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SUMMER

JULY 2003

Induction Ceremony Heralds the Announcement of New Members and Award Recipients

The Alumni Memorial Union at Marquette University held the Induction Ceremony of new members to the chapters. Family, friends and faculty were present to celebrate this auspicious event recognizing scholarship and achievement. April 27th, 2003 was a gloriously beautiful spring Sunday to recognize new inductees. Judith Miller, PhD, RN, FAAN, interim dean to the College of Nursing officiated the celebration.

The list of new members is as follows:

Undergraduates Senior Students

William Blomenkamp
Elizabeth Bunn
Grace DelaCerna
Joan Freeman
Jana Geiger
Sarah Kennedy
Sarah Kolman
Kathryn Luke
Donna Matras
Mariah Monroe
Mary O'Reilly
Claire Schmidt
Daniela Slayton
Megan Taylor

Junior Students

Amy Bristol
Whitney Burkey
Julie Heyrman
Anne Hoida
Anne Ioder
Lisa Placzkowski
Sara Puestow
Patricia Sobchak
Margaret Strobel
Julia VanDerWoude

Graduate Students

Madeline Nagle
Diane Oppeneer
Stacy Simenz
Jane Singer
Jessica Sumwalt
Suzana Zamecnik

Community Leaders

Lu Verda Martin
Brenda Bowers



*Donna Metoff, President with
Janet Krejci, Vice President*



Graduate Student Inductees – 2003



Inductees 2003 to Delta Gamma Chapter

The event brought the congratulations of these inductees by the Executive Board Members of the Delta Gamma Chapter, officiated by the President, Donna Metoff and Program Chair, Jacquelyn M. Nook. Additionally, student were recognized and awarded by Delta Gamma Chapter for Outstanding Senior and Graduate Students as recommended and voted upon by the Program and Awards Committee of Delta Gamma. These outstanding students are:

Senior Student Award: Jana Geiger and Kathryn Luke

Graduate Student Award: Diane M. Goodman and Jean Rosiak

The 2003 Distinguished Alumni in Nursing was Dr. JoEllen Wilbur, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN. Her words of encouragement to the inductees and the audience framed the value of scholarship in improving nursing practice. Dr. Wilbur is a professor and associate dean for research services and administration at the University of Illinois Chicago College of Nursing. She received the 1997 Achievement in Research Award for the National Organization of Nurse Practitioners and a Career Advancement Award from Sigma Theta Tau International. It was a pleasure to hear the bounding motivational words of scholarship as the gateway for professional success and positive client outcomes for our inductees and all the audience participants.

MARQUETTE BESTOWS HONORS AND AWARDS WHICH RECOGNIZE DELTA GAMMA MEMBERS

The University bestows awards annually for students who have demonstrated a commitment to service of the profession of nursing, ideals of the university and academic strength. This year Delta Gamma members were named.

The 2003 College Awards to Delta Gamma Members were:

The Berens Award to Marah Monroe. This award recognizes a Senior student selected by faculty as having demonstrated above average academic achievement, outstanding clinical performance, commitment to ongoing professional development, and qualities consistent with the ideals and principles of moral conduct.

Jana Geiger received the Student Activities and Service Award because of her demonstration of enthusiasm for nursing. She was recognized as one who works diligently for the success of student activities and service projects.

Gregory Olson Caring Award is presented to a Senior student with above average academic achievement who has demonstrated caring for peers and clients, openness to new ideas, and openness to diverse views of others. **Donna Matras** exemplifies fairness in her interactions with peers and clients.

The **College Teaching Excellence Award** is recognition of a fulltime faculty member who demonstrates excellence in teaching and who inspires nursing students. **Congratulations, Jill Winters!**



*Judith Miller, Interim Dean
officiated Spring Induction Ceremony*



Donna Metoff, center, with award recipients

The All University Alumni Merit Award was awarded to **Judge Jean Wouters DiMotto**, College of Nursing 1973, Law School 1984. Judge DiMotto is a circuit court judge in Milwaukee County. She has worked as a nurse and a faculty member at The Marquette University College of Nursing and Law School. As a trial attorney, Jean has received the highest attorney rating by Martindale-Hubbell, an authoritative resource for information on the legal profession and the designation of Lawyer's Lawyer in the *Milwaukee Magazine*. She received a writing excellence award from the Journal of Nursing and has published numerous articles in nursing and law. Jean DiMotto is an oblate to the Benedictine Women's Monastery in Madison, Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Nursing Redesign Consortium is Active in Bringing Change to Nursing Service Across the State



*Left: Donna Metoff, Delta Gamma President
Center: Marilyn Bratt, Spring Dinner Speaker
Right: Jacque Hook, Delta Gamma
Program/Awards Chair*

The Spring Dinner Program was proud to welcome Marilyn Meyer Bratt, PhD, RN, Director of the Consortium efforts to unveil the dialogue and initiatives of this task force of diverse members throughout Wisconsin. Her presentation entitled “Owning and Managing the Nursing Shortage through Collaboration, Research and Redesign” was presented to members at Klemmer’s Banquet Hall, June 12, 2003.

Insight was offered as to the history of the task force and the projects that have been initiated at selected centers of patient care delivery to uncover the value and necessity of nursing to vulnerable populations. A creative strategy to meet the changing needs of health care delivery systems and diverse patient conditions was discussed. Community based initiatives to acute care intervention options and statistics were highlighted.

Most critical to this initiative is that it is ongoing and seeking funding options that may include relationships with payers and insurance groups to meet the health maintenance needs of the consumer as well as the training and service needs of nurses who are delivering the care on a 24/7 basis. This exciting initiative demands our attention, our strength of scholarship and creative idealism. Delta Gamma is proud of Dr. Bratt for her service to direct this group to new avenues to change nursing across the state.

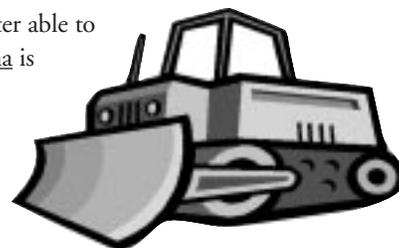
Sigma Theta Tau Delta Gamma Chapter Supports City Wide Research

May 9, 2003 was the local event recognizing nursing research across the district and State. STT-DG supported this event entitled Fifth Annual Southeast Wisconsin Nursing Research Conference-Building Bridges to Research Based Nursing Practice: Enhancing Care Options. Plan to come next year to see posters, hear presentations and network with colleagues.

Next years date is April 30th, 2004.

Move Over! Delta Gamma is on the World Wide Web!

Sigma Theta Tau—Delta Gamma Chapter is under construction but we are on our way to being better able to meet the needs of our members—world –wide. The new Web Site at <http://www.mu.edu/deltagamma> is ready to accept visits. I encourage you to wear your hard hat! But come visit and see what we are all about and what opportunities abound for you! The rent is free to all members. Watch for the link to add your email address (and change or update it in the future). The Winter issue will be the first deployed Leading Edge to come to you over the web to your desired email address. So log on!



Positions on the Board Open in 2004. Consider Running for an Office Near YOU!

Numerous positions become available in 2004 and the Nomination Committee is seeking volunteers. The Elected positions to post on the Ballot this winter are:

President

Responsibilities

- Be the executive officer and administrator of all business of the chapter as stated in the Bylaws.
- Serve as chief representative of the chapter in inter-chapter activities.
- Prepare a calendar and agenda for all Board of Directors and general membership meetings.
- Finalize the committee appointments recommended by the Board of Directors for all committees.
- Delegate responsibilities not otherwise handled by the chapter bylaws, to the chapter officers or committees.
- Communicate the business, projects and activities of the Board of Directors to the membership
- Insure at least one business meeting and at least two scholarly programs are held during each fiscal year.
- Arrange an orientation meeting, following the annual membership meeting, for all newly installed officers and committee chairs. The purpose is to facilitate the transfer of duties and responsibilities and to formulate the goals of the chapter for the coming year.
- Ensure all reports - including chapter bylaws, chapter annual report, chapter financial report - are submitted to headquarters in a timely manner.
- Meet with the head of the nursing program at the beginning of the school year to get the chapter's meetings on the school's master calendar.
- Talk with the heads of major service agencies in the community and ask to get the chapter meeting dates on the agency's master calendars.
- Develop and maintain policies and procedures related to the position of President. Submit modifications or new policies and procedures to the Board of Directors for approval.
- Plan for officer transition.

Secretary

Responsibilities:

- Record and arrange for typing the minutes for each Board of Directors and business meeting
- Distribute minutes to all members of the Board of Directors
- 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
- Order all stationery, forms and mailing labels for the chapter
- Arrange for typing and mailing of correspondence for the chapter

Faculty Counselor

Qualifications:

- Be an active member of the chapter
- Consent to serve in the position
- Be on faculty at the school representing

Responsibilities:

- Serve as the chair of the Eligibility Committee and Program/Awards committee member.
- Lead the procedure for determining membership eligibility and inducting members
- Develop strategies for publicizing and informing students and community nursing leaders of eligibility for membership in conjunction with the Membership Involvement Committee
- Secure necessary data from the official records of students to determine eligibility status. Notify students of their eligibility status and send out the appropriate membership application materials.

Nominations Committee Chair

Responsibilities:

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

Bylaws Chair

Responsibilities:

- Oversee the bylaw amendment process by considering, reviewing, editing and/or correlating such amendments as may be referred to the Bylaws Committee.
- Submit the chapter's bylaws to headquarters in accordance with the established policy as outlined in the Guidelines for Chapter Administration & Governance manual.

The following offices are available for consideration. These positions are Appointed by the Board and President

Research Committee Chair

Responsibilities:

- Oversee the process of developing, reviewing and revising criteria for research awards and the funding of research grants.
- Oversee the process for reviewing and evaluating abstracts for research awards and proposals for research grants.
- Oversee the planning of any chapter research conferences or research day activities.
- Oversee the development of strategies for promoting the conduct of research and for the dissemination and utilization of research findings.
- Consider application for Chapter Research Advancement Award.
- Recruit candidates for research award - locally, regionally and internationally. Assist with the application process.

Membership Involvement Committee Chair

Responsibilities:

- Oversee the promotion of membership renewal and membership involvement.
- Oversee the process of involving members in chapter committee membership.
- Oversee the development and maintenance of a new member mentoring program.
- Plan and implement an orientation for new inductees and dual and transfer members
- Oversee the development of strategies for tracking new and inactive members

Finance Chair

Qualifications:

- Be an active member of the chapter
- Consent to serve in the position
- Shall not be treasurer of the chapter

Responsibilities:

- Oversees the monitoring of the chapter's financial procedures and status
- Oversees preparation of an annual budget and submits the proposed budget to the chapter board of directors
- Oversees monitoring of budget performance on a regular basis, and analyzes variances in expense and revenue from expected performance
- Reviews chapter investment policy on an annual basis and recommends desired changes in policy and procedure
- Ensures committee participation in the selection of an auditor, reviews the audit report and recommends any corrective action required
- At the discretion of the board of directors, may oversee the committee's function as an internal audit committee
- When needed, ensures direct assistance to the chapter treasurer in financial management functions

Programs/Awards Chair

Responsibilities:

- Oversee the process of developing, reviewing, revising criteria and funding for recognition awards and scholarships.
- Oversee the process for reviewing and judging award and scholarship applications.
- Recruit candidates for awards and scholarships - locally, regionally and internationally. Assist with the application process.
- Ensure that all applicants are notified of judging results, selected or not selected. Inform award and scholarship recipients of the manner in which they will receive their award or scholarship.
- Coordinate preparation of entries for any regional or international awards in which the chapter wishes to make application.
- Plan two scholarly and one general membership meeting a year.
- Coordinate planning of events with other local chapters to promote networking.

Heritage/Archivist

Responsibilities:

- Oversee the filing and/or preservation of committee meeting minutes
- Oversee the collection and preservation of statistics, documents, individual contributions and other information of historical significance concerning the chapter
- Oversee the process of developing and maintaining a written history of the chapter which is reviewed and updated on an annual basis

Leading Edge Editor and Marquette Website Liaison

Responsibilities:

- Oversee the development and implementation of strategies that promote and maintain chapter visibility in the community.
- Oversee the process of development and publishing the chapter newsletter
- Oversee the publication of all program, conference and chapter activity announcements
- Oversee the development of content for the chapter display at Biennial Conventions and other opportunities
- Act as the chapter web master and assist in getting information disseminated via the web site.

Committee Members are always welcome. Please call the committee chairperson listed in this newsletter to volunteer your time, talents and interest to learn new things.

The Nominating committee consisting of Ruth Waite, Liz Whalen, Terri Gallo, and Mary Spencer will begin preparing the Spring 2004 roster of Board Member nominations. These committee members are two-year commitments.

Please consider calling Ruth Waite 414-410-4388 (work) or email rmwaite@stritch.edu for self-nomination consideration. Your Organization is only as good as the members that make it work!



The Sigma Theta Tau Joint Chapter Meeting brings Eta Nu, Rho Sigma and Delta Gamma Together

February 18, 2003 at University of Wisconsin Cunningham Hall brought three chapters together to share research. Lisa Hanson, DNSc, CNM, Leona VandeVusse, PhD, CNM and Richard Fehring, DNSc, RN, all from Marquette University, presented their work on the “Marital Effects of Natural Family Planning”. This research described perceived barriers and benefits of natural family planning methods versus others highlighted the complexity of relationships and planning for children amidst timing variables associated with emotional, physical and career happenings. This research was recently published in the Sigma Theta Tau Journal of Nursing Scholarship.

Mitzi Forbes, PhD, RN from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee presented “a Pilot Project on Alternative Therapies”. This “energy field” discussion was interesting in its application of physics and kinetics energy analysis as it applies to interaction. This study demanded special rooms to measure the exuded energy force of selected subjects. While the study was preliminary, the study held our interest in the vision of seeing out of the box!

Carroll Columbia School of Nursing representative Sandra Pasch, RN, MA, MS presented an insightful look into the needs and healthcare access issues of the homeless in her speech entitled, “Mental Health Needs of the Homeless.” Her disclosure of statistics, barriers to care and access to health of this group and the qualitative themes of the subjects highlights the need to look at vulnerable populations and the services that nurses can provide these groups.

Watch for the calendar of events for next years joint meeting! If you are interested in presenting your research or care projects, please contact Jacque Nook, Program and Awards Chair.

Research Awards 2003

This years Research Award recipients were:

1. Polly Ryan PhD, RN, APN, BC \$1500.00
Development and Utility Testing of a Tailored Web Site: A Component of An Intervention to Prevent Osteoporosis
2. Marilyn Frenn PhD, RN \$1100.00
Changing the Tide: Processes of Change to Lower Dietary Fat
3. Kristin Haglund PhD, RN, APRN, FNP, PNP \$200.00
A Needs Assessment in Preparation for an Abstinence Intervention for Pre-Adolescent Youth
4. Kimberly N. Pearson, RN, MSN, ANP-C (Doctoral Candidate) \$200.00
Examining Resilience in Urban African-American Women

Kerry Kosmoski-Goepfert, Research Committee Chair and her committee considered the abstracts submitted. Congratulations on these fine recipients achievements.

New Board Members to Transition at the Fall Awards and Hall of Fame Event

Treasurer: Linda Masih

Vice President: Barbara Malecki

Please help welcome these new Executive Board Members!

Sigma Theta Tau International Convention Calls Delegates

Jacquelyn Nook and Maureen Greene will be attending the Sigma Theta Tau International Convention on November 1-5, 2003 in Toronto, Canada. As delegates for the chapter, they will attend resolution sessions and have voting power on bylaws and policy changes proposed by the International Board. Additionally, Maureen Greene will be presiding over some of the lecture sessions and participate in formulating a resolution statement for voting, as directed by the international board. Maureen Greene has also been selected to present at the Evidence Based Practice sessions. The title of her intervention is “Sedation in the ICU: A Research Base Practice Initiative to Improve Outcomes”.

**Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Gamma Chapter (Chapter #097, Region 4)
Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Board Members and General Membership

Roster of 2003-2004 Meeting Dates, Times, Locations

Date	Time	Location
August 26, 2003 "Board Meeting"	5:30 –7:00 p.m.	Marquette Union Cafeteria
September 24, 2003 "Board Meeting"	5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Marquette Union Cafeteria
October 9, 2003 Awards and Hall of Fame Dinner/Program	5:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Marquette Union Henke and Lunda
November 19, 2003 "Board Meeting"	5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Marquette Union Cafeteria
January 27, 2004 "Board Meeting"	5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Marquette Union Cafeteria
February ?, 2004 Membership Meeting/Dinner/Program	In conjunction With RHO Sigma	?
March 23, 2004	5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Marquette Union Cafeteria
April 25, 2004 – Induction		
June 13, 2004 Program	4:30 – 5:15p.m. Board Transistion Meeting 5:15 – 8:30 p.m. Membership Dinner and Program	Klemmer's

**Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Gamma Chapter (Chapter # 097, Region 4)
Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Executive Board Members (2003 - 2004)**

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Quorum for business meetings:
* = voting members of Board

Board of Directors meetings = 3 elected officers;
General membership meetings = 3 elected officers and 7 members



AWARDS AND HALL OF FAME
 DINNER/PROGRAM
 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2003

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI UNION
 1442 West Wisconsin Avenue
 (Free Parking – 16th Street Parking Structure)

HALL OF FAME AWARD
 Carol M. Graham, RN, MS

Outstanding Nurse Scholar – Clinical Practice
 Maureen T. Greene, RN, MSN, CS, ACNP

Program:

- 5:30 PM Henke Lounge: Reception and Networking
- 6:30 PM Lunda Room: Dinner
 (Chicken Milan, salad, vegetable, rice pilaf, dessert, beverage)
- 7:30 PM Awards Program
- 8:00 PM Maureen T. Greene

Clinical Practice: The Playing Field for Evidenced Based Practice

Anxiety and agitation are common problems among critically ill adults in the intensive care unit. Maureen participated in a task force representing pharmacy services, intensive care nursing, and medicine across a hospital care system of a large Midwestern health service in an effort to implement “best practice guidelines.” Outcome data of the research utilization project, *Sedation in the ICU: A Research Based Practice Initiative* will be presented.

Detach and return this portion

Deadline for reservation & payment is Thursday, October 2, 2003
Please make check for \$25.00 payable to Delta Gamma Chapter

Name _____ Phone or email _____

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