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Greetings - Here is hoping your holiday's were happy ones and to looking forward to the beginning of a new year. We wish Pat Miller all the best with her new job as a part time librarian at Ridge Mills Elementary School in Rome. It is nice to hear that Wanda Goodrow is back home and getting around. We wish her good health throughout the coming year. Rose Hosp is recovering nicely from her health issues and our wish for her is a healthy new year.

Scholarships - To date, no one has applied for a 2015 - 2016 scholarship; please make use of any monies we have for this purpose. The amount to be used can be up to \$100. It can be used for a project, workshop or a convention. Remember the general rule is first come first serve. Please make your application as soon as possible.

Program Schedule - We are looking forward to meeting some time soon in the New Year. Most of our programs are planned up until and through the summer. Please see our listing of programs they are as follows.

**March - Dinosaurs Artifacts: How Do We Know What We've Learned about the Dinosaurs?**  
Bruce Oldfield, Broome Community College Professor  
Thursday March 3  
Oneida County BOCES  
Time: 4:30 PM

**April - Talent Sale and Auction, World Fellowship Speaker if available.**  
Saturday April 9  
Radisson Hotel  
Time: 9 AM

There will be special events that occur during this meeting.  
New member nominations and voting will occur, which means you should be thinking about new people to nominate. It will also be at the meeting that a new slate of officers will be suggested and voted upon. If you have any questions please see Anna Giacobbe for nominations and Cindy Killian for membership.

**May (Birthday Dinner) - Instillation of Officers**  
Initiation of New Members  
Scholarships Presented  
State Speaker - Deborah Bedard, Pi State President  
Thursday May 5, 2016  
Located at Alee's Restaurant at 5 PM

**Summer Outing Suggestions** - There are a number of outings that have been suggested but two important ones that are being considered are the National Abolition Hall of Fame along with the Gerrit Smith National Historic Landmark, both located in Peterboro. A second outing might be the Fenimore Art Museum and then lunch at the Otesaga followed by the Farmer's Museum.

**Program & Service/Fundraising Committees** - Two important components of our organization are the Program and Service/Fundraising Committees. These two committees lend themselves to the operation of Alpha Chi. You may belong to one of these committees or both. You will find in this issue invitations from both committees.

*Program Committee* - You are welcome to attend the Program Committee Meetings. They are interesting and informative, and give insight into how our organization functions. Be ready to share insightful ideas and good places to eat.

*Service/Fundraising Committee* - We would love to have interested participants attend our meetings and come up with creative new ideas for community service projects. We would also welcome any successful fundraising suggestions you may have. Please present any proposals to Cindy Killian.

The Oak & Ivy Get Together - Alpha Chi sisters had an enjoyable and delectable time at the Oak and Ivy Bed and Breakfast, a 20 room, 1871 Victorian Italianate home. The owner, Fred Rice, prepared a variety of traditional foods which are typically served at high tea, including four kinds of finger sandwiches, scones with homemade jams, berry trifle, almond torte, and several other desserts. Beverages included, of course, steaming brewed tea, along with mulled cider and punch. He explained the supposed origins for high tea and the difference between high and low tea; this was actually a low tea as food was eaten around a low table and not a formal dining room table. We were able to tour most of the rooms and view the themed Christmas trees throughout the house. Tree themes included: solstice, cat, acorn, crystal, heirloom, foods, toys, garden, "under the sea" and fantasy. Check out our Alpha Chi website for photos from the event.

It was an extremely relaxing afternoon with friendly conversations in a beautifully decorated setting. The gift exchange was also fun. Everyone thought it would be worth repeating either at another Christmas season or perhaps in the summer when we could also enjoy the English gardens in bloom. Oak and Ivy certainly offers "a touch of England in Rome, NY." Visit the website at [oakandivybedandbreakfast.com](http://oakandivybedandbreakfast.com) or on Facebook. Written by Carol Zaleski.

International Conference - This year's International Conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee and is located at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center. Look over the layout of the resort/convention center rooms provided on the DKG website. The "Hotel" is beautiful. The conference begins on July 5 and ends July 9.

State Executive Board Meeting 2016 - This Conference will be held April 29 - 30 at the Sheraton Syracuse Hotel and Conference Center located at 801 University Ave. ( right next to the University ). You will find the information necessary to sign up for this event in the Winter Pi Lights or online . Look for the Registration Form, Executive Board Meetings, Schedule, Awards Luncheon, Banquet and Seminars all in Pi Lights.

Raffle - Tickets for the 2016 State Awards, Scholarships and Grants-in-Aid are due by April 1. The drawing will be at the Spring Executive Board Meeting on April 29-30. People who donate will be recognized in a future Pi Lights. Tickets will be emailed and also be available at meetings.

Applications Due - On March 1 applications are due for Pi State Scholarships, Awards and Grants-in-Aid. Please apply and make use of these monies.

Birthdays - Happy Birthday to those born in December and February.

Ceil Domser	December 23
Lois Muniente	December 27
Jean Wagner	February 4

