

2004 Outstanding Nurse Scholar Award, and Hall of Fame Honorees named at October Banquet event

Judge Jean DiMotto, the 2004 Outstanding Nurse Scholar is more than a nurse ... She is an *inspiration*.



Outstanding Nurse Scholar, Judge Jean DiMotto

Judge Jean DiMotto, RN, MS, JD was honored with the Outstanding Nurse Scholar award from Delta Gamma Chapter in the October 2004 Awards and Hall of Fame event. Judge DiMotto took the stage and enlightened us as to how nursing has played a key role in her current area of employment as a District Judge. She spoke of the tools and skills that nursing service affords us to be effective problem solvers and sensitive to the needs of people.

Judge DiMotto mentioned the support she receives from her continued involvement with Marquette University and professional organizations in which she remains active. Jean dazzled the audience with her PowerPoint on Delegation in Nursing Service. Her creativity was expressed in her "who wants to be a millionaire"

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2004 Award and Hall of Fame Honoree: Ginny Bourne, for her service to nursing ...

The October 7, 2004 Awards and Hall of Fame event was a wonderful gathering of friends and colleagues who enjoyed a good meal, good conversation and the privilege to recognize, Virginia Bourne as Award and Hall of Fame Honoree for her service to nursing in the area of Thanatology/Oncology.

After a brief introduction by Maureen Greene, Ginny took the podium to remind us of how nursing was so many years ago. She mentioned her ongoing education for her Master's degree at a time that nursing wasn't talking much about death and dying. So her vision and her persistence brought her to seek opportunities to define this new area of science for nursing: Thanatology.



Honoree, Ginny Bourne

Her mentors were Eileen Rossi at St. Joseph Hospital; Kuber-Ross in her writings and her lectures; Dean Mahan at Marquette University that created open doors for Ginny as she pursued the science of Thanatology. There were many avenues that Ginny sought to augment her learning in a science that was just emerging. Of particular note is the work and lessons learned from Dr. Edwin Shneidman, a suicidologist, from the University of Minnesota who was a mentor to Ginny in the development of her skill to handle the life, death and dying of persons under her care.

But the greatest mentors were Ginny's patients. They taught her about grief, the experience of end of life and the strength of seeking hope through faith. Ginny was a powerful

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Consider Delta Gamma involvement in new year

On behalf of the Delta Gamma board of directors I would like to wish each and everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

As we all start the New Year of 2005 our usual process is to make "New Year Resolutions." I would like to ask each of you to look at your involvement in this professional organization and consider the following:

How can I actively support my chapter of Sigma Theta Tau?

Once you have considered this action please contact any member of the board and we

will share how you can support our chapter without making a huge time commitment to accomplish this. A small time commitment can make an awesome difference!

What professionals do you work with every day that are excellent candidates for membership in our local chapter?



*Message from
the President*

Once you have identified them, reach out and help them to become a member. Make your goal to increase our membership by at least one incredible professional colleague. Make a commitment

to attend one of our annual programs.

Attend the induction ceremony in April with the new candidate you supported to join Delta Gamma.

This is a wonderful new year with many opportunities before us. Please join the board in continuing to grow and strengthen our chapter and support the growth of our nursing profession!

Sincerely,

Barbara Malecki
President, Delta Gamma Chapter

In Condolence

The Delta Gamma Family would like to express their condolence to Jacque Nook, Program Chair and 2005 Vice President and her husband, Pat and son, David in the loss of Steven, age 20, Jacque and Pat's son, due to complications of surgery.

Delta Gamma Chapter has contributed to the Scholarship fund in honor of Steven to be used for promoting education in our future college students.

Other interested philanthropy can be directed to Jacque and Pat Nook, 2615 N. 111th Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53226.

The Each One-Reach One Campaign Continues:

Be Part of the Solution! The Each One-Reach One Campaign is a support mechanism for new members' offered by the Leadership Succession Committee. Please check out the website link for the official instructions and sign up sheet. Our mission is to embrace new members and this is one way to do it.

Also please, check out the Buddy Bucks on this link that offers you and a member you bring to a 2005 event, to a free beverage on US!

Check out these offers at www.mu.edu/deltagamma

The next Biennium is coming this fall: Would you like to go?

Sigma Theta Tau International is having their Biennium in Indianapolis, Indiana this November 12-16, 2005. The Board of Directors will entertain your interest to attend as delegate to this event. We send two individuals to participate in this event to act as voting members for the chapter. If interested in being considered please contact Barbara.malecki@aurora.org or jnook@wi.rr.com New members who are interested in learning more about the organization and would like to become more involved are encouraged to apply. Travel buddies are possible!



Vice President Jacque Nook



Past Presidents: left to right,
Donna Metoff, Ginny Bourne, Diana Hankes, Barbara Malecki, Maureen Greene



Mary Darling and Mary Beth Gosline



Linda Masih, Beth Hammer and Deb Hagen

Induction is Having a Day Lift!

The Delta Gamma Board of Directors, after considering options with the University, opted to separate the Induction event from the Awards event from the University Awards Weekend.

Delta Gamma will have induction on the usual Sunday, April 24th, 2005 at 2:00 PM. We are considering numerous undergraduates, graduates and community leaders to be inducted at this event which will take place at the Marquette Alumni Memorial Union. Plan on attending this inspiring event!



Linda Masih, Treasurer, reports that we have the following balances:

Checking account: \$8,229.47
Market account: \$40,462.11

Share Your Creativity With Others

Are you a person who loves to do crafts, scrapbook, decorate, or cook? Do you like to be with people who are energized, positive and fun?

Then you are reading the right article to be with people who share your desires and your personal interests. Your vision and talents are greatly needed by the Sigma Theta Tau Delta Gamma Chapter. The talent and vision that you possess parallels those same attributes that encompass being a member of this chapter's leadership team.

The Delta Gamma Chapter is refocusing on the needs of nurses in all aspects of the profession as well as the academic. Come be part of this new age group of professionals who are exploring and developing something extraordinary. The following positions are open for peer or self-nomination. Just fill in the attached form and mail to the address listed or email your interest to klpaxton@stritch.edu

*List compiled with assistance from the Beta Iota Chapter

President Elect

Term Length: Fall '05-'06
Assume President's role

Qualifications:

- Be an active member of the chapter
- Consent to serve in the position

Responsibilities:

- Succeed into the Presidency (a two-year term) at the end of a one-year term in office as President Elect
- Communicate to the public the purposes of the society
- Chair committees, as needed

- Learn the chapter operations and facilitate the achievement of chapter goals and mission of Sigma Theta Tau International
- Oversee the process for completing and submitting the Chapter Key Award application

Treasurer

Term Length: Fall '05-'07

Qualifications:

- Be an active member of the chapter
- Consent to serve in the position

Responsibilities:

- Be custodian of the funds
- Prepare a quarterly financial report and present a current financial report to the Board of Directors at each meeting

- Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors with appropriate committee advisory council or task force
- Prepare and submit the Annual Chapter Financial Report
- Work with the accountant on the biennial audit and submit a copy to headquarters
- For inductions, cut checks needed for international induction fees and jewelry and honor cord orders

- Oversee and manage investment plan of the organization with support from the Board of Directors
- Develop and maintain fiscal policies and procedures in collaboration with the appropriate committee. Submit new policies or modifications of existing policies to the Board of Directors for approval.
- Obtain and complete necessary tax forms for the Internal Revenue Service

Delta Gamma Chapter Nomination Form

Date of submission: _____

Name of nominee and credentials: _____

Position of interest: _____

Name of individual nominating: _____

Home address: _____

Home phone number of nominee: _____

Business title: _____

Business address: _____

Business phone: _____

Email address: _____

I prefer to be contacted at my: home office

Form may be emailed to klpaxton@stritch.edu or mailed to:
Kim L. Paxton 8837 Lake Pointe Dr. Franklin, WI 52132

*Leadership Succession
Committee*

Term Length: Fall '05-'07
Two positions to be filled

Qualifications:

- Be an active member of the chapter
- Consent to serve in the position

Responsibilities Overview:

- LSC members assist with the development of members in organizational leadership roles across the life span of their careers, mentor other members to assume organizational board and officer positions at all levels of the organization. Assist in the selection of nominees and prepare the ballot

Governance Committee

Term Length: Fall '05-'07
Two positions to be filled

Qualifications:

- Be an active member of the chapter
- Consent to serve in the position

Responsibilities Overview:

- Governance committee members carry out the work of the chapter in overseeing bylaw compliance, making recommendations for bylawas and oversee member and chapter eligibility issues

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theme music and graphics that made the learning experience enjoyable and fun!

Legal anecdotes and practice considerations were mentioned that have implications for bedside nurses, managers and administration. Judge Jean DiMotto brought us closer that evening by relieving us with laughter and connecting us in friendship.

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reminder that our pursuit of professional goals are within our grasp if we only challenge the thinking of our time.

She also offers us the comfort of knowing that our peers in professional organizations, firends, and family make achievement more than a dream—It is a career; One that Ginny Bourne dedicated her life to so that others would find life in other ways. (Ginny was surrounded by family as she accepted the award that evening)

ATTENTION

Grant Application Announcement Sigma Theta Tau Research Award Grant

Maximum Award: \$3,000 for one year
Submission deadline: March 30, 2005

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 2005.

The award will be presented
Sunday, April 24, 2005 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) type-written 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 or research question(s)
- 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, 2005 to:

Kerry Kosmoski-Goepfert PhD, RN
Marquette University — College of Nursing
Clark Hall
P.O. Box 1881
Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881
Phone (414)288-3830
Email: kerry.goepfert@marquette.edu

**Delta Gamma Chapter – Marquette University
Eta Nu Chapter – University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Rho Sigma Chapter – Carroll - Columbia College of Nursing
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee College of Nursing Continuing Education
invite you
to an evening of collegueship and professional development...**

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

UWM School of Continuing Education (downtown)
161 W. Wisconsin Avenue

Located in the John Plankinton Building above the Grand Avenue Mall
Parking is available at Grand Avenue Mall for a small fee

5:30 PM Networking / Cash Bar
5:45 PM Business meeting (Individual Chapters)
6:15 PM Dinner (Buffet)
7:00 PM Program

Domestic Violence: Making a Difference

Expert panelists will present and engage the audience in discussion. Panelist are:

- **Ruth Ann Belknap**, PhD, APRN, BC, Marquette University
- **Kathy Herbst**, Director of Programs, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center
- **Alice Kramer**, CNS, Abuse Response Services-Domestic Violence, Aurora Sinai Medical Center
- **Jennifer Boerger**, RN, MS, Moderator, University Wisconsin-Milwaukee

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee College of Nursing Continuing Education and Outreach Program is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Wisconsin Nurses Association Continuing Education Approval Committee, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. (1.5 – contact hours)

A certificate will be awarded to participants at the completion of the conference.

Deadline for reservations and payment is Thursday, March 31st 2005.

Members-\$25; Students-\$15, Checks payable to UWM

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Name _____

Email or Phone _____

Chapter _____

Return payment by March 31st to:
UWM-College of Nursing
Continuing Education and Outreach Program
P.O. Box 413
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Upcoming Events

Check out the new Delta Gamma website ...It's just been remodeled!

March 10, 2005	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting Marquette Alumni Memorial Union, Room 231
April 6, 2005	5:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Member Meeting: Joint meeting with Rho Sigma and Eta Nu chapter UWM School of Continuing Education, Plankiton Building
April 24, 2005	2:00 p.m.	Induction Marquette Alumni Memorial Union
May 12, 2005	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting Marquette Alumni Memorial Union, Room 231
May 13, 2005	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Seventh Annual SE Wisconsin Research Day Pewaukee Country Inn Conference Center
June, 2005	To Be Announced	Member Meeting and Program Location To Be Announced
July 14, 2005	To Be Announced	Transition Meeting Location To Be Announced

Check for updates and important information. We will be moving the newsletter to the website in the future to save on postage and we continue to work with International to assure we have updated email information so that notices can be sent to members. However, the honor society has not reached a full listing of all members email addresses. We are also sensitive that not all of our members are on-line or have access to computers. We hope to address that in future mailings to assure our members are adequately connected with our local group. Please complete the enclosed postcard for June planning. Please offer your suggestions for improvement in our correspondence with you and the website to mgreene@covhealth.org

The Delta Gamma website can be found at:
www.mu.edu/deltagamma