

From the President...

While it is hard to believe that the 1998-1999 year is now three-quarters of the way over, it is even more amazing to look back and reflect upon all of the wonderful work that Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large has accomplished during this year. Delta Tau has maintained its position as a very active and successful chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, and as members, we should all be very proud of our chapter and of our commitment to the mission and goals of STTI. In this issue of *Details*, you will have the opportunity to read first-hand about the chapter's endeavors and accomplishments and to view some of the "Kodak moments" that have been captured up until this point. All of the chapter's events have been memorable, whether they were collaborative efforts, such as the annual Tri-State Consortium Brunch, or independent efforts, such as our 19th Annual Induction Ceremony and Awards Ceremony. As a member and an officer of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large, I am continually amazed at the commitment displayed by not only the Executive Board of the chapter, but also by the general membership. This commitment was most strikingly evident when the chapter sponsored Christmas parties for the Community Nursing Center of Chester & Vicinity and for the Holy Family Neighborhood Center. Delta Tau requested assistance from its general membership in order to make these community service projects come to fruition---the membership heard the call and responded quickly and generously. The photographs enclosed clearly exhibit the sense of holiday spirit and goodwill that Delta Tau was able to share with two groups of very deserving people.

Delta Tau was also very proud to have been well represented at the Region 6 Regional Conference in November. The conference was informative and energizing, STTI President Eleanor Sullivan proved to be an inspiration both as a nurse and as a leader, and Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large had the dubious honor of accepting two very prestigious awards. The next endeavor which is sure to be a success is the upcoming Seventh Annual Research Day which will be held at Neumann College on Friday,

April 30, 1999. Please refer to the enclosed registration form for further details about this collaborative effort. Enclosed you will also note the ballot for Delta Tau's annual election for new officers. I encourage and request every one of you to take the time to complete and return the ballot---it is after-all, the members of the Executive Committee who must strive to maintain the chapter's viability and success, and who must respond to the members' questions, concerns, and ideas---please take this opportunity to have your voice heard.

On a final note, I wanted to sincerely thank all of the members of the Executive Board of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large for their commitment and dedication to the chapter. They have truly made my term as President a pleasure and a wonderful experience. As I hand over the reigns to President-Elect Sally Russo come July 1st, I have every confidence that Sally will find the same degree of support and encouragement as I have encountered, and I also have every confidence that Sally will be a tremendous asset and source of leadership for Delta Tau. I leave you with some final words that were recently included in an STTI brochure and which I shared at our recent Induction Ceremony: We are learners and mentors. We are leaders and scholars. We are researchers and clinicians. We are the healing heart and the certain hope. We are nurses.

Lisa Roberts Cadorette, BSN, RN
President
Delta Tau Chapter~At-Large

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DETAILS

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



35 New Members Inducted at 19th Annual Ceremony

Lisa Roberts Cadorette presided over the 19th Annual Induction Ceremony held at Neumann College Life Center on February 21, 1999. Thirty-five new members were inducted into the Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large family. Sally Russo, President-Elect, offered the invocation, Danielle Pierson, Secretary, explained the coat of arms, and Jacqueline Conaty, Vice President for Neumann College, provided the explanation of the key. Lisa Roberts Cadorette presented the 1998-1999 Graduate Scholarship Award to Gail A. Lehner, and the 1998-1999 Outstanding Nurse Award to Sandra Bonazza. Faculty Counselors Kay Broughton (HFC) and Diane Wieland (NC) introduced the inductees, and Vice President (HFC), Eileen Alexy, introduced the community members. Dr. Kathleen McMullen and Dr. Tamara Zurakowski were on hand to congratulate the new members.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

LOUISE AUGENBRAUN
MICHELE COLLINS
MAGGIE HAMPSHIRE



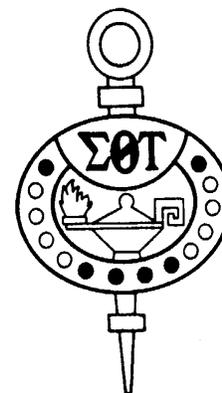
Past President Mary E. Wombwell introduced the keynote speaker, Janice Beitz, RN, PhD, CNOR. Dr. Beitz is an Assistant Professor and the Director of the Graduate Nursing Program at LaSalle University. Through her inspiring speech, Dr. Beitz, reminded each of us that humor is an essential ingredient to aid in managing the stress experienced daily in our personal and professional lives. Remember to take a dose of laughter daily and not to take yourself too seriously – “jest for the health of it.”

On behalf of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large, the executive board once again wishes to congratulate our new members.



HOLY FAMILY COLLEGE

PAMELA BOUDREUX
JOANNE BRASWELL
AIDA BRIDGES
CELESTE CIMORELLI
ANDREA CLARKE
TRACY COLEMAN
CHRISTOPHER JOHNSTONE
SUSAN LEEDOM
FRANCIS MCGRATH
DONNA MILNER
KENNETH MYERS
CANDIDA ROSARIO
CATHERINE SANTIAGO
KRISTA SILVERTHORN
MELISSA SOMMER
CHRISTINE SUSSIN
TANIA VALIDO
TINA VENAFA



NEUMANN COLLEGE

SARAH ASTON
MARY CHRISTY
HOLLY CRAIG
JONELLE FERENTINOS
AMY GARBER
COLLEEN GIAMPIETRO
MARIBETH HENDRIX
NICOLE HOTALING
KAREN KELLY-DRANE
LINDA KING
KELLY MAXWELL
ROGER MEECE
CHRISTINA STEPHENS
ESTHER YEBOAH-AWUSI



*“Member Spotlights”
Meet...*

***Sandra Bonazza &
Gail A. Lehner***

Sandra Bonazza, MSN, RN, received a diploma in nursing from the Medical College of Philadelphia (Formerly known as the Women's Medical College). Sandy continued to pursue her education and obtained a BSN from Holy Family College and an MSN from LaSalle University. Her areas of specialty have included ICU, CCU, and long-term care. She currently works as the Learning Resource Coordinator and Nursing Lab Manager at Holy Family College, where she assists faculty with teaching the nursing students basic nursing skills. She acts as a liaison between the nursing students and the faculty and absolutely loves her job. Because Sandy is loved by her students and is such a warm-hearted, energetic, and enthusiastic nurse and mentor, she was awarded our Outstanding Nurse Award.

Gail A. Lehner, BSN, RNC, is currently pursuing an MSN at Neumann College with a focus on Long-Term Care in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing. She received a diploma in nursing from Hahneman in 1974 and a BSN from Villanova in 1978. Gail will complete her MSN from Neumann College in 1999. She currently works as a psychiatric mental health staff nurse in the Community Division of Crozer-Chester Medical Center as part of a multi-disciplinary team. Gail provides supportive individual therapy, group therapy, crisis intervention, and family therapy. In her practice, Gail also incorporates complementary therapies. In addition to working at Crozer-Chester Medical Center, she is employed as part of a multi-disciplinary team based out of the Brandywine Behavioral Medicine office. Gail was the recipient of our Graduate Scholarship because she exudes the goals of Sigma Theta Tau. We wish her much success with all of her future endeavors!



L to R: Gail Lehner, Lisa Roberts Cadorette, Sandy Bonazza

1999~2000 Research Grant

Δelta Tau Chapter-At-Large will award one Research Grant during the 1999-2000 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 submission of the application is **January 31, 2000**. This recipient will be acknowledged at the 20th Annual Induction Ceremony on April 2, 2000, in the Life Center of Neumann College. In order to be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be an active member of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large (paid dues are up-to-date)
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**

*1999~2000
Graduate Scholarship*

Δelta Tau Chapter-At-Large will award one Graduate Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 during the 1999-2000 year. The scholarship will be given directly to the recipient to be used toward his/her graduate courses/study. In order to be eligible, the applicant 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 the application is **November 12, 1999**. The recipient of the Graduate Scholarship Award will be acknowledged at the 20th Annual Induction Ceremony on April 2, 2000, in the Life Center of Neumann College. To receive an application and further instructions, please contact:

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

Candidate Profiles ~ Delta Tau 1999

HOLY FAMILY COLLEGE COUNSELOR

Kay Broughton - RN, BSN, MSN - Post Master's degree from Rudder's University – Family Nurse Practitioner. Master's from Thomas Jefferson Univ. - Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist. An ANCC Certified Family Nurse Practitioner. Dual Member [Delta Rho]. Licensed in four states and Canada. Presents yearly for Thomas Jefferson Univ. Alumni Assoc., and guest lecture series on interdisciplinary health care and case studies for graduate students, and several other nursing activities.

"My mission is to serve the under-served as I did in Canada with the children from the Yukon. I want to continue to serve on Delta Tau as nursing and teaching has always been my love. Sigma Theta Tau continues to promote the ideals of our nursing profession."

VICE PRESIDENT DELTA TAU CHAPTER - NEUMANN COLLEGE

Jacqueline Conaty - BSN, RN - Neumann College, 1997. Member of Catholic Nurse Association, and Delta Epsilon Sigma. Currently working with Favorite Nurses - Med/Surg Nurse; Red Clay Consolidate School District, DE - School Nurse; and Interim Health Care - Med/Surg Nurse.

"I would like to continue to support the goals of Sigma Theta Tau International's mission of fostering excellence, scholarship, and leadership. I also want to increase Delta Tau's visibility through my active participation in increasing our general membership involvement."

TREASURER

Frank Burgert - BSN, CCRN - Holy Family College - 1978 (B.A.) - 1995 (B.S.N.) Member of AACN. Certified critical care nurse. Currently working at Temple University - Lower Bucks Campus - I.C.U.

"I want to continue my involvement with Sigma Theta Tau and Holy Family College. I hope to carry on in making a difference in Delta Tau by continuing its financial growth and security."

Pamela Boudreaux - Holy Family College 1999 inductee. Selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Goals include working for Indian Health Services and obtaining a master's degree as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Volunteered at Fox Chase in Breast Cancer Research. Currently works for Jan Bell Marketing.

"I am honored and grateful to be a new member of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large. I will go that extra mile to promote the goals of Delta Tau and Sigma Theta Tau International."

NOMINATING CHAIRPERSON

Michelle Sellers - BSN, RN, MSN, CNRN - Neumann College, 1989; MSN from University of Pennsylvania. Member of American Association of Neuroscience Nurses. Past Clinical Nurse Specialist, Dept. of Neurosurgery, University of Pennsylvania. Married with two children.

"I want to take a more active part in Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large through my involvement with the board members and inductees. I hope to make a positive contribution to this nursing honor society."

Donna Milner - Holy Family 1999. Member of NEA, Pennsylvania State Education Association, American Vocational Assoc., American Assoc. of Medical Assistants, and Alpha Sigma Lambda. Work history - Certified Medical Assistant, L.P.N., High School teacher of Medical Assistants.

"As a new inductee I am honored to be a new member of this organization. I look forward to being an active member of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large."

Delta Tau Ballot 1999

MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS FOR THE BELOW POSITIONS BY PLACING A CHECK ON THE APPROPRIATE LINE. DEADLINE IS **APRIL 30TH, 1999**. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT BY FOLDING BALLOT (SO ADDRESS SHOWS ON FRONT), TAPE, AND STAMPING. THANK YOU FOR PAYING THE POSTAGE.

HOLY FAMILY COLLEGE COUNSELOR

Kay Broughton _____

Write-In Candidate _____

VICE PRESIDENT - NEUMANN COLLEGE

Jacqueline Conaty _____

Write-In Candidate _____

TREASURER

Frank Burgert _____

Pamela Boudreaux _____

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NOMINATING CHAIRPERSON

Michelle Sellers _____

Donna Milner _____

Write-In Candidate _____

***POSITIONS NOT FILLED WILL BE APPOINTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT OF DELTA TAU CHAPTER-AT-LARGE.**

Delta Tau Ballot ~ 1999

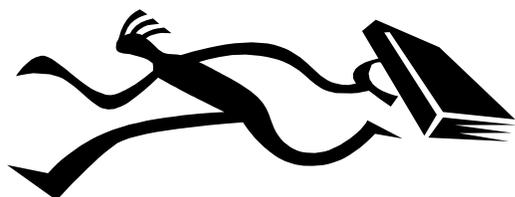
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Newtown, PA 18940

PLEASE SEND YOUR BALLOT BY:

APRIL 30, 1999

*Sigma Theta Tau
International's
35th Biennial Convention
To Take Place in San Diego*

Sigma Theta Tau International will hold its 35th Biennial Convention on November 6-10, 1999, at San Diego's Town & Country Resort and Convention Center. More than 2,000 nurses are expected to gather for this grand event of nursing lectures, research presentations, networking, and panel discussions. The convention will include the prestigious International Founders Awards Banquet, the Communications & Technology Awards Luncheon, the 2nd Biennial Walk/Run for Nursing Research, the Audrey Hepburn Award Luncheon, as well as clinical sessions, research poster presentations, chapter displays, and many other attractions. The official business of Sigma Theta Tau International will also be conducted during the House of Delegates including the installation of the new board of directors. Be on the lookout for further information about the Biennial Convention in *Reflections* or simply contact Sigma Theta Tau International directly by calling the toll free number: 1-888-634-7575.



*Plans for the 20th Anniversary
Celebration Are Underway!*

Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large will be having a dual celebration on Sunday, April 2, 2000, in the Life Center of Neumann College. The Chapter will hold its 20th Anniversary Induction Ceremony combined with a formal Charter Amendment Ceremony welcoming Eastern College into the chapter!!!! Delta Tau's Executive Board is very excited about this joint event, and is encouraging each and every chapter member to mark his/her calendar now. A committee is already in place to begin planning the celebration, but we wholeheartedly welcome input from anyone from the general membership. A representative from Sigma Theta Tau International will be coming to share in the celebration, and we hope to have several notable guests in attendance. If you have any questions or suggestions, or simply want to assist with the planning of this day of celebration, please contact President-Elect Sally Russo .



*“Nursing and the Media”
Topics from Region 6*

The Region 6 Conference Series was held on November 19-21, 1998 at the Columbia Inn in Columbia, Maryland. On Friday November 19, 1998 Jean Gaddy Wilson, executive director, New Directions for News (think tank) at the University of Missouri School of Journalism, moderated a panel discussion regarding the “Woodhull Study on Nursing and the Media.” The Woodhull Study is named for the late Nancy Woodhull founder of *USA Today*. During Ms. Woodhull's 33-year career as a journalist she was a well-known advocate of diversity in the news.

The Woodhull Study (1997), sponsored by Sigma Theta Tau International and the University of Rochester School of Nursing (URSN), was designed to, “Document popular cultural attitudes, as reflected by the news media, about nurses and the nursing profession, and the relationship of nurses and nursing to American health care” (p.8). The key findings are awakening for nurses and the nursing profession across the globe.

URSN students examined approximately 20,000 health care articles from 16 different major news publications. The students found that nurses are cited or referenced as an expert source of information less than four percent of the time. How can this be with more than 2.5 million registered nurses in the United States alone and the increasingly involved role they play in health care today. With this question in mind Jean Gaddy Wilson inspired a lively discussion among the Region 6 Conference members and a distinguished group of panelist representing the written and visual media as well as nursing academia.

The key recommendation by the panel and conference participants that emerged is for nursing to play a more proactive role in establishing and maintaining ongoing communication with the media. This issue is reaching into the forefront of nursing with recent articles in *Advance for Nurses* and *Nursing Spectrum*. Nurses cannot simply wait for the media to find them; they must make themselves visible as experts in their field and available for comment.

Delta Tau Spreads Holiday Cheer To “Kids” of All Ages!

This year, Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large sponsored two community service projects. The first occurred on Tuesday, December 15, 1998, at the Community Nursing Center located in Chester, PA. Delta Tau provided the elderly, underserved clients of the Center with lunch, Christmas carols, and gifts, which were presented by Mrs. Claus herself. The Nursing Faculty from Neumann College was on hand to help out with the festivities, and a good time was had by all.

The second Christmas party occurred on Wednesday, December 16, 1998, at the Holy Family Neighborhood Center located in the Frankford section of Philadelphia. Delta Tau provided the children from the Center with cupcakes, punch, holiday music, and a visit from Santa Claus who helped deliver gifts. Faculty members from Holy Family College joined in the merriment of the occasion.

Much thanks to all of the Delta Tau members whose generous donations made these endeavors possible!!! Both of these very deserving groups of folks were very appreciative of Delta Tau's efforts, and the Chapter fully intends to make these service projects annual events!!!

**The
Community
Nursing
Center**

**1998
Community
Service
Projects**

**The
Holy
Family
Neighborhood
Center**





*Delta Tau Board Members
With Eleanor Sullivan and Nancy Dickinson-Hazard (seated)
President and Executive Director
of Sigma Theta Tau International*

Seventh Annual Research Day To Be Held at Neumann

This year, Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large has the honor of hosting the Seventh Annual Research Day which will be held on Friday, April 30, 1999, on the campus of Neumann College. This collaborative event is co-sponsored with Delta Rho (Jefferson College of Health Professions), Kappi Chi (Temple University), Kappa Delta (LaSalle University), Nu Eta (MCP/Hahneman University) and Xi (University of Pennsylvania). The theme this year incorporates global health care issues. Nancy Sharts-Hopko, PhD, RN, from Villanova University, will serve as the keynote speaker, and her presentation is entitled, "Global Issues in Nursing: Toward Health for All in the Coming Millennium." The Research Day program entails several poster presentations as well as paper presentations. The closing luncheon address will be given by Jill Derstine, EdD, RN, from Temple University, as she will share her slide presentation entitled "Nursing in Viet Nam." The event is certain to be a great success and a wonderful opportunity to network and to gain further insight and understanding of important nursing issues. Delta Tau and the co-sponsoring chapters of STTI are proud to offer this scholarly program and are pleased to announce that full-time students have the option to either attend the program at no charge and/or partake of the luncheon at minimal cost. We are also the first to participate in a new program initiated by International and will be honored to have a guest speaker from the Washington, DC area.

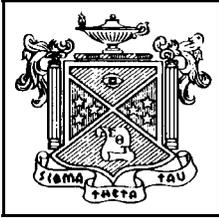
We hope to see you on April 30th!!!



Delta Tau Receives Two Awards at the Region 6 Conference!

Region 6 of Sigma Theta Tau International held its 1998 Regional Conference Series on November 19-21, 1998, at the Columbia Inn in Columbia, Maryland. The conference focused on many issues such as managed care, nursing and the media, global connections, and strategies by which chapters can strengthen and improve their positions. The entire conference was very informative and energizing, however, the most exciting moment for Delta Tau occurred at the Awards Ceremony. Delta Tau's Faculty Counselor for Neumann College, Dr. Diane Wieland, was presented with the Sigma Theta Tau International Region 6 Dissertation Award for her dissertation entitled "Women's Experiences with Secondary Infertility." Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large was presented with the Sigma Theta Tau International Region 6 Innovative Chapter Award for its web page: www.libertynet.org/deltatau. President Lisa Roberts Cadorette and HFC Vice President Eileen Alexy were in attendance to accept the award on behalf of the chapter. Congratulations to the recipients were extended by STTI President Eleanor Sullivan and Executive Officer Nancy Dickenson-Hazard. It was a very memorable occasion for Delta Tau!!!





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International**

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***“Welcome
and
Congratulations
to our
New
Members!”***

***“Thumbs~Up” for
Charter Amendment***

On October 27, 1998, Delta Tau's Executive Board as well as the officers from Eastern College's Nursing Honor Society had the privilege of meeting with Ruth Ann Miller, RN, PhD., a site visitor from Sigma Theta Tau International. Dr. Miller met with the group to further discuss the application for charter amendment which would allow Eastern College to join Delta Tau Chapter-at-Large. The discussion was very positive and informative. Within weeks of Dr. Miller's visit, Delta Tau received official notification from STTI President Eleanor Sullivan that the application had been approved!!! Both Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large and Eastern College are excited about the upcoming merger and believe that this collaborative effort can only strengthen and enhance the chapter as a whole.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. . .

APRIL 30, 1999
SEVENTH ANNUAL
RESEARCH DAY AT
NEUMANN COLLEGE

MAY 2, 1999
EASTERN COLLEGE
NURSING HONOR SOCIETY
INDUCTION CEREMONY
WALTON CONFERENCE CENTER



SEPTEMBER 27, 1999

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