

Neumann College Announces New President

On July 1, 1996, Dr. Rosalie M. Mirenda became the fifth president of Neumann College, succeeding Dr. Nan B. Hechenberger, who retired June 30. Dr. Mirenda is a prominent educator and had served as the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Neumann College for the last six years. She is the College's second lay president.

In announcing the new president, Roberta D. Pichini, Chair of the Board of Trustees, said, "We believe that Dr. Mirenda will continue the fine tradition of women in senior leadership positions with the College. In addition, she brings a unique personal style of management to the College as it prepares itself for the 21st century."



Dr. Rosalie M. Mirenda

The decision was made after a lengthy search process, led by a committee with members from the board of trustees and all segments of the College community.

"Dr. Mirenda has the mission of Neumann College running through her veins," said Sr. Madonna Marie Cunningham, O.S.F., congregational minister and former president of Neumann College. "We believe she will be the right person to take the College, from its present position of strength, and move it forward with vision and integrity."

Dr. Mirenda's tenure at Neumann is an extensive one. She began her career at Neumann in 1973 when the College was known as Our Lady of Angels College. Her first position at the College was that of instructor in the Division of Nursing, until she became professor and chair of the division in 1986. During this time, Dr. Mirenda led the design and implementation of an integrated, holistic model for nursing education. This work continues to receive international recognition. Also, during this time, Dr. Mirenda received the CASE Professor of the Year Award, a national award for college teachers. She became Vice President for Academic Affairs in 1990.

"As president, I will bring my background, and lived experience to the office, to the College, to the local community, to the public, and to the circles in which the president participates," she said of her appointment. "However, I am well aware of the contributions of the four great women presidents who preceded me and led the College through it first thirty-one years. Assisting the College to continue to distinguish its graduate and undergraduate niches, build residential enrollments, while keeping its entrepreneurial momentum in non-traditional approaches to education, and assisting the College community to expand the human capacity that gives our lives passion and purpose are primary commitments of my presidency."

1996~1997 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 29, 1996

TRI-STATE
CONSORTIUM
BRUNCH
AIRPORT RADISSON
HOTEL

OCTOBER 8, 1996
ANNUAL AWARDS
NEUMANN COLLEGE

MARCH 7 & 8, 1997
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
PITTSBURGH, PA

APRIL 20, 1997
17TH ANNUAL
INDUCTION
CEREMONY
NEUMANN COLLEGE

MAY 30, 1997
BOARD PLANNING
MEETING
HOLY FAMILY

Inside Details . . .

<i>Neumann College's New President</i>	1
<i>Message from the President & 1996 Outstanding Nurse Award</i>	2
<i>All about "Surfing the Web" & Newly Elected Officers</i>	3
<i>Member Survey Results</i>	4

DETAILS

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



From the President. . .

Sigma Theta Tau is an Honor Society of, about, and for nurses. Your selection as a member of Delta Tau was based on high academic achievement, leadership qualities and a commitment to nursing. You have joined over 300,000 members that include outstanding leaders who are committed to advancing the profession of nursing.

Congratulations! We hope that your membership signifies more than a well-deserved line on your resume. You have a responsibility as a recognized member of the Honor Society not only to maintain the ideals of the Society, but also to extend its influence. Attending chapter meetings, educational offerings and research sessions, serving on committees and as an officer and modeling behaviors and attitudes appropriate to the honor bestowed upon you, are ways to contribute to the profession.

Delta Tau will support your development and we strongly encourage you to

become active in the chapter.

If I can assist you in any way, or if you have questions about the chapter, please contact me at (215)-637-9269.

Mary E. Wombwell
President
Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large

Congratulations to Newly Elected Officers!

President Elect: **Lisa Cadorette, RN, BSN**, Neumann College, Assistant to Chair for Division of Nursing and Health Sciences. Lisa brings motivation and commitment to continue the ideals and goals of the chapter when she assumes the presidency.

Vice President: **Eileen M. Alexy, RN, BSN**, Holy Family College. Eileen will help the chapter move into new phases of technology to keep connected and communicating with other chapters and members. Eileen has developed a Web Page for our chapter and her "techno-expertise" will be an asset to the chapter.

1996 Outstanding Nurse Award

Barbara Maloney, RN, MSN, Associate Professor, Holy Family College is the recipient of the 1996 Delta Tau Outstanding Nurse Award. Barbara was nominated by colleagues from Holy Family College who recognized her extraordinary talents as teacher, mentor, scholar and clinician. Barbara exhibits outstanding leadership qualities and applies her guidance and wisdom in a very humanistic fashion. Students, faculty and colleagues have been influenced by her positive role modeling, her professional standards and her patience.

It is a pleasure to award Barbara Maloney the 1996 Outstanding Nurse Award. Please join us on October 8, 1996 at Neumann College to recognize this very special achievement.

New President of Neumann College

Dr. Mirinda earned her doctorate from Widener University, a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and her bachelor's degree from Villanova University. She and her husband, Anthony D. Mirinda, a vice president for PNC Bank, reside in Middletown, Delaware County. They have three children, Anthony Jr., a partner in the Massachusetts law firm of Foley, Hoag, and Eliot; John, president and CEO of GreenTree Mortgage Company in Marlton, NJ; and Lee, Director of Community Relations at St. Francis Hospital, Wilmington, DE.

Delta Tau Chapter extends best wishes to Dr. Mirinda!

"Meet your new officers! Results of the May 1996 Ballot include. . ."

Oops!

In the Spring 1996 issue of our DETAILS newsletter, the college captions below the pictures of our new inductees were reversed. We apologize for the typographical error and WELCOME our new members!

What's this? Delta Tau is going ON-LINE! All about "Surfing the Web"

***"Delta Tau is going On-Line!
Our tentative Web address is
<http://www.libertynet.org/deltatau>"***

Well, Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large has taken the plunge into the new age of information technology. We hope that this endeavor will increase communication between our members and other chapters and will serve as a resource for nursing knowledge. Our tentative web address is <http://www.libertynet.org/deltatau>.

By now, unless you have been living in a cave, you must have heard of "the Internet." The Internet is a global network of computers that communicate using a common language. One part of the Internet that is gaining popularity is The World Wide Web (the "web" or WWW), it can be thought of as an extensive library on the Internet. Web pages can be located on computers anywhere in the world. When you are connected to the web, you have equal access to information worldwide; there are no additional long-distance charges or restrictions.

To connect to the Internet you need a personal computer, modem, telephone line and communications software (such as is provided by America Online (AOL), The Microsoft Network (MSN), or CompuServe "WOW") and a connection to the Internet. You also need a "browser" which is a software tool that allows you to look at web pages. Netscape Navigator is one of the most popular browsers. Check your communication software package because many are equipped with browsers or provide instructions on "how-to" download browsers from the Internet.

The web allows you to jump or "hyperlink" from one web page to other pages on the web. A web site is a collection of hyperlinks to other web pages.

Web "sites" are like books in the library and web "pages" are similar to specific pages in the book. A "Home Page" is the starting point for a web site and can be thought of as a cover page or the Table of Contents of a book. These documents, as well as the links between them, comprise a "web" of information.

Each web page has a unique address called a Universal Resource Locator (URL). The web address for Sigma Theta Tau International is <http://stti-web.iupui.edu>. Hyperlinks are underlined or bordered words and graphics that have web addresses. Hyperlink text is usually a different color from the rest of the text in a web site. "Surfing the Web" means following hyperlinks to different web pages, where you may find pages you have read about or seen mentioned on television. MSNBC is a collaboration between the Microsoft Network and the National Broadcasting Company.

If I can assist you in any way, or if you have questions or suggestions regarding our Web site, please contact me at E-mail me at deltatau@libertynet.org

Eileen M. Alexy
Vice President-HFC
Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large
*Information cited from
The Microsoft Network Tutorial 1995*

Research Day May '97

Plans are underway to present a Research Day with other area Sigma Theta Tau International chapters. The guidelines for abstracts will be published shortly. If you would like further information or would like to work on the Planning Committee, contact Kathy Black.

Congratulations to Newly Elected Officers!

Secretary:
Debra Budge, RN, BSN, Holy Family College. Debra's motivation and enthusiasm to get involved with the chapter will strengthen the chapter to develop stronger communication and reporting activities.

Neumann College Counselor:
Judy Wentz, RN, MSN, Instructor Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing, Neumann College. Judy has contributed her expertise in helping students pursue excellence through membership in Delta Tau. Judy is truly committed to advancing the chapter and has been a role model for new members and officers.



**Sigma Theta Tau
International**

Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large
1137 Shackamaxon Street
Suite C
Philadelphia, PA 19125-4134

Delta Tau Chapter Officers

Mary E. Wombwell, *President*
Lisa Cadorette, *President-Elect*
Eileen M. Alexy, *Vice President HFC*
Phyllis Stallard, *Vice President NC*
Debra Budge, *Secretary*
Diane Kaji, *Treasurer*
Judy Wentz, *Counselor NC*
Kay Broughton, *Counselor HFC*
Karen Bruchak,
Awards Selection Committee
Kathy Dermott,
Research Committee
Colleen Callahan,

In This Issue...

Find out about a new way to tell us what you think on our World Wide Web Page!

Member Survey Results

Conducted May 1996 ~ Mailed to 450 Members ~ 21 responses received ~ 4.6% returns

Majority of the participants in the 1996 Member Survey are BSN prepared and have been a member for 1-10 years. Respondents identified that they are interested in a variety of practice issues, and 76% of the participants would attend educational programs if these topics were offered; 57% indicated that they would be willing to work on a committee, while 14% stated they would be willing to run on the ballot; 38% indicated that they belong to other professional organizations; 23% of the respondents received scholarship/monetary support from the chapter;

71% indicated that the present schedule of rotating meetings between both colleges was convenient, and 57% stated that we should not change the present location of meetings.

The Chapter Officers wish to thank those members who participated in the 1996 Membership Survey. Your responses indicated that there are members who want to get involved with the chapter and who want the chapter to stay vital by offering educational sessions that will contribute to professional growth. The Officers will continue to work collaboratively with other professional organizations to provide educational topics which will meet your needs. To receive complete survey results, contact Mary E. Wombwell.

Thanks again for sharing your thoughts. I urge you to participate and get involved with the chapter. We need your support!

***“We urge you to
get involved
with the
chapter. We
need your***