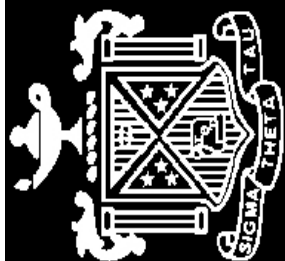


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Sigma Theta Tau International ~ Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large



A Message From the President . . .

Greetings to all Delta Tau members!!!! I hope this finds everyone safe, well, and energized for the upcoming year. In July, the Executive Board of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large held its Annual Planning Meeting. The first order of business was to congratulate and welcome the incoming officers from the Spring 1998 election. Danielle Pierson is our new secretary, Eileen Alexy will continue as Vice President for Holy Family College, Diane Wieland is our new Faculty Counselor for Neumann College, and Sally Russo will serve as President-Elect. Throughout our meeting, it was truly apparent that all of the members of the Executive Board continue to be the backbone of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large---they each provide the chapter with a great deal of enthusiasm, fresh ideas, and commitment. In planning the events for the 1998-1999 year, the board instituted some changes and some new programs & endeavors. Please be sure to refer to the calendar of events, and take note of the various articles within the newsletter which better illustrate Delta Tau's plans for this year.

I wanted to also take this opportunity to inform you of the four offices that will be up for election in Spring of 1999: Vice President for Neumann College, Treasurer, Faculty Counselor for Holy Family College, and Nominating Chair. In a time when the health care industry continues to undergo changes and reorganization on a daily basis, it is all the more evident that professional organizations such as Sigma Theta Tau International are the forces which continue to empower, energize, and affirm the art, the science, and the profession of nursing. I urge each of you to take a moment to truly reflect upon *your* profession---its past, its present, and *especially* its future---and also reflect upon ways in which you can ensure that your voice, your ideas, and your insights are heard. As always, Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large remains committed to maintaining the mission and goals of Sigma Theta Tau International and the chapter's Executive Board wholeheartedly welcomes any input that you as members wish to share. Should you have any questions or suggestions about the upcoming events for the 1998-1999 year or about the offices slotted for the 1999 ballot, please do not hesitate to contact me by calling. Have a wonderful fall season, and I hope to see many of you throughout the year!!!

Lisa Roberts Cadorette, President, Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large

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1998~1999 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 27, 1998
TRI-STATE
CONSORTIUM BRUNCH
AIRPORT
RADISSON HOTEL

OCTOBER 27, 1998
BOARD MEETING
EASTERN COLLEGE
SCHOLARLY
PRESENTATION
SITE VISIT FROM STTI
DR. RUTH ANN MILLER

NOVEMBER 20-21, 1998
REGION 6 CONVENTION
COLUMBIA, MD

DECEMBER ?, 1998
COMMUNITY SERVICE
PROJECTS*

FEBRUARY 2, 1999
PRE-INDUCTION PIZZA
PARTY
NEUMANN COLLEGE

FEBRUARY 9, 1999
BOARD MEETING
PRE-INDUCTION PIZZA
PARTY
HOLY FAMILY COLLEGE

FEBRUARY 21, 1999
19TH ANNUAL
INDUCTION CEREMONY
NEUMANN COLLEGE

APRIL 30, 1999
SEVENTH ANNUAL
RESEARCH DAY
NEUMANN COLLEGE

JUNE 4, 1999
ANNUAL BOARD
PLANNING MEETING

*Member Spotlight
Meet Our
President~ Elect!*



Sally A. Russo, RN, MSN, SACNP, earned her BSN from Neumann College in 1996, and MSN as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner from Vanderbilt University in 1997. She was also awarded a degree in BS Agriculture, from the University of Delaware in 1989.

Currently, Sally is employed in an innovative program, as the Nurse Practitioner/Coordinator of The Wellness Center at the Brandywine High School. The program began this year, and its focus is on prevention services with a goal of promoting positive physical and mental health to teens. This program is the 24th in the state of Delaware, and it receives funding from the state. Services provided by The Wellness Center include:

- ◆ Physical Health
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Mental Health
- ◆ Nutrition
- ◆ Laboratory Tests

The Wellness Center utilizes an interdisciplinary approach, and along with Sally, staffing is comprised of a social worker, a nutritionist, an athletic trainer, and an administrative assistant.

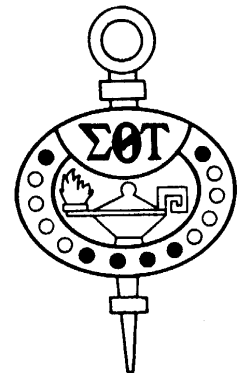
At Delta Tau, we are very proud and excited to have such a dynamic individual lead us into the new millennium! We welcome and look forward to the energy and initiatives Sally will bring to our chapter leadership!

*Region 6
Conference Series
Fast~Approaching!*

Region 6 of Sigma Theta Tau International will hold its 1998 Regional Conference Series on November 19-21, 1998 at the Columbia Inn in Columbia, Maryland. Thursday's conference includes a program entitled "Demystifying Managed Care" and will be focusing on basic concepts of managed care including financial concepts, quality improvement, the nurse's role, and the ethics and challenges associated with managed care systems. Friday's program entails information about nursing and the media in terms of obtaining positive media coverage for nursing practice, education, and research and also focuses on ways by which one may enhance global connections and embrace diversity within the nursing profession. Friday's program also includes the Regional Awards Presentation and Reception--several Delta Tau members have submitted applications for awards, so please keep your fingers crossed!!!! Finally, Saturday's program introduces specific areas and strategies that chapters should focus upon---strategies for leadership networking both within and among chapters, strategic planning opportunities at the international and chapter levels, and promotion of collaboration and diversity at the chapter level.

The hotel reservation deadline is **October 26, 1998**, and the registration deadline for the conference is **November 5, 1998**. For additional information, please refer to the most recent issue of *Reflections*, or contact Sigma Theta Tau International by calling, 1-888-634-7575 or via e-mail: education@stti.edu.

*We look forward to
seeing you at
the Conference!!!!*





CALL FOR PAPERS

SEVENTH ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE CLINICAL RESEARCH AND CLINICAL SCHOLARSHIP

APRIL 30, 1999

Neumann College
One Neumann Drive
Aston, PA 19014-1298

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 23, 1999

Mary Austin, MSN, RN
305 Columbia Place
Broomall, PA 19008
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Notification: February 21, 1999

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*Tri~State
Consortium
to hold 12th Annual
Distinguished
Lectureship Brunch*

In conjunction with 17 other chapters, Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large will be co-sponsoring the 12th Annual Distinguished Lectureship Brunch on Sunday, September 27, 1998 at 11:30AM at the Airport Radisson Hotel. This year the program will consist of a panel of three speakers who will be discussing "Visions of Nursing in the Future." Fatima Abdul Wahed Ahmed, RN, Zane Wolf, PhD, RN, FAAN, and Robert Hess, PhD, RN have graciously agreed to share their insights and ideas about the future of the nursing profession, and Delta Tau's own Eileen Alexy will serve as moderator for the presentation. Delta Tau will be sponsoring a group of students to attend this informative and enjoyable event and will also be raffling off a gourmet basket as a fund-

*Community Service
Projects to Become
Annual Event!*

Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large is happy to announce that plans are underway to hold the Second Annual Christmas Party for the clients of the Community Nursing Center of Chester and Vicinity (CNC). The CNC provides services for the elderly, underserved population of Chester, PA, and the surrounding vicinity. Last year's Christmas party proved to be a very successful event as the Delta Tau Chapter was able to brighten the holidays for a group of very deserving individuals. Delta Tau is looking forward to repeating this community service project for the CNC and is also making plans to host a similar party for the Holy Family Neighborhood Center which provides services to the underserved children and adults of the Frankford area. **Check our website and be on the lookout for more details about these projects as the holidays approach!**

Kudos!



If you haven't done so already, make sure to check out the back cover of the most recent issue of *Reflections*. Our own Eileen Alexy, Delta Tau's VP for Holy Family College and the Region 6 Leadership Extern, is pictured *and* quoted!!!! Congrats, Eileen! You are a fantastic representative of Delta Tau Chapter, of Sigma Theta Tau, and of the nursing profession as a whole. We're proud of you!!!!

*Fall Scholarly
Program to be Held
at Eastern College*

On Tuesday, October 27, 1998, Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large and the Nursing Honor Society from Eastern College will co-sponsor a scholarly program in Walton Hall on the campus of Eastern College beginning at 7PM. Karen Bruchak, RN, MSN, MBA will be the keynote speaker and will be discussing the history and opportunities associated with both Sigma Theta Tau International and Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large. Ms. Bruchak is a past-president of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large, a former Leadership Extern of Region 6, and former member of the International Public Relations Committee where she served as the editor of "Communication How-To's." Ms. Bruchak brings a wealth of knowledge about Sigma Theta Tau on both the chapter level as well as the International level. In conjunction with this scholarly program, Delta Tau will also hold a Business Meeting so that all chapter members may be apprised of upcoming events and plans for the 1998-1999 calendar year. **Please join us on October 27th!** If you need directions to Eastern College, please refer to the Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large web site at: <http://www.libertynet.org/deltatau/>

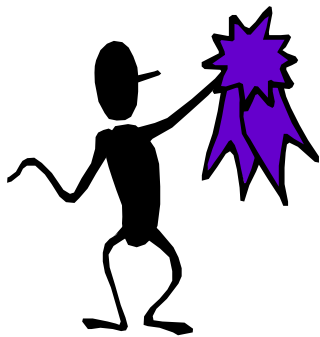
*Congratulations
to
Newly Elected
Officers!*

President~Elect: **Sally A. Russo, RN, MSN, ACNP**, Neumann College. Sally's energy and dedication will strengthen our chapter. Read more about our new President~Elect in this issue of *DETAILS* "Member Spotlight".

Secretary: **Danielle A. Pierson, RN, BSN**, Neumann College. Danielle exudes youthful enthusiasm, and we look forward to integrating her "visions" of the future to promote the ideals and goals of the chapter!



1998~1999 Research Grant Award



Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large will award one Research Grant during the 1998-1999 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 23, 1999. This award will be presented at the 19th Annual Induction Ceremony on February 21, 1999, in the Life Center at Neumann 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:

**Mary Austin
305 Columbia Place
Broomall, PA 19008**

Congratulations to Newly Elected Officers!

Vice President:
Eileen M. Alexy,
RN, MSN, CS, Holy Family College. Eileen brings motivation and a variety of experience in continuing to develop our chapter electronic resources!

Neumann College
Counselor:
Diane Wieland,
PhD, RN, CS, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Neumann College. Diane has contributed her in depth knowledge and leadership in helping students pursue excellence through member-

Plans Are Under- way For the 19th Annual Induction Ceremony

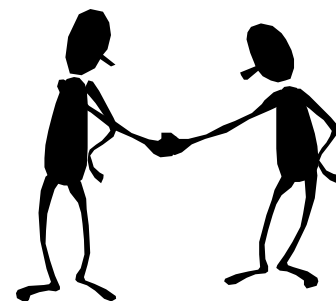
Delta Tau's 19th Annual Induction Ceremony has been scheduled for Sunday, February 21, 1999, at 2PM in the Life Center at Neumann College. This event will not only "welcome in" new members to the chapter, but will also recognize the recipients of the Undergraduate Scholarship, the Graduate Scholarship, the Research Grant, and the Outstanding Nurse Award. Please mark the date on your calendar and share this occasion

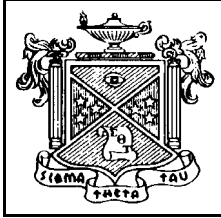
with other chapter members as we welcome new friends and acknowledge the accomplishments and aspirations of others.



Eastern College to Join Delta Tau: The Next Step

Eastern College is one step closer to formally joining Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large! Sigma Theta Tau International has assigned Ruth Ann Miller, RN, PhD to serve as the site visitor who will be meeting with both the Executive Board of Delta Tau as well as with the officers of Eastern College's Nursing Honor Society. Dr. Miller will be traveling from the Pittsburgh area and will be making her visit on Tuesday, October 27, 1998 on the campus of Eastern College. Dr. Miller will then submit a report to Sigma Theta Tau International, and a final decision regarding the application for "charter amendment" will be forthcoming. Delta Tau's Executive Board is sincerely looking forward to meeting with Dr. Miller and taking this next step toward expanding and strengthening Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large. Should any of Delta Tau's members have any questions or suggestions regarding this upcoming site visit, please do not hesitate to contact chapter president, **Lisa Roberts Cadorette.**



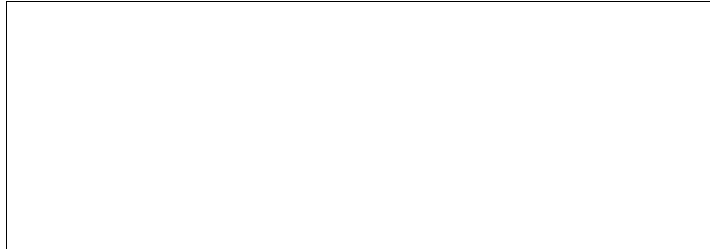


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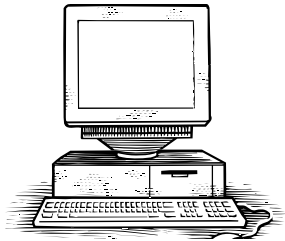
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**BE ON THE LOOKOUT
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ABOUT UPCOMING
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COMMUNITY SERVICE
PROJECTS!**

*Sixth Annual Research Day ~
Another Success!*

The Sixth Annual Research Day was held on May 1, 1998, at Allegheny University of the Health Sciences' Queen Lane Campus. Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large co-sponsored this conference with five other local chapters: Delta Rho, Kappa Chi, Kappa Delta, Nu Eta, and Xi. Mary Austin, MSN, RN served as the contact person on behalf of Delta Tau, and the Executive Board of Delta Tau wishes to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mary for all of her time and hard work!!!! Delta Tau was well represented by members at the Research Day as Diane Wieland, PhD, RN, CS, presented her research, "Women's Experience of Secondary Fertility" while Ella Gross, MSN, RN, and Mary Fee, MSN, RN presented "Journal Writing: Building Critical Thinking Skills in Undergraduate Community Health Clin-

icals." Dr. Eunice King delivered the keynote address entitled "Hints for Successful Grant Writing," and the closing address was given by Dr. Betty Forbes entitled "Making Life Safe for the Elderly." Evaluations submitted by the conference participants were very positive in all respects, clearly indicating that this event continues to be a worthwhile venture for Delta Tau as the conference promotes the goals of both the chapter and those of Sigma Theta Tau International. The Research Day also provides an excellent opportunity for networking with other local chapters of Sigma Theta Tau and provides a valuable learning experience for students. **Be sure to mark your calendar for the Seventh Annual**

