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Do you want to know what the current buzz is around the Delta Chapter??

You need to visit the delta chapter website at www2.kumc.edu/son/stt to get the latest information!

EDITOR'S NOTE

Delta Chapter has been involved many projects and we could use your help. Be active! Our spring meeting would be a good place to begin to network with members. See you there!

Kathy Fletcher

Calendar of events

March 12, 2003

Executive Board meeting
3025 SON
3:00-4:00 p.m.

March 13, 2003

Spring Meeting
5:00-7:00
1023 Orr Major
KUMC

Speaker : Carol Cleek

"The 3 R's in the Care of the Mechanically Ventilated Patient: Research, Regulation and Roadmap"
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April 23, 2003

Executive Board meeting
3025 SON
4:00-5:30 p.m.

May 15, 2003

Induction Banquet
5:30-10:00
Ritz Charles
9000 West 137th Street
Overland Park, KS
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Delta Chapter has been busy this year. Our fall program meeting was well attended in November.

We all enjoyed the presentation on mentoring by Dr. Roma Lee Taunton, the recipient of the 2002 Region 3 Mentor Award. Those individuals in attendance gained insight into the importance of mentoring in one's career. Dr. Taunton encouraged us to take the opportunity to become mentors for other nurses. The mentoring process is an important strategy to develop leaders in nursing. When one is mentored, he or she is more likely to mentor someone else. This certainly was true with Dr. Taunton. Many nursing leaders today have been the recipient of Dr. Taunton's tutelage and mentoring.

One of the goals of Sigma Theta Tau International is to foster collaborative leadership. This year we have taken a step in that direction by collaborating with Mu Mu Chapter of STT at William Jewel College on the Science Pioneers Project. In the past, Delta Chapter has given monetary awards to middle school students who had outstanding projects at Science Pioneers. As a result of this collaboration, we will be able to reward more students who have developed outstanding projects at Science Pioneers.

For the past five years, Delta Chapter has had a Community Service project which it supports monetarily. At the last Executive Board Meeting, the decision was made to support the Reach Out and Read program in Kansas City, called KC READS. This program is aimed at children from 6 months to 5 years of age supporting their language and literacy development. At well-child visits, health care providers share information about the importance of reading aloud and give

new, developmentally appropriate books for the children to take home.

The spring business meeting of Delta Chapter will be held on Thursday, March 13th. I encourage you to join us as we vote on new members to be inducted into Delta chapter. Following the business meeting, Carol Cleek, the recipient of the 2002 Delta Chapter Community Leadership Award, will present the program on the Care of the Ventilator Dependent Patient. The executive board members look forward to seeing you as we carry out a very important chapter responsibility, listen to an informative program, and enjoy each other's company.

Another activity in March is the Chapter Leader Academy which will be held in Indianapolis. I plan to attend this meeting representing Delta chapter. At this two day conference, I hope to gain information on additional strategies to make our chapter more vital to you. I welcome any ideas you have to make the chapter more vibrant.

At this time of year, the executive board is looking forward to the annual induction banquet. This celebration will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2003 at the Ritz Charles. I encourage you to join us as we welcome new inductees to Delta chapter and celebrate the awards presented to current members. Two of the awards are excellence in clinical practice or community leadership. Please consider nominating an outstanding colleague for either one of these awards. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2003.

Jeanne Schott



Research Awards



The research award for Fall 2002 was given to **Veronica Rempusheski**, RN, PhD, FAAN, Associate Professor and **Sarah Forbes**, RN, PhD, Associate Professor of the University of Kansas School of Nursing for their study entitled "Ethnography of Everyday Decisions of Residents in Assisted Living."

Do you need money for travel or research? Sigma Theta Tau Delta Chapter has supported many members over the years with these needs. The deadline for these proposals is March 1 and September 1 of each year. The proposals, reviewed by the Delta Chapter Awards committee, will be awarded on a competitive basis. Funding will vary according to the amount budgeted by the Chapter membership for research and travel, the number of proposals received, and the scientific merit of the project. Contact Susan Parker at 588-1021 or visit the web site of Delta Chapter for further information.

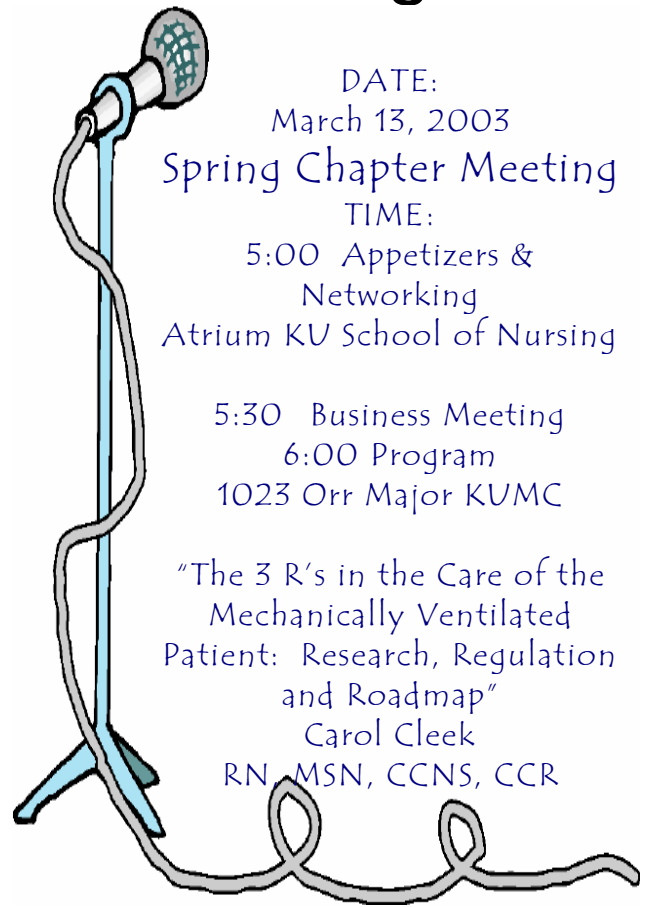
Science Pioneer Awards

Each year the Delta Chapter participates in the Science Pioneers program which culminates in the Greater Kansas City Science and Engineering Fair. This program encourages children in middle and high school to engage in creative, scientific inquiries. The Delta Chapter sponsors cash awards to those exhibits that demonstrate this ability in the area of nursing and/or health. This year Susan Parker and Karen Tarnow selected three award winners. Kelsey Hill and Amanda Daugherty were selected first for their exhibit on "Drink Stains on Teeth". Meredith Brown received second for her exhibit on "Bacteria and Soap". Finally third prize was awarded to Sarah Yocum for "P.B.2Go" [Peanut Butter to Go].

Nominations Due

The nominations for the Delta Chapter Excellence in Clinical Practice and/or Excellence in Community Leadership Awards are due by April 1, 2003. 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.

March Chapter Meeting



DATE:
March 13, 2003
Spring Chapter Meeting
TIME:
5:00 Appetizers &
Networking
Atrium KU School of Nursing

5:30 Business Meeting
6:00 Program
1023 Orr Major KUMC

"The 3 R's in the Care of the
Mechanically Ventilated
Patient: Research, Regulation
and Roadmap"
Carol Cleek
RN, MSN, CCNS, CCR

Delta Chapter Fall Meeting

The fall chapter meeting was held on November 7, 2002. The night began with opportunities for networking and the Delta chapter business meeting. The educational portion of the meeting featured Roma Lee Taunton who recently received the Sigma Theta Tau Pinnacle Mentor Award from STTI. Roma Lee Taunton addressed the question of "What are the characteristics of a good mentor?" Her candid and insightful presentation kept the group captivated as she described her mentors and the characteristics they possessed. The audience was enlightened with good tips for how to excel in the mentoring role.



Above, Roma Lee Taunton addressed the group about mentorship. Her presentation was candid as well as insightful.

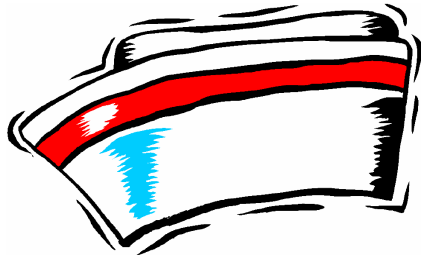


Above Delta Chapter President, Jeanne Schott, leads the business meeting. Below the Delta chapter members are listening intently.



Membership Tea

On Monday, December 9, 2002, a reception was held in the atrium of the School of Nursing for potential members to visit with the counselors and members regarding membership into Sigma Theta Tau. Many students joined the faculty and counselors to discuss the eligibility requirements for membership in Sigma Theta Tau and benefits of membership.



Do you know Carol Cleek ??

Written by Kim Tankel from an interview with Carol Cleek, RN, MSN, CCNS, CCR

Current role and responsibilities: Director of Critical Care and Progressive Care Unit/Coordinator of Clinical Trials at Olathe Medical Center. I manage a 21-bed, "all-in-one" ICU that does everything from

soup to nuts except for major trauma and burns. I manage an 18-bed progressive step-down unit. and I coordinate clinical trials.

What are some of your contributions and involvement in Sigma Theta Tau? I worked extensively with Lambda Phi chapter at UMKC as a program chair and treasurer for 3 years. I also assisted with induction ceremony planning and implementation for 3 years.

How has Sigma Theta Tau impacted your professional development? Being involved in Sigma Theta Tau has been a humbling experience. I have found myself surrounded by so many gifted and talented people through this organization. The opportunity to network with these great minds has helped to renew and rejuvenate me when I have needed it in my career. The value and utilization of research into practice has been its biggest contribution to my practice.

What career and/or practice accomplishments have been most meaningful? My most meaningful practice accomplishment is the development of the people who "report" to me and in the ability to create an environment that is professionally rich and intellectually stimulating. Our leadership team has successfully been able to bring 17 new CCRN's (Certified Critical Care Nurses) to our Critical Care Unit which only enhances our contributions to quality outcomes. Additionally, I am really proud of the TEAM we have built that direct patient care. This team – led by a pulmonologist, as well as respiratory care, pharmacy, nursing, dietary, and rehab, round daily on every patient. We talk about a multitude of patient issues from each domain and discuss how we can work together to meet the goals for the patient. We are so cohesive are a cohesive group. In my career, I am most proud of my CCNS (Certified Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist) certification and the "Excellence in Nurse Management" award given to me by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. That CCNS certification is significant to me because it demonstrates to me, to the staff, and to the public that I am competent and qualified to be managing and directing patient care activities in these areas legitimately. The "Excellence in Nursing Management" award was really special because it comes from the staff – but – that award really belongs to my leadership team, including my assistant nurse manager and the critical care CNS. You don't do this job alone, and you aren't successful alone. I see myself as a great clinician and an O.K. manager, so I know I am not doing this alone.

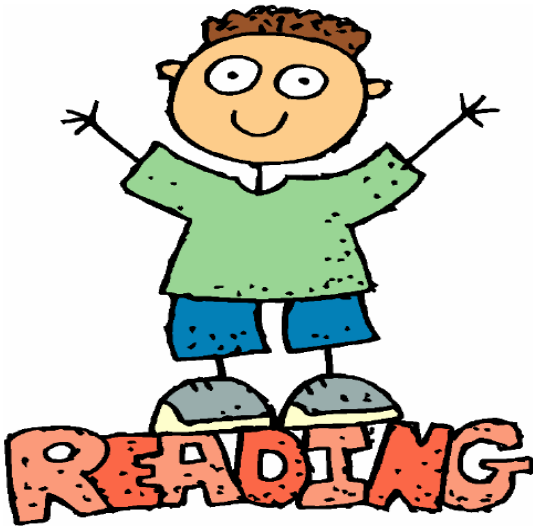
How can you make a difference in the practice of nursing? I see the "difference" that I can make in nursing is to be a voice for nursing, especially critical care nursing. I came from a family of physicians, scientists and attorney's – generally a group of people who don't have trouble speaking their minds and advocating for themselves. I have learned that you have to stand up for yourself and what you believe. I believe in the power of the nurse and the things that we can accomplish for our patients. I believe that we are the key to excellence in patient outcomes.

Practice, scholarly and/or research endeavors: My practice endeavors are focused on designing systems and structures that enhance patient outcomes, as well as professional nursing practice. Some of these things relate directly to patients and include the development of a comprehensive congestive heart failure program or protocols for care of the mechanically ventilated patients. Some of these things indirectly affect the patient, but primarily affect the lives of the nursing staff and ancillary caregivers who provide that

patient care. My research endeavors have been primarily to facilitate the clinical trials at Olathe Medical Center. I have learned SO much about clinical research – both as an investigator and as an administrator. The issues of informed consent and adherence to regulations are never more important than they are in this domain.

To my colleagues, family and friends, I am: To my family, I am the “glue”. I am one that keeps everything moving, I can find anything that is lost (I live with 3 males – that should tell you something!). My boys mean the world to me and I am so aware of my role in their lives. I take this very seriously. My husband is my best asset! He is such a loving and giving person – we work so hard to give very steady and consistent time to our boys each day. And to have fun, too! My friends think I am a nut! I really, really love hanging out with my friends and laughing and having fun. I try not to take life too seriously, and I try to have a good time in everything I do. I am pretty easy to get a long with. My closest friends accept the fact that I overextend myself without getting everything done. I am passionate about music and I cannot get enough time to mess around with it. I am making it more of a priority these days because it keeps me so balanced. To my colleagues – well, I am always “pushing the envelope”. I am SO passionate about nursing and the role that we can have in this world. I just keep trying to push and motivate everyone to be better than they are. I set pretty high expectations. I expect everyone to see that they can also learn and be willing to do so – even those of us who think of ourselves as “experts”. I learn something about myself at a minimum everyday, and I am certainly always learning something clinically.

Del ta Chapter supports KC Reads Program



The chapter has donated money to the KC READS program which is affiliated with the national Reach Out and Read National Center in Boston. The KC READS is a not-for-profit program that reaches thousands of children through more than 18 sites in the greater Kansas City Metropolitan area. At each well-child visit, children 6 months through 5 years receive a new, developmentally and culturally appropriate book to take home. To date, the KC Reads Program has distributed over 85,000 new books to young children, counseled thousands of parents about literacy, trained 500 pediatric providers and recruited 300 volunteer readers for clinic waiting rooms.

If you would also like to participate in this program, you may send your donations to:
KU Endowment Association
3901 Rainbow Blvd
Kansas City, Kansas 66160

Let the Endowment Association know that this donation should be directed toward the KC Reads program. Another way for Delta members to participate in this program is through the Hen House Market's Community Rewards Donation Plan. With this plan, the Hen House Market will donate to this charity every time you shop and use your reward card at the market. You must fill out a Community Rewards Donation Plan for this directed donation to be in effect. This donation plan will not affect the reward benefits you would receive on your groceries.

If you would like to know more about this program contact Dr. Jean Harty at (913) 588-2793 or visit the website www.kcreads.org.

Induction Banquet

The Induction banquet will be held on May 15, 2003 in the Ritz Charles banquet room located at 9000 West 137th Street in Overland Park, Kansas. The social hour will start at 5:30 p.m. with a Cash Bar. The dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. The menu for this evening will be a chicken or vegetarian entrée. 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. The registration form for the banquet is placed at the bottom of this page. The cost of the banquet is \$38.00 per person. Please return this registration form and your money to Yvonne Ornelas-Rios by **May 2, 2003**. Each of the new inductees receives 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 Charles Ritz are included on the next page for your convenience.



**Induction Ceremony/Banquet May 15, 2003
(Make checks payable to Delta Chapter STT)**

_____ **Number of Dinners at \$38.00 each**

_____ **Donation to sponsor a new member**

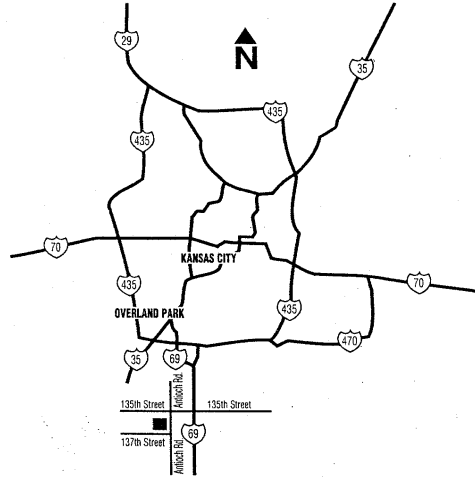
Name: _____

Address: _____

Check here if you need a vegetarian plate

**Mail to:
Yvonne Ornelas-Rios
4636 Gibbs Road
Kansas City, KS 66106**

Deadline: May 2, 2003



Directions to Ritz Charles on May 15, 2003

FROM KCI AIRPORT

Take I-29 North 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 first 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 first 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 I-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 first 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 I-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 first 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 I-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 first 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 first 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 THE DELTA CHAPTER



PUBLICATIONS

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PRESENTATIONS

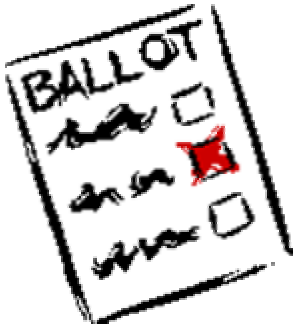
Mary Hobbs Leenerts, PhD, RN, ARNP gave a presentation at the Ninth Annual Kansas Research Exchange at Wichita Kansas entitled "HIV+ Women in Prison: The Harm of Disconnection from Self-Care."

Julia Ledell Slaven, RN, MN gave a presentation at the Ninth Annual Kansas Research Exchange at Wichita Kansas entitled "Maternity Video Project: An Experimental Design of Two Teaching Methods."



AWARDS

Karen Wambach RN, Ph.D. was awarded a NINR grant for 1.1 million to study "Promoting and Supporting Breastfeeding in Adolescents."



SIGMA THETA TAU DELTA CHAPTER
2003 Ballot

Please indicate your choices and mail to:

Attn: Carol K. Starling
Sigma Theta Tau Delta Chapter
University of Kansas School of Nursing
3901 Rainbow Blvd.
Kansas City, KS 66160-7502

Please review the nominees for Delta Chapter's Executive Committee election for years 2003-2005. The descriptions of the candidates are on pages 10-11. Use the following ballot to vote and mail your ballot to Carol Starling by **May 5, 2003**

President-Elect (Please select one)

_____ Sharon Kumm

_____ Vanessa C. Fuller

Corresponding Secretary (Please select one)

_____ Kathy Fletcher

Vice-President (Please select one)

_____ Elizabeth "Beth" Clark

_____ Julia Ledell Slaven

Graduate Counselor (Please select one)

_____ Jan Davidson

_____ Barbara Langner

_____ Geri Neuberger

Nominating Committee (Please select two)

_____ Susan Bennett

_____ Pat Twenter

_____ Virginia J. Wry



**SIGMA THETA TAU DELTA CHAPTER NOMINEES
FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Biographical Sketches**

President Elect – shall succeed into the presidency at the end of the term of office and shall promote the purposes of the Society.

Sharon Kumm

Education: RN, Diploma Research Medical Center School of Nursing
BS, Central Missouri State University
MS, Iowa State University
MN, University of Washington

Employment: Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Kansas School of Nursing
Past 1989-1992 Per diem ICU nurse
1988-1989 University of Washington Medical Center, CVICU

Past STT offices held: Member, Research & Awards Committee, Delta Chapter 2000-present
Nominating Committee, Member, Delta Chapter 1998-1999

Vice President – 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.

Elizabeth “Beth” Clark

Education: BSN, University of Kansas
MSN, University of Kansas

Employment: Nurse Manager, University of Kansas Hospital,

Past STT offices held: Member, Nominating Committee, Delta Chapter

Offices in other organizations:
Team Leaders, PICOS, Rapid Process Redesign, partnered with GM
Past Editor, Surgical Oncology Newsletter, Oncology Nursing Society
Nurse Advisory Board, Amgen, Inc.
Past Member, American Cancer Society, Wyandotte County Council
Member, Clinical Patient Safety Committee, Hospital Based

Julia Ledell Slaven

Education: BSN, Fort Hays University
MN, University of Kansas

Employment: Clinical Instructor, University of Kansas, School of Nursing

Past STT offices held: Chairman, Membership Committee
Chairman, Audio/Video Committee

Offices in other organizations:
Counselor for undergraduate nursing students at Penn Valley Community College
KU Alumni Association
Board Member
Association Vice-President
Image Committee
Phonathon Committee

Other information you desire to share about your affiliation with STTI:

Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Chapter judge for the Greater Kansas City Science Fair, KC, MO 1989

Corresponding Secretary – shall prepare and distribute the chapter newsletters.

Kathy Fletcher

Education: BSN, University of Nebraska
MN, University of Kansas
PhD, University of Kansas

Employment: Clinical Associate Professor, University of Kansas, School of Nursing

Past STT offices held: Corresponding Secretary, Delta Chapter 2001-2003
Nominations Committee, Delta Chapter 1997-1999
Corresponding Secretary, Delta Chapter 1993-1997

Graduate 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.

Jan Davidson

Education: Post-master's FNP, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS
MSN, Univ. of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX
BSN, Southwest Missouri State Univ., Springfield, MO
Diploma, Mercy School of Nursing, Ft. Scott, KS

Employment: Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Kansas, School of Nursing

Past STT offices held: Member since 1986
Recording Secretary, Delta Chapter, 1992-1994
Secretary, Theta Lambda Chapter, Southwest Missouri State University, Department of Nursing, Springfield, MO 1986-1987
Chairperson, Chartering Ceremony for Theta Lambda Chapter, Springfield, MO 1986

Barbara Langner

Education: BSN, University of Kansas
MA, University of Missouri, Kansas City
PhD, University of Kansas

Employment: Associate Professor, University of Kansas, School of Nursing

Past STT offices held: President Beta Chapter
Awards Committee Member
Recruitment/Retention Chair
Public Relations Committee Sigma International

Offices in other organizations:

KSNA appointee to the Kansas Data Governing Board

Other information you desire to share about your affiliation with STTI:

I believe that recruitment of new members is one of the most important activities of the chapter as it assures continued vitality and infusion of new ideas.

Geri Neuberger

Education: EdD, University of Kansas, School of Education
MN, University of Kansas, School of Nursing

Employment: Professor, University of Kansas, School of Nursing

Past STT offices held: Graduate Counselor, Delta Chapter, 1995-1997
President, Delta Chapter, 1990-1992
Recording Secretary, Delta Chapter, 1986-1988

Offices in other organizations:

Member, Research Committee National Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals, 2001-2003

Other information you desire to share about your affiliation with STTI:

Delta Chapter, STT International promotes professionalism and scholarship in nursing. I would enjoy encouraging our eligible graduate students to seek membership in this honor society.

Nominating Committee — oversees the selection of well-qualified members who can provide the necessary leadership to achieve chapter goals and to meet the needs of members, oversees the preparation, distribution and tallying of election ballots, notifies all candidates (elected and non-elected) of the election results.

Susan Bennett

Education: BSN, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
MSN, FNP, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, TX

Employment: Nurse Practitioner, Employee Health, University of Kansas Hospital

Other information you desire to share about your affiliation with STTI:
I have been a member since my junior year of undergraduate nursing. I maintained membership at my initial chapter at University of Missouri until I went back to school. I joined Texas A&M's chapter and actively attended their meetings. I have been a member of Delta Chapter for the last 4 years and have been the recipient of both the Clinical Excellence Award and research funding. I believe it is time I give back to my chapter by serving in the officer role.

Pat Twenter

Education: Diploma, St. Mary's Hospital, School of Nursing
BSN, University of Kansas
MS, University of Kansas

Employment: Coordinator, Cardio Pulmonary Rehabilitation, University of Kansas Hospital

Offices in other organizations:
Chairman, Education Committee, Greater Kansas City Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Consortium, 1988-1990
Secretary, Education Committee, Greater Kansas City Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Consortium, 1990

Other information you desire to share about your affiliation with STTI:
I received the STT, Delta Chapter Graduate Student Award, May 1997.

Virginia Wry

Education: ADN, Johnson County Community College
BSN, University of Kansas
MS Management, Baker University

Employment: Cardiac Care Coordinator, University of Kansas Hospital

Past STT offices held: Beta Chapter, Social Committee, 1984-1986

Offices in other organizations:
President, American Pediatric Oncology Association, 1989
Vice President, Children's Mercy Cancer Center, 1992

Other information you desire to share about your affiliation with STTI:
I am deeply interested in developing leadership in students and staff. I am currently a preceptor for KU School of Nursing. My goal is to provide leadership resources, and support to student nurses, staff RNs, and medical residents to benefit patient care.



**Send your vote in
and be counted!**

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: _____

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 (Winter/Fall) is September 15, 2003.

Mail to: Kathy Fletcher, Delta Chapter Newsletter Editor, University of Kansas School of Nursing, 3901 Rainbow Blvd., Kansas City, Kansas 66160-7502.

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