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DO YOU KNOW A A NURSE COLLEAGUE WHO DEMONSTRATES SUPERIOR LEADERSHIP OR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE?

Please consider nominating your nursing colleagues for the awards of community leadership or clinical excellence. The application/nomination deadlines for Outstanding Student Awards, Community Leadership Award & Clinical Excellence Award are April 1, 2007.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



November 9, 2006

Executive Board Meeting
3025 SON
4:00-5:00 p.m.

November 9, 2006

Fall Program and Meeting
University of Kansas School of Nursing
School of Nursing Building
5:00-7:00 p.m.
Further Details Inside

November 29, 2006

Sigma Theta Tau Informational Tea
Stoland Lounge
3:00-5:00 p.m.

December 14, 2006

Executive Board Meeting
3025 SON
4:00-5:00 p.m.

March 15, 2007

Spring Program and Meeting
5:00-7:00

May 17, 2007

Spring Induction Banquet
5:00-9:00

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Another fall season is upon us. I always get energized in the fall by the beginning of another school year and the change in temperature. In addition, celebrating Delta Chapter's 75th anniversary and the School of Nursing's 100th anniversary was rejuvenating.

I received the official plaque honoring our 75th anniversary last November at the biennial convention. Delta's charter was received in January 1931, but the board decided January was not a good month to have a celebration. I am honored to be president during this anniversary, but need to acknowledge the work of previous presidents and board members for their work in maintaining the chapter.

During her visit, I had the opportunity to visit with Carol Huston, president elect of STTI. She has some great ideas for the future of STTI, including high-tech communication with our members. Since I am involved in web-based education, the technology is appealing. Carol wants STTI to strengthen its leadership role both locally and globally.

Carol's presentation "Nursing's Image: A Collaboration Challenge" was depressing and inspiring. Please check out the article in this newsletter.

Speaking of technology, some of you received this newsletter electronically. We think this will get news to you faster. If you did not receive the newsletter electronically, it means we do not have a current email address for you. Please keep us updated with changes in your email, because this is becoming our primary method to communicate with the membership.

If you want to be more involved with the chapter, we are still looking for a chair for the Finance Committee. The responsibilities include assisting the treasurer and long-term fiscal planning. If you are interested please let me know at skumm@kumc.edu.

Carol Picard, President of STTI has chosen the theme "Vision to Action: Global Health Through Collaboration." STTI is focusing on two global causes this biennium: the Florence Nightingale International Foundation Girl Child Education Fund and International Council of Nurses/Merck Mobile Library. Please read the article in this newsletter to learn more about these organizations. Delta Chapter Executive Board is discussing how to contribute to these causes.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Program on November 9th!

Sharon Kumm



Dean Karen Miller (left) and Delta President Sharon Kumm (right) present Anna Rice the UG Student Excellence Award.

UNDERGRADUATE NURSING STUDENT WINS DELTA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP AND PRACTICE

On October 2, the Delta Chapter President, Sharon Kumm, awarded **Anna Rice** the Sigma Theta Tau Undergraduate Nursing Student Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded each fall during the senior year of nursing school to recognize a student with academic and clinical excellence. To qualify for the scholarship the senior student must have the highest GPA and have received a Level I or Level II Nursing Student Clinical Excellence Award. The chapter was pleased to reward Anna for all her hard work and excellence in practice.

DELTA 2006 RESEARCH AND TRAVEL AWARDS

The Delta Chapter has provided funds to assist their members in research and scholarly activities. This year we are happy to announce the Research & Travel Awardee:

Eldonna Sylvia:

DELTA AWARDS

In May of 2006, Delta Chapter awarded the annual Outstanding Student and Excellence in Clinical Practice Awards during the spring banquet. These awardees were:

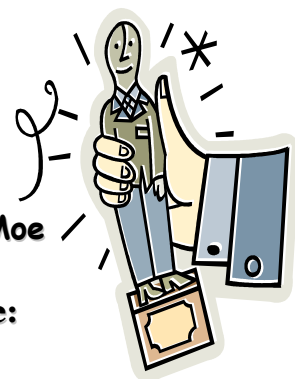
**Undergraduate Student:
Jillian Wagner**

**Master's Student:
Kumholz Englert**

**Doctoral Student:
Gretchen Quenstedt-Moe**

**Excellence in Practice:
Monica Scheibmeir**

**Community Leadership:
Robyn Setter**



HOW DO I APPLY FOR FUTURE TRAVEL & RESEARCH AWARDS??

Research eligibility has been expanded to include thesis and doctoral research projects. These awards are open to all members!

Information and application forms regarding the various awards are available at the Delta Chapter website or you can contact:

Susan Parker
Chair, Research & Awards Committee
Delta Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau
The University of Kansas School of Nursing
3901 Rainbow Blvd.
Kansas City, KS 66260-7502
E-mail: sparker@kumc.edu

[Upcoming Deadlines:](#) 3/1/07

Global Focus

STTI is dedicated to fulfilling this biennium's "Vision to Action: Global Health Through Collaboration."

President Carol Picard has a defined strategic plan for achieving the mission and vision of the honor society through increased collaboration in five areas of focus: knowledge, leadership, service, communities and sustainability.

Service is of key importance to the call-to-action. President Picard has targeted two service projects of global concern that all chapters can support in philanthropy: FNIF (Florence Nightingale International Foundation) Girl Child Education Fund and ICN (International Council of Nurses)/Merck Mobile Library. Learn more about these important projects by clicking the icons below.



<http://www.fnif.org/girlfund.htm>
<http://icn.ch/mobile.htm>

Through the **Girl Child Education Fund**, the ICN addresses the education needs of the orphaned daughters of nurses in Africa. Due to poverty, illness, cultural practices, fear and violence, girls account for 60 percent of the estimated 113 million out-of-school children. Orphaning is now a significant barrier to achieving gender parity in education. Sub-Saharan Africa, the epicenter of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, is the only region where orphan numbers are increasing.

A partnership between the International Council of Nurses (ICN), Merck & Co., Inc. and Elsevier established the **Merck Mobile Library** to deliver state-of-the-art medical information to nurses in developing countries. Nurses deliver 80% of health care in developing countries and have poor or no access to current health care information. The ICN-Merck Mobile Library, housed in a transportable trunk resilient to moisture, insects and hard knocks is dedicated to closing the gap between the desperate need for nursing information and its availability. This unique initiative will deliver knowledge to the field, providing a key resource and tool for the main health workers in developing countries.



New Nurse Manager Certificate Program

STTI has developed a **Nurse Manager Certificate Program** using the latest evidence-based content. It is designed to help develop nursing management competencies necessary to function in today's fast-paced and ever-changing health care environment. The curriculum was created by nurses with both academic and clinical expertise in leadership and management. Each course contains didactic content and learner activities designed to engage the learner. Continuing education contact hours are awarded for successful completion of each course. When a minimum of 70 hours of content has been completed, the learner will receive a Certificate of Completion of Sigma Theta Tau International's Nurse Manager Program.



Nominations for Community Membership

If you know a nurse who would foster the high standards of Sigma Theta Tau and who is not a member of Delta Chapter, consider nominating them as a community member. The nurses nominated for community membership must hold a minimum of any baccalaureate degree or the equivalent and have demonstrated marked achievement in education, practice, research administration or publication. The purposes of Sigma Theta Tau International are to recognize superior achievement, recognize the development of leadership qualities, foster high professional standards, encourage creative work, and strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession. The Membership Intent form and the Endorsement for Membership form are both located in this Newsletter.



Information Tea

**When: Wednesday, November 29, 2006
3:00-5:00 PM**

Where: Stoland Lounge

For additional information, contact Dr. Kathleen Brewer, Undergraduate Counselor at (913)-588-1650 or Dr. Lynne Connelly, Graduate Counselor at (913) 588-1657.



Be a Mentor

Delta Chapter would like start a new member mentor program. We would like current members of the Chapter to volunteer to help us

mentor our new members. The executive board feels that this will help to increase member involvement in the chapter. This mentoring could be completed through coffee breaks, lunches, e-mails, phone calls, text messaging, etc. During the mentoring process, members could remind the new members about upcoming meetings and happenings in the chapter. What a great way to meet new people!! Please let the leadership committee know that you are interested in becoming a mentor. Contact Kathy Fletcher (kfletche@kumc.edu), Michael Bleich (mbleich@kkumc.edu), and Vicki Hicks (vhicks@kumc.edu).



New Leadership Interns Chosen

The Chapter has chosen four new leadership interns for the Delta Chapter Odyssey Experience. The members chosen for this experience are: **Brian Ghafari-Naraghi, Mira Kim, Holly O'Brien, and Ashley Lowery.**

The main purpose of this program is to mentor selected Delta members in leadership experiences to develop future Delta leaders as well as to foster the position of the Delta Chapter with other organizations and leaders. This program was designed to be flexible in order to meet each individual mentee's leadership goals but also will provide a mentoring experience where critical touchstones help to keep the mentee on target with optimizing and fulfilling their leadership goals. New mentees will be chosen each year in August. If you have an interest in this experience, please contact Kathy Fletcher kfletche@kumc.edu.

Delta Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International, celebrates 75th Anniversary



Carol Huston (far right) is pictured with Chris Alumbaugh, RN, BSN, BA, Sigma Theta Tau International Region 3 coordinator; David Martin (in back), Delta Chapter president-elect; and Sharon Kumm (in front), Delta Chapter president

Delta Chapter of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International at the University of Kansas School of Nursing, celebrated its 75th anniversary during the 2006 KUMC Alumni Reunion Weekend Sept. 15 and 16.

To help honor Delta Chapter, Carol Huston, MSN, MPA, DPA, president-elect of Sigma Theta Tau International, was the guest speaker at a motivational program on Sept. 15. Huston's presentation, "Nursing's Public Image: A Collaboration Challenge", highlighted the ways nursing is portrayed in society and by the media. Because the image portrayed is sometimes inaccurate, Huston shared ways everyone can help create a more positive image of the nursing profession. The Center for Nursing Advocacy has some great ideas you can use. Visit <http://www.nursingadvocacy.org/action/action.html>.

Children under the age of six portray nurses wearing white uniforms and caps with red crosses on both. In order to change this image, we need to produce new coloring books. Is anyone looking for a research project?

Thank you
Thank you

The Delta Chapter would like to thank the following members for their donations to support the induction of new members:

- *Lauren Aaronson
- *Michael Bleich
- *Rita Clifford
- *Helen Connors
- *Elaine Domian
- *Sandra Hanson
- *Sharon Kumm
- *David Martin
- *Jackie Nowak
- *Jeanne Schott
- *Karen Wambach
- *Sally Whitaker
- *Anita Wingate

Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Fall Meeting

Thursday, November 9, 2006
University of Kansas
3901 Rainbow Blvd.
Kansas City, KS

5:00 p.m.
Appetizers & Networking
School of Nursing Atrium

5:30 p.m.
Business Meeting
School of Nursing 1050

6:00 p.m.
Program
School of Nursing 1050

***“The Effects of T’ai Chi Exercise on
Physical Function, Pain, & Stiffness
In Older Adults with
Lower Extremity Osteoarthritis”***

***Presented by
Jacque Carpenter, RNC, MS, PhD***

Reservations requested
To RVSP, contact Sally Whitaker at (913) 588-1647
or swhitaker@kumc.edu
(Applying for C.E.U.'s)

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Sigma Theta Tau International Membership Intent Form

_____ Chapter*

COMMUNITY NURSE LEADER

CRITERIA: Nurses must hold a minimum of any baccalaureate degree or the equivalent and have demonstrated marked achievement in education, practice, research, administration or publication.

Name _____
(last) (first) (middle initial)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone Number _____

Former Education (list highest degree first and attach a copy of documentation for the highest degree received):

Please check areas of achievement in nursing:

_____ Education	_____ Administration
_____ Practice	_____ Publication
_____ Research	_____ Other (please indicate) _____

Please list your most recent (last five years) contributions to nursing in areas checked above:

Candidate's Signature

Date

Please attach to this form two membership endorsement forms. These two endorsements can be from nursing faculty or other nurses in leadership roles. One form must be from an active Sigma Theta Tau member.

**If you do not have a connection with a Sigma Theta Tau International established chapter, please indicate connections you have with any U.S. universities. Also, if you are unsure which chapter to join, please return this form to Sigma Theta Tau International headquarters, Membership Services Coordinator, 550 West North St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.*

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Sigma Theta Tau International Endorsement for Membership

_____ Chapter

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

Definition: An endorsement is a letter or statement supporting an individual for membership* in the chapter. Two endorsements per individual are necessary in order for an application to be considered by the Chapter Eligibility Committee. One letter or statement of support is required to be from a nursing faculty member. At least one of the two endorsements is to be from an active member of Sigma Theta Tau International.

This endorsement enables the candidate to be considered for membership. The Eligibility Committee of the chapter invites your letter or statement of endorsement supporting the following individual for membership:

_____ Is applying for membership in the

_____ Chapter

On the basis of this student's achievement and my knowledge of the purposes of Sigma Theta Tau International, I heartily endorse this individual for membership in the chapter.

Signature _____ Date _____

Chapter Membership _____

Position _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

Comments (if desired):

*UNDERGRADUATE CRITERIA: Each undergraduate candidate for membership is required to meet the criteria for the undergraduate category of membership. Undergraduate students are required to have completed 1/2 of the nursing curriculum, have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale, rank in the upper 35% of the graduating class, and meet the expectation of academic integrity.

*GRADUATE CRITERIA: Each graduate (master's or doctoral) candidate for membership is required to meet the criteria for the graduate category of membership. Master's and doctoral students are required to have completed 1/4 of the program of study. Students in master's programs are required to achieve a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent. Students in doctoral programs are required to achieve a 3.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent.



Do you know Sandy Hanson?

Name: Sandra (Sandy) Hanson, RN., BSN., M.Ed.

Occupation: Nurse Educator, Assistant Professor at the KU School of Nursing
Current Lead Teacher in Undergraduate Course, Nursing of Children

Involvement in SST:

Delta Chapter member since 1969.
Served as UG Advisor/ Eligibility Committee Member (2 terms)
Served as Vice President/Program Chair (1 term)
Served as Bylaws Comm. Member (5 years) and Chair (15 + years)

How has STT impacted your professional development?

Membership has given me great opportunities to be more involved in research, both as a participant as well as a recipient of the most current research data and study results. Participation on the Board keeps me actively involved in local, regional, and International activities of Sigma Theta Tau and enables me to be a positive influence on new chapter members, while encouraging them to be more actively involved in chapter endeavors.

What career and/or practice accomplishments have been most meaningful for you?

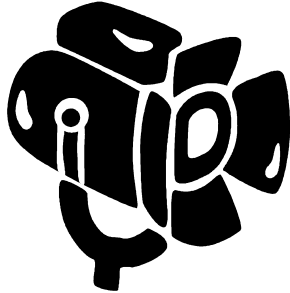
My recent award from the Collegiate Nurse Educators of Greater Kansas City is probably the most special one for me. It recognizes my continuing efforts to work with graduates of nursing programs to be successful in passing the RN and PN licensing exams. I have been doing this for at least 20 years and feel very rewarded when they pass!

How can you make a difference in the practice of nursing?

I hope I can continue to be a positive influence on the quality of practice of KUSON graduates. Continue to encourage and support research and advanced education efforts of these graduates. The more the graduates I work with to prepare for successful passing of the licensing exam, the more graduates will be a part of the work force (so I can finally retire!)

Current Endeavors?

STT Delta Chapter Governance Committee member Current advisor, sponsor for the two major undergraduate student organizations. (20 plus years)



Spotlight on Delta Chapter

PUBLICATIONS

Bleich, M. (2006). Guest editorial: The Clinical Doctorate: Whoa or Go? *Journal of Nursing Education*, 45 (1): 3.

Boyle, D. K., Miller, P. A., Gajewski, B. J., Hart, S. E. & Dunton, N. (2006). Unit type difference in RN work group job satisfaction. *Western Journal of Nursing Research*, 28 (4): 622-640.

Brewer, M. K. (2006) Book chapter: "Historical Influences of Nursing Curriculum" in *Teaching Nursing: Developing a Student-Centered Learning Environment*. Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins.

Kumm, S., Tarnow, K., Shupe, S. & Hicks, V. (2006) Syllabus Selections: Teaching Students to Promote Positive Patient Change. *Journal of Nursing Education*, 45 (4) 143-144.

Pierce, J., Goodyear-Bruch, C., Hall, S., & Clancy, R. (2006). Effect of dopamine on rat diaphragm apoptosis and muscle performance. *Exploratory Physiology*, 91 (4): 731-740.

Smith, C., Dautz, E., Clements, F., Puno, F., Cook, D., Doolittle, G. & Leeds, W. (2006) Telemedicine News. *Telemedicine and e-Health*, 12 (3): 279-284.

Williams, P., Schmideskamp, C., Ridder, E. L. & Williams, A. (2006) Symptom monitoring and dependent care during cancer treatment in children. *Cancer Nursing*, 29 (3): 188-197.

PRESENTATIONS

Connelly, L., Richardson, W., Feller, C. & Powers, J. (2006) Patient's Concerns for Health Safety.

Kumm, S., Beerman, J. & N. King. "Enhancing student use of evidence based practice in clinical settings", 17th International Nursing Research Congress Focusing on Evidence Based Practice. Montreal, Canada. July 2006.

HONORS

Sandy Hanson was honored last spring by the Collegiate Nurse Educators of Greater Kansas City for her dedication in assisting graduate nurses in preparing for NCLEX exam! She also received the Student Organization Advisor of the Year award for her work as a co-advisor for the Kansas University Student Nurses!

SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

We at Delta Chapter are proud of our distinguished membership and are delighted to hear about members' achievements, appointments, and awards. We are pleased to carry announcements of such items in the Delta Chapter Newsletter. Please use this form to notify us of your accomplishments. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Message: _____

If you are enclosing a publication notice, please include appropriate citation information. The deadline for submission of reports of activities, honors, presentations, or publications for the next newsletter (Spring/Summer) is January 15, 2007.

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www.nursingsociety.org/chapters/change_of_address.html
and change it on-line.