GREETINGS FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT, KATHLEEN TAYLOR

It is with great humility that I greet you, fellow members of the Iota Sigma Chapter of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International. As I take on the role of President, for the Iota Sigma Chapter, I am amazed at the diversity of our very active membership. Where else but in nursing can we belong to the same professional organization, yet represent so many different sectors of healthcare?

A sampling of our membership includes, but is not limited to:

- Acute care hospital nursing administrators, some on national task force for patient care
- Military reservists, serving us and our country
- Nurse attorneys, interpreting legalise for us in a variety of venues
- School nurses, serving on county, state, and national specialty organizations
- Nurse practitioners, serving on county, state, and national specialty organizations
- Clinical nurse specialists, serving on county, state, and national specialty organizations
- New BSN graduates, student leaders demonstrating their leadership skills in their new staff positions
- Nurses becoming portrait artists and authors
- Nurse leaders, winning awards for multidisciplinary interaction
- Nursing faculty, initiating APU’s new Master’s Level Program “SCAN” (Second Careers and Nursing)
- Nursing faculty, presenting research findings in the U.S., Canada, Norway, Ireland, Korea, etc.
- Nursing faculty on the planning committee and presenting at the October 21, 22 Southern California Chapters Coalition Nursing Odyssey 2004 Charting a New Course in Nursing
- Missionary nurses serving around the world in developing countries
- Self-employed nurses, serving on committees such as the State of California Business Advisory Board and the Advisory Committee for Statewide Regional Health Occupational Resource Center Curricula Design for Community Colleges

In future issues of this newsletter, we will present articles written by and for our members. Also, look for a description of our new Chapter Governance Structure which creates opportunities for short-term service on task forces and in leadership roles. We welcome updated information about our members, including pictures of your involvement with task forces, and your presence at up-coming Iota Sigma events. Keep your eyes on the Iota Sigma Chapter and Sigma Theta Tau International’s web pages for updated information.

Last, but certainly not least, I do want to thank our immediate past President, Cathy McPhee for all of her work over the past years, and her continuing mentoring of me and other new Iota Sigma members. With Cathy’s stellar leadership, Iota Sigma Chapter is well on its way to achieving the coveted Chapter Key Award at the 2005 Biennium, November 2005 at Sigma Theta Tau International Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Also, I want to thank Phyllis Gallagher for her many years as Iota Sigma Newsletter editor. As the Newsletter Editor position transitions into a task force, Phyllis G. is looking at other opportunities in our Chapter. Thus, if anyone would like to take the lead in preparing one of Iota Sigma’s 3 yearly newsletters, please let us know. THANK YOU, Cathy and Phyllis for your service and dedication to Iota Sigma and Azusa Pacific University.

Your President, Kathie Taylor
Dr. Felicitas dela Cruz and I were fortunate to have our abstract accepted for a podium presentation at the 15th International Nursing Research Congress in Dublin Ireland, on July 24, 2004. Our presentation was titled: Validating the Interpersonal Communication Assessment Scale (ICAS) and was based on the national study that we conducted to develop and refine an instrument to measure communication competencies in undergraduate and graduate nursing students. The presentation was well-received, and nurses in other countries and other states in the United States expressed interest in using the ICAS in their nursing schools. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to collaborate with other schools to do further testing and refinement of the ICAS.

The research congress was definitely an “international” event with attendees from 27 countries around the globe. Those represented were: Australia, Brazil, Canada, England, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Pakistan, Peoples’ Republic of China, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Singapore, South Korea, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, and United States. A highlight of the conference was a multinational induction of 45 nurses to the honor society.

The conference was an amazing opportunity to network with nurses from around the world. If you would like to attend the 2005 conference, mark your calendar for the 16th International Nursing Research Congress and Third International Evidence-Based Nursing Preconference is slated for 13-16 July, 2005, at the Hilton Waikoloa Village on Hawaii’s Big Island. Abstract submissions are currently being accepted through 15 December 2004, for both the congress and preconference.

You can find the call for abstracts and submission guidelines [here](http://www.nursingsociety.org/events/16_INRC_main.html)

If that is a bit too far off time and distance wise, there is still time to register for Nursing Odyssey 2004: Charting A New Course In Nursing to be held October 21and 22, 2004 at the Hanalei Hotel in San Diego Mission Valley. Please visit our website for conference information and a registration form at [here](http://www.apu.edu/iotasigma/conference/)

Hope to see you all there!
IOTA SIGMA STRUCTURE 2004-2005

**Elected Officers/Board:**

- President 2004  Kathleen Taylor
- President Elect 2004  Marilyn Klakovich
- Vice President 2004  Marilyn Klakovich
- Secretary 2004  Viann Duncan
- Treasurer 2004  Janice Barlow
- Faculty Counselor 2000  Renee Pozza
  *Student Leadership Intern  Gena Favero

**Standing Committees (elected members) and their functions:**

- **Governance Committee:** Leadership Succession:
  1. Faculty Counselor
  2. Student Leadership Intern
  3. Past President

- **By-Laws**
- **Eligibility Orientation**
- **Finance (quarterly reports)**
- **Scholarship / Awards**
- **Research Mentoring**
- **Fundraising**

**Additional Standing Committees:**

1.) Member Involvement
   - a. The member involvement committee shall oversee member collaboration, communication (Website & Newsletter) and recognition and report to the Board on a monthly basis.
   - b. The member involvement committee shall consist of at least 3 appointed members.

2.) Key Award
   - a. The Key Award Committee shall oversee the key award progress and monitor required documentation compliance and make recommendation to the Board bimonthly.
   - b. The Key Award committee shall consist of at least 1 appointed member.

**Proposed Task Forces:**

- **July**
  - Annual Report
  - By-Laws Review due odd years; 8/07

- **August**
  - Fall Newsletter (#1)

- **September**
  - Alzheimer’s Walk
  - Research Odyssey

- **October**
  - Preliminary Induction (Room/Speaker)

- **December**
  - Winter/Spring Newsletter (#2)

- **January**
  - Student Information Session for February 
  - Eligibility
  - Induction

- **February**
  - Annual Meeting & By-Laws Vote
  - Final By-Laws Submission 3/1/05

- **March**
  - Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon
  - March - Cookie Lea Jewelry Fundraiser
  - Scholarships and Awards

- **April**
  - APU Recruitment Fair

- **May**
  - Finance Review/Audit (2006)

- **June**
  - Summer Newsletter (#3)

*(Submitted by C. McPhee June 2004 Revised September 2004)*
AN ARCHIVIST: WHO AND WHAT’S THAT?
By Phyllis Esslinger

Well, all chapters of Sigma Theta Tau should have one, and Funk and Wagnall say it is one who keeps archives—you know, public records and where they are kept. Now, let us turn to the STT job description, which includes three functions: (1) to procure a place to keep records, (2) to gather the records and preserve them, and (3) to annually update the history of the chapter. You think these are simple to perform, but not quite!

This is the first year that we have had an active archivist in our chapter, yours truly. And actually, I agreed to the position since I thought “What a piece of cake!”—a joke! My first endeavor was to seek a place to keep the records—not an easy feat! Of course, the logical place was the School of Nursing, but members of the faculty are already sitting in each other’s laps. Space being a premium and after three months of explorations, I finally acquired a spot in the School of Nursing Library. Next, I needed a large file cabinet that I finally commandeered when the accrediting body left in February. This will be a beginning in housing our records and history. In the future, though, we will need more space.

Once having a space to nest, I turned to securing the chapter records. This is now a problem that I am working on. And much to my surprise, I am finding them in numerous places. Fortunately, Anita Rosebrough has kept many of them intact in her own home. However, it is time to bring them all together so we have an actual archive.

Now to face the third function, that of the historical update. Alas, at first I thought only of a written update, a sort of summary of all that has happened—a kind of diary. This was easy, since our then president, Cathy McPhee, presented this at our installation luncheon and 15th birthday celebration. However, I realized that there is much more to this than meets the eye. The real job is the preservation of records and memorabilia of the chapter, a major task for the future. All records, photos, and other memorabilia must be organized and preserved in a manner that prevents disintegration. So far, this endeavor has forced me to take three workshops on archiving, just an initiation into archiving! But that’s who and what archiving is.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENT INTERN

We are happy to introduce Gena Favero, a senior nursing student at Azusa Pacific School of Nursing, who will serve as our Student Intern this year. Gena is a super student who is aiming for a career in pediatric nursing at UCSF after graduation. She will help us to stay in contact with our student members and prospective members.

MY INFO SEARCH

Did you know about another free benefit you have as a member of The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International? You receive a free weekly update by e-mail containing listings and reviews of new literature related to nursing. You can also link from the update to read reviews and purchase books on-line. To access My Info Search, log onto www.nursingsociety.org.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 2, 2004  Alzheimer’s Memory Walk 2004, Hollywood Racetrack  9:00 a.m. to noon

October 5, 2004  JobSeek Knowledge Quest Health Care Career Fair, free CEUs
(see brochure in this newsletter)

October 11, 2004  Iota Sigma Board Meeting, APU School of Nursing Library 5:30 p.m.

October 21 & 22  Research Conference, Red Lion Hotel, San Diego (See brochure in this newsletter)

October 23, 2004  Orange County Chapter National assn. of Hispanic Nurses, Dia de los Muertas
Conference- Remedios: Folk Medicine in our Communities, Wyndham Hotel, Costa
Mesa  Contact Maria Rivera or www.hispanicnurses.org

November 5-6, 2004  Chapter Leader Academy, Indianapolis, Indiana

November 8, 2004  Iota Sigma Board Meeting, APU School of Nursing Library 5:30 p.m.

December 13, 2004  Iota Sigma Board Meeting and Christmas potluck

February 16, 2005  Annual Meeting

NOMINATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR:

Vice President of Iota Sigma Chapter
Membership Involvement
Award for Excellence in Nursing Leadership
Award for Excellence in Nursing Education
Award for Excellence in Nursing Practice
Award for Community Service Organization

Why not volunteer yourself or nominate some other outstanding nurse to serve
and be recognized for what you do?
MEMBER NEWS

Many of our members are doing outstanding things. Here are a few of them. If we’ve missed noting your latest achievement, contact us. You can reach Kathie Taylor at kltwtrswmr@aol.com.

Anita Boling is completing her PhD at the Claremont Graduate School in Developmental Psychology and is instrumental in starting the new nursing program at Western University in Pomona, California.

Fely Dela Cruz and Phyllis Esslinger, APU faculty members, developed a Master’s Entry Level Program to begin this Fall, 2004 at APU. Second Career and Nursing “SCAN” has 20 incoming students. Dr. Dela Cruz also presented an abstract along with Dr. Marilyn Klakovich in July in Dublin, Ireland entitled “Validating the Interpersonal Communication Assessment Scale.”

Maria Rivera participated in both the National Association of School Nurses meeting in Seattle and the National Hispanic Nurses meeting in Las Vegas in July 2004.

WALK TO CONQUER ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE

Please join your friends and colleagues at Memory Walk 2004 on Saturday, October 2, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the beautiful Hollywood Park Racetrack. You’ll be doing a fun thing for yourself and for others. Raise consciousness and raise money for research and services in the fight against Alzheimer’s. Iota Chapter will be there! For information call Phyllis Gallagher (760) 249 4896 or Gena Favero (408)497 4981.

Other Southern California locations for Memory Walk 2004 are in San Bernardino and Orange Counties. For information on those sites, login at www.alz.org/memorywalk.

CALLING ALL VIPS:

Have you submitted your VIProfile yet? It’s easy. Just log on to www.nursingsociety.org/VIP All you need is your member number and a few minutes to list your skills and interests. As The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International President Dan Pesut says, we need to identify our skills and interests as we move toward international development of nursing care.
**Sigma Theta Tau International**  
**Nursing Honor Society**  
**NURSING ODYSSEY 2004**  
**CHARTING A NEW COURSE IN NURSING**  

**October 21 & 22, 2004**  
San Diego Mission Valley  
RED LION HANALEI HOTEL

**Participating Chapters**  
Gamma Alpha, Loma Linda University; Gamma Gamma, SDSU; Gamma Tau, UCLA;  
Iota Eta, CSU Long Beach; Iota Sigma, Azusa Pacific University; Nu Mu, CSU Los Angeles;  
Omicron Delta, University of Phoenix; Rho Beta, CSU San Bernardino; Xi Theta, CSU Dominguez Hills;  
Zeta Mu, USD & Point Loma Nazarene University: CSUF Honor Society; CSUN Honor Society

**Keynote Speakers**  
Anthony Minks MSN, RN Chief Nurse Executive/ Assistant Administrator,  
Kaiser Permanente San Diego  
“One Year Into The Ratios”  
Joan Burritt DNSc, RN Associate Administrator/ Chief Nurse Executive,  
Scripps Memorial La Jolla  
“Defining Magnet Status”

Research Presentations will include:  
Quantitative, Qualitative and Innovative Projects

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NURSING ODYSSEY 2004
CHARTING A NEW COURSE IN NURSING

OBJECTIVES:
1. Promote the goals of the society, to increase nurse leaders and scholars.
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Chapter _____________________________  Student  $60 □    $60 □    $110 □

Includes program proceedings, breaks & lunch and contact hours. Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider #00788 for 8 contact hours/day.

Vegetarian Meal Please □
If student, identify school: ____________________________
**Thursday AM 10:15 to 11:45 Breakout session 1**

**RESEARCH SESSION**
Education/Administration Issues
a. The Hesi Examination: Benchmarking Outcomes and Predicting NCLEX Success--Ainslie Nibert Menicucci
b. Keeping Safe—Public Health Nurse’s Perceptions--Karen Nielsen
c. RN to BSN Student’s Attitudes Toward Homeless Women--Min Su Park
d. Palliative Care Education & Reflective Narratives in Orientation: Strategy to Increase Self-Awareness of Nurses Attitudes Toward Death & Care of Dying--Elizabeth Wessel

**EDUCATIONAL SESSION**
Who Moved My Nursing
a. Narrowing the Gender Gap – Mark Sevilla
b. Spirituality as an Antidote to Burn Out–Elizabeth J. Taylor
c. Nursing, a Kaleidoscope of caring: the richness of diversity in nursing and in patient populations--Connie Brehm and Virginia Hart-Kepler

**Thursday PM 1:00 to 2:30 Breakout session 2**

**RESEARCH SESSION**
Adult Issues
a. Women’s Experiences with Chronic Heart Failure--Denise M. Boren
b. The Lived Experiences of Elderly Widowers Following the Death of a Spouse--Dorothy Battersby-Crummy
c. The Relationship of Childbirth Education Classes and the Obstetric Outcomes among Primiparous Teenage Mothers--Sherry Hua
d. Factors Influencing Middle-aged & Older Latin American Women’s Participation in Physical Activity--Stephanie Vaughn

**EDUCATIONAL SESSION**
Skills of success – putting your best foot forward
a. Putting your pen where your mouth is – writing for publication–Dana Rutledge
b. Go for the gold, how to give a winning presentation–Jan Nick
c. Show us the money, successful grant writing–Karen Sechrist

**Friday AM 10:15 to 11:45 Breakout session 1**

**RESEARCH SESSION**
Research Methods
a. Lived Experiences of Latina Women Giving Birth in the United States--Ana Maria Gallo
b. Tool Development to Measure the Perception of Adolescent Invincibility--Mary Crook
c. An Automated Telephone Response System in a Large Clinical Trial--Heather Williams
d. Monitored Six-Minute Wal Responses in Longitudinal Clinical Trial--Marty Shively

**EDUCATIONAL SESSION**
Imperatives for Practice
a. Promatora model: Recipe for Success–Dianne Leever
b. Building a legacy of quality, evidence-based in education--Katie Hill
c. Keeping Patients Safe – An Imperative for Nursing--Elaine Goehner

**Friday PM 1:00 to 2:30 Breakout session 2**

**RESEARCH SESSION**
Health Promotion
a. Predictors for Quality of Care in California Nursing Homes--Mary Dellefield
b. Disconnection to Reconnection: A Study of Homelessness and Beyond--Pamela H. Cone
c. An Ethnography of HomelessPersons with Serious Mental Illness--Sharon L. Phillips
d. To Community & Beyond Building Protective Factors in Foster Youth--Carrie Bach

**EDUCATIONAL SESSION**
Variety the Spice of Nursing
a. Informatics- it’s more than E-mail–Joan Flagg
b. Legal Consultant–Eileen Croke
c. Genomics in nursing - Lynda Callahan
Attn: Nurses! FREE CEU’s

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- Conflict in the Workplace
- Caring for the Caregiver
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