

A Message from the President...

Warmest greetings to all the members of Delta Tau At-Large Chapter! Wow. It is hard to believe that a year has passed since I took on the position of president of Delta Tau. While adjusting to my new role has been challenging, I have had such great support from the Executive Board that the transition has been smooth.

This past year was an exciting one for the chapter. The events began with the annual Tri-State Consortium brunch on October 4, 2007 with guest speaker Cheryl Mee who gave a dynamic presentation "Doing the 'Write' thing: Practical Solutions for Successful professional Writing". The chapter continued its annual community service project and for the third year made a donation to the nursing department and students of Our Lady of Holy Cross College in New Orleans. The chapter was also proud to have been represented at the 39th Biennial Convention in November in Baltimore (see report on page 7) with five members attending the conference. We would like to officially congratulate Anne Muller, the former Region 12 Mentorship chair on being elected the Region 12 Coordinator for Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI).

In April Delta Tau celebrated the 28th annual Induction Ceremony at Neumann College. This year we inducted over 100 new members including four nurse leaders. Our distinguished guest speaker was Karen Morin DSN, RN, President Elect of STTI who gave the inductees truly inspirational words. The outstanding nurse award was given to Katie Tottser, the undergraduate scholarship went to Kerry Fisher and the graduate scholarship went to Karyn Book. No research award was given this year. I would like to once again say CONGRATULATIONS and to welcome the 103 newly inducted members to the Delta Tau chapter. In April Delta Tau also continued its co-sponsorship of the South Eastern Pennsylvania League for Nursing (SPLN) annual spring dinner as well as the Chester County Nurses Association annual research day held at Immaculata University.

In June, the Executive Board of Delta Tau held the annual planning meeting. At that time we welcomed the incoming officers from the 2008 election. Mary Wombwell and Tiffany Taylor will continue as the recording and corresponding secretaries respectively. These two positions were created at last year's planning meeting when the board voted on this change recognizing that the responsibilities on the original position of secretary, awards & publicity chair formerly held by one person would be less demanding if held by two officers. Beth Chiatti and Barbara Hannigan will remain Vice Presidents for Eastern University and Holy Family University respectively. Sheila Cunningham will continue as Faculty Counselor for Neumann College. Congratulations to Patricia white who will serve as the new Faculty Counselor for Immaculata University. Currently the position of President-Elect remains open. The president elect serves one year in this office (2008-2009) and then serves two years as President of the chapter (2009-2011). If you would be interested in serving in this position, please email deltatau@libertynet.org and if you are interested in serving on the executive board please visit the STTI website to see officer job descriptions. (http://www.nursingsociety.org/Chapters/Resources/Pages/roles_admin.aspx#pres)

I would like to say a special thank you to every member of the Executive Board. I recognize and appreciate your dedication to the success of Delta Tau. A round of applause to you all!

I would also like to acknowledge the challenge we face as a chapter in keeping new members involved and engaged in chapter activities. I would like to extend an invitation to ALL Delta Tau members to have your voice heard and encourage you to send suggestions, questions and concerns to the executive board by email at deltatau@libertynet.org. We try to maintain communication with chapter members through two mailings per year and would also like to have regular email contact but this has proven difficult because of inactive email addresses of members. So as I accept that regular communication with members is a challenge, please remember that you can always be updated on chapter events by visiting our website at <http://deltatu.libertynet.org>.

In closing, I must say how proud I am to not only serve as president of this wonderful chapter, but also that I consider being a member of STTI a great honor. Remember that we are all a part of a 'community of nurses who lead in using knowledge, scholarship, service and learning to improve the health of the world's people'. That is truly something to be proud of.

Many blessings to you all and HAVE A GREAT SUMMER.

Sara A. Eldridge RN, BSN, MPH
President, Delta Tau At-Large

2008~2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 19, 2008
ANNUAL TRI-STATE
CONSORTIUM BRUNCH
LOCATION: EMBASSY
SUITES HOTEL
PHILADELPHIA

OCTOBER 19, 2008
BOARD MEETING
EMBASSY SUITES
HOTEL
FOLLOWING TRI STATE
BRUNCH

JANUARY 26, 2009
BOARD MEETING
EASTERN
UNIVERSITY
5:00 P.M.

JANUARY 30, 2009
ALL SCHOLARSHIPS &
AWARD APPLICATIONS
DUE!

***MARCH 2009**
PRE-INDUCTION PIZZA
PARTIES

APRIL 19, 2009
28TH ANNUAL
INDUCTION CEREMONY
HOLY FAMILY
UNIVERSITY

***JUNE 2009**
ANNUAL PLANNING
MEETING

*** DATES TBA**

*28th Annual Induction Ceremony
Welcome to our new members...*



EASTERN UNIVERSITY

MARY BETH ANNETT
 EUN YOUNG CHO
 STACY L. CHUBB
 RACHAEL LEIGH FERNBAUGH
 KERRY EILEEN FISCHER
 ANGELA S. GORDON
 ELIZABETH HETRICK
 TAMARA L. HOPPLE
 ERICA L. KERPER
 STEPHEN L. LEONETTI
 ROSE J. OH
 ELIZABETH RAGAN
 YOUNGHEE SEO

HOLY FAMILY UNIVERSITY
UNDERGRADUATE &
GRADUATE STUDENTS

MALIKA ABDELFEITAH
 FLORENCE AKOUEGNON
 CIRLY ALEYAS
 TRISTAN ANDRULONIS
 IBUKUNOLUWA K. AWOYALE
 HEATHER M. CAMERON
 MARY ALLAINE CUETO
 MARY JO DONNELL
 TONI-JO EMORY
 JEAN-ELAINE D. ESALVA
 LASHAWN L. FRAZIER
 LYDIA J. FRICKMANN-
 WILLIAMS
 ASYA S. GALPERIN
 CHRISTINA M. GARRETT
 DONNA M. GROSS
 JYOTHY JOHN
 JANA L. JOHNSON
 NICOLE A. KLEIN
 BRENDA M. MARZULLI
 MELISSA A. MATHEWS
 JENNA L. NAU
 ASHLEY M. NEVILLE
 SAVUOL M. NGO
 CHRISTINA A. NOP



28th Annual Induction Ceremony



HOLY FAMILY UNIVERSITY
UNDERGRADUATE &
GRADUATE STUDENTS
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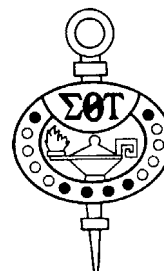
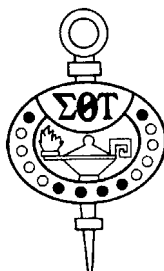
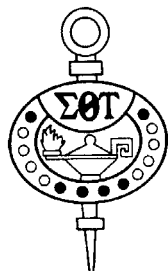
ANNE M. PINTO
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 CAROL A. SMITH
 DAMON A. SNYDER
 SARAH J. STENGEL
 CAITLIN SULLIVAN
 LINDSAY A. SULLIVAN
 TEENA THOMAS
 SOFIA A. VARGHESE
 THERESA M. VERRELLE
 ARLENE K. WILLIAMS
 DANIELLE ZAFFINO
 ALLISON M. ZYGMONT

WENDY J. LUCA
 LORI A. MCMULLEN

NEUMANN COLLEGE
UNDERGRADUATE &
GRADUATE STUDENTS

LAUREN N. AMICONE
 KIMBERLY W. BARICKMAN
 MARGARITA C. BEARD
 JOY E. BURKE
 ANN DOLECKI
 DENISE DRISCOLL
 ALLISON E. HAZEWSKI
 LAURA MAKIN
 ALLYSON B. O'DONNELL
 AMY REBEKAH PETERKIN
 ASHLEY T. REEF
 JENNIFER S. REYNOLDS
 MARIE J. ROBINSON
 ANDREA E. TROY
 JAYME D. YOWORSKY
 ALICIA K. ZAMPITELLA

 SUSAN LYNCH

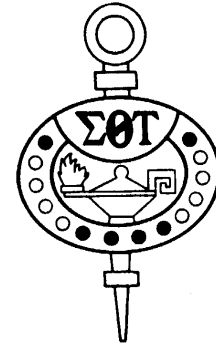


28th Annual Induction Ceremony

MMACULATA UNIVERSITY **UNDERGRADUATE &** **GRADUATE STUDENTS**

LORRAINE F. BIGONY
TONIMARIE BRUSNAHAN
TERESA M. CANNON
KATHLEEN MARY CASSIDY
LOIS M. CHAPPELL
PAMELA J. COTTMAN
DIANA W. CRAWFORD
IRENE S. CULLIN
JILL E. DAY
LAURA A. DECKER
FRANCIS GALANAUGH
KIM LOUISE GREENAWALT
BARBARA B. HASSON
JOY C. KERR
SHARON L. KILBY
MARIE J. KORB
KAREN F. LEWIS
WILLIAM J. MARSHALL
BETHANY S. MARTIN
KAROLYN RUMELL
MARY JANE M. SCHWARZ
ELIZABETH M. SLEZAK
MARIAN SODA
AUDREY TRAUX
TERESA E. WECKESSER
JUDITH G. WHITE
ANGELA N. YODER

MARIANNE FEISTER
LISA A. NAUGLE



COMMUNITY NURSE LEADERS

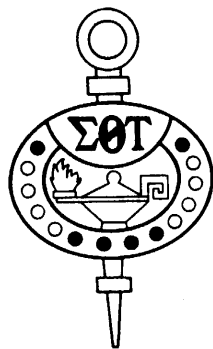
RITA J. CASEY
KATHLEEN A. KELLY-WEST
WILLIAM LARSON
DONNA L. YANURA



28th Annual Induction Ceremony



**EILEEN ALEXY PINS
SIGMA THETA TAU RIBBON ON
BILL LARSON**



**FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: DR. KAREN MORIN, KEYNOTE SPEAKER, DR
MARY BOYLSTON— OUTGOING CHAIR, NURSING DEPT-EU,
DR CHRIS ROSNER, CHAIR NURSING DEPT HFU,
KATHEEN HOOVER CHAIR, DEAN, DIVISION OF NURSING & HEALTH
SCIENCES- NC.**

Annual Induction Ceremony

Delta Tau Chapter-at-Large welcomed over one hundred new members during the 28th annual induction ceremony, held at the ETC Auditorium of Holy Family University on April 6, 2008.

The ceremony was presided over by Sara Eldridge, chapter president. The keynote speaker for the event was Karen Morin. Karen Morin, RN, DSN serves as a professor of nursing at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee as well as President Elect of STTI.

Baccalaureate and graduate inductees from Eastern University, Holy Family University, Immaculata University and Neumann College along with community nurse leaders gathered to join the over 400,000 other individuals who have been inducted worldwide into Sigma Theta Tau, International (STTI).

Along with the recognition of the inductees, three other individuals were honored through awards or scholarships. Kerry Fisher was awarded the Undergraduate Scholarship. The Graduate Scholarship recipient was Karyn Book, and Catherine Tottser received the Outstanding Nurse Award.

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



The reception area of the ETC Auditorium at Holy Family University was beautiful decorated with STTI's signature colors.

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 2008-2009 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 University, Holy Family University, Immaculata 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 **January 30, 2009**. The recipients of the Undergraduate, Graduate, and Research Awards will be acknowledged at the 28th Annual Induction Ceremony. To receive an application and further instructions for any of these awards, please contact your faculty counselors (Chris Jackson, EU, Kathryn Hayes, HF, Marge Lacey, IU, Sheila Cunningham, NC) or visit our website: <http://deltatau.libertynet.org> and click on Calendar of Events to download an application.



A Global Perspective—The Biennial Convention in Baltimore

In November of 2007, over 2000 nurses from 33 different countries gathered in Baltimore for the 39th Biennial Convention. In addition to two very well-attended pre-conferences (on Evidence-Based Practice, and Emergency Preparedness), conference attendees had the opportunity to choose from over 850 presentations about research projects intended to advance nursing science, practice, education, administration and policy development. Many of these sessions educated the attendees on the honor society's 13-year strategic plan entitled "Vision 2020", which supports the organization's mission of creating a global community of nurses to improve health.

Particularly moving, was the Opening Plenary Keynote Address, featuring Anne Ryder, an award-winning TV anchor and columnist. Ms. Ryder had the privilege of being granted an interview with Mother Theresa – the only interview granted to an American reporter in over a decade and, sadly, the last interview Mother Theresa would give prior to her death. Ms. Ryder shared her memories of that interview, and the things she learned directly from Mother Theresa – the power of silence, using active gratitude, and turning difficult situations into positive outcomes.

This convention also marked the last day in office for Nancy Dickenson-Hazard, who had served as the honor society's chief executive officer since 1993. At a ceremony on November 11, the torch was literally passed to Patricia Thompson. President Carol Picard also ended her term as president, handing the reigns to Carol Huston. To read about Dr. Huston, please go to http://www.nursingsociety.org/aboutus/board/Pages/bio_huston.aspx

Dr. Huston presented her Call of Action to the House of Delegates on November 14, 2008. The theme for her presidential call is "Leading Globally", which builds upon several of the key elements suggested in "Vision 2020".

The four key elements to

Dr. Huston's call are:

Being "intentionally global"

Continuing to build our knowledge resources

Further developing the leadership skills of our membership

Creating a greater emphasis on providing service

Dr. Huston's complete presentation can be found at:

<http://www.nursingsociety.org/aboutus/CalltoAction/Pages/CalltoAction.aspx>

Submitted by Lucia Kubik, RN, BSN

Delta Tau Chapter-At-Large Member



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International**

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(07-08)**

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*Assistance Needed For
Delta Tau
Community Service Project*

Dear Colleagues,

At this time we are asking for contributions for our Annual Community Service Project .

If you can spare \$5.00 or \$10.00, it would go a long way towards helping some worthy nursing students.

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

*Dr Kathleen McMullen
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We appreciate your support for this project.

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It's just a click away...**