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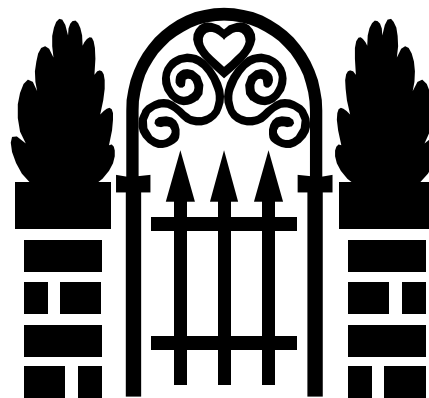
Greetings from Your President, Cathy McPhee, RN, MSN

As I begin my last year as President of Iota Sigma, I realize that this will be an extremely rewarding and challenging year. I have attended our Biennium in Toronto with Wendy Jacobs, our student leadership intern on the Board and President of SNAP at Azusa Pacific University School of Nursing. Several serious issues were addressed at the Biennium that affect STTI's ability to provide high value services while operating efficiently. Bylaws revisions were considered for streamlining our organization, adapting language for world-wide members, and, for the first time since 1998, increasing yearly dues. I encourage you to visit nursingsociety.org to become an informed member.

We continue to struggle with lack of member involvement. While we understand our members are busy, we hope that some of you will find time to help fulfill the goals of your honor society. Some of our busy members continue to be recognized for their achievements, and still manage to contribute to STTI. Rose Liegler, Ph.D., a founding member of Iota Sigma and past Dean of our school has been named as Vice Provost for Graduate and adult Programs at APU. Our Research Chair, Marilyn Klakovich led the planning committee for the outstanding Nursing Odyssey Research Conference in Ontario in October. Please get involved with our Chapter's activities and us.

This is our first Newsletter to be published on our web site only. We will continue to publish three times each year. Reminders that refer our members to this web site will be included with invitations to our Annual Meeting/Education Night and our Spring Induction. This change will save your chapter thousands of dollars in printing and mailing costs while keeping communications flowing to you, our members.

I was very impressed with the quality of the research that was presented at our Nursing Odyssey conference in Ontario in October. Each year this conference gets better and better! The presenters and planners should all be commended. The food and networking opportunities were never-ending. Thanks to Marilyn Klakovich and our sister Chapters, we had an outstanding conference.. Please plan to attend the 2004 Nursing Odyssey.



Involvement in STTI: Your Gateway to Success

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Plan Now to Attend 2004 Nursing Odyssey

An invitation from Dr. Marilyn Klakovich, Chair, Research Committee, mklakovich@apu.edu

It's not too soon to make plans to attend the 2004 Nursing Odyssey, the Southern California Sigma Theta Tau Research Conference, scheduled for October 21 & 22, 2004 at the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California, (619) 297 1101. Watch for further details. As always, the conference will be sponsored by the combined Southern California chapters of STTI. You can count on first rate research and education presentations, networking opportunities, meeting colleagues who inspire you, pleasant ambiance, great food, and the pleasure of San Diego's great historical places.

While you're planning to attend, consider presenting your research project, AND getting a Research Award from our Chapter, Iota Sigma. Each year, our Chapter awards \$500.00 to advance the scientific base of nursing practice through the scholarship of research. For an application packet, please e-mail Research Chair, Marilyn Klakovich at mklakovich@apu.edu. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please pass this information along. You do not need to be a member of our chapter to apply. **Deadline for submission is February 28, 2004.** The award will be announced at the Spring Induction Ceremony in April, 2004. You could be selected to present your research at the 2004 Nursing Odyssey.

A Call to Involvement From Pam Cone, Nominating Committee Chair (626) 815- 5466 pcone@apu.edu

Iota Sigma Chapter of STTI is an active chapter in need of active members to become involved in leadership of our chapter. We encourage everyone to become participating members in some way. Meetings are held monthly, on the second Monday at 5:30 p.m. each month. You could serve as a member of the executive board, an elected position requiring regular attendance at monthly meetings. Executive positions are voted on at our annual meeting; or, you could serve on an appointed committee position, helping out with projects and attending meetings “as needed.” Currently we need:

Chair Positions- Eligibility Committee (co-chair with Renee Pozza)
Membership Involvement (co-chair with Kristine La Torre)
Fundraising Committee (chair to work with V.P.)
Newsletter Committee (co-chair to work with Phyllis Gallagher)

Executive Board Positions- Secretary, Treasurer, President-elect, Vice President

The executive board positions will be voted on in February, at our annual meeting. All of our regular committees need members to help out now and then. The committees include: Awards, Eligibility, Finance, Fundraising, Membership Involvement, Newsletter, Nominating, Program, and Research. As you can see, there is a job for everyone! Please join Iota Sigma in the work of enhancing scholarship and professionalism through our honor society!

An Interview with Dr. Rose Liegler, 2003 Winner of *Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award*

By Badrieh Caraway, Chair Awards Committee

At the 2003 Spring Induction Ceremony, I had the privilege of presenting the Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award to Dr. Rose Liegler. I recently asked her the following questions, and here are her responses:

- Q. What role should Iota Chapter play in promoting the nursing profession?
- R. Iota Sigma Chapter should continue to recognize and promote scholarship and leadership among the faculty, students, and community members. If we are to enhance the evidence-based practice component of nursing, scholarship, in particular, is critical.
- Q. What has been your involvement in promoting Iota Chapter at APU?
- R. I coordinated the original application for national recognition of our honor society as well as the visit that culminated in the Iota Sigma Chapter.
- Q. How would you describe the future direction of STTI?
- R. The organization is critical in the recognition and promotion of scholarship for the nursing profession. The presentations at research conferences afford many faculty, students, and community members their first opportunity to share their scholarship and to learn from a community of scholars. I believe the original purpose of the organization is the same today as it was 38 years ago when I was first inducted at Georgetown University. In the age of computers, however, whatever STTI can accomplish by facilitating the dissemination of full-text nursing research and literature worldwide and at a reasonable cost should be highly supported.
- Q. What role do you think the STTI Iota Sigma Chapter should play in the promotion of “The Healthy Community?”
- R. STTI-IOTA SIGMA Chapter could be at the forefront of sponsoring nursing research projects related to the “Healthy Community” and communicating the findings back to the community.
- Q. What was the impact of receiving the “Excellence in Nursing Leadership” Award on you?
- R. I was overwhelmed by the Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award. I consider it one of the greatest honors I could achieve. Thank you so very much.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 8, 2003 Board Meeting/Dinner SON

January 12, 2004 Board Meeting SON Library

February 23, 2004 Annual Meeting and Educational Offering, Felix Center, 5 to 9 pm

March 8, 2004 Board Meeting SON Library

April 2, 2004 Faculty Appreciation Luncheon/Presentation

April , 2004 Recruitment Fair, APU Campus

April 12, 2004 Board Meeting SON Library

May 1, 2004 Induction and Luncheon/Silent Auction

May 10, 2004 Board Meeting SON Library

June 14, 2004 Board Meeting SON Library

October Memory Walk

October 21 & 22 Nursing Odyssey 2004

November 12-16, 2005 Biennium, Indianapolis,IN



Member Survey: TELL US WHAT YOU WANT. WHAT WOULD YOU COME OUT TO HEAR? DO YOU WANT CEUs? SOCIAL EVENTS?

Our Web site is <http://www.apu.edu/iotasigma>

Let us know YOUR BEST TIMES FOR MEETINGS

BEST DAYS FOR MEETINGS

PROGRAM CONTENT YOU'D LIKE

SUGGESTED SPEAKERS

We want to hear from YOU!!!!

Dr. Rose Liegler Named Vice Provost for Graduate and Adult Programs

Dr. Rose Liegler, who has served as Dean of the APU School of Nursing since 1991, has been named Vice Provost for the APU graduate and adult programs, effective July 31, 2003. Prior to being appointed Dean in 1991, she served as interim Dean for 2 years. Since being appointed Dean, Dr. Liegler has overseen the development of several programs, including a Family Nurse Practitioner Program, School Nurse Credentialing Program, Clinical Nurse Specialist/Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program, and an RN to BSN program.

Dr. Liegler has a strong belief in the importance of integrating Christian ethics and values with academic excellence. During her tenure, the number of doctorally prepared faculty has increased from 4 to 11. The number of BSN graduates has increased from 29 in 1990 to 79 in 2003.

Her new duties will include assisting the Provost to develop and administer quality master's and doctoral programs.

A popular leader in the School of Nursing, her daily presence will be missed by the faculty and students. She was the recipient of the 2003 Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award given by Iota Sigma Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. Congratulations Rose!

STTI President Dan Pesut Announces Launch of New Subsidiary :“Nursing Knowledge International”

STTI's newly installed president, Dan Pesut, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN addressed the House of Delegates during the Toronto Biennium November 5, 2003. He unveiled the new Nursing Knowledge International and called upon the membership to renew self, service, scholarship of reflective practice, science, society, and spirit. Nursing Knowledge International is a new Web portal dedicated entirely to providing the knowledge that nurses need to help others.

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Convention Highlights

More than 2,100 nurses attended the 37th Biennial Convention of STTI in Toronto last month. This was a record number of attendees. There were approximately 800 oral and poster presentations ranging from implementing evidence-based nursing to issues in nursing research and innovations in nursing leadership. There were 73 exhibitors. Fitness buffs raised \$7,834 for nursing research by participating in the Fitness for Research aerobic event. A break in the schedule made it possible for convention goers to see Toronto, and to take a night tour to Niagara Falls. Among the featured speakers was Margaret Carson, RN, PhD, who spoke to a capacity crowd about nursing in Vietnam.

Dues will be raised for the first time in a number of years by \$10.00, bringing the international portion of membership dues to \$55.00 per year. The House of Delegates granted the international board of directors fiscal authority over fees. This means that the board of directors may make incremental dues adjustments to ensure the fiscal future of the organization.

MEMBER NEWS UPDATE REQUEST

Please let us know where you are and what you've been doing. We'd like to share your good news regarding accomplishments, research grants, promotions, etc. in our newsletter. E-mail us or download this form and mail it to us.

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Recent professional activities and/or accomplishments:

Date submitted: