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### HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING Iota Sigma Chapter Newsletter

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## President's Report

By: Alison Riggs, MSN, RN, ONC

Welcome to the Spring 2013 edition of the Iota Sigma Newsletter! We have had an exciting few months and are especially happy to be celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chapter. In 1983 an Honor Society of Sigma Theta Tau was established at Azusa Pacific University and eventually qualified to be a Chapter in 1988. At this Spring's Member Induction we were fortunate to have several Charter members in attendance and Anita Rosebrough the first Board president spoke to the attendees about the formation and issues they encountered. We are so indebted to those nurses and all who have followed to make this a vibrant chapter. Not only that, but Sigma Theta Tau International is also marking a milestone this year on their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we are planning a celebration in the Fall.

On April 4, 2013, Iota Sigma helped sponsor the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Symposium at APU. The theme was "Building Bridges Across the Globe: Research, Academic and Service Partnerships". The day included a poster contest and speakers from China, Thailand and Norway discussing their research and the student partnerships they have with APU. Over 850 nurses and students attended. The day was concluded with a Tea sponsored by Iota Sigma, the Western Conservancy of Nursing History and the Alumni Association. Memorabilia including pictures from the 25 years of Iota Sigma activities were displayed.

During our Annual Business Meeting on March 11, 2013 we included a Member Reunion which allowed nurses and students to mingle, network and enjoy food while learning about the Chapter's ongoing activities. We were so pleased to see new faces and make acquaintance with members. We intend to continue to invite members in the future and hope you will plan to join us.

At this time I would like to thank all the members who made additional donations to the Chapter this past year and those funds help us to give more scholarships and awards. Also, there were three members who gave a generous gift to the STTI Foundation for Nursing campaign "Every Member Counts" and they are Margaret Johnson, Kathleen Taylor and Josefina Tuazon. We thank them and hope other members will consider gifts to ensure the future of nursing.

In November we will again be joining with other Southern California chapters to sponsor the Nursing Odyssey Research Conference. Please watch your email for details and registration forms. This is a wonderful educational opportunity for nurses!

We wish you continuing leadership, knowledge and service in your nursing career and we look forward to seeing you often!

Alison Riggs MSN RN - President

## Odyssey 2012 Conference “Give Back to Move Forward: A Call to Action”

By: Marilyn Klakovich, DNSc., RN, NEA-BC

Iota Sigma and the School of Nursing were once again well represented at the November 1 & 2, 2012 conference held at the Doubletree by Hilton Ontario Airport. APU School of Nursing faculty, alumni and Iota Sigma members were among the students and nurses who attended. Several of our members volunteered at the conference as abstract reviewers and poster judges, and many of our members presented as well.

Attendees enjoyed the opening presentation by our keynote speaker on day 1, Suzanne S. Prevost, PhD RN COI, President of STTI and Associate Dean for Practice and Engagement at the University of Kentucky’s College of Nursing who spoke about her presidential call to action which was also our conference theme. Prevost emphasized that in this season of Thanksgiving, nurses should communicate an “attitude of gratitude” for all the blessings we have received as nurses. This is an initial step to *Create Your Legacy*, the first premise in her call to action. Others include *Engage in Collaboration*, *Respond to Vulnerable Populations*, and *Embrace Technology*. She gave examples of what other chapters, associations, and individual nurses are doing in each of these areas.

The day 2 keynote address was delivered by Linnea M. Axman, MSN, FNP, DrPH, FAANP, Assistant Professor of Nursing, California State University, San Marcos. She spoke about her work with developing student-run clinics for the homeless and underserved population in Ocean Beach.

Each day ended with a special presentation speaker: Deborah Velez, RN, GNP, MS who presented on her work as the Preservation-Amputation Care and Treatment Coordinator at VA San Diego and Colleen Leners, DNP who presented on her work as a nurse practitioner with veterans.

### **Iota Sigma Podium Presenters included:**

**Jennifer Cooper**, Marilyn Smith Stoner: *Lessons Learned in Service and Academic Partnerships*

**Felicitas dela Cruz, Shirley Farr, Marilyn Klakovich, Phyllis Esslinger:** *The Lifecycle of Community Mentoring in an ELM Program*

**Patricia Frohock Hanes:** (1) *Deep Learning: Student Presentations for Synthesis*; (2) *Flipping Your Teaching for Effective Learning*; (3) *Teaching Writing to Nursing Students: Strategies That Work*

## Odyssey 2012 Conference CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

**Pius Omolewa:** *The Impact of Instructive Educational Program on Restraints*

### **Iota Sigma Poster Presenters Included:**

**Adrienne Almada, Andrea Null:** *Comparison of Midwife and Ob/Gyn Care in Maternal Satisfaction*

**Abigail Edilloran, My Le, Katie Tong, Takisha Williams:** *The Utilization of Napping to Reduce Fatigue in Night-Shift Nurses*

**Laurie Lang, Cheryl Westlake Canary, Connie Brehm:** *Heart Failure in Homeless People*

**Sashana Macatangay, Cheryl Javien, Lindsey Wiggins, Christine Ly:** *Breast Cancer Risk Assessment in Southeast Asian Women*

**Ruth Mielke:** *Gestational Weight Gain in Mexican Women in Los Angeles*

**Zarmine Naccashian, Felicitas A. dela Cruz:** *Risk Factors of Hypertension and Diabetes in Armenian Americans*

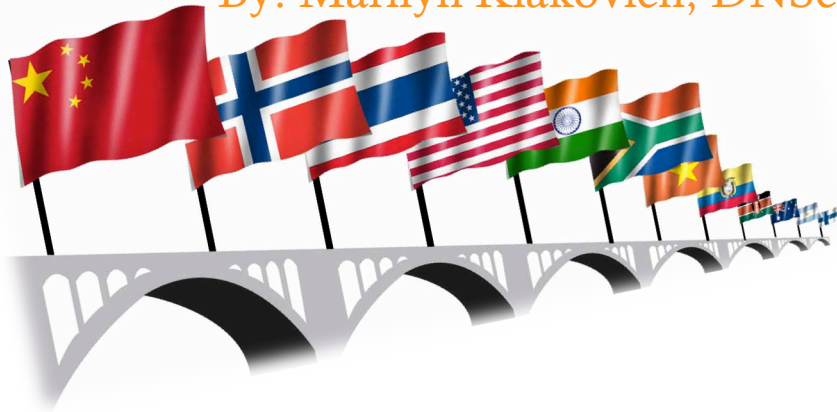
As in previous years, Iota Sigma co-sponsored this conference along with 13 other STTI chapters representing a total of 16 schools of nursing in southern California. Representatives on the planning committee for our chapter included President, Alison Riggs and Marilyn Klakovich, Leadership Succession Chair and Past President.

See the Save the Date for our 2013 Odyssey included in this newsletter! The conferences get better each year, and we hope that our chapter and school of nursing are again represented so well!

# APU School Of Nursing 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Symposium

## *Building Bridges Across The Globe: Research, Academic And Service Partnerships*

By: Marilyn Klakovich, DNSc., RN, NEA-BC



Each year, the school of nursing and Iota Sigma cosponsor a research symposium to

- Provide an avenue for dissemination of evidence-based research and linkages to clinical applications.
- Utilize researchers as role models to encourage excellence in students and colleagues.
- Provide networking opportunities and promote collegiality among students and nursing professionals.
- Provide a forum for students and nurses from the community to present their work.
- Provide a forum for dialogue and collaboration with service and academic partners, locally and internationally.



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Almost 900 nurses, students and faculty attended our 2013 event. Our international speakers included:

<p><b>Director Huiqin Wang</b>, MSN, RN Assistant to the Hospital Medical Director Director of the Nursing Department of the Second Affiliated Hospital Zhejiang University School Of Medicine Hangzhou, P.R. China</p> <p><b>Mingli Yang, MSN, RN</b> (Translating) Director Of International Affairs Office</p>	<p><i>“Providing Nursing Care In China—Challenges &amp; Opportunities”</i></p>
<p><b>Tove Giske</b>, Phd, MSN Associate Professor at Haraldsplass Deaconess University College Bergen, Norway Vice President, Nurses Christian Fellowship International Editor, <i>Journal Of Profession &amp; Faith</i></p>	<p><i>“Spirituality In Nursing – How To Prepare For This Role And Responsibility?”</i></p>
<p><b>President Janjira Wongkhomthong</b>, Phd, MSN, CNS President &amp; Assistant Professor Christian University Of Thailand Nakhon Pathom Province, Thailand</p>	<p><i>“Future Directions Of Nursing Education And Nursing Research In Thailand”</i></p>
<p><b>Sakul Changmai</b>, Phd, RN, MS Assistant Professor/Nursing Instructor, Christian University of Thailand Nakhon Pathom Province, Thailand</p>	<p><i>“Caring Phases For Stroke Patients Provided By Thai Family Caregivers”</i></p>
<p><b>Sasitorn Roojanavech</b>, Phd, RN, NP Community Health Nursing Lecturer, College of Nursing, Christian University of Thailand Nakhon Pathom Province, Thailand</p>	<p><i>“An Exploration of Spiritual Needs Related to Prevention of Early Sexual Behavior Among Thai Adolescents”</i></p>

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All of the speakers participated in a panel discussion on issues related to international health, spirituality, and study abroad experiences. The panel was moderated by Dean, Aja Lesh.



Exhibitors from the Air Force ROTC, Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI), Kaplan Nursing, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Michelle's Place: Women's Breast Cancer Resource Center, and NASCO Simulation displayed their products and shared information during breaks.

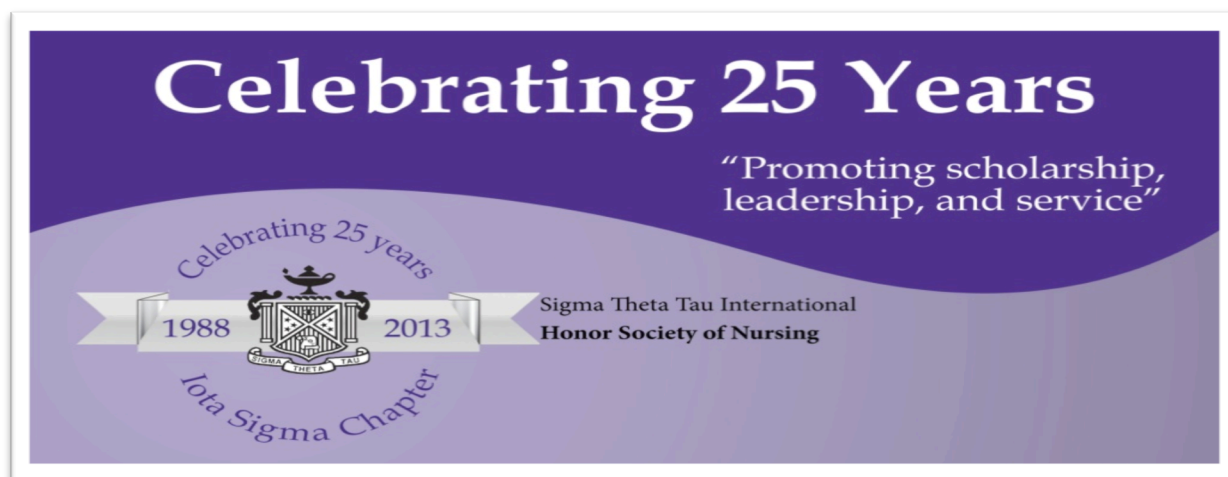
A poster session featured 38 posters submitted by faculty, students and nurses in the community and awards were presented to the following winners:

<b>BSN Students</b>	Jessica Cruze, BSN Student Danielle Deutsch, BSN Student Erin Sowell, BSN Student Melissa Muddell RN, MSN/ED –Faculty Advisor	Neonatal Rectal Thermometry: A Dangerous and Outdated Practice
<b>ELM/MSN Students</b>	Caitlin O'Connor, RN, BSN Megan Berka-Reeder, RN, BSN Pam Coddington, RN, BSN Lisa Keim, RN, BSN	Research Proposal: The Influence of Maternal Voice on the Development of Preterm Infants
<b>Doctoral Student</b>	June Rondinelli, RN, PhD(c), CNS	Establishing Risk for Device- Related Hospital Acquired Pressure Ulcers in Adult Intensive Care
<b>Community</b>	City of Hope: Peggy S. Burhenn, MS, CNS, AOCNS Shirley Johnson, RN, MS, MBA Arti Hurria, MD	Geriatric Oncology: Preparing Oncology Nurses for the Care of Older Adults

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Iota Sigma members participated as poster presenters, poster judges, representatives on the planning committee and volunteers who assisted the day of the event. The planning committee was comprised of Iota Sigma members and faculty (Khaled Alomari, Vivien Dee, Patricia Esslin, Sarah Fox, Marcia Harris-Luna, Catherine Heinlein, Marilyn Klakovich, Bulaporn Natipagon-Shah, Jane Pfeiffer, and Carl Renold). Additionally, a team of senior BSN leadership students did special projects for the event. Thanks to all involved for making the day a big success!

The day concluded with an Alumni Tea co-sponsored by the Alumni Association of the School of Nursing, Iota Sigma, and the Western Conservancy of Nursing History (WCNH). The tea featured displays by Iota Sigma and WCNH plus tours and demonstrations in the skills and simulation labs. The School of Nursing building where the tea was held displayed Iota Sigma's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banner at the entrance to the tea.



The annual research symposium stands as an important outreach event for the school of nursing targeting Iota Sigma members, preceptors, nurses in collaborating healthcare facilities, and alumni as well as students and faculty. Please stay tuned for announcements about our 10th annual research symposium to be held spring, 2014 and plan to attend this exciting event. If you have any questions, contact Marilyn Klakovich, [mklakovich@apu.edu](mailto:mklakovich@apu.edu), Chair, Annual School of Nursing Symposium Planning Committee.





# Iota Sigma Student Leadership Intern Perspectives

## Tiffany (Bravo) Montes

Senior, BSN Two-Plus-Two High Desert

During my last semester at Azusa Pacific University (APU), I had the honor of serving as an Iota Sigma Student Leadership Intern. Although I have had other leadership positions at APU, this was an experience that I will cherish for a lifetime. I was fortunate to assist with preparation of Iota Sigma's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the chapter. Part of the preparation consisted of locating historical archive materials and showcasing them at the Research Symposium tea event. These materials represented the history of nursing and provided me with a whole new respect and admiration for my career. Working alongside the leaders of our Iota Sigma chapter was a true privilege. As a future professional nurse, I look forward to working with Sigma Theta Tau to effectively promote positive health care change.

## Victoria Pennell

Senior, Traditional BSN Program

Upon return from studying abroad in South Africa in Fall 2012, I had the incredible opportunity of getting involved with Sigma Theta Tau International by I serving as one of three undergraduate student interns for Iota Sigma. This position allowed many great experiences, including attending board meetings and collaborating with the board members. As an intern, I visited classrooms and promoted Iota Sigma and its events. During February I helped with the Freshman Welcome Night and spoke to the students about "Tips on How to Thrive in Nursing School." In March I was able to assist with the member reunion and with the Spring Induction ceremony through promoting induction, doing research on the chapter, and helping set up the ceremony. I have been blessed by my time with Iota Sigma and the board members. One of the most valuable things I have learned is what incredible nurses look like. The board members each have their own passion and love for a different aspect of nursing, from practice to education to research to building STTI. Each nurse on the board has shown me genuine passion and dedication, and I hope to carry those qualities throughout my career.

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### Monica Sherratt

Senior, Traditional BSN Program

My internship has permitted me to interact with the board of Iota Sigma, which has been a delightful experience. I am honored to be among such brilliant women who work so hard to make the Iota Sigma Chapter function so smoothly. This being the 25th anniversary of Iota Sigma, I have learned about the founding of our chapter and have been able to sift through the original documents submitted to STTI. As I looked over the various notes, letters, and pictures, my appreciation for the history of our chapter increased. I have met Barbara Artinian, whose nursing theory (The Intersystems Model) is the founding theory for the School of Nursing. Attending the induction ceremony in the spring, my heart was once again filled with gratitude to be a part of this wonderful organization. Working alongside of Tiffany and Victoria has been an absolute joy! Networking with professional nurses, discovering the history of the Iota Sigma Chapter, meeting nursing theorists, and building lifetime friendships is what I have been blessed with as an intern for the Iota Sigma Chapter of STTI. I have thoroughly enjoyed my experiences thus far, and look forward to the rest of my internship.

# Western Conservancy of Nursing History

By: Marcia Harris-Luna, MSN, FNP-C, CPNP

As a board member for Sigma Theta Tau, Iota Sigma Chapter and a board member for the Western Conservancy of Nursing History (WCNH)—two organizations that have partnered to promote nursing research, scholarship, and preservation of nursing history, I am pleased to announce that the WCNH will have a regular column on the STTI newsletter. Our column will serve to keep STTI members updated on the progress and current happenings of the WCNH. Currently, we are involved with many projects and we welcome anyone who is interested in preserving our nursing history to volunteer.

We are pleased to announce that the WCNH Tea that was held on Research Day on April 4<sup>th</sup> at APU was a success. It was so nice to meet with so many nursing students and faculty that are also passionate about our nursing history. As part of the WCNH board, we decided as a group to do a nursing historical research project. Next month, Phyllis Esslinger, president of the WCNH, will hold her 1953 nursing graduate 60-year reunion. This reunion will be a unique opportunity to interview these nurses and to get their perspective on how nursing practice was back then and how it has evolved. As the principle investigator for this research study, I am so excited to be able to hear from these seasoned nurses and to publish my findings to share with everyone. Other upcoming events include the WCNH participation in APU's "High Tea" which will be held at the Manor on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Ongoing projects include working on getting the dilapidated, abused statue of Florence Nightingale moved from a public, neglected park to our West Campus for restoration and for a more respectful residence. We are also in need of help to archive many of the artifacts that we have acquired. Please visit our website and contact me with any questions about our organization or if you would like to help with any of our upcoming activities.

# My Experience with Homeless Healthcare Outreach

By: Abigail Ireland

In November of 2007, as a senior physics student at APU, I was invited by Dr. Connie Brehm to help her with Homeless Healthcare Outreach, a nurse-run community-based clinic for the homeless of the San Gabriel Valley. Dr. Brehm and I share a passion to serve the underserved and marginalized in our communities, but six years ago I knew nothing about nursing. My role within the clinic was largely administrative. I maintained well-stocked supplies, managed clinic-flow in the small church Sunday-School rooms where the clinic was held, interpreted for Spanish-speaking clients, maintained health records, recorded health histories, aided in writing grants, and attended community meetings with other grassroots organizations.

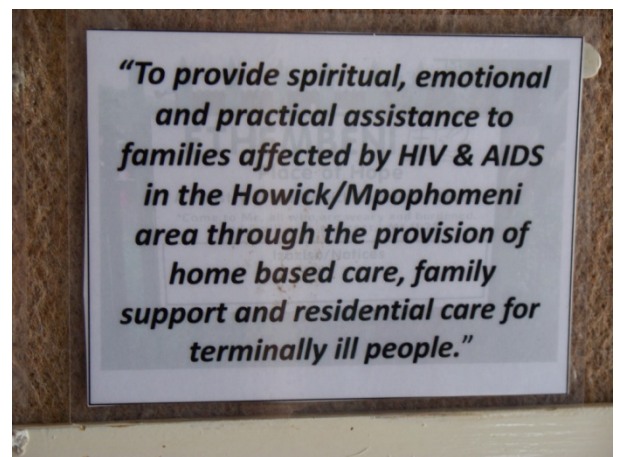
During my time with Dr. Brehm and the clinic, God began speaking to my heart. I fell in love with the clinic, and, as I like to say, was converted to nursing. This May I will graduate from APU with my BSN. I can see God working in my life, causing Dr. Brehm and I to meet, leading me to the Homeless Healthcare Outreach, and revealing my passion for nursing. As a new member of Iota Sigma, I was awarded the Western Conservancy of Nursing Phyllis Esslinger Scholarship. My participation with Iota Sigma this year will be to write an original historical research paper about Dr. Connie Brehm and her contributions to nursing in California. Dr. Brehm has been my mentor, advocate, and dear friend. She has made significant contributions to community health nursing, as a professor she is devoted to expanding the experiences of her students, and she is a tireless advocate for the poor and homeless. I am pleased and honored to participate with Iota Sigma in this way.

## Discovering Hope

By: Victoria Pennell, Undergraduate Student Intern

In Fall 2012, I traveled with 11 other nursing students and 47 other Azusa Pacific students to study abroad in the beautiful country of South Africa. The region we lived in was home to the Zulu people, one of nine different national tribal groups of South Africa. While there, we did our community health clinical rotation in five different sites, an urban clinic, a rural clinic, an HIV research center, and two home based care organizations. One of the home health sites, Ethembeni, is a multi-faceted Christian ministry meaning "Place of Hope." Ethembeni caught my interest because they did nursing care a little differently. Their mission statement prioritized spiritual care! This is better demonstrated through an example than description.

My friend, Claire, and I arrived at Ethembeni in the morning, were paired up with a care giver, Neli, and then dropped off in the community to visit families with HIV affected members. We walked across fields, streams, fences, and hills, going to visit people in their homes. After visiting several families, we finally ended up on top of a large hill overlooking the entire valley. We arrived at the house of a woman named Nonhlanhla. She was 25 years old, had three children, and looked very ill. She said she did not know her HIV status and had not had a Tuberculosis test, but we could tell by looking at her frail, coughing, nearly lifeless figure that she had advanced HIV and active TB. Claire, Neli and I pleaded with her to go to the closest clinic, a few townships away. Nonhlanhla did not have the money for transportation so she said she could not go to the clinic. Unfortunately neither Claire nor I had brought any money that day so we were unable to help her.



I realized that there was nothing that we could do for Nonhlanhla physically, but I knew that we could provide spiritual care and pray desperately for her. After Nonhlanhla brought forth her isiZulu Bible, we suggested a passage for her to read aloud. Next, I kneeled beside her and Claire and I held her hands on her and beseeched the Lord to have mercy on her, provide for her and heal her body. Her youngest child was next to her, coughing and crying, so we prayed for him as well. As I prayed, my feelings of sympathy changed. Suddenly I felt what Nonhlanhla might have felt; all of the pain, loss, rejection, isolation, weakness, and complete hopelessness. During my prayer for this woman, my heart was moved from mere sympathy to pure compassion and empathy. I trusted that God would take care of this beautiful young woman.

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As we said good bye, I gave Nonhlanhla a simple beaded bracelet that I was wearing that day and reminded her that God loves her. Claire and I returned from clinical deeply upset but telling ourselves to trust God and keep her in our prayers.



A few weeks later, during clinical post conference, one of the student nurses who had been at Ethembeni that week described meeting a woman who had been extremely sick. Recently, the woman nearly died in the hospital, but she said that someone had given her a bracelet. Every time she looked at the bracelet, she remembered that God loved her, was with her, and had not forgotten her. Although she nearly lost her life, the woman had hope in God's love for her, and soon she was well enough to return home. About halfway through the story, I realized that it was our dear Nonhlanhla that she was talking about! I was amazed by God's faithfulness and the power of hope.

Although spiritual care may be difficult at times, it often brings hope to those who have no hope. It brings forth something bigger than the patient and their sickness, and gives them faith in a brighter future. The Lord gave hope to this Zulu woman through a prayer and a simple bracelet. How much more could he give hope to our patients in the hospital, who need to be reminded of something bigger than their circumstances? One of the biggest lessons I learned while in South Africa is the transformational power of hope. Every day, as nurses, we have the power to walk in the room and bring hope to the hopeless. As Romans 5:5 states, "Hope does not disappoint."

# Vice President's/Governance/Fundraising Report

By: Patricia Esslin MSN, RN, CNS, CNE

Rose Liegler PhD, RN

Kathy Van Allen MSN, RN, CPN

This has been another busy and exciting year as we celebrated the 24<sup>th</sup> and began our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Iota Sigma Chapter. Organized activities sponsored by your Iota Sigma Chapter have included a combined New Freshman Student Welcome and Student Information Evening. Iota Sigma Chapter has also been involved with the annual School of Nursing Research Symposium with a research poster contest. We had our fifth Fall Induction in December 2012 with a well-received morning event in which 73 inductees were present and recognized. Our annual Spring Induction Ceremony & renowned Silent Auction was held Friday evening, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. We had more than 90 invited inductees (undergraduate through doctoral students) to be inducted, with 81 in attendance along with their families and friends for a total of 190. Donations for Iota Sigma Scholarships drew \$178. The Silent Auction drew proceeds of \$953, T-shirt sales of \$30, and raffle of \$334 for a combined amount of \$1,495. We continue with two Inductions per academic year to meet our growing number of students.

The combined New Freshman Student Welcome and Information meeting was held February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the SON. Members from the Board, faculty and community joined APU SON new students for refreshments. Iota Sigma Leadership Student Interns, Victoria Pennell and Tiffany Montes, provided a presentation on "How to Survive Nursing School." The meeting was an informal evening that provided answers to student questions. Since beginning these events several years ago, we are finding all students, even freshman, curious and more informed about STTI and our Chapter's purpose. This recent event drew 24 students in attendance of varying program levels interested to know more.

Our Member Networking events to encourage Alumni to return and share their current endeavors while connecting with the Board and other interested individuals. This event was held on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 with about 19 in attendance.

As we continue to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we hope you will be able to join in activities.

## Members in the News

A book review and an article written by Dr. Vicky Bowden, Vice for Undergraduate Programs, were published in a journal.

**Bowden, V.** (2012, November/December). [Review of the book *Beating the odds at autism: One family's winning hand*, by L. Burns]. *Pediatric Nursing*, 38(6), 341.

**Bowden, V.** (2012). Losing the louse: How to manage this common infestation in children. *Pediatric Nursing*, 38(5), 253-254, 277.

In addition, Vicky has been appointed as vice provost for undergraduate studies at APU. A recognized leader and noted scholar in pediatric nursing, Dr. Bowden has a substantial history of important contributions to her discipline and to APU. Her career as an award-winning educator spans nearly 30 years and includes 16 years at Azusa Pacific and prior positions at Vanderbilt University; California State Universities, Fullerton, Dominguez Hills, and Los Angeles; University of California, Los Angeles; and UCI Medical Center. At APU, her exemplary administrative leadership has led to many assignments guiding significant university initiatives, including the WASC reaccreditation process, strategic planning activities, and the Honors Program, among many others. Further, she is also a prolific author of numerous textbooks, workbooks, articles, and abstracts, an outstanding clinical practitioner, and sought-after presenter in evidence-based practice. These accomplishments position her well for this new role in the Office of the Provost.

A paper written by Dr. S. Pamela K. Shiao, Dr. Nabil Hanna, and Dr. Rose Sakamoto, School of Nursing, Dr. Melissa J. LaBonte, Department of Biology & Chemistry, Dr. Linda H. Chiang, Department of Teacher Education, and Nursing students Nicholas DeVries, and Ching-Yi Chiu, was published in the proceedings of a research conference.

**DeVries, N., Shiao, S.P.K., LaBonte, M.J., Chiu C.-Y., Chiang, L.H., Sakamoto, R., & Hanna, R.** (2012, October). *Meta-analyses of MPO, EGFR, and GSTM1 genes as risk factors for lung cancer prevention*. Proceedings of the 11th Annual International Conference on Frontiers in Cancer Prevention Research (p. 96), American Association of Cancer Research. Anaheim, CA.

Two papers written by Dr. Felicitas dela Cruz, Professor Shirley M. Farr, Dr. Marilyn Klakovich, and Professor Phyllis Esslinger, School of Nursing, and a poster presentation prepared by the same group, were presented at a regional conference and two national conferences.

**dela Cruz, F.A., Farr, S.M., Klakovich, M.D., & Esslinger, P.** (2012, November). *The lifecycle of community mentoring in an ELM program*. Paper presented at the Joint Southern California Research Conference, Sigma Theta Tau International. Ontario, CA.



**dela Cruz, F.A., Farr, S.M., Klakovich, M.D., & Esslinger, P.** (2012, October). *Challenges of integrating cultural experiences in an accelerated program. Outcomes of cultural competency integration in the Entry Level Master's (ELM) curriculum.* Paper presented at the Transcultural Nursing Society Conference, Orlando, FL.

**Farr, S.M., dela Cruz, F.A., Klakovich, M.D., & Esslinger, P.** (2012, October). [Award, poster presentation, Cultural Competence Initiative category]. *Initiatives for enhancing cultural self-efficacy of entry level master's students.* Poster presentation at the fifth annual summit of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing. Washington, DC.

A poster prepared by Dr. Felicitas dela Cruz, Professor Shirley M. Farr, Dr. Marilyn Klakovich, Professor Phyllis Esslinger, and Dr. Linda Hansen-Kyle, School of Nursing, was presented at a national conference.

**dela Cruz, F.A., Farr, S.M., Klakovich, M.D., Esslinger, P., & Hansen-Kyle, L.** (2011, October). *Collaborative mentoring program: Socializing nursing students into the real world of nursing.* Poster presentation at the fourth annual summit of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing. Washington, DC.

A presentation prepared by Professor Melinda Dicken, Dr. Linda Hansen-Kyle, and Professor Anna Marie Hefner, was given at a national conference.

**Dicken, M., Hansen-Kyle, L., & Hefner, A.M.** (2012, November). *Students' responses to simulation: Does it change with reflection?* Research presented at the annual Magic in Teaching Conference. San Francisco, CA.

A paper written by Doctoral Candidate Rosemary Mwangi and Dr. Vivian Dee, School of Nursing, was presented at an international conference.

**Mwangi, R., & Dee, V.** (2012, October). *Voices of Kenyan women living with HIV/AIDS: Challenges for sustaining preventive treatment programs.* Paper presented at the seventh annual conference of the Fulbright Academy of Sciences & Technology in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

A paper written by Dr. Vivian Dee, School of Nursing, Doctoral Candidate Rosemary Mwangi, and Doctoral Program Alumna Dr. Asma Taha, was presented at an international conference.

**Dee, V., Mwangi, R., & Taha, A.** (2012, September). *Nursing's preferred future in the USA: Reflections and challenges.* Paper presented at the seventh annual conference of the Fulbright Academy of Sciences & Technology in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

**Juli McGowan Boit, MSN, FNP** was featured in the Summer 2012 issue of APULIFE for her work with HIV/AIDS patients in Kenya. Juli started Living Room Ministries International and a 26-bed hospice to care for the physical, psychosocial, and spiritual needs of these patients. Juli presented on her work in Kenya at a School of Nursing Global Health Community Series in November, 2012. Juli's work was also noted in an article in the Fall 2012 issue of Sphere, a publication of Loma Linda University School of Public Health, about an alumna who works with Juli in Kenya.

**Carol Bloch, PhD, RN, CTN-A, CNS and Carolyn Bloch, PhD, RN, CTN-A, CNS** were featured for their recent academic achievements in the Transcultural Nursing Society's Transcultural Nursing News newsletter. The Bloch sisters both completed their PhD dissertation defenses and graduated in July from Azusa Pacific University with a PhD in Nursing. Dr. Carol Bloch's research topic was on Hispanic Nurses' Perception of Pain Assessment and Management and Dr. Carolyn Bloch's topic was Cultural Competency Intervention Program for Healthcare Workers. Another great achievement by the Doctors' Bloch was the development of the Cultural Bill of Rights which is now part of the Orientation/Reorientation Handbook for all clinical facilities in the Los Angeles Department of Health Services. This was the culmination of 11 years of work with all departments reviewing all documents related to cultural issues. Following their classes with healthcare workers, they reviewed the Cultural Bill of Rights as the summary of class content. Congrats to the Bloch sisters on their recent achievements!

An article written by Dr. Felicitas A. Dela Cruz, Professor Shirley Farr, Professor Emeritus Phyllis Esslinger, School of Nursing, and Dr. Marilyn D. Klakovich, Director of Continuing Education, was published in a journal.

**Dela Cruz, F.A., Farr, S., Klakovich, M.D., Esslinger, P.** (2013, January). Facilitating the career transition of second-career students into professional nursing. *Nurse Education Perspectives* 34(1), 12-17.

The Center for Research on Ethics & Values is pleased to announce that Dr. Pamela Cone is the recipient of the 2013-2014 Beverly Hardcastle Stanford Fellowship, to support her project *A Handbook on Spiritual Care in Nursing*.

# Save the Date



## Odyssey 2013

Where: Handlery Hotel, San Diego  
950 Hotel Circle North  
San Diego, CA, 92108

When: Thursday, October 31, 2013  
Friday, November 1, 2013

Who: Joint Southern California STTI  
Chapters' Conference

**Call for Abstracts Coming Soon!**

4 Research Symposium &  
Annual Meeting  
8 Board Meeting

APRIL '13						
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3 Pinning  
13 Board Meeting  
27 Memorial Day

19 Transition Meeting

JUNE '13						
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4 Independence Day  
22-26 INRC, Prague, Czech Republic

14 Board Meeting  
31 Odyssey Conference  
San Diego, CA

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2 Labor Day  
9 Board Meeting

9 Board Meeting  
13 Induction/Pinning  
17-31 Winter Break  
31 New Year's Eve

OCTOBER '13						
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1 Odyssey Conference  
San Diego, CA  
11 Veterans Day  
Board Meeting  
16-20 Biennial Convention Indy  
TBD Career Forum  
28-29 Thanksgiving Break

10 Information Meeting  
& Freshman Welcome +  
Board Meeting  
14 Presidents Day

DECEMBER '13						
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1 New Year's Day  
1-12 Winter Break  
13 Board Meeting  
20 M.L. King Jr. Day

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9 Daylight Savings Time  
begins  
10 Board Meeting  
10-14 Spring Break