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



A Message from the President...

Warmest greetings to all members of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large. I cannot believe that almost one year has passed since I entered the role of president of Delta Tau. Throughout this year, I have had the opportunity to attend many meetings and activities sponsored by the chapter. After each of these experiences, I found I felt energized and more committed to the profession of nursing than I had before. What was the “magic” that gave me such a boost? As I reflect on these experiences, I realize that the “magic” was the anecdotes and the knowledge shared by nurses with nurses. In this community of nurses, I found the vigor that enabled me to go back to my everyday work world and face the challenges of a very demanding profession. The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International is a community within which nurses can find renewal. However, you can only access that energy if you participate in the activities that are available to you as members of The Honor Society of Nursing. I strongly encourage each of you as members of Delta Tau-At-Large to make a commitment to attend at least one of the activities sponsored by the chapter this year. I know you will not be disappointed.

This will be an especially exciting year for our chapter. We will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the founding of Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large. The chapter is planning many activities that will culminate in a grand celebration at our 25th Induction Ceremony at Neumann College on April 10, 2005. Mark your calendars!!! This is a significant event in the history of our chapter and you really need to be part of it. You will be receiving information about the festivities throughout this silver anniversary year. Stay tuned for further updates! In addition, I would love to hear from each of you this year. I would like to know what you would like to do to celebrate this very special anniversary. Please e-mail me at maprn3523@comcast.net and let me know what you are thinking.

Last but ABSOLUTELY not least I want to thank all of the officers of the chapter for their hard work over this past year. Their commitment and dedication reflects the commitment of the members of this chapter to the pursuit of excellence in our discipline and I am honored to have had this chance to work with each one of them.

Have a great summer and keep in touch!

Mary Anne Peters, DNSc, RN
President, Delta Tau Chapter

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2004~2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 10, 2004

**TRI-STATE
CONSORTIUM BRUNCH
LOCATION: TBA
PANEL OF SPEAKERS**

OCTOBER 11, 2004

**BOARD MEETING
NEUMANN COLLEGE
MONDAY, 6:00 P.M.**

***DECEMBER—FEBRUARY,**

2004-2005

**COMMUNITY SERVICE
PROJECTS**

JANUARY 10, 2005

**BOARD MEETING
HOLY FAMILY UNIVERSITY
MONDAY, 6:00 P.M.**

FEBRUARY 18, 2005

**ALL SCHOLARSHIPS &
AWARD APPLICATIONS
DUE!**

***WEEK OF**

MARCH 21, 2005

**PRE-INDUCTION PIZZA
PARTIES**

APRIL 10, 2005

**25TH ANNUAL
INDUCTION CEREMONY
NEUMANN COLLEGE**

JUNE 10, 2005

**ANNUAL PLANNING MTG
EASTERN UNIVERSITY
9:30 AM**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

**HTTP://DELTAU.
LIBERTYNET.ORG**

*24th Annual Induction Ceremony
Welcome to our new members...*



EASTERN UNIVERSITY

ATIYA ABDELMALIK
ELEANOR J. ARCH
BETH DESARETZ CHIATTI
LINDA G. DIMARTINI
SANDRA E. HEYWARD
MARIANNE P.
WARLIGA JOHNSON
MARY ANNE ZESERMAN



**HOLY FAMILY UNIVERSITY
UNDERGRADUATES**

DEBORAH A. BALDASSARRE
COLLEEN K. CARLSON
KRISTEN M. CURRIER
ANGELA M. DENNING
LISA A. DIFLORIO
KATHERINE T. GONGLIK
CHERYL L. GRAMLICH
LISA J. KEARNS
NANCY A. LITTLE
NATALIE R. MINNIX
MARY BETH MORRISON
TIMOTHY C. O'NEILL
ROBERT W. SIMON
HEATHER A. SIMONOVITCH
ANGELA R. TOPLEY

**HOLY FAMILY UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE STUDENTS**

MARILYN J. ARDIS
DONNA MILLER-NEMCIK



24th Annual Induction Ceremony



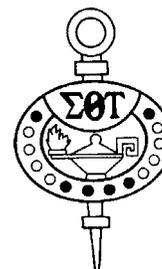
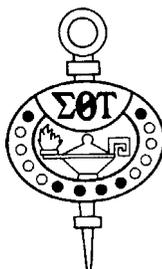
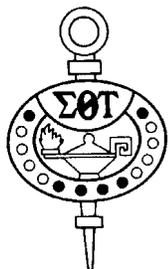
**NEUMANN COLLEGE
UNDERGRADUATES**

RYAN ALDERMAN
DANA M. BEAVER
KERIANNE E. BYERS-SMITH
JOCELYN ANN CROSS
CRYSTAL N. FORBES
THOMAS P. FRIEL
LORI ANN MARIE LELII
FARAHLEE MCCRACKEN
CRISTIN M. REYNDERS
LAURA R. SCHNARR
STEFANIE J. SMARRO
MEGAN A. TICE



**NEUMANN COLLEGE
GRADUATE STUDENTS**

ERNESTINE Y. DAVIS
SR. PAULA R. JAMESON
JENNIFER D. MAYS
BRENDA S. PRICE



Candidate Profiles ~ Delta Tau 2004

PRESIDENT ~ ELECT

This could be you! We are looking for a candidate to take over the “presidency.” As president-elect, you will receive a year “in-training” to assume the role of the president for the 2005-2007 term of office. This is an opportunity to become active and involved in your local chapter. The qualifications and responsibilities of the president-elect are listed below:

Qualifications & Responsibilities:

- Be an active member of the chapter
- Consent to serve in the position
- Succeed into the presidency at the end of a one-year term of office
- Communicate to the public the purposes of the society
- Be chair of committees, as needed
- Learn the chapter operations and facilitate the achievement of chapter goals and mission of Sigma Theta Tau International
- Oversee the process for completing and submitting the Chapter Key Award application.

VICE PRESIDENT – EASTERN UNIVERSITY

Patricia M. McCormick - BSN, RN - is currently a Level II neonatal nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Her clinical expertise is in the area of pediatric end-of-life care. Pat works extensively with new RNs orienting them to unit standards and protocols, as well as to the realities, of the bereavement process. She is currently working to develop a self-learning module for staff on palliative care and end-of-life care. Pat received her BA in English from the University of Pennsylvania, AAS from Delaware Community College, and her BSN from Eastern University. She feels honored to contribute her expertise to Delta Tau and STTI.

VICE PRESIDENT – HOLY FAMILY UNIVERSITY

Cathleen Jenner - DNSc, RN - is an associate professor of nursing at Holy Family University and the Chair of the MSN program at Holy Family. Her career in nursing includes extensive experience in critical care nursing, administration, and education. Research interests include health policy and the ethical aspects of nursing practice. She has been a long-standing member of Sigma Theta Tau International and believes that through service to Delta Tau-At-Large, she can contribute in a meaningful way to the profession of nursing at this crucial juncture in its history.

SECRETARY

Sara A. Eldridge – BSN, RN - is a staff nurse at Shriners Hospital. Her primary areas of public health clinical expertise are perinatal home visiting and immunization outreach. She possesses extensive experience working with urban and vulnerable families, especially women and children, identified as “at risk” for sub-optimal health maintenance. Sara received her diploma in nursing from Roxborough Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, her AD and BSN from Eastern University, and will be completing her MPH from Temple University in 2005.

NEUMANN COLLEGE COUNSELOR

Sheila Cunningham - MSN, RN - is an assistant professor of nursing at Neumann College. Sheila received her BSN from Neumann College and an MSN from Villanova University. She has worked at Neumann College for fifteen years. Her clinical practice includes working in the Short Procedure Unit at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital and in home infusion for two agencies. Sheila was gracious enough to complete the last term as Neumann faculty counselor vacated by Marian Slater this past academic year. She looks forward to continuing in this role to assist Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large of Sigma Theta Tau International.

Delta Tau Ballot 2004

MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS FOR THE BELOW POSITIONS BY PLACING A CHECK ON THE APPROPRIATE LINE. DEADLINE IS JULY 23, 2004. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT IN AN ENVELOPE TO THE ADDRESS PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM. THANK YOU FOR PAYING THE POSTAGE OR YOU MAY SAVE A STAMP AND E-MAIL YOUR BALLOT SUBMISSIONS TO: EMALEXY@NURSING.UPENN.EDU

PRESIDENT ~ ELECT

Write-In Candidate _____

VICE - PRESIDENT EASTERN UNIVERSITY

Patricia M. McCormick _____

Write-In Candidate _____

VICE - PRESIDENT HOLY FAMILY UNIVERSITY

Cathleen Jenner _____

Write-In Candidate _____

SECRETARY

Sara A. Eldridge _____

Write-In Candidate _____

NEUMANN COLLEGE COUNSELOR

Sheila Cunningham _____

Write-In Candidate _____

*POSITIONS NOT FILLED WILL BE APPOINTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Delta Tau Ballot ~ 2004

Eileen M. Alexy
1137 Shackamaxon Street
Suite C
Philadelphia, PA 19125-4143

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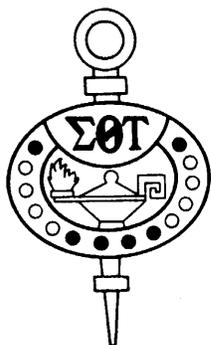
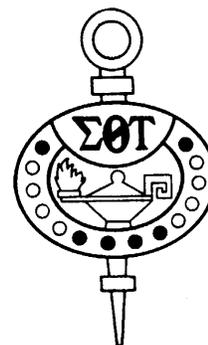
JULY 23, 2004

24th Annual Induction Ceremony



COMMUNITY NURSE LEADERS

ROSEMARY G. KOCHANOWICZ
KATHLEEN E. MOLDEN
MILAGROS CARTEGENA



2004 AWARD WINNERS

MARTHA JOHNSTON
PATRICIA A. GIULIANA



Annual Induction Ceremony Complete with Laughter...

Mary Anne Peters presided over the 24th Annual Induction Ceremony held at Holy Family University on April 18, 2004. Forty-three new members were inducted into the Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large family. The 2003-2004 Graduate Scholarship was awarded to Patricia A. Giuliana to support her pursuit of a master's degree in nursing education at Drexel University. Martha A. Johnston was the recipient of the 2003-2004 Research Award. The award will facilitate the completion of Marty's dissertation thesis, which involves the development of a survey instrument for administration to certified nursing assistants (CNAs). This instrument will identify factors in the nursing home environment that promote retention of CNAs and positive resident outcomes.

Cathleen Jenner introduced the keynote speaker, Mary Bailey, RN, BSN, CEN (pictured below). Mary is the Trauma Nurse Coordinator at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia. Through her inspiring speech, "*Lessons I've Learned in Life and Nursing*" Mary, reminded each of us that humor is a "necessary skill" to help manage the daily stress we experience in our personal and professional lives.

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



Scholarship and Grant Monies Available

Delta Tau Chapter-at-Large will award one Graduate and one Undergraduate Scholarship each in the amount of \$1000 during the 2004-2005 year. Additionally, we will award one Research Grant in the amount of \$1000. The Graduate Scholarship and Research Grant Awards will be given directly to the recipient to be used toward his/her graduate course of study and research. The Undergraduate Scholarship Award will be deposited into the student's account at his/her school.

In order to be eligible for the *Undergraduate Award*, the applicant must:

1. Be currently enrolled as a nursing student at Eastern College, Holy Family University or Neumann College.
2. Agree to a 1 year service commitment to the chapter
3. Completed all JUNIOR level nursing courses
4. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA or 3.25
5. Submit a short essay.
6. Submit one copy of official transcripts.
7. Submit a faculty recommendation.

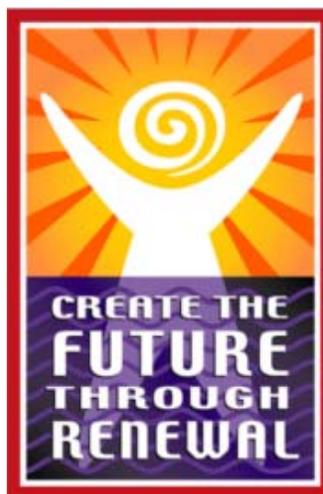
To be eligible for the *Graduate Award*, the applicant must:

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

To be eligible for the *Research Grant*, 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)
3. Present a poster presentation at induction ceremony

Deadline for all applications is **February 11, 2005**. The recipients of the Undergraduate, Graduate, and Research Awards will be acknowledged at the 25th Annual Induction Ceremony. To receive an application and further instructions for any of these awards, please contact your faculty counselor(s) (Mindy Murray, EU, Chris Rosner, HF, Sheila Cunningham, NC) or visit our website: <http://deltatau.libertynet.org> and click on Calendar of Events to download an application.



Report on the 37th Annual Biennial Convention

The representatives from Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large who attended the convention held in Toronto, Canada from November 1-5 2003 were Cathy Jenner, Sara Eldridge, and Eileen Alexy.

The five days could be summarized as exciting, inspiring, and fortifying, especially for this relative newbie to STTI. The opening Plenary on Saturday afternoon was a moving presentation by Dr Margaret Carson who discussed the vulnerabilities of nurses as they engage in professional caregiving activities. It was both touching and validating. The first four days were packed with educational sessions held throughout the day. The clinical sessions were held on Saturday and Sunday, November 1 and 2, the scientific sessions were held on Monday November 3, and the leadership sessions held on Tuesday November 4. Session topics were widely varied, such as correctional nursing, barriers and facilitators to using research findings in clinical practice, and moral distress for nurses: listening and taking action. Attending Regional meetings and candidate forums afforded us the opportunity to meet other members from our region as well as the candidates running for positions as officers of International.

The House of Delegates convened on the afternoon of November 4th where we were informed that 329 of the 421 chapters were represented with a total of 720 delegates present. There was also the largest number of first time attendees present. In addition to the election of officers, there were 12 petitioning honor societies to be acknowledged as new chapters, as well as several revisions to the bylaws to be voted on. Bylaws changes involved fiscal authority of the International Board of Directors, global membership eligibility--cultural relevance, and governance structure and committees. There were nine amendments in all voted on. The results can be found on the STTI website at http://www.nursingsociety.org/chapters/governance_HODsummary.pdf. The elections then shifted to voting for officers: President Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, 4 Directors, 7 members for Nominating Committee, 7 members for Research Committee, Regional Coordinators for the 15 regions and finally Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee Chair. The newly elected officers can also be found on the STTI website at http://www.nursingsociety.org/events/con03_main.html under "election results." Delta Tau would like to offer a hearty CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Nancy Sharts-Hopko of Villanova University on her election as Treasurer of STTI, and Dr. Karen Morin, formerly of the University of Delaware, for her election to the position of Director.

The reconvening of the House of Delegates on the final day was the culmination of five truly stimulating days. The installation and transition ceremony included outgoing president May Wykle "passing the torch" to new president Dan Pesut. President Pesut's call to action sent us off motivated to "Create the Future Through Renewal." I encourage everyone to read it in its entirety at the previously mentioned web address – "President's Call to Action."

Everyone should take the opportunity to attend one of these conventions as it provides a wonderful experience!

*Sara Eldridge, RN, BSN, Vice-President, Eastern University
Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large*



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Nicky Hardy, Vice President, NC
Mary E. Wombwell,
Treasurer
Eileen M. Alexy,
Secretary, Awards, Publicity Committee
Mindy Murray, Counselor EU
Christine Rosner, Counselor HF
Sheila Cunningham, Counselor NC*

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*Assistance Needed For
Delta Tau
Community Service Projects*

Dear Colleagues,

At this time we are asking for contributions for our Annual Community Service Projects at Eastern University, Holy Family University, and Neumann College.

If you can spare \$5.00 or \$10.00, it would go a long way to ensure that some worthy children and older adults have much needed resources over the holidays.

Please send checks and make them payable to: Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large. Donations should be mailed to our treasurer:

*Dr. Mary E. Wombwell
4630 Barry Road
Philadelphia, PA 19114-3706*

We appreciate your support for these projects!

**Did you know that you
could make a donation
to Delta Tau Chapter
when renewing your
STTI membership?**

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