also plans to send letters to members who have resigned to invite them to reinstate their membership.

Scholarship: Peg Snyder reported on the pilot for 2015-16 giving five \$750 scholarships to deserving female high school senior, planning education majors. Each school District will have an Omega member Liaison and Letters will be sent to Superintendents in October. The Committee is redesigning the application and guidelines.

Nominations: Lynda John shared current Officers' thoughts and reported on process for Nominations for Omega Officers 2016-18. Written nominations are due to Lynda by November 30. The Committee will meet and develop a slate. Voting will be at the March 2016 meeting. Additional nominations can be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee. Absentee ballots will be available if requested.

East Central Area Council: Deb Trombino shared that the October 27th ECAC Conference theme is "*Women's Wellness*" and will be held at Club 86 in Geneva from 5:00-8:00pm. Jacquie Johnson will be one of the guest speakers. This Meeting is our October *Omega* Chapter meeting and encouraged all to consider attending. Dinner Reservation Forms are due October 16.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Audit Report: Linda Coons and Sally Maxson found the books July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 of *Omega* Chapter in order. President Harvey thanked Sally Maxson for assisting in the absence of Phyllis Frantel.

Table Discussion Reports and Vote: Mary Cherniss led discussion of the results of Table Discussions and asked for vote report. There were 21 in favor of elimination of March 2017 meeting, 10 to continue and 5 abstain for more information. The dues increase for 2016-17 of \$2 from current \$73 to \$75 was supported unanimously. Since the reason given for the suggested elimination of the March meeting was low attendance, Mary King will provide a 10-yr. history of attendance at March meetings in November. It was decided that formal action on both proposals would occur at the November Meeting since there is no Chapter Meeting in October.

Pin and Nametag Money: The Executive Committee voted in August to increase the Pink Pig and Nametag money to \$.50 each. This is a pilot year and will start in November.

November Auction: Susan Cunningham reminded all present to "*Make It, Bake It or Fake It*" for our scholarship fundraiser on November 17th at Club 86, Geneva. She has already started collecting donations. She encouraged members to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund if they are not able to attend the auction. It was suggested that we have a tag sale table for gently used or unwanted new items.

Pink Pig: Jan Astles supplied the gift.

Adjournment: President Mary-Martha Harvey adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Song was shared by all.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: President Harvey distributed report forms to Chairs and asked for reports to be returned this evening or by 25 September. *Omega* Committees met to summarize last years' work and to set goals for 2015-16. Reports will be posted to website and included in *Omega* newsletters.

Dates to Remember:

October 27, 2014 ~ DKG East Central Area Conference, "Women's Health," Club 86, Geneva

November 17, 2014 ~ *Omega* Auction, "*Make It, Bake It, Fake It*," Club 86, Geneva

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary-Martha Harvey, *Omega* President for Mary S. Shelley, *Omega* Secretary