
DETAILS

*President's
Message*

As President of Delta Tau Chapter-at-Large, one of my goals is to continue to help the chapter grow -- and I need you to assist in that process. The Delta Tau officers met at the Annual Planning Session this summer to work and plan activities that will stimulate your interest. Business meetings and educational offerings do not attract member participation. To rectify this, our chapter is working to collaborate with other area honor societies and professional organizations to offer joint events. On June 20, the Delta Tau Chapter co-sponsored a dinner meeting at the Holiday Inn in King of Prussia. Keynote speaker, Carol Taylor, CSFN, RN MSN Ph.D., presented "The Ethics of Managed Care: Practical Challenges for Nurses." The session brought together over 120 participants and it was a wonderful evening to network, meet new colleagues and learn about issues in Healthcare. I hope to continue this joint endeavor in order to offer you quality, educational, and fun-filled events.

The officers need to know your thoughts. Should we continue in this endeavor? Will this encourage member attendance? I am sure you have asked "What does this chapter do for me?" Look over the calendar of events, come to the meetings, vote for new officers and get involved. The officers are determined, motivated and challenged to keep this chapter viable and we will continue to work towards the goals of Sigma Theta Tau, International. Please feel free to contact me with your ideas.

Mary E. Wombwell

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1995-1996 Scholarship Recipients Selected

This year, Delta Tau Chapter-at-Large is pleased to award undergraduate scholarships to two most worthy recipients: **Mary Ann Smarto** - Holy Family College, and **Nancy Lowden** - Neumann College.

An active member of the Student Nurse's Association of Holy Family College, Mary Ann Smarto started and continues to serve as editor of the chapter's newsletter. In addition, Mary Ann served as an elected delegate to the 1994 state and national conventions, thus affording her invaluable exposure to the benefits of active participation in a professional organization. This past Spring, Mary Ann submitted an essay accepted for publication in the third edition of *Fundamentals of Nursing: The Art and Science of Nursing Care*, which is due to print in 1997. Mary Ann is interested in starting her career with a position in critical care nursing, while her long

term goal is to obtain a master's degree in anesthesia nursing.

As a nurse extern at Neighborhood VNA-Healthlink in West Chester, Nancy Lowden is responsible for a case load of over 80 clients. She is also a member of the Student Nurses Association at Neumann College, and is in the process of organizing a walk for AIDS at the college. Despite her active schedule, Nancy has maintained high academic standards, and has been on the Dean's List, the National Dean's List and the Vice President's Honor Roll. Nancy's future plans are to obtain an MSN and to pursue a career in nursing education.



PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The 1995 President's Award was given to **Kathie Dermott** in a surprise recognition at the Tri-State Consortium Brunch held at the Park Ridge Hotel on Sunday, September 17, 1995. The President's Award recognizes a chapter member who has exhibited a high level of commitment and enthusiasm to the Delta Tau Chapter. Kathie Dermott has been involved in the Delta Tau Chapter serving as President and has chaired a variety of committees and projects over the years. Most recently, Kathie has been a District Facilitator for Region 6 and has coordinated and chaired the Annual Tri-State Brunch and the 1994 Regional Assembly held in Hershey, PA, last November. Kathie continues to work at the chapter and regional level and offers her help and wisdom whenever she is called upon.

The Officers and members of the Delta Tau Chapter extend their congratulations to all of the 1995-1996 recipients and encourages other members to consider submitting an application for the 1996-1997 awards. Applications for the Undergraduate, Graduate, Research and Outstanding Nurse Awards will be included in the 1996 Spring Newsletter. For further information or applications, please contact Mary E. Wombwell, or Karen T. Bruchak.

The 1995 Awards will be presented at our Seventh Annual Awards Night on **October 17, 1995**. Please come and support our recipients.



~ The Delta Tau Chapter has donated to Holy Family and Neumann Colleges libraries subscriptions to STTI Electronic Journal. This is the second year the chapter has donated these gifts. Let us know if they are helpful in your literature searches.

~ In 1997 STTI will celebrate its 75th Anniversary. The chapter has donated a \$300 gift to commemorate this celebration.

~ Holy Family College announces that **Filomena Marshall RN, MSN, Ed.D** has been appointed Acting Division Chair for the Nursing Division. Congratulations and Best Wishes.

~ The board has determined that an Advisory Committee be formulated to aid in guiding and supporting strategic planning for the Chapter. **Dr. Jill Derstine** from Neumann College and **Barbara Maloney** from Holy Family College have volunteered to serve as ex-officio members to advise chapter officers. We are very grateful that they will be available to assist the chapter and thank them for their commitment.

~ The 1996 Induction Ceremony will be held at Holy Family College on April 21, 1996. Delta Tau members are invited to exhibit their research or projects in a Poster Demonstration. Interested? Contact Mary E. Wombwell for more information.

1995 Ballot Report

312 ballots were mailed with Delta Tau's 1995 Spring newsletter to our general membership on May 7th. 52 completed ballots were returned (16.7%). Regarding Eastern College and Delta Tau Chapter Charter amendment: There were 48 votes in favor of amendment (92.3% of responses). Since we did not receive a 75% return on the ballot, we will need to address the amendment further at our next meeting.

Did You Know.....

Eastern College is a co-educational Christian College of the arts and sciences that seeks to provide an education unifying a Christian world view. The student body consists of 1450 undergraduate students and over 450 graduate students.

Eastern College was founded in 1932 as a department of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1951, Eastern Baptist College was chartered; classes began in 1952 and in 1954 the college was accredited. In 1972 the name of the school was changed to Eastern College: A Baptist Institution. The purpose of this change was to increase appeal of the college to all evangelical Christians, though the school retains its relationship to the American Baptist churches in the USA.

Nursing courses at Eastern emphasize traditional Christian values such as: Service, commitment, caring, compassion, human dignity, respect for life and the need for psychosocial/spiritual healing.

Eastern College offers an upper division major leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree for Registered Nurses. In a recent issue of Nursing Spectrum*, nursing faculty from Eastern College were highlighted. This article portrays a unique faculty body committed to not only clinical practice, scholarship, research and leadership but also committed to enriching the lives of students pursuing a BSN. I encourage Delta Tau members to read this article to learn more about Eastern College.*

* Sources: Eastern College Undergraduate Catalog, 1994-96.

Murray, M. (1995) "Teaching + Clinical Practice = Synergy", Nursing Spectrum, 4(18) September 15, 1995

1995-1996 Delta Tau Goals

1. Enhance recruitment efforts through activities directed towards current students at HFC & NC.
2. Achieve an 80% retention rate of active members.
3. Induct every eligible student from HFC & NC.
4. Every officer will submit the name of a community member for induction this year.
5. Achieve financial stability by preparing & maintaining a budget that is equal to the total income during the previous fiscal year, increased by an increment of 10%.
6. Increase the level of DT visibility within the STTI organization.
7. Improve the functioning of standing committees by recruiting members & chairs for vacant committees.
8. Select members for Board of Directors to aid in guiding & supporting strategic planning for the chapter.
9. Submit all pertinent paperwork to STTI prior to deadlines.
10. Explore a variety of mechanisms that will promote & enhance chapter growth.

Delta Tau Calendar

October 17, 1995

7:00 PM

7:30 PM

Holy Family College - College Center

General Business Meeting

Annual Awards Presentations

November 4-8, 1995

Biennial Convention - Detroit, Michigan

November 1995

Dinner Meeting - TBA

March 12, 1996

7:00 PM

Holy Family College - College Center

Holy Family Candidates Pre-Induction Pizza Party

March 19, 1996

5:00 PM

7:00 PM

Neumann College - Life Center

Board Meeting

General Business Meeting

Neumann Candidates Pre-Induction Pizza Party

April 21, 1996

2:00 PM

Holy Family College - College Center

16th Annual Induction Ceremony

Speaker - TBA

May 17, 1996

9:00 AM

Board Planning Meeting - Neumann College

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