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THERE IS NO GREATER HONOR THAN TO BE RECOGNIZED BY YOUR PEERS

The Awards and Hall of Fame event held at the Alumni Memorial Union at Marquette University, October 9, 2003 lauded the recognition of Carol M. Graham, RN, MS for her unyielding service to the community of Milwaukee through her management and care in public health nursing. The keynote address offered by Mary Pat Kunert stated the mentoring and guidance that Ms. Graham offered her fellow nurses in public health. Ms. Graham demonstrated through active public health work diligence in pursuing clients and families to address their health care needs and assure access to the available services the organization and the city had to offer. Mary Pat Kunert used humor to portray Ms. Graham's persistence in demonstrating methods "to get the job done no matter what it takes." Carol's ability to role model to the novice nurses demonstrated her commitment to service and profession. Ms Graham's family and friends were in attendance and Dr Lea Acord, Dean of the College of Nursing, Marquette University, offered words of recognition and future planning.



Lea Acord, Dean Marquette University (2003) AHOF



*Mary Pat Kunert (left) with
Carol M. Graham AHOF Event
2003 Hall of Fame Award Recipient*



Carol Grahams, AHOF recipient with family and friends

Maureen Greene, RN, MS, CS, ACNP was presented a plaque as recognition for her service as Outstanding Nurse Scholar in Clinical Practice. Jacque Nook, Program Chair, offered words of recognition to Maureen's 23 years of service to the organization. Maureen was recognized for her creativity in practice and drive for ongoing professional and personal growth in practice and research. Maureen presented her evidenced based practice initiative, which she was presenting in Toronto, Canada at the 38th Biennial Convention. Maureen's family and mother attended the award ceremony. Friends came to support Maureen in this achievement.



Maureen Greene, Outstanding Nurse Scholar with (left to right) Ramona Morrissey (mother), Chris Greene (husband) and Brittany, Ashley, Ryan (children)



Jacque Nook, Program Chair, (left) awarding Maureen Greene Outstanding Nurse Scholar Award – Clinical Practice (October 9, 2003)



Lowine Sarbacker (left) and Sandra Goldmann (right) with Outstanding Nurse Scholar, Maureen Greene



Maureen Greene (center), Jennifer Popies (left) and Cindy Dunbar (right)



left to right – Mary Pat Kumert (Faculty Counselor), Terri, Judith Miller, Cheryl Anderson

Sigma Theta Tau International Convention Sets Attendance Records

By Jacque Nook, RN, MS

Maureen Greene and Jacque Nook, Delta Gamma Chapter delegates, were in the company of a record number of more than 2,100 nurses at the Biennial Convention held in Toronto, Canada, October 31–November 5, 2003. Attendees had the opportunity to network with top nursing leaders from around the world, to learn from a record number of peer-reviewed, quality educational sessions and to enjoy a variety of other activities in the exciting, vibrant city of Toronto.

During the opening plenary session, key note speaker, Margaret Carson, RN, PhD, captivated the near capacity crowd with her riveting stories of Vietnam nurses experience in her address entitled: *There to Care: A Lesson from Nursing History*.

Other plenary speakers included the Episteme Award recipient, Kathryn E. Barnard, PhD, MSN, BSN; the Audrey Hepburn Sigma Theta Tau International Award winner, Bernadette Melnyk, RN, PhD, CPNP, FAAN; and Leadership sessions speaker, Mary O'Neil Munding DrPH.

The Winter Meeting will be a Joint Meeting with Eta Nu and Rho Sigma

Location is being finalized for a joint chapter event but the date is set:

MARCH 30, 2004, Tuesday EVENING

Sigma Theta Tau Distinguished Lecturer, Karyn Holm, RN, PhD, Professor at Loyola University in Chicago will present on the topic: ***Heart Disease in Women: An International Perspective***. The speaker remarks, nursing is concerned with the health of individuals and communities throughout the world. Heart disease is now a leading cause of death in women throughout the world, in both rich and poor societies. Expanding the Western paradigm of heart disease in women as being a consequence of eating too much and exercising too little this speaker will address the consequences of poor maternal nutrition, low birth weight and deprivation in housing and social status. Factors that can contribute to positive interventions by professional nurses in vulnerable populations in women around the world will be highlighted.

A multidisciplinary panel will react to Dr Holm's presentation and engage audience discussion. **SAVE THE DATE –WE HAVE A CHAIR WAITING FOR YOU!**

Partial Calendar See the website for a full calendar of events and times, dates and locations at www.mu.edu/deltagamma

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: April 25, 2004 at Marquette University Alumni Memorial Union Ballroom 2:00 pm.

April 30, 2004: GREATER MILWAUKEE RESEARCH DAY supported by Delta Gamma Chapter and healthcare centers and universities in the area. Watch your mail for flyers.

Transition and General Meeting: June 3, 2004 Klemmer's Banquet Center 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Delta Gamma Members Present at Convention

Convention attendees could choose from over 800 educational sessions and numerous poster presentations ranging from implementing evidenced-based nursing to issues in nursing research and innovations in nursing leadership to meet their learning needs.

Among the presenters were Delta Gamma Chapter delegate and Leading Edge Editor, Maureen Greene, RN, MS, CS, ACNP who along with Tom Brandstetter, RPh, presented the session: ***Sedation in the ICU: A Research-Based Practice Initiative to Improve Outcomes.*** Delta Gamma Chapter member, Jennifer Enright-Ford, RN, BSN, CRRN presented the session: ***Four million to one: The work of a nurse consultant at a State agency.***

The abstracts are included for your reference. Please contact the editor for contact information for these speakers should you be interested in pursuing the topics further.

Sedation in the ICU: A Research-Based Practice Initiative to Improve Outcomes

About the Speakers: Maureen Therese Greene is a clinical educator for the intensive care unit at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI. Maureen has been a member of Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Gamma chapter since 1980, the year they chartered. Tom Brandstetter is a pharmacist at the same facility.

Anxiety and agitation are common problems among critically ill adults in the intensive care unit. The American College of Critical Care Medicine (ACCM) of the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) published guidelines for the care of critically ill adults in the article: Sedation, Analgesia and Neuromuscular Blockade in American Journal of Health Systems and Pharmacy, January 15, 2002, pp. 147-177. The guidelines outline best practice for the ventilated intensive care patients. Concomitant with these guidelines are suggestions for daily interruption of sedative infusions to ascertain the patient's mental status. Outcome measurements of reduced length of ICU and hospital stay, length of ventilator time; amount and type of medication used and frequency of neurological examinations/tests were compared in a random controlled study (Kress, et al., May 2000). A Task force representing pharmacy services, intensive care nursing and medicine was convened across a hospital care system of a large midwestern health service in an effort to implement best practice guidelines outlined in the literature. Two order forms were created to define the short and long term suggested medication selection and dosing. Implementation of a sedation scoring method and numeric documentation was incorporated in the order form to assure pre- and post-assessment of the patient's response to the medication. Data collection of key outcome measurements includes: SAS scoring pre- and post-medication administration or titration, ventilator time and length of stay. Other criteria explored are self-extubation data, ventilator infections and disease complications and patient tolerance to wean. Wake-up procedures, when implemented on an ordered basis by the physician, was measured to determine the value of this method and the possibility of reducing or discontinuing sedative medication based on established endpoints of therapy and patient response.

Four million to one: The work of a nurse consultant at a State agency.

About the speaker: Jennifer Enright-Ford, RN, BSN, CRRN, is employed as a nurse consultant in the Medical Review Unit of the Department of Transportation, Madison, WI. Jennifer is a dual member with Iota Tau and Delta Gamma.

My role is that of the health care expert and advisor to a 5,000 person state agency, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Our department serves the 4 million drivers in our state. In my capacity as nurse consultant, I have the opportunity to teach, advise, adjudicate and develop policy. Working as a nurse outside the health care model has its unique aspects. I am my own researcher, proofreader, and clerical staff. I have given lectures in restaurants, Shrine Halls and senior nutrition sites. The role also includes the privilege to speak to the state legislature about the impact of pending bills. My phone number is the Old Driver hotline for my state and I hear daily the agonies that families face in deciding that Dad or Mom should no longer drive. One comment I most often hear is "what kind of job is that for a nurse?" I can respond that it is an extraordinarily rewarding one, embodying the true mission of community health nursing. There is no profession better suited to this type of outreach. It is my goal that nurses know what options they have and that nursing students realize there are careers beyond the hospital.

In Memoriam

It is with deepest sympathy that we acknowledge the death of Laverne Foster, our member, and past Hall of Fame recipient who passed on December 26, 2003. Our condolences are extended to family, friends, and peers who knew her.

Convention Highlights

The House of Delegates, representing 389 Chapters and 720 delegates, ended the four and one half day convention with the election of the 2003-2005 board, voting of bylaws amendments, departure and installation ceremonies and new president's call to action.

Newly installed President Dan Pesut announced his call-to-action to address the creation of a new honor society subsidiary, Nursing Knowledge International. Nursing Knowledge International delivers high quality, nurse-centric information from leading nursing providers, including nursing associations and for-profit companies. Its offerings include continuing education, books, journals, CD-ROMS, software and distance learning. Contents will be free and fee-based. The Sigma Theta Tau Web portal is divided into four areas: Career and Leadership, Clinical, Continuing Education and Research. Visit the international site at www.nursingsociety.org and take advantage of the evidenced based, clinical application nursing journal, Worldviews on Evidenced Based Nursing TM, a tool to match member talents with honor society volunteer opportunities and CareeRxel TM, the new on line interactive career development tool for nurses, nurse managers, educators and human resource professionals. All members are encouraged by Dan Pesut to complete CareeRxel and VIPfiles by the next biennium!

In his president's address to the House of Delegates, Dan Pesut, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN unveiled his "Create the Future through Renewal" call to action for the 38th biennium. Dr. Pesut's call focuses on six areas of renewal: self, service, and scholarship of reflective practice, science, society and spirit. Seven goals have been identified to support the areas of renewal. The complete resource guide is available on the international website.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL ARE BEING ADJUSTED

Beginning January 1, 2004, the international portion of the membership dues will increase to \$55 (the chapter fees fro Delta Gamma are not being adjusted at this time). During the biennial convention, the House of Delegates granted the international board of directors the fiscal authority over fees. This means that in addition to other fiscal responsibilities, the board now has the ability to make incremental dues adjustments to ensure the financial future of the honor society. Support your chapter and internationals goals by timely and current payment. To reinstate your membership as active contact international directly via the web to resubscribe!

THE CHALLENGE BY INTERNATIONAL IS TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNANCE CHANGES TO ENCOURAGE MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

The International Honor Society Board of Directors has requested the Chapters comply with Governance revisions to seek greater diversity and inclusion of members for short, episodic involvement, rather than long terms of office. That is the good news! The realistic news is that we want to do it right! Delta Gamma Chapter executive board is planning revisions to its structure to comply with International's directives by the next biennium. The board of directors will remain the same: President, President elect (elected in odd years for a one year term and then transition to the role of president for a term), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Counselor. Two Governance branches are planned: **The Governance Committee**, which includes eligibility and bylaws as its directive, will have at least three (3) elected members and the elected counselor and **The Leadership Succession Committee** of at least three (3) elected members will address nominations and membership inclusion and transition planning. The board is still discussing the value and leadership needs of other current committees as they relate to this framework. A great deal in Delta Gamma is working well and we want to save that within the vision of this new plan. The goal of International in the revision is to allow for greater involvement, so please accept an active, short-term position with the board and task forces of the future. We depend on you!

Call for Nominations

The Awards and Program committee is seeking nominations for the **Hall of Fame Award**, and the **Outstanding Nurse Scholar in Administration**, for consideration and recognition at the 2004 Award and Hall of Fame Dinner/Program, October 7, 2004 at Marquette University Alumni Memorial Union.

We invite you to nominate outstanding nurse leaders you know with the following qualifications:

Outstanding Nurse Scholar in Administration

Required:

- Active member of Delta Gamma Chapter
- Master's Degree in Nursing
- Holds or has held office in a nursing organization

Evidence of some or all of the following:

- Has been published in a refereed journal
- Has conducted nursing research
- Excellence in current nursing administration
- Contributions to professional nursing (program development, national presentation, etc.)

Hall of Fame Award Criteria

- A minimum of a Master's Degree in Nursing
- Retired from active nursing for a minimum of five years or deceased
- Demonstrated leadership in nursing practice, education, administration, or research
- Past or current participation in professional nursing organizations

Please submit a letter of support for your nominee by June 1, 2004 to:

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* = voting members of Board

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Grant Application Announcement Sigma Theta Tau Research Award Grant

Maximum Award: \$3,000 for one year
Submission deadline: March 30, 2004

The Delta Gamma Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau is now accepting applications for a research grant to be awarded to a chapter member in the Spring of 2004.

**The award will be presented
Sunday, April 25, 2004 at the Induction Ceremony.**

Eligibility and Requirements:

- Active member of Delta Gamma Chapter
- Have the ability to carry out the proposed research. Beginning researchers need to have a qualified advisor.
- Research is to be completed one year after the presentation of the award. The researcher must submit a written copy of the completed research in Spring 2005.
- The grant recipient may be required to present the completed research at the annual chapter research conference.
- Funding will not be provided retrospectively for research completed or near completion.

To apply, submit eight (8) typewritten copies of the research proposal that includes:

- ◆ Title page with a brief biosketch (credentials, position, etc.) on only one copy.
The seven additional copies should not include identifying data
- ◆ Introduction indicating need for research
- ◆ Problem statement
- ◆ Brief theoretical framework
- ◆ Hypothesis
- ◆ Methodology
- ◆ Significance
- ◆ Timetable
- ◆ Budget
- ◆ References and appendices

Limit length to less than 6 pages, *double spaced* (excluding title page, budget, references, and appendices).

All applications will be evaluated using a blind review process. The recommendation of the Research Committee is submitted to the Executive Committee of the Delta Gamma Chapter for the award decision.

Applications should be submitted no later than Monday, March 30, 2004 to:

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