Delta Chapter

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Governance Committee Chair… Kathleen Brewer

Mark Your Calendar!

March 13th
Spring Meeting & Program
5:00-7:00 pm

May 15th New Member Induction Banquet
Ritz Carlton Overland Park, Kansas
(Details Inside)

Look for The 2008 *Sigma Theta Tau- Delta Chapter* ballot at the end of this newsletter. Your vote counts!

Calendar of Events

January 24, 2008
Executive Board Meeting
3025 SON 5:00-6:00 p.m.

February 13, 2008
Executive Board Meeting
3025 SON 4:00-5:00 p.m.

March 13, 2008
Spring Meeting and Program
5:00-7:00 p.m.
Executive Board Meeting prior
3025 SON
4:00-5:00 p.m.

April 23, 2008
Executive Board Meeting
3025 SON 4:00-5:00 p.m.

May 15, 2008
New Member Induction Banquet
Details Inside

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since our last newsletter in October Delta Chapter has been very busy. In November STTI held its biennial convention in Baltimore, Maryland. Delta Chapter did us proud by receiving an unprecedented 8th Chapter Key award and having nine members involved in scholarly presentations during the convention. This is quite an accomplishment that we can add to our already rich history. That was the past, now let us turn our attention to the future.

The next Chapter Business meeting and Program is on Thursday March 18th. This year we are proud to highlight the work of two people in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at KU Hospital, Michelle Bolen and Akiko Kubo. They will be discussing their experiences applying a Delirium Assessment Tool in their clinical practice. Make plans to join this discussion now and hear about the process these two innovative clinicians used to get this mechanism implemented. CEU's are included as a benefit of Delta Chapter membership.

This is the time of year we look to honor those people among us with special awards. These awards are not only prestigious but many of them also have a monetary component. Look around and see who you think is deserving of these awards, then submit their names for consideration. What a wonderful way this is to honor the unique work of those we interact with everyday. Look for the specific information in this newsletter.

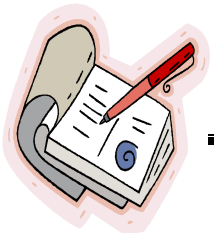
This is also the time we look to replace individuals serving on the Executive Board of Delta Chapter. This year we will elect a new Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Undergraduate Counselor. The ballot for these positions is included in the newsletter and I invite your response.

Planning for the annual Spring Induction Banquet is in full swing. Undergraduate Counselor- Dr. Kathleen Brewer and Graduate Counselor – Dr. Juliana Brixey are busy contacting prospective student members. Now is also the time to bring successful community leaders in nursing into the chapter. Dr. Brixey has received several nominations already but is always looking for more. Our goal this year is to invite ten new community members to join Delta Chapter. If you know of someone who would make a great addition then contact Juliana for information on what to do.

All of these activities involve money. Even though the chapter remains in a solid financial position, it has been over a decade since the portion of our annual dues that remain with the local chapter have increased. This has resulted in a potential situation of expenses exceeding revenues. To be prospective in addressing this issue the Executive Board is bringing a proposal to the March Business Meeting asking for an increase in the portion of your dues that stay with Delta Chapter from 20 to 25 dollars per year.

Do make plans to attend the Business meeting on March 13 and the Spring Induction banquet on May 15 at the Ritz Charles in Overland Park. See you there.

David Martin



WHAT'S HAPPENING???

Visit the Delta Chapter website at *www2.kumc.edu/son/stt* to obtain the latest information!

The Fall Delta Chapter meeting was held on November 8, 2007. The night began with networking opportunities and the Delta Chapter business meeting. Following the business meeting, Lynne Connelly RN, PhD presented "Developing Clinical Research Questions." She discussed how to use research findings to determine the best approach for solving nursing clinical problems, how to narrow the research question, and how to choose an appropriate research method. Thank you, Lynne for sharing your expertise with our members.

Congratulations Elizabeth Erikson!

The winner of the 2007 Delta Chapter *Undergraduate Excellence Scholarship.* Elizabeth was selected for this award by having the highest cumulative grade point average of those people compared to those in the undergraduate class at KU who had received the Clinical Excellence Award or an Honorable Mention in the preceding year.

On the left is David Martin (Delta Chapter – President). Elizabeth is in the center. On the right is Dr. Kathleen Brewer (Delta Chapter - Undergraduate Counselor).

Travel & Research Awards

The Delta Chapter Research and Travel Awards application deadlines are March 1 and September 1, 2008. The Award criteria are posted on the Delta Chapter website: http://www2.kumc.edu/son/STT/. Please send your applications to Susan Parker, Chair, Research and Awards committee (2017 SON).

Do you know a STT member who demonstrates excellence in nursing leadership or clinical practice?

The nominations for the Delta Chapter Outstanding Student Awards, Excellence in Clinical Practice and Excellence in Community Leadership Awards are due by April 1, 2008. Award criteria and procedures are located at http://www2.kumc.edu/son/STT/awards2.htm. Candidates must be members of Sigma Theta Tau and nominated by a member of Delta Chapter. Please send your nominations to Susan Parker, Chair, Research and Awards Committee, 3901 Rainbow Blvd, Kansas City, Kansas or fax it to (913) 588-1021.

INDUCTION BANQUET

The Induction banquet will be held on **May 15, 2008** in the Ritz Charles banquet room located at 9000 West 137th Street in Overland Park, Kansas. Social hour will start at 5:30 pm, with a Cash Bar. Dinner will be served at 6:15 pm. The menu will include tomato basil soup, tossed salad, chicken marsala, roasted redskin potatoes, glazed baby carrots with ginger, and chocolate cake or cheesecake for dessert. Please indicate on your registration whether you need a vegetarian plate. The dress is semi-formal. The program recognizing award recipients and new inductees will begin at 7:30 pm. The registration form for the banquet is placed at the bottom of this page. The cost of the banquet is $40.00 per person. Please return this registration form and your money to Dr. Diane Kennedy by **May 5th, 2008**. Every new inductee will receive a complimentary meal to the banquet. We would appreciate donations to help sponsor these new members. **Please indicate on your registration form if you would like to sponsor a new member and enclose your donation.** A map and directions to the Ritz Charles are included on the next page for your convenience.

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Induction Ceremony/Banquet May 15, 2008

(Make checks payable to Delta Chapter STTI)

_____Number of Dinners at $40.00 each

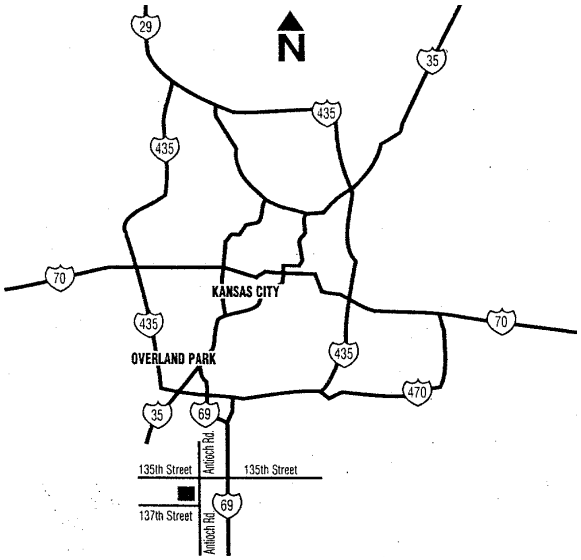
_____Donation to sponsor a new member

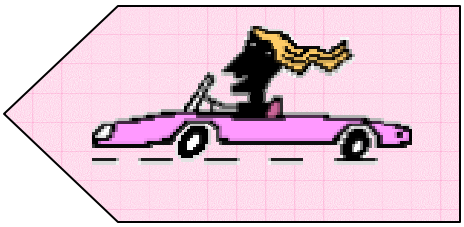
Name: _____

Address: _____

Check here if you need a vegetarian plate ☐

Mail to:
KU School of Nursing
Diane Kennedy/Office 2063
3901 Rainbow
KCKS 66160





Directions to Ritz Charles on May 15, 2008

FROM KCI AIRPORT

Take I-29 South for 6 miles to I-435 South. Continue on I-435 South around the city until I-435 South becomes I-435 East. Exit at 69 South. After 4 miles, exit at 135th Street. Turn right at the bottom of the ramp and continue west on 135th Street to the second stop light (Antioch). At Antioch, turn left and continue south to the first street (137th Street). Turn right and continue west on 137th Street to Ritz Charles, which is on the north side of the street.

OR

FROM KCI AIRPORT

Take I-29 South for 12 miles to the I-635 South exit. Take I-635 South for 15 miles to the I-35 South exit. Take I-35 South for 8 miles to 69 South (Overland Pkwy.) exit. Take 69 South for 4 miles to the 135th Street exit. Exit at 135th Street, turn right at the bottom of the ramp and continue west on 135th Street to the second stop light (Antioch). At Antioch turn left and continue south to the first street (137th Street). Turn right and continue west on 137th Street to Ritz Charles, which is on the north side of the street.

VIA 1-35 SOUTHBOUND

Take I-35 South through Kansas City to 69 South (Overland Pkwy.) exit. Take 69 South for 4 miles to the 135th Street exit. Exit at 135th Street, turn right at the bottom of the ramp and continue west on 135th Street to the second stop light (Antioch). At Antioch turn left and continue south to the first street (137th Street). Turn right and continue west on 137th Street to Ritz Charles, which is on the north side of the street.

VIA 1-70 EASTBOUND

Take I-70 East past toll plaza to the I-435 South exit. Take I-435 South to where it turns into I-435 East and continue on to 69 South exit. Take 69 South for 4 miles to the 135th Street exit. Exit at 135th Street, turn right at the bottom of the ramp and continue west on 135th Street to the second stop light (Antioch). At Antioch, turn left and continue south to the first street (137th Street). Turn right and continue west on 137th Street to Ritz Charles, which is on the north side of the street.

VIA 1-70 WESTBOUND

Take I-70 West past the Sports Complex to the I-435 South exit. Take I-435 South to where it turns into I-435 West and continue on I-435 to 69 south exit. Take 69 South for 4 miles to the 135th Street exit. Exit at 135th Street, turn right at the bottom of the ramp and continue west on 135th Street to the second stop light (Antioch). At Antioch, turn left and continue south to the first street (137th Street). Turn right and continue west on 137th Street to Ritz Charles, which is on the north side of the street.

FROM LEE'S SUMMIT

Take 470 West, which will merge and become I-435 West. Continue on I-435 West to the 69 South exit. Take 69 South for 4 miles to the 135th Street exit. Exit at 135th Street, turn right at the bottom of the ramp and continue west on 135th Street to the second stop light (Antioch). At Antioch turn left and continue south to the first street (137th Street). Turn right and continue west on 137th Street to Ritz Charles, which is on the north side of the street.

Ritz Charles, Inc. - 9000 W 137th St. - Overland Park, KS 66221
(913) 685-2600 - Fax (913) 685-2979

SPOTLIGHT ON DELTA CHAPTER

PUBLICATIONS

Ammouri, A.A., Neuberger, G., Nashwan, A., J., Al-Haj, A. M. (2007). Determinants of self-reported physical activity among Jordanian adults. *Journal of Nursing Scholarship 30*(4), 342-348.

Kennedy, D., Pallikkathayil, L., & Warren, J. (in press). Using a modified electronic health record to develop nursing process skills. *Journal of Nursing Education*.

PRESENTATIONS

Congratulations to the following people who represented Delta Chapter as presenters at the 39th Biennial STTI Convention in Baltimore, Maryland from November 3-7, 2007.

Nursing Knowledge and Technology Pre-Conference.
Dr. Judith Warren - *Integrating Technology into Clinical and Classroom Education and Practice*

Concurrent Sessions
Dr. Kathleen Brewer - *Alcohol and Substance Abuse in the Elderly: Practice and Policy*.

Dr. Helen Connors – *Transforming Health Professional Education with Health Information Technology (HIT).*

Dr. Nelda Godfrey and Dr. Judith Warren - *Changing the Way Students Learn: Collaborating to Create Health Care Delivery Simulation.*

Dr. Mary Gambino - *Exploring the Clinical Decision-Making Strategies of Nurses.*

Dr. Linda Streit, Dr. JoEllen Dattilo and Dr. Kathleen Brewer – *Voices of Experience: Lessons Learned from Nurse Educator.*

Rising Stars Scholarship and Research Poster Presentations
Kristin Williams and Dr. Phoebe Williams – *Effective Management of Common Symptoms Experienced by Oncology Patients During Therapy: Pilot Study.*

Elizabeth A. Rosen and Dr. Karen Wambach – *Measurement of Maternal Sleep from 14-19 Days Postpartum.*

AWARDS

The Delta Chapter continues to fund cash awards for Science Pioneers and has expanded the criteria to increase the number of potential awardees. Congratulations to Nursing Undergraduates, Jennifer Gross and Ashley Seibert! Their applications have been accepted for reimbursement of research project funding.

Note the Proposal to Increase Delta Chapter Fees: Delta Chapter Executive Board is recommending a membership fee increase of $5.00 per year. Currently the regular member fee is $85.00 per year. Of this amount, $65.00 is designated as International's fee. The remaining $20.00 supports Delta Chapter. For the Chapter to remain solvent and continue with our proposed program objectives, the Executive Board has recommended we increase our fees from $20.00 to $25.00 per year. This would raise the total cost of membership to $90.00 per year.

Why? According to STTI Bylaws, chapter fees can only be increased once every two years. If we do not increase fees now, the next chance will not be until 2010.

The last time Delta Chapter raised its local chapter fees was over 10 years ago. Since that time Delta has added programs to increase our presence, e.g., research awards, community events, and publications. All of these programs are necessary in order to receive a Chapter Key Award. Delta Chapter continues to experience an annual rise in the fixed costs of operating the business of the chapter.

STTI Vision 2020

The honor society's leadership has outlined a 13 year strategic plan—Vision 2020—that supports the organization's mission of creating a global community of nurses to improve world health. By the year 2020, the honor society will be the organization nurses use when looking for information on nursing scholarship, knowledge, and leadership. Members worldwide will be empowered to identify local healthcare needs and encouraged to rely on the honor society for relevant resources to address those needs. Technology will enable members to share information and knowledge, develop their leadership skills and connect with each other. Through their personal and professional relationships, this global community of nurses will learn, share, and develop the profession's contribution to global health.

Vision 2020 positions the honor society to be:

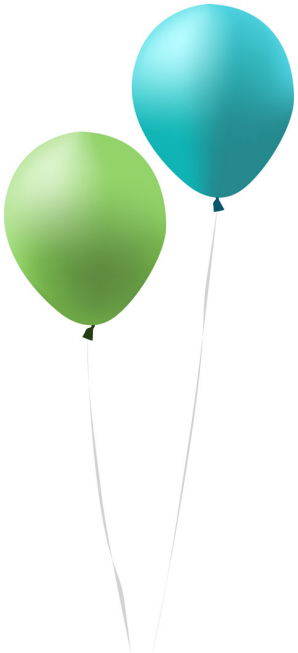
- Intentionally global
- Technology enabled
- Relevant and meaningful to individual nurses worldwide
- A premium source for nursing knowledge and career-spanning leadership development opportunities

To achieve the Vision 2020 goals, changes must be made in the current bylaws. To learn about the proposed bylaws amendments, please visit the honor society's website: www.nursingsociety.org.

Delta Chapter donated $350 to the "Go Red for Women"initiative from the American Heart Association. The"Go Red for Women" movement is calling on women from across the country to share their heart health stories. By contributing to the "Go Red for Women" movement, Delta Chapter has become part of the fight against heart disease, the No. 1 killer of women in America.

For more information on how to get involved or to donate, go to: http://www.goredforwomen.org/

We Celebrate Suzanne



Suzanne Shaffer, RN, MN

Occupation: Assistant Director and Magnet Project Coordinator at the University of Kansas Hospital.

Involvement in STT: Delta Chapter member since 1969
Received the Delta Chapter Community Leadership Award for 2007

How has STT impacted your professional development? Membership in STT has helped me stay abreast of current changes in practice through networking and also through the wonderful printed resources that are produced by STT.

What career and/or practice accomplishments have been most meaningful for you? As I look back over my almost 40 year nursing career, there is something that stands out to me in each decade of my career. They include:

1) Being Co-founder of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society with nursing colleague, Noella McCray, RN, MN. The local chapter was chartered in 1982, the 15th local chapter to be chartered. This came out of a "cancer nursing interest group" that we started in 1976.
2) Being named KU Nurses Alumnus of the year for 1984. This was in recognition for my work helping to establish a bone marrow transplant program at the University of Kansas Medical Center as well as helping in the design, set up, and training for nurses, physicians, and support staff for the first total protected environment in the Kansas City area.
3) Receiving the Ross Laboratories / Oncology Nursing Society's Excellence in Cancer Nursing Education Award, presented May, 1996 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania- awarded for my contributions to oncology nursing education locally, regionally, and nationally.

Last, but not least

4) Coordinating the Department of Nursing at The University of Kansas Hospital's Journey to Clinical Excellence as the Magnet Project Coordinator. ANCC Magnet Recognition was awarded December 20, 2006. We were 1st in Kansas to be designated.

How can you make a difference in the practice of nursing? As a person nearing the end of a long professional nursing career, I'd like to think that I have made a difference as a role model in the practice of nursing through my years as a Hematology/Oncology clinical nurse specialist at KU Hospital and also regionally and nationally through my work with the Oncology Nursing Society.

2008 Delta Chapter Executive Board Member Ballot

It is time to vote on three Delta Chapter Executive Board Members (Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Undergraduate Counselor) who will serve from 2008-2010. Please review the biographical sketches of the nominees on page 10, then complete the ballot below and mail to David Martin by May 5, 2008.

Please indicate your choices on the ballot and mail it to:

Attn: David Martin
Sigma Theta Tau Delta Chapter
University of Kansas School of Nursing
Mail Stop 4043
3901 Rainbow Blvd.
Kansas City, KS 66160-7502

Treasurer (Please select one)

____Wilaiporn Rojjanasrirat

Recording Secretary (Please select one)

____Beverly South

Undergraduate Counselor (Please select one)

____Kathleen Brewer

SIGMA THETA TAU DELTA CHAPTER NOMINEES FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Biographical Sketches

Treasurer – shall perform the duties of the president in the president's absence and shall serve on the Program Committee. The program committee will be responsible for the programs of the chapter including the induction ceremony and two scholarly programs annually.

Wilaiporn Rojjanasrirat

Education:	BSN, Sappasittiprasong Nursing College, Thailand
	MA, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
	PhD, University of Kansas Medical Center
Employment:	Clinical Associate Professor
	University of Kansas, School of Nursing

Recording Secretary – Record, type and distribute minutes for Board of Directors and business meetings. Keep an official record book of the minutes of all Board of Directors and business meetings to present to the succeeding secretary. Prepare an annual report to the chapter membership. Send a list of new officers to Headquarters within two weeks following officer elections; maintain accuracy of the list with Headquarters.

Beverly South

Education:	BSN, University of Kansas
	MSN, University of Missouri Kansas City
Employment:	Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Kansas School of Nursing

Undergraduate Counselor – serves as a member of the Eligibility Committee, leads procedures for determining undergraduate membership eligibility and inducting new members, develops strategies for publicizing and informing students of eligibility for membership, notifies students of their eligibility status, and sends out the appropriate membership application materials.

Kathleen Brewer

Education:	Diploma: St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing
	BSN: Brenau Women's University, Gainesville, GA
	MS: Georgia State University
	PhD: Georgia State University
Employment:	Associate Professor, KU School of Nursing

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!

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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 (Fall/Winter) is September 15, 2008.

Mail to: Jacque Carpenter, RN, PhD, Corresponding Secretary, University of Kansas Medical Center, School of Nursing, 3901 Rainbow Blvd. Kansas City, KS 66160

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