

DELTA TAU

Sigma Theta Tau International ~ Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large



A Message From the President . . .

Hello to all and welcome to a new year of activity with Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large! As always I hope everyone is excited about the upcoming year of Delta Tau events and becoming involved in your chapter.

In June, the Executive Board of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large, held the annual planning meeting. It was nice to welcome Eastern College and its representatives of the board to this process as a new part of our chapter. (*Ingrid Sidorov, Vice President, Eastern College, Christine Jackson, Faculty Counselor Eastern College, and Margaret Lacey, PhD, Administrative Advisor Eastern College*) I am sure they will bring new ideas and enthusiasm to the chapter. We also welcomed other new members to the board, *Nicky Hardy President-Elect, Laurie Bendzinski Vice President, Holy Family College, Arlene Miller Secretary, and Judy Wentz, Faculty Counselor, Neumann College*. Thank you all for your dedication and commitment.

Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large is busy again this year so make sure you check out the calendar of events in this edition of the newsletter. Some highlights include the Holiday Community Service Projects which will be held during the month of December and the next induction to be held in April 2001. If you have any questions or suggestions about the upcoming events please do not hesitate to contact me at home or at work.

Sally A. Russo, President Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large

The Delta Tau Digital Connection

Delta Tau is computer savvy! If your address or phone number has changed, or if you have an email address, please send this information to Arlene Miller at amilerrn@earthlink.net or you can email Eileen Alexy at deltatau@libertynet.org. You can also call Arlene with your information updates.

Arlene Miller, Secretary, Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large

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2000~2001 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER ?, 2000
COMMUNITY SERVICE
PROJECTS*

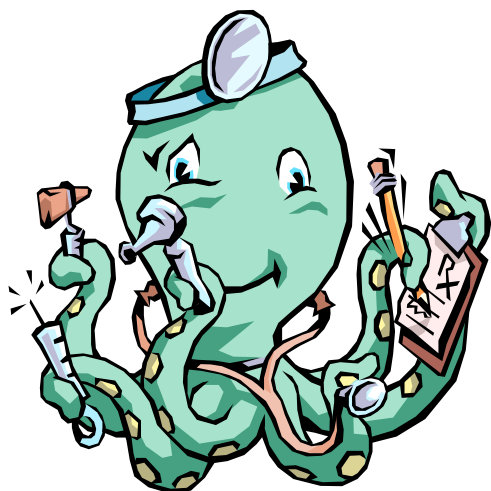
MARCH 14, 2001
BOARD MEETING
5 PM
HOLY FAMILY
COLLEGE
PRE-INDUCTION
PIZZA PARTY
6:00 PM

MARCH 23-24, 2001
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
CONFERENCE
LOEWS
PHILADELPHIA HOTEL
WWW.LOEWSHOTELS.COM/PHILADELPHIA/

APRIL 1, 2001
TWENTY-FIRST
ANNUAL
INDUCTION
CEREMONY
2 PM
HOLY FAMILY
COLLEGE

APRIL ?, 2001
NINTH ANNUAL
RESEARCH DAY
LASALLE UNIVERSITY

JUNE ?, 2001
ANNUAL BOARD
PLANNING MEETING



*Sigma Theta Tau
International
36th Biennial
Convention*

The theme for this year's Biennial Convention is "Learning and Leading Globally: Members and Chapters". The convention will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from November 10 through 14, 2001. The last convention brought together over 2000 nursing leaders, researchers, educators, clinicians and students to celebrate Sigma Theta Tau's mission of promoting scholarly work.

Patricia Thompson, RN, EdD has extended an invitation to all members to submit presentation proposals for Clinical, Scientific, and Leadership Sessions Days and the Creative Arts Displays. She also announced the Call for Volunteers for the Convention. The form to volunteer is available on our Web site - www.nursingsociety.org. This is a great opportunity to meet nursing colleagues from around the world! You can also find out more about the convention at this site.

Ingrid Sidorov, MSN, RN, CS
Vice-President, Eastern College,
Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large

*Member Spotlights:
Our New Officers
Have "Quite a Bit"
In Common*

Bernice "Nicky" Hardy, RN, BSN, earned her BSN from Neumann College in 1999.

Currently, Nicky is a very enthusiastic new graduate working as a staff nurse at Christiana Hospital. Do not let Nicky's "new" status fool you. Nicky has worked for several years in health care. Prior to receiving her BSN, Nicky worked as an LPN at Riddle Memorial Hospital and the Medical College of Pennsylvania. In addition, she was awarded the William Randolph Hearst Scholarship for Nursing and the U.S. Army Award for Leadership Excellence in Nursing.

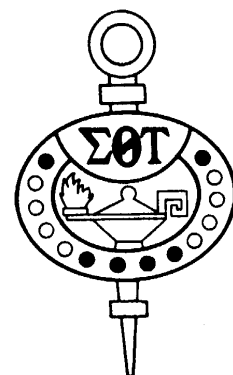
Laurie Ann Bendzinski, RN, BSN, earned her BSN from Saint Joseph University.

Laurie is currently enrolled in the MSN program at Holy Family College. She is interested in International Health and Public Policy. Prior to moving to Philadelphia, Laurie worked at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut. In addition, she is a Second Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps.

Arlene Miller, RN, BSN, earned her BSN from Holy Family College.

Arlene has worked as a staff nurse at Albert Einstein Hospital, and is currently the Director of a Nurse-Managed Clinic for independent older adults at Lafayette-Redeemer. Prior to her nursing career, Arlene worked for 16 years as a Logistics Manager for the U.S. Navy.

We welcome our new board members and know we will be "whipped into shape" by the diverse military backgrounds each officer brings with her!





CALL FOR PAPERS



NINTH ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE CLINICAL RESEARCH AND CLINICAL SCHOLARSHIP

APRIL ?, 2001

LaSalle University
School of Nursing
1900 West Olney Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19141

Abstracts related to nursing research using any methodology are invited. All topics may be submitted for poster or paper presentation, except research in progress which may be submitted for poster presentation only. The focus should be on clinical research and clinical scholarship - innovations and trends in nursing specialties, patient outcomes, community nursing, impact of technology, or current health problems such as AIDS. Papers and posters utilizing a multidisciplinary, collaborative approach are also welcomed.

Abstracts are to be camera ready, limited to one page and typed, single-spaced on one 8 1/2 by 11 sheet paper, margins 1 1/2 inches left, 1 inch bottom, top, and right. Abstracts will be blind reviewed according to the abstract guidelines. Submit 2 copies of the abstract without researcher(s) identification, 2 copies of the abstract with researcher identification, which should include name(s), degrees and affiliation. Send on a separate cover sheet the title, researcher(s)' name, affiliation, address, phone and fax numbers, preferred method of presentation and two learning objectives for your presentation.

Abstract Guidelines:

Title
Purpose/Problem Statement
Methodology
Data Analysis
Findings
Implications for Nursing
Presentation Time: 30 minutes

Submit by January 22, 2001

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Notification: March 1, 2001

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KAPPA DELTA CHAPTER - LASALLE UNIVERSITY
XI CHAPTER - UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL**



Highlights from the Tri~State Consortium Annual Distinguished Lectureship Brunch

The 14th Annual Distinguished Lectureship Brunch was held on Sunday, September 24, 2000. The guest lecturer was Patricia E. Thompson, RN, EdD, President of Sigma Theta Tau International (1999-2001). The theme was "Creating Nursing's Preferred Future: The Impact of Political and Organizational Involvement."

Envisioning the future of nursing as possible, plausible, probable, and preferable. Dr. Thompson encouraged us to use the strengths of our knowledge base, skills sets, and commitment to broaden our horizons. She urged us to remove the barriers we as a profession impose on ourselves, speak with one voice, and create a positive image of nursing. In addition, she stressed the importance of political and organizational involvement.

Political involvement can occur through advocacy and acting as a change agent in decision-making policies that effect health care. Dr. Thompson stressed that organizational involvement can be facilitated by being active, involved members, and by fulfilling our mission of commitment to leadership, scholarship, and improving health care worldwide. Dr. Thompson's ending quote from John Wooden aptly summarized the events of the day: "Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." We can make a difference!

Nicky Hardy, RN, BSN, President-Elect, Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large

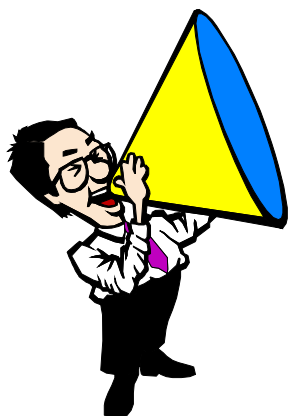


Congratulations to Newly Elected Officers!

President-Elect:
**Bernice "Nicky"
Hardy, RN, BSN,**
Neumann College. We are thrilled that Nicky has decided to donate her energy to our organization.

Vice President:
**Ingrid Sidorov,
MSN, RN, CS,** Eastern College. Ingrid brings motivation and a new source of vision to our chapter! We look forward to her input with programs and planning.

Vice President:
**Laurie Ann
Bendzinski, RN,**
BSN, Holy Family College. Laurie brings yet another new face to the board table. Her active pursuits and interests will surely strengthen our chapter.



21st Induction Ceremony In the Works...

The induction ceremony for new inductees will be held on April 1, 2001 at Holy Family College. The ceremony is scheduled to start at 2:00 p.m. and it will be a catered event held in the college cafeteria. Approximately 60 new members will be inducted into our chapter this year.

The keynote speaker will be Mr. Ramón Lavandero. Mr. Lavandero is the newly appointed Director of Development and Strategic Alliances for the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. Prior to accepting this position, Mr. Lavandero was the Director of the Leadership Institute at Sigma Theta Tau International, and was active in promoting the mission and philosophy of this great organization.

As the first induction ceremony of the new millennium approaches, remember to come welcome our new inductees, and be sure to encourage them to become active in both our local and national activities.

*Laurie Ann Bendzinski RN, BSN
Vice President Delta Tau at Large - Holy Family College*

*Congratulations
to
Newly Elected
Officers!*

Secretary:
**Arlene Miller, RN,
BSN**, Holy Family
College. Arlene brings a
variety of experience and a
new perspective to the
board. Her organization will
enhance our chapter.

Neumann College
Counselor:
**Judith Wentz,
MSN, RN**, Neumann Col-
lege. Judy returns to the po-
sition she held formerly and
will share her wisdom and
knowledge with all of our
new board members.

*Help Students
Attend a Conference*

Dear Chapter Member,

Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large would like your help in sponsoring a student from each of the colleges that compose our chapter to attend the First Annual Professional Development Conference and Chapter Leader Academy to be held in Philadelphia, PA on March 23 –24, 2001 at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel. We feel this is an excellent opportunity to expose students to Sigma Theta Tau International and Nursing Leaders form around the globe. Your help could make all the difference.

As president of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large I am asking for a small donation (\$10) from each of you. If you wish to make a donation please make your check payable to Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large and send it to chapter treasurer Frank Burgert at 1524 Barnswallow Drive, Bensalem, PA 19020. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the current board members. I can be reached at my home (302) 235-0739. Thank you for your continuing support.

Sally A. Russo, RN, MSN, ACNP
President, Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large

*2000~2001
Research Grant
Award*

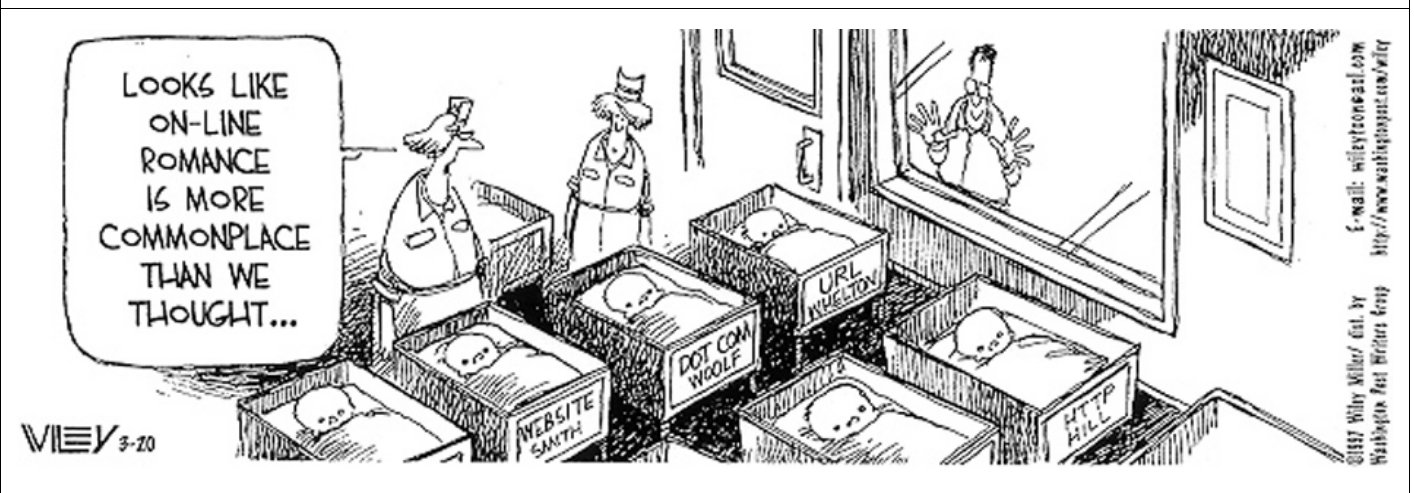
Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large will award one Research Grant during the 2000-2001 year. This award will be in the amount of \$500 and will be given directly to the recipient to be used toward the research project. Deadline for the application is January 10, 2000. This award will be presented at the 21st Annual Induction Ceremony on April 1, 2001, at Holy Family College. In order to be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a member of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large
2. Submit Proposal Abstract (limited to 4 pages)

To receive an application and further information/criteria about the research grant, please contact:

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Jest for the Health of It ~ Humor from Wiley & The Washington Post





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- Laurie Bendzinski, Vice President, HFC*
- Ingrid Sidorov, Vice President, EC*
- Jacqueline Conaty, Vice President, NC*
- Arlene Miller, Secretary*
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- Awards Selection Committee*
- Mary Austin, Research Committee*
- Michele Sellers,*
- Nominating Committee*



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APRIL 1, 2001 – Save this date & come join the CELEBRATION!

*Assistance
Sought For
Community
Service
Projects*



Dear Chapter Member,

It is time once again to begin planning our annual Community Service Projects. In keeping with tradition, Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large of Sigma Theta Tau International will sponsor several community centered events for some very deserving people in the communities surrounding each of the Colleges in our chapter.

As president of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large I am asking for your help in this endeavor by giving a small donation (\$10) to help fund the project. If you wish to make a donation please make your check payable to Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large and send it to chapter treasurer Frank Burgert at 1524 Barnswallow Drive, Bensalem, PA 19020. If you have any questions or want to help plan please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the current board members. I can be reached at my home or at work. Thank you for your continuing support.

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