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Editor's Notes

Delta Chapter has been involved at looking at goals for the chapter. As you look at the message from the president you can see these reflected. Let us know what you think about these chapter goals. Your input is very valuable to help the executive committee to plan for Delta Chapter's future.

Calendar of Events

November 7, 2002
Executive Board Meeting
3025 SON
4:00-5:00 p.m.

November 7, 2002
Fall Program and Meeting
Kansas University School of Nursing
School of Nursing Building
See Details page 5

December 9, 2002
Sigma Theta Tau Informational Tea
SON Atrium
4:00-6:00 p.m.

January 2003
Executive Board Meeting
3025 SON
3:30-5:00 p.m.

March 2003
Spring Program and Meeting

May 15, 2003
Induction Ceremony

Kathy Fletcher

Message from the President



As I assume the presidency of Delta chapter, I wish to thank Dr. Cynthia Teel for her outstanding leadership during her tenure as president.

Delta chapter made great strides under her direction, winning a 5th Chapter Key Award and being the 2001 recipient of the Ethel Palmer Clarke Award for Excellence

in Chapter Programming. I also want to welcome the 57 new members of Delta chapter who were inducted into the honor society in May 2002. These new members include 32 undergraduate students, 18 graduate students, and 7 nurse leaders. We are very pleased to have you in Delta chapter and eagerly anticipate your participation in the organization.

In June 2002, I had the pleasure of representing Delta chapter at the 2002 Chapter Leader Academy in Indianapolis. It was particularly gratifying to see two of our members receive special recognition at the Pinnacle Awards Ceremony. Dr. Roma Lee Taunton received the Region 3 Mentor Award, a very well deserved honor for her outstanding contribution to the careers of many nurse leaders and researchers. Dr. Carol Smith and her research team were the recipients of the Region 3 award for Computer-Based Public Education Technology, another much deserved award. It is very nice to see members of Delta Chapter be recognized in such a public forum.

In its Executive Board Meetings this fall, Delta Chapter has identified chapter goals for 2002-2003. These goals are divided into four areas: knowledge development, knowledge dissemination, knowledge utilization, and resource development. The goals will be posted on the Delta Chapter website in the near future. The Delta Chapter Executive Board identified a new goal, the need to explore global outreach opportunities. We will be working on this goal this year and would welcome any suggestions on you might have.

There are three upcoming important national and International Sigma Theta Tau meetings in the 2002-2003 year. The 2003 Chapter Leader Acad-

emy will be held in the spring. The dates for this meeting are March 21-22 in Indianapolis. We will be sending representation from the Executive Board to this meeting. The 14th International Nursing Research Congress will be held July 10-12, 2003 at St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. The theme of the conference is "Celebrating Global Diversity in Research, Education, and Practice." Abstracts are being accepted online at www.nursingsociety.org/events until November 5, 2002. The 37th Biennial Convention is being held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 1-5, 2003. At that biennial meeting, a number of national positions in Sigma Theta Tau will be voted on by the 2003 House of Delegates. If you are interested in submitting your name for consideration on the slate of offices, please go to the Sigma Theta Tau Website (www.nursingsociety.org). The deadline for submitting your name is February 15, 2003. As in previous biennial conventions, there are many opportunities for awards and presentations. For information regarding submission deadlines, please visit the STTI Website.

The fall business meeting of Delta Chapter is November 7th. Please mark your calendars for this important local event. This meeting will provide members with the opportunity to network, receive an update on Delta Chapter activities, and listen to a program on mentoring by two award winning professionals, Dr. Roma Lee Taunton and Carol Cleek. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

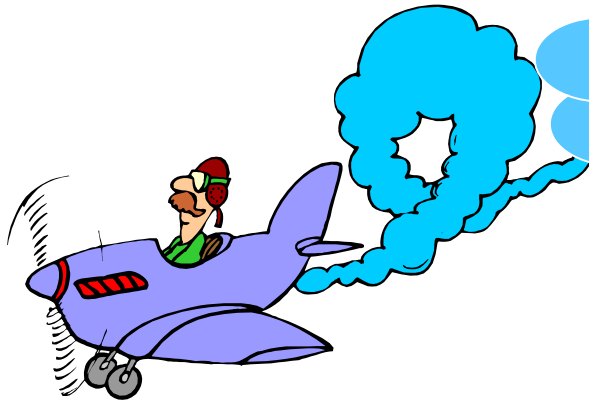
I am delighted to serve you as president of Delta Chapter and welcome any suggestions you may have to strengthen our chapter.



Jeanne Schott

Inside Story Headline

On May 16, 2002 Delta Chapter awarded the annual Outstanding Student and Excellence in Community Leadership Awards during the spring banquet. These awardees were:



- Undergraduate: Mollie Hampton
- Graduate: Jennifer Eisenbarth
- Doctoral: Karen Pace
- Community Leadership: Carol Cleek

Congratulations to these individuals on their awards!!

Delta 2002 Research and Travel Awards

The Delta Chapter has provided funds to assist their membership in research and scholarly activities. This year we are happy to announce the 2002 Awardees:



Phoebe D. Williams: “Patient Self-Care Strategies for Symptom Management Using TRSC as Checklist: A pilot Study.”

Veronica Rempusheski & Sarah Forbes: “Ethnography of Everyday Decisions of Residents in Assisted Living.”

Nancy Hoffart: Poster and abstract presentation, “Nursing Care Delivery & Patient Outcomes in Freestanding Dialysis Units,” at the American Nephrology Nurses’ Association National Symposium in Orlando, FL.,

Mary T. Sweat: Poster presentation, “Effect of a School-based Program on the Cardiovascular Fitness of School-aged Children,” at the 26th Annual Research Conference of the Midwest Nursing Research Society in Chicago, IL.



How Do I Apply For Future Travel & Research Awards??

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

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 Chair, Research & Award 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

Deadlines:

Travel Awards: March 1 & September 1
 Research Awards: March 1 & September 1

Do You Know 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 Outstanding Student Awards, Community Leadership Award & Clinical Excellence Award are April 1, 2003.



Volunteers Needed

Delta Chapter is looking for volunteers to assist the chairs in the committees of Publicity, Finance, Membership Involvement and Heritage/Archivist. The purposes of these committees are:

- ⊗ Publicity /Newsletter – shall be responsible for publicizing activities of Delta Chapter, booths, and exhibits.
- ⊗ Finance – shall be responsible for preparing an annual budget and fund raising activities.
- ⊗ Membership Involvement – shall be responsible for promoting membership renewals and involvement. They will also coordinate new member orientation activities.
- ⊗ Heritage/Archivist – shall organize and maintain Chapter archives and chronicle the history of the chapter on an ongoing basis.

This is a good way for an individual to get involved in the Delta Chapter and begin to network with other members. If you would like to volunteer for any of these committees or need further information, please call or write: Kathy Fletcher 3901 Rainbow Blvd. Kansas City, Kansas 66260 or e-mail her at kfletche@kumc.edu.

Delta Chapter inducts 52

The Delta Chapter inducted 52 new members in the spring ceremony at the Ritz Charles on May 16, 2002. Please welcome the following new members:

Rachel Allen, Kim Algarra, Dianne Arrowsmith, Jennifer Ashby, Teresa Baumli, Angela Berge, Cheryl Bosley, Timothy Broaderway, Anne Buller, Mindy Catlin, Lori A. Chandler, Susan Murphy Cohen, Heather Corl, Lori DeGraeve, Stacey D. Dines, Elizabeth U. Ehirim, Julie Flint, Johanna C. Frankel, Aimie Grimm, Molly Hampton, Amy Harris, Tracy Hart, Becky Hayes, Molly Howard, Abbey Hurley, Teresa B. Ilten, Christina Kunz, Sarah Lenkiewicz, Beth Loney, Mary M. Luder, Tami Mullenbach, Alaina Nesmith, Jeff Novak, Kimberly S. Ogden, Tamra Olson, Catherine Pirotte, Erin M. Powell, Jillian Radcliffe, Kate Regier, David Ruder, Sonya Schinkel, Jami L. Schmideskamp, Kristi L. Schmitt, Katrina Schneider, Nancy Schroder, Carrie Stephenson, Michele C. Sublette, Julie Davis Tibbits, Kathryn Vantuyl, Sally Holkins Whitaker, Sherry J. Wildy and Patricia Zimmerman.



Amy Harris, Heather Corl and Angela Berge (new inductees) enjoying the networking.



Amie Grim & Kate Regier (new inductees) in the spot light.



Abbey Hurley (new inductee) & her mother at the banquet.



Academic & Clinical Mentoring

Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Fall Meeting

Thursday, November 7, 2002

University of Kansas
School of Nursing Atrium
3901 Rainbow Blvd.
Kansas City, KS

5:00 p.m.

Appetizers & Networking
1st Floor SON

5:30 p.m.

Business Meeting
Room 1050 School of Nursing

6:00 p.m.

'Academic & Clinical Mentoring'
Room 1050 School of Nursing

Roma Lee Taunton
Carol Cleek

Put the date on your PDA, we are looking forward to seeing you on November 7.





Do you know someone who would like to be a member for Delta Chapter?

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 on pages 8 & 9 of the Newsletter.

DON'T GAMBLE WITH YOUR MONEY— INVEST IN NURSING'S FUTURE AND RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

There are many benefits that result from your continued membership in Sigma Theta Tau. You will receive the local Delta Chapter Newsletter to stay informed about local chapter meetings, induction of new members, accomplishments of peers and availability of research and travel awards. In addition, you will receive two excellent publications from Sigma Theta Tau International called Reflections and Journal of Nursing Scholarship. What a wonderful way to network!! Invest now in your future by renewing your membership!



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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 ROMA LEE?



NAME: Roma Lee Taunton, PhD, RN, FAAN

OCCUPATION: Professor & Director, National Center for Nursing Quality,
University of Kansas School of Nursing

INVOLVEMENT IN SST:

I have been a member of Sigma Theta Tau for 20 years. I was inducted as a community member in the University of Missouri-Columbia Chapter, sponsored by Dr. Harriet Werley and transferred my membership to Delta Chapter after I joined the KU Faculty. I have served on the nominating committee.

WHAT SST MEANS TO ME:

I value Sigma Theta Tau for its leadership locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally in supporting scholarship among all nurses. I have benefited directly through research grants and travel support. In my formal administrative roles at the School of Nursing, I have seen the resources available through Delta Chapter make a difference for new investigators. Among nursing organizations, I see Sigma Theta Tau as offering opportunity for interface and interaction with the most diverse membership, both professionally and culturally. Given the current movement toward globalization, Sigma Theta Tau has tremendous opportunity for increasing the representation of nurses from other countries among its elected and appointed officials as well as the membership.

RESEARCH INTEREST:

My research is focused on nursing and health systems, and leadership has evolved as a continuing thread across studies. The early projects focused on the effects of hospital nurse manager leadership on retention of staff nurses. Presently, I am starting a new project related to the impact of care planning integrity on nursing home resident outcomes. The care planning integrity construct has emerged in pilot studies conducted by our interdisciplinary team, with leadership as one of the defining characteristics.

IF I COULD DESCRIBE MYSELF TO OTHERS, I WOULD SAY THAT I:

Have a rich and rewarding life.

Quoting Kenny Rogers, have everything one needs to be happy—something I enjoy doing, people to love, and something to look forward to.

Don't know how this portly, middle-aged woman invaded my body.

THE MOST STIMULATING THING THAT I HAVE DONE IN THE LAST 2 YEARS:

Fortunately, I do interesting, fun-filled, or thought-provoking things most of the time, so I am choosing one very stimulating experience as an example. Over the Spring and Summer 2002 semesters I worked with Latasha Reed, a McNair Scholar from the KU Lawrence Campus, who entered our BSN Program Fall 2002. McNair Scholars write and implement a research proposal, with direction and support from a mentor. Tasha's intellectual curiosity, energy, and sense of humor kept me off balance much of the time. I was challenged in new ways to facilitate a successful first research experience with a student who had not been introduced to the nursing curriculum. Responding to questions raised by someone who had not been exposed to nursing's professional doctrine required that I look at research as well as nursing from new perspectives. Both Tasha and I are very pleased with what we accomplished together, and I expect her to become an outstanding nurse.

THE ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR WHICH I AM THE MOST PROUD:

I take great pride in having Delta Chapter nominate me for the Sigma Theta Tau Pinnacle Mentor Award. First, I was very surprised. Then, preparing my statement for the Award Committee led me to reflect on my entire career. Although I have been successful in multiple nursing arenas, my longest lasting accomplishments come through mentoring clinicians, faculty colleagues, and students and their continuing contributions to nursing and society. One of the advantages of staying at KU for 19 years has been seeing and celebrating the results of mentoring. Although my colleagues and the students were special, talented people before my relationships with them began, I feel rewarded by their growth and the public recognition of their triumphs. Receiving the Mentor Award enhanced my appreciation of that experience.



Publications



Koehler, J. A., Cha, J., & Smith, C. E. (2002). A model for using novel nursing interventions to meet the challenge of community health needs. *Home Health Care Management & Practice*, 14 (2), 129-136

Popkess-Vawter, S., Turner, J. T & Knosby, K. (2002). Nurse Practitioner and client partnership in long-

Presentations

Veronica Rempusheski, Teresa Learning, Ann Hurley & Lorrie Yoss had a poster presentation at MNRS Annual Research Conference on March 2, 2002 on "Elders with dementia and their grandchildren".



Katherine A. Fletcher & Beth Clark gave a presentation called "Partnering to Build a Web-Based RN Case Management Instructional Program" at the NLN Education Summit 2002 on September 19-22, 2002 in Anaheim, California.

Wanda Bonnel & Carol Starling gave a presentation called "Who will be the teachers?" at the NLN Education Summit 2002 on September 19-22, 2002 in Anaheim, California.

Helen Connors, Charlotte Weaver and Judith Warren presented a symposium entitled "Academic-Business Partnership: Advancing Clinical Informatics at the NLN Education Summit 2002 on September 19-22, 2002 in Anaheim, California.

Awards

Sandy Hanson, R.N., M.S. received the Phyllis Keeney Excellence in Teaching Award presented on May 16, 2002 during graduation ceremonies.



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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, 2003.

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