



PI State

Omega Chapter Meeting

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September 16, 2014

The Holloway House, Bloomfield, NY

Promoting Purpose ~ Biennium Theme

Social Time: 5:00

Opening: (5:30) President Mary-Martha Harvey opened the meeting and welcomed all to new Omega year. Sharyn Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance and the *Omega* Song of Welcome.

Program: Second Vice President Laura Hill introduced Marlies Adams DiFante, author of The Queen of the Bremen, to share her thoughts with us.

Dinner: 6:00

Introductions: Adele Miller-Wadsworth introduced her guests, Mary Lou Lawrence and Kristine Lawrence. Laura Hill (*Second Vice President*) introduced our guest, Marlies Adams DiFante's husband Dominic DiFante.

Pink Pig: Kay VanDuesen supplied the gift. Mary Cherniss was this month's winner.

Pink Pig and Pin Money: Linda Upchurch will give the report next month.

Business Meeting: 7:00

Call to Order: President Mary-Martha Harvey called the Business Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Correspondence: Secretary Mary Shelley read a note of appreciation from Liz Hezel, thanking *Omega* sisters for her wonderful retirement celebration in June 2014.

Minutes: Evie Bottorf moved, seconded by Phyllis Frantel, to accept the June 2014 minutes as presented. Motion was unanimously approved and carried.

Roll Call: Mary King reported 46 members and 5 guests were present.

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

Balance on June 30, 2014	\$4,487.67
Total Receipts	.10
Total Disbursements	\$ 381.10
Balance on August 31, 2014	\$4,106.67

Audit Reports from Linda Coons and Phyllis Frantel were filed. They were thanked for their work on the Audit. There were no questions.

President's Report: President Mary-Martha Harvey shared that Barb Morgan is committed to our Chapter and wishes to keep her membership but needs to miss some meetings. Special cards for everyone to write a message and sign were passed around for Carol Ramsey, Cindy Lynch, Barb Morgan and Beverly Simons. Congratulations were noted for new Grandmother, Dawn Scales, on birth of Madelyn Jane Scales. Mary-Martha thanked Hostess Committee Co-Chairs Judy Kiehle and Maggie Wiegand and Committee members Jenn Bay, Jerry Fletcher, Liz Hezel, Sally Maxson and Pat Rice for this wonderful evening's preparations. Liz Hezel announced that sticky notes were placed under coffee cups for gifts of wine at the tables.

Chapter Budget: Finance Committee Chair Judy Kiehle presented the 2014-2015 budget that was included in the September newsletter. There being no questions, Judy explained that Budget

B had a deficit of \$688.00. She asked for approval of the Executive Board's resolution to transfer \$750.00 from Budget A to Budget B. The deficit was due to funding additional conferences for members. The resolution was approved. The budgets are filed with the minutes. The revised Summary for 2013-14 Budget will be included in the October Newsletter to reflect this approved resolution.

Standing Committee Reports

Chapter Website: President Mary-Martha and Webmaster Katja Stevens are working on a new Chapter

website. Katja expressed appreciation for the work done on the web page by Lois Ludwig. Katja did not have time to learn the HTML language that Lois had used. Katja found that many DKG Chapters use Weebly, which allows one to build a web site. The goal is to have the new website ready by October 31 in order to apply for recertification. Recertification requires current Committee Reports. The current website is not being updated due the time involved in building the new site. There will be a Pictorial Directory. It is necessary to update permissions for print and electronic use. The form from p.12 of the September Newsletter should be printed, signed and sent to Katja Stevens asap. Weebly encourages action shots to be used on the web pages. Photos from members should be sent as a jpg file so they can be uploaded for the Chapter website and used in the Newsletter.

November Auction: Auction Chair Evie Bottorf and the Auction Committee's Skit encouraged members to "*Make It, Bake It or Fake It*" for our Scholarship Fundraiser on November 18th. Members are encouraged to dress in Christmas attire, bring a guest and have fun. It is hoped that there will be improved attendance and bidding if the items offered for auction are not too expensive. Special door prizes and surprises are planned.

Cheer Committee: Cheer Committee Chair Helene Goodberlet recognized our September birthdays: Christine Bennett, Judy Kiehle, Sally Maxon, Christine Taylor, Sue Cunningham and Jan Astles. They were given an *Omega* gift.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

Committee Meetings: 7:35

Committee meetings were held to set goals and planned activities for 2014-15.

Adjournment: President Mary-Martha Harvey adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

Dates to Remember:

- October 14, 2014 ~ *Omega* Chapter meeting
Warfield's, Clifton Springs ~ Tour of Main Street Arts
Guest speaker: author Mary Skvorak
- October 17-18, 2014 ~ Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar
Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls
- October 25, 2014 ~ DKG West Central Area Conference
"*The River That Binds Us: The Genessee*"
Avon Inn, Avon, NY
- November 18, 2014 ~ *Omega* Chapter meeting
Auction Night! "*Make It, Bake It, Fake It*"
Club 86 ~ Geneva

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