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Winter Meetings 2010

Many thanks to Sandy Plimpton, Ann Groome, Mary Colton, Susan Cartwright and Barbara Tuttle for all the work they put into planning our Winter Meetings.

Gouverneur's meeting was held at Gentry's Clam Cove on January 26, 2010 with ten members in attendance.

The group discussed: Suggestions for next year's program: (1) The Rooftop Highway (2) Anti-stroke information

Fundraising ideas for the scholarships and school supplies were reviewed

Members brought books for our Literacy Project.

Canton/Ogdensburg's meeting was held at Sandy Plimpton's home on February 2, 2010 with 11 members present. Those attending first enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner in Sandy Plimpton's beautiful home. Lisa Smithers gave a presentation on "The Totes" project as a possible activity for our Chapter.

The group discussed: Future Program Ideas: (1)Lisa Smithers to present "The Totes"-a new Chapter project that would involve literacy/visitation to nursing homes (2) Programs involving local artists (3)TAUNY Organization (4) Presentations from local service organizations i.e. Garden Club, Hospital Auxiliary etc. (5) Genealogy with Faye White (6) Women's Health Insurance Issues (7) Organ Donations (8) Activities that would involve traveling to a variety of places such as facial at BOCES, cooking classes, trip to local winery, Make and Take workshop on Bookmarks

Locations for future meetings were suggested: The Club in Canton; The Lodge in Morristown; Cheel Center in Potsdam; Phoenix in Ogdensburg; Bedrock Café in Morristown

Idea for an addition to our regular schedule: Possibility of a summer or early fall picnic that could be tied to local artist's presentations

Nominations Are In Order!

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Call For Nominations form that indicates who has been nominated so far for Gamma Epsilon Officers for July 2010- June 2012. Please review the nominations and make further nominations for any of the offices on the form enclosed. We will review the nominations at our March 24th meeting and vote on a slate of officers at the April meeting. New officers will be inducted into office at our May meeting.

Descriptions of each officer's duties have been outlined for review. If you would like to consider accepting a nomination for office or are nominating someone you know who would be a good candidate please complete the form enclosed and send it to Betty Mallott, Chair of the Nominations Committee, by March 20, 2010.

Address: Betty Mallott, Nominations Chair
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Duties of Officers

The officers of the Chapter will have all the duties as prescribed in Robert's Rules of Order. The following officers will have these additional responsibilities:

- 1. President (Conducts meetings and leads Executive Board)**
 - a. The President will appoint the chairs of Finance, Membership, Scrapbook/Historian, Personal Growth and Services, Professional Affairs, Music, Scholarship, World Fellowship, Publications and Publicity, Nominating, Legislation and Winter Chairs.
 - b. The President will appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of a chair and three members representative of the various geographic areas of the Chapter.
 - c. The President will attend Pi State Executive Board meetings and Pi State Convention. If she is unable to attend, she will appoint an official representative.
 - d. The President will call an Executive Board meeting at least once a year.
 - e. The President will call a Chapter Planning Meeting at least once a year to include the Executive Board members and the Committee Chairs.

- 2. First Vice –President(Works closely with the President in completing the duties below)**
 - a. The First Vice-President will attend Chapter Executive Board meetings.
 - b. She will be encouraged to attend Pi State meetings.
 - c. She will participate in Chapter Planning Meetings.
 - d. She will work with the hostesses to confirm arrangements for scheduled speakers at meetings and any other Chapter activities.
 - e. She will act as hostess to such guests during the dinner/luncheon or designate someone to do that. If special room arrangements are needed, she will tell the meeting hostesses what they are.
 - f. She will let the Treasurer know of any expenses involved in program or any costs to be paid.
 - g. In the second year of biennium, she may suggest a preferred slate of officers and give it to the nominating committee by early March.
 - h. She will progress to the office of President.

3. Second Vice-President (The President assists the 2nd VP in completing many of these duties)

- a. The Second Vice-President will attend Chapter Executive Board meetings.
- b. She will be encouraged to attend Pi State meetings.
- c. She will call, immediately following the annual program planning meeting, each prospective hostess for the five regular meetings and winter meetings to ask them to serve.
- d. She will send copies of "Hostess Hints" to each hostess.
(See Hostess Box or secure from President)
- e. She will contact the restaurants or meeting places during or soon after the Annual Planning Meeting to reserve dates and time for the planned programs.
- f. She will call the President before June 1st to confirm list of hostesses, locations, dates and programs for the Pi State Yearbook/Directory which is sent in by the President.
- g. She will remind the hostesses or committee chairs of meetings six weeks in advance. Hostesses will collect all program, menu, costs and location information, confirm reservations with meeting locations and design an invitation that is to be sent to the Corresponding Secretary and the President for the membership mailing.
- h. She will call Winter Hostesses by January 15th to remind them of winter meeting responsibilities. She will check ahead of time with the President for items to include on the agenda.
- i. She will be the Chairperson of Historical Records Committee with duties to include keeping the scrapbook and organizing pictures, newspaper articles and program/activity information during the biennium.
- j. She will assist First Vice-President, acting as hostess with guest speakers in her absence.
- k. She will progress to the office of First Vice-President.

4. Treasurer

- a. The Treasurer will receive and pay out all monies belonging to the organization.
- b. She will keep an accurate account of receipts and expenditures.
- c. She will disburse monies as directed by the President or Executive Board.
- d. She will keep a file of receipts, bills, cancelled checks and bank statements.
- e. She will present a report at each regular meeting.
- f. She will file required tax reports.
- g. She will assist in an informal audit with Finance Committee.
- h. She will serve as an ex-officio member, without vote, on respective Executive Board.
- i. She will serve as a member of the Finance Committee ex-officio in the process of budget development and supervision of finances.
- j. She will keep accurate records of active, reserve and chapter honorary members and will notify State and International of members who transfer, drop or are deceased.
- k. For additional duties, see Handbook of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, 2004, pages 51-52.

5. Recording Secretary

- a. The Recording Secretary has minutes of the Executive Board and regular meetings approved by the President by signature before submitting them for Chapter approval.
- b. She will send copies of minutes to Executive Board prior to next meeting.
- c. She files all minutes for safekeeping.

6. Corresponding Secretary

- a. The Corresponding Secretary notifies members of meetings, after receiving meeting information from the President, Recording Secretary and the Hostesses for the meetings.
- b. She receives correspondence and shares such items with the members for their input.

- c. She responds to correspondence based on the actions of the membership and with direction from the President and Executive Board.
- d. She or a designee will write thank you notes to presenters/guests and panelists.

7. Parliamentarian (Appointed by the President)

- a. The Parliamentarian is responsible for keeping an updated copy of International, Pi State and Chapter rules and making revisions as passed at each level.

Our Members Are Our Pride!!

Ellen Grayson has been invited to speak to the members of the New Jersey Delta Kappa Gamma at their State Conference on March 6th. She will talk about her wonderful trip to Malawi (the program we all were so fortunate to hear about last spring) and the many supportive activities that have and continue to assist those in need.

Nancy Siegel continues to be involved with Pi State as a member of the Legislative Committee and the Bea Small Award Committee.

Barry Hall is the new Pi State Webmaster and has been highlighted in the winter edition of Pi Lights!

The winter Edition of Pi Lights has highlighted our new members Brenda Trivilino, Mary Dixon and Lisa Smithers!

Book Review

The Faith Club-

The Faith Club was started when Ranya Idliby, an American Muslim of Palestinian descent, recruited Suzanne Oliver, a Christian, and Priscilla Warner, a Jew, to write a children's book about their three religions. As the women's meetings began, it became clear that they had their own adult struggles with faith and religion, and they needed a safe haven where they could air their concerns, admit their ignorance, and explore their own faiths.

Ranya, Suzanne, and Priscilla began to meet regularly to discuss their religious backgrounds and beliefs and to ask each other tough questions. As the three women met and talked, there were no awkward silences --- no stretches of time with nothing for them to say to each other. Honesty was the first rule of the Faith Club, and with that tenet as a foundation, no topic was off limits.

With courage, pain, and sometimes tears, Ranya, Suzanne, and Priscilla found themselves completely transformed by their experience inside the safe cocoon of the Faith Club, and they realized that they had learned things so powerful they wanted to share them with the rest of the world. This is their story.

It's Women's History Month!

Women Who Have Made a Difference

Harriett Tubman: Born: 1820 / Died: 3-10-1913

Harriet Tubman was born a slave. She will forever be remembered as the brave woman

who helped hundreds of slaves find freedom. She is often referred to as "Moses" because she led so many of her people to a better life. She led the Underground Railroad for years, assisting runaway slaves on their trip to the Northern States and Canada. She was never captured and never lost a slave that she was helping. At times there was a price on her head, as high as \$40,000. After the war ended she stayed involved in social issues and opened a home for indigent and aged blacks. The home, in Auburn, New York, was later named after her.

Eleanor Roosevelt: Born: 10-11-1884 / Died: 11- 1962

Eleanor Roosevelt was more than just the wife of the President; the First lady. She was a strong woman with a deep sense of social justice and was a strong leader of both civil rights and women's rights. Even after her husband died her influence was powerful and her opinions sought after. She was the first woman to speak before a national convention or write a column, syndicated throughout the country. She was also the first woman to hold regular press conferences or be paid to lecture. On top of everything else, Eleanor Roosevelt had her own radio show. She struggled from early childhood to become the respected woman she was. Her father was an alcoholic and her mother, a beautiful woman herself, was publicly and vocally ashamed of Eleanor's features. Eleanor was too strong to allow such things to take over her life and she went on to be a role model for many generations of women.

"Music and the Arts- What's up for March?"

Ogdensburg's Community Performance: Check website for information- (www.ilovetheatre.org)
April 30-Mama's Night Out May8-Three Redneck Tenors

Check the following websites for events, classes, presentations being held this month:
(www.TAUNY.org) (www.Artsinercisis.org)

Check SLC Arts Council website for other offerings and dates (www.slcartscouncil.org)

Thanks to Cindy Wilson for her continued support of the Arts and keeping us informed of events in our region.

Recipe To Enjoy

MINI BRIOCHE LOBSTER ROLLS

3/4 pound cooked lobster meat, crabmeat or shrimp, coarsely chopped

1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons mayonnaise

1 teaspoon chopped tarragon

1/2 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest

Salt and freshly ground pepper

12 Mini brioche or Parker House rolls (about 2 1/2 inches)

Snipped chives, for garnish

1. In a food processor, combine the lobster with the mayonnaise, tarragon and lemon zest and pulse to a chunky paste. Season with salt and pepper.
2. Using a paring knife, cut a 1 1/2-inch-round plug out of the top of each roll, leaving a 1/2-inch border all around. Using a small spoon, carefully hollow out the rolls. Spoon the lobster filling into the rolls, garnish with the chives and serve.

MAKE AHEAD

The lobster salad can be refrigerated for up to 2 days. The mini lobster rolls can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 3 hours.

Northern Region Helps to Host Spring Pi State Executive Board Meeting

Date: April 30-May 1, 2010

Location: Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls, NY

Registration Materials/Forms: Look in your Winter Issue of Pi Lights or go online to deltakappagamma.net for forms

The **Northern Region of Delta Kappa Gamma**, which includes our Chapter, will be taking responsibility for manning tables and helping with set up for the Executive Board Meeting outlined above. If you plan on attending and would like to help us, let Joyce Yianoukos know. There are opportunities to car pool together if we know who is attending.

Please bring to the March 23rd meeting or send to Charlotte Garofalo, Pi State raffle tickets (enclosed in a previous mailing but will be available at the March meeting as well) and money to support scholarships. Thanks to those that already turned theirs in.

Something to Ponder

Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion for today and everyday is special!

Your Chapter President, Joyce Yianoukos

