

DETAILS

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



From the President...

In this issue of Details you will find information that is of importance to you. Please take a moment to review and return the 1998 Ballot -- we are proud to have very qualified members running for office who are eager to share their wisdom, strength, and enthusiasm. Enclosed you will also find the nomination form for the 1998 Outstanding Nurse Award. I urge you to complete and submit this form as this is a wonderful opportunity for the Chapter to recognize a nurse who has demonstrated excellence and leadership in his/her field of nursing -- I am confident that each and every one of you can think of at least one if not several colleagues who deserve such recognition.

This issue also includes information regarding the 1998 Graduate Scholarship and Research Grant. These awards as well as the Outstanding Nurse Award will be presented at Delta Tau's Annual Awards Night on October 6, 1998, at Neumann College's Life Center -- all members are invited to join us for this event.

I wanted to take this opportunity to also update you regarding Eastern College's application to join Delta Tau Chapter-at-Large. The application is now complete and has been submitted to Sigma Theta Tau International. It will be reviewed this summer, and we will be informed in early Fall of the International Board's final decision regarding the proposed charter amendment. Delta Tau's Executive Board has every confidence that this proposed merger will ultimately strengthen the Chapter as a whole, and we are looking forward to welcoming new faculty and students from Eastern College.

Finally, as I look at the calendar and realize that the 1997-1998 year is now three-quarters of the way over, I am struck by how very busy and successful this year has been for Delta Tau Chapter-at-Large. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of the Executive Board members for their hard work, dedication, and support -- they are truly the life-force behind the Chapter. I also would like to

thank all of the members -- without your interest, ideas, and input, the Board would not be able to function as smoothly and as effectively as it does. Please know that each and every member of the Executive Board is dedicated to the continual growth and success of Delta Tau, and we welcome any suggestions or comments that you may have. I wish all of you a happy and healthy Spring and Summer and look forward to seeing many of you at future Delta Tau events, especially Research Day, this May

Christmas Party Community Service Project A Great Success

On December 16, 1997, Delta Tau Chapter-at-Large sponsored a Christmas party for the elderly, underserved clients at the Community Senior Center in Chester, PA. With the assistance of many members, the Chapter was able to provide food, Christmas carols, and presents for all of the clients. Santa Claus was even on hand to share in the good cheer. The event proved to be a very successful endeavor as the Chapter was able to make the holidays a bit brighter for these truly deserving individuals.

Much thanks to all of the Chapter members who contributed to this effort. This event will most likely be the first of many Chapter-sponsored community service projects yet to come. Stay tuned for more information

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Chapter Hosts 18th Annual Induction

On Sunday, February 22, 1998, Delta Tau Chapter-at-Large held its 18th Annual Induction Ceremony at Holy Family College. The ceremony began with a processional led by President Lisa Roberts Cadorette and included the members of the Chapter's executive board, the inductees, and keynote speaker, Patricia K. Bradley, MSN, RN, CS. Debra Budge, Secretary, offered the invocation, Colleen Callahan, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, explained the coat of arms, and Frank Burgert, Treasurer, provided the explanation of the key. Faculty Counselors Kay Broughton (HFC) and Judy Wentz (NC) introduced the inductees, and Dr. Kathleen McMullen and Dr. Jill Derstine were on hand to congratulate the new members.

Vice President Eileen M. Alexy introduced the community members and

also introduced the keynote speaker, Patricia K. Bradley, MSN, RN, CS. Ms. Bradley is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, Xi Chapter. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing at Villanova University and is completing a doctoral degree in Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania. Ms. Bradley's keynote address entitled "Building Structures to the Future" was thought-provoking, humorous, and very well-received both by the new members of the chapter as well as by the general audience. This was the first "interactive" presentation delivered, and our new inductees handled "pressure" with stellar finesse. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in honor of the new members and their guests.



L to R: :Lisa Roberts Cadorette, Patricia



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 MAUREEN M. REILLY

"And the Award Goes to . . ."

On October 7, 1997, Delta Tau held its "Ninth Annual Awards Program" at Holy Family College. Kathleen Walsh was awarded the 1997 Neumann College Undergraduate Scholarship. Kate role models the values of leadership and scholarship through her interactions with her fellow students and faculty, often organizing study groups to assist her peers.

The 1997 Holy Family College Undergraduate Scholarship was awarded to Faith Martin. Faith is an active volunteer at Shriners Hospital, donating over 400 hours of service, while maintaining a superior grade point average. Recently, Faith wrote a short essay about the importance of early supportive care by nurses and is pursuing publication of this work.

Maureen Cawley was the recipient of the 1997 Graduate Scholarship. A graduate of Holy Family College, Maureen was inducted into Delta Tau in 1993. Currently, Maureen is enrolled in the Family Nurse Practitioner program at Thomas Jefferson University.

Barbara Dion, Assistant Professor at Neumann College, received Delta Tau's 1997 Research Grant for her research "Telephone Follow-Up as an Intervention for Postpartum Nursing Care." Delta Tau hopes this grant will aid Barbara in her valiant research efforts.

The 1997 President's Award was presented to Eileen M. Alexy, for her dedication and service to the chapter and the goals of Sigma Theta Tau. Delta Tau extends a "hearty congratulations" to all our award recipients!



1998 Graduate Scholarship

Delta Tau Chapter-at-Large will award one graduate scholarship in 1998. The scholarship will be in the amount of \$1000 and will be given directly to the recipient to be used toward his/her graduate courses/study. In order to be eligible applicants must:

1. Be an active member of Delta Tau Chapter-at-Large (paid dues are up-to-date)
2. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25
3. Completed 1/3 of graduate program requirements.
4. Submit a short essay.
5. Submit one copy of official transcripts.
6. Submit a faculty recommendation.

Deadline for this application is **June 30, 1998**. The award will be presented at the 10th Annual Awards Night in October of 1998 at Neumann College. To receive an application and further instructions, please contact:

Karen T. Bruchak
857 Skelp Level Road
West Chester, PA 19380

1998 Research Grant

Delta Tau Chapter-at-Large will award one Research Grant in 1998. 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 **August 15, 1998**. This award will be presented at the 10th Annual Awards Night, October 6, 1998, at Neumann College. In order to be eligible applicants must:

1. Be a member of Delta Tau Chapter-at-Large
2. Submit Proposal Abstract (limit 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



“Member Spotlight”

Meet...
Kristiina Poikajarvi

Kristiina was inducted into Delta Tau in 1997, and is one of our “international” community members from Jyväskylä, Finland. She is the Advisor of Health Services, and works for the Provincial State Office of Western Finland in the Social Welfare and Health Department.

Kristiina became a registered nurse in 1982, a midwife in 1984, and has a Master of Nursing Science in Healthcare Administration (1988) and a Master of Nursing Science as a Nursing Teacher (1992). She is currently working on her licentiate degree (a “middle” degree between a masters and doctorate) in Healthcare Administration. She has worked as a nurse, a midwife, a nursing instructor, a nursing director, a researcher, and as Acting Senior Advisor in the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health.

As Advisor of Health Services, Kristiina’s job is mainly to guide, develop and supervise the personnel and clients of health care organizations. She has regional development projects with health care centers and hospitals in the fields of family planning, breast feeding and nursing. She also organizes educational training sessions for healthcare personnel.

Kristiina is the recipient of a Fulbright Grant and will be coming to study in the United States from July 1998 until December 1998. To quote Kristiina, “When I come to the States I’d like to learn more about your healthcare system, quality assurance, education, and nursing especially in the fields of family planning and mother care. I also want to travel and have fun. I play golf and intend to do that also.”

For any of our members who would like to set up “tee times” with Kristiina, you can email her at:

KRISTIINA.
POIKAJARVI@LSLH.
INTERMIN.FI

(Kristiina also likes to practice her English via email - so if you have similar interests please contact her!)

We would like to include a “Member Spotlight” in all of our newsletters — Please contact Lisa



Candidate Profiles ~ Delta Tau 1998

NEUMANN COLLEGE COUNSELOR

Diane Wieland - BSN University of Pennsylvania, MSN University of Pennsylvania, PhD University of Pennsylvania. Professional experience - Currently Assistant Professor of Nursing at Neumann College and Consultation Liaison Nurse, Burn Unit at Crozer Chester Medical Center. Past Assistant Professor at Thomas Jefferson University, Instructor Gwynedd-Mercy College, Staff Nurse, Horsham Clinic, Staff Nurse, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Past President Delta Rho Chapter, Past President Southeastern PA Psychiatric Nurses Advanced Practice Group. Recipient of Delta Rho Research Award and Sigma Theta Tau International Region 6 Utilization of Research in Nursing Practice Award.

"I would like to serve in this office to continue to be an active member of a new chapter (my third chapter) of Sigma Theta Tau. I'd like to offer, as needed, my expertise due to my past experiences in Sigma Theta Tau as president of Delta Rho Chapter and in other leadership roles I have held over the years."

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Sally A. Russo - BSN Neumann College, MSN, ACNP Vanderbilt University. Professional experience - Currently Nurse Practitioner (NP) at Delaware Orthopaedic Center, Staff Nurse at the Psychiatric Hospital at Vanderbilt. Member of the National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses, Sigma Theta Tau - Delta Tau Chapter. Recipient of Ilene Novak Award.

"I hope to contribute to the professionalism of nursing by encouraging cohesiveness among nurses."

VICE PRESIDENT DELTA TAU CHAPTER - HOLY FAMILY COLLEGE

Eileen M. Alexy - BSN Holy Family College, MSN University of Pennsylvania. Professional experience - Presently, Associate Case Manager at Wills Geriatric Psychiatry Program, Graduate Student Intern Life Centers Ltd. ANCC certified Geriatric Nurse and pending certification as an Adult Psychiatric Mental Health certified specialist. Member of ANA, PNA, dual member Sigma Theta Tau - Xi Chapter and Delta Tau Chapter. Awards - Sigma Theta Tau President's Award, Sigma Theta Tau Award for Scholarship and Leadership, Sigma Theta Tau International Leadership Extern, Professional Nurse Traineeship Grant, Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, Division Honors for Nursing, Activities Award for SNA of Holy Family College, Holy Family Scholarship, Menzenski Family Endowment.

"It has been my distinct pleasure serving as Vice President - Delta Tau - HFC for the past two years. My goal at that time was to strengthen communication and networking among the chapter members. The pursuit of that goal has led me to become more involved with Sigma Theta Tau at the chapter, regional, and international levels. In the process, the mentorship I have received is something I would like to continue to pass on to other members of the chapter. I bring deep commitment and energy to the goals of the organization, and if elected, would be elated to serve as Vice President. "

SECRETARY

Debra Budge - BSN Holy Family College. Currently, Staff Nurse at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. Secretary of Delta Tau for the past two years.

"I wish to contribute to the office of Secretary my continued support of the chapter. I offer dedication to the board and chapter members with my availability to attend meetings, answer questions, and facilitate the interests of new members."

Danielle A. Pierson - Senior at Neumann College's BSN - RN Program. Currently, Nurse Extern at Thomas Jefferson Hospital, Home Health Aid - ProtoCall. Member of Sigma Theta Tau, President of SNA at Neumann College. Presently working with New Jersey Senator to develop programs for children's success in health care delivery systems.

"As Secretary for Delta Tau, I hope to apply my enthusiasm for nursing to all of our members through research and participation in activities that portray the importance of nursing."

Delta Tau Ballot 1998

CHOOSE ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH POSITION
(FOLD & MAIL)

NEUMANN COLLEGE COUNSELOR

Diane Wieland _____

Write-In Candidate _____

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Sally A. Russo _____

Write-In Candidate _____

VICE PRESIDENT - HOLY FAMILY COLLEGE

Eileen M. Alexy _____

Write-In Candidate _____

SECRETARY

Debra Budge _____

Danielle A. Pierson _____

Write-In Candidate _____

Delta Tau Ballot ~ 1998

Colleen Callahan
273 Wembly Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082

*1998 Outstanding Nurse Award
Nomination Form*

CRITERIA: BSN Degree (minimum)
Significant contribution to the area of nursing practice, research, leadership, or education

NOMINEE:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: H- _____ W- _____

Institution/Organization: _____
Position: _____
Degree: _____ College: _____
Member of Sigma Theta Tau? Yes No
If yes, Chapter affiliation _____

Reason for Nomination: On a separate sheet of paper, please address how nominee has significantly contributed to the nursing profession (refer to criteria).

NOMINATOR:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: H- _____ W- _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

DEADLINE:

MAY 29, 1998

Report from the Biennial Convention



On behalf of Delta Tau Chapter-at-Large, the executive board wishes to again congratulate the new members. "Clinical Scholarship Worldwide" was the theme for the 34th Biennium which ended at the 75th Anniversary Celebration in Indianapolis. The conference began with an Info Expo Day, that highlighted the use of technology to access information, teach and communicate effectively. Melanie Dreher, STTI President, made a grand entrance Tuesday evening, accompanied by our "six founders," dressed in period costumes. The history and founding of STTI was re-enacted through a combination of multimedia and theatre. Sister Rosemary Donley delivered an inspiring keynote address, "The Spirit of Sigma Theta Tau." The evening concluded with the Grand Opening of the Anniversary Museum.

Scientific sessions were held on Wednesday which focused on the innovations and latest trends in nursing research. Symposia and poster presentations covered a variety of topics ranging from

"Dimensions of Holistic Care" to "Health Care Delivery Systems." A panel of media and health industry experts discussed the results of a University of Rochester study, which examined the sources news media seek out for health care coverage.

Program sessions held on Thursday addressed the "Scholarship of Care." Topics of colloquia included "Alternative Care," exploring the cultural perspectives of East-Asian hand acupuncture and "Culturally Competent Nursing Care through International Nursing Education." The day included a moving tribute and luncheon dedicated to Audrey Hepburn. Robert Wolders, Ms. Hepburn's long-time companion, was inducted into STTI as an Honorary Member, and presented the Audrey Hepburn Award to Julia Plotnik for her contribution to the health and welfare of children. The day ended with the Founders Awards Banquet.

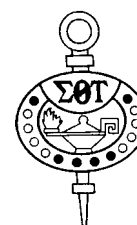
Friday was dedicated to "Chapter Leadership." Leadership externs were introduced to the membership and Regional Meetings were held. The Region 6 Meeting allowed Delta Tau members to network and explore leadership practices that will lead us into the next millennium. At the Chapter Awards Luncheon, Delta Tau received a "Chapter Accountability Award" for filing reports on time. An opportunity to meet the candidates and the 75th Anniversary Birthday Party concluded the events of the day.

- The proposed fee increase of \$10.00 for the International annual membership fee was PASSED and will become effective March 1, 1998.
- 1997-1999 Presidential Charge (Theme: Avenues to the Future)
 1. Strengthen the global diversity of Sigma Theta Tau International
 2. Envision Sigma Theta Tau International's preferred future in the next millennium
 3. Engage in strategic alliances with collaborative partners to further the mission of Sigma Theta Tau International

1998 COMMUNITY MEMBERS

CHRISTINE M. BANTA
 DIANNE B. MACNAMARA STACHOWSKI
 SEIJA MIETTINEN (FINLAND)
 DARLENE D. PEDERSEN

4. Showcase nursing research as a cornerstone to global care delivery. ing and the core health



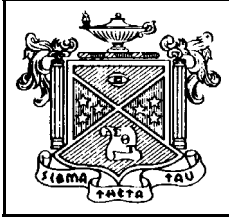
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Announcements to All . . .

- ⇒ In this Issue of **DETAILS**, you will find a registration form for our Sixth Annual Research Day, May 1, 1998 at Allegheny University of the Health Sciences, Queen Lane Campus!
- ⇒ Please return your registration to Anne Muller by **April 20, 1998!**
This is a great opportunity to network!
- ⇒ Enclosed please find the nomination form for the "Outstanding Nurse Award"

- ⇒ Also, in this issue of **DETAILS**, you will find a profile of each candidate on the 1998 Delta Tau Ballot. Your vote is of the utmost importance to us — afterall, this is **YOUR honor society and we encourage YOUR PARTICIPATION!**
- ⇒ Please return the enclosed ballot to Colleen Callahan by **May 29, 1998!**

**"Welcome
and
Congratulations
to our
New
Members!"**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. . .

SEPTEMBER 27, 1998

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