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How time flies and the past two years as President of the Iota Sigma Chapter of the Honor Society of Sigma Theta Tau, International have flown by. Now it is time to move on to other adventures, both within, and outside of the Iota Sigma Chapter. For sure the activities of being the Region 2 Coordinator will fill up some of my time. I will be continuing as one of the Iota Sigma Chapter Representatives to the 12 chapter Southern California STTI Nursing Odyssey Planning Committee. Your new board is anxious to take office and are already busy reviewing the past years events to make next year an even greater time for the Iota Sigma Chapter.

For those of you unable to attend the April 1 Induction Ceremony please read the report about the activities of that day. We have 52 new members in our chapter both undergraduate and graduate students with our first cohort from the Second Career and Nursing Program, and community nurse leaders. Approximately, \$2500 was raised to go to the Iota Sigma Scholarship Funds. This year we awarded scholarships to 7 worthy candidates.

The Iota Sigma Chapter monetary Community Service Award was divided between Region 6 & 8 of Sigma Theta Tau International. Both Region 6 & 8 were hit hard by the effects of Hurricane's Katrina and Rita. In Region 6 \$500 went to the newly chartered chapter Tau Pi, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Sue Haddock the Regional Coordinating Committee Chair had these words to share:

This is great that help is being designated to the new chapter in Baton Rouge. They have really had a lot to work through and have been very instrumental in delivering care to the many, many evacuees that came to their area. Sue

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Mimi Tippitt, Region 8 Coordinator responded on March 20, 2006:

There are heaps and heaps of projects in terms of helping with the recovery.....after speaking with STTI Headquarters, the Mississippi state nursing organization (the hardest hit in Region 8) and chapter leaders....the most feasible thing seems to be to donate the funds to the Mississippi Nursing Association Relief Fund. The \$500 will pay for the licensure of 10 Mississippi Gulf Coast RNs. That's a whole shift worth of RNs in some of the smaller hospitals.

Thank you Iota Sigma Chapter members for renewing your membership and your generation donations. These funds have helped not only our local members, but other members of Sigma Theta Tau International.



NURSING ODYSSEY CONFERENCE, 2006

The Southern California Sigma Theta Tau Consortium Planning Committee* is pleased to announce the theme for our Nursing Odyssey 2006 conference: "Breaking Down Boundaries Through Collaboration" scheduled for October 26 and 27 at the Doubletree Inn Ontario Airport. We will again have peer-reviewed research and innovative project presentation, in additional to keynote presentations and educational sessions.

We will be raffling registration to Odyssey, 2007 to be held in San Diego. The dates of the 2007 conference will be announced at the close of this year's conference. All those registering for the 2006 conference will receive a raffle ticket in their registration packet.

The last new feature is a dynamic closing session for each day of the conference. Because the "fishbowl" panel discussion format was so popular last year, we will have a fishbowl to close each day's session.

The call for abstracts with a submission deadline of 6/23 was emailed to all members. We hope to have Iota Sigma well represented among the presenters as we have in previous years. There are also opportunities for organizations to be an exhibitor or sponsor. This year we have multiple levels of sponsorships available. If you work for an organization that you think would like to exhibit, please email me for the information at mklakovich@apu.edu

Don't miss this opportunity to support Iota Sigma and its presenters, to network with colleagues, and to take part in these dynamic and information-packed sessions. Please see the brochure contained in this newsletter for more information and be sure to register!

* Planning Committee members from Iota Sigma: Kathie Taylor, President Marilyn Klakovich, President Elect

I 7 TH INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONGRESS, MONTREAL, JULY 2006

Iota Sigma will again be well represented at this international conference sponsored by the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International. The SCAN Leadership team will be presenting a symposium on "Transformational Learning: Nurturing the Second Career Student". Marilyn Klakovich and Felicitas dela Cruz will present on "NCLEX Preparation for Masters Entry into Nursing Programs" and Susan Elliott, Felicitas dela Cruz and Marilyn Klakovich will each present on their individual research projects. This conference is a wonderful opportunity to network with STTI members from around the world.

A WORD OF THANKS...

Background Information: The Iota Sigma Chapter has decided to split half of the annual Monetary Community Service Award between Region 6 & 8. It was decided to give the Region 6 funds to the newly chartered chapter Tau Pi in Baton Rouge. Below is a letter sent to Kathleen Taylor form the Tau Pi Chapter.

Words cannot express the thanksgiving and gratitude for your chapter's thoughtfulness and kindness. Our chapter will forever remember and cherish this. Hurricane Katrina has left

much devastation to many. However, acts of kindness such as yours, reminds us

of the good and humanity that exists in the world today. The school of nursing, and Tau Pi members, remain in the delivery of primary health care to hurricane evacuees, via our mobile health unit, at the largest FEMA village in Baton Rouge. The majority of my time is spent in coordination of these efforts. Due to the enormity of the work involved, sometimes we began to tire (human nature), but realize we have to keep going for the people who need our services. Several of our members lost everything in the hurricane. However,

all is well with them as they continue to move on and rebuild their lives. This has truly energized me and reinforces that when you do good, good will follow. I will notify you when the check arrives, as well as all of the Tau Pi members, and the leadership of the school of nursing. Will keep you posted.

Thanks again,

Wanda Spurlock, DNS Tau Pi Chapter Sigma Theta Tau

AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY NURSE LEADERS ARE INDUCTED INTO THE INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR NURSING

Forty-three Undergraduate and Graduate students at Azusa Pacific University, as well as eight community nurse leaders, were inducted into the Iota Sigma Chapter of The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) at Azusa Pacific University on April 1, 2006.

Undergraduate inductees included APU junior students Renee Joyce Eckley, Kazy R. Ferguson, Bethany E. Miller, Erin L. Moffett, John Patrick Tan, Jennifer Ulrich, Khristina A. Vibal, Laura D. Williams, Simon Stephen Lee Yao, and Maritza A. Yepez. Senior students inducted included Rebecca J. Brown

Christopher Cleary, Tanisha Laree Liston, Erin Schweppe McPhee, Katherine J. Phillips, Meggie K. Roberts, Rebecca A. Spencer, Dana Kristine Thompson, Melissa Turansky, Kelly White, and Megan Yantiss. RN to BSN students inducted were registered nurses Joann P. Keller, Kathleen M. Kennedy, Gloria Lopez, Catherine A. McNeill-Heckler, Jacob E. Morrison, Candace Anne Watson, and Tammy R. Wegrzyn.

Graduate students inducted were registered nurses Kayoko Ando,

Cheryl L. Boyd, Virginia D. Cruz-Samonte, Lisa Anne Gillison, Francisca K. Kho,

Nicole Michelle Schalliol, Kathleen Patricia Schrader, Valerie L. Willis. Students inducted from the Second Careers and Nursing program included Susana M. Beaman, Joy David, Stephanie Renee Jones, Kelly Lash, Rachel May Magnusson, Ronilyn M. Ricaforte, and Danielle M. Schoon.

Community nurse leaders inducted were Grace Abercrombie Arndt, RN, MSN Laura Bruzzone, RN, MSN, Heather Marie Field, RN, BSN, Donna Grochow, RNC, BSN, Joyce A. Johnson, PhD, MA, BSN, RN, Deborah Keasler, RN, BSN, and Maureen Elizabeth Stevens, RN, MSN.

The keynote address by Cathy McPhee, FNP-C, Past President of Iota Sigma and Director of the RN to BSN CAPS program was "Are you Worthy of Trust?".

Financial scholarships were awarded to Rachel Magnusson and Kelly Lash from the SCAN graduate program, and Maritza Yepez, Kazy Ferguson, Jennifer Ulrich, Simon Yao and Erin Moffett from the Undergraduate program. A research grant went to Renee Pozza, MSN, RN, Associate Dean, for her study on barriers to treatment of hepatitis C patients coinfected with HIV and hepatitis C. A community service award went to chapters in the areas affected by the hurricanes in 2005.

Other awards presented were Excellence in Nursing Leadership to Judy Husted, MSN, RN, Executive Director Patient Care Services and Operations, Southern California Kaiser Permanente; Excellence in Education to Lourdes Salandanan, MSN, RN, NP-C, CCRN, Director, Education Department, Citrus Valley Medical Center; Excellence in Clinical Practice to Renee Pozza, MSN, RN, Associate Dean and Excellence in Mentoring to Bonnie Giron, MSN, RN, Director of Critical Care, Foothill Presbyterian Hospital.

These activities, awards and financial scholarships provided by Iota Sigma serve to promote Sigma Theta Tau goals, which include fostering, developing and connecting nurse scholars and leaders worldwide to improve health care and promoting nursing excellence through research and leadership.

REGION 2 UPDATES

By: Kathleen Taylor, STTI Region 2 Coordinator

It has been almost 6 months since the 38th Biennium Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. A lot has been happening in the past few months. First, I would like to thank Roxanne Moutafis, Beta Mu, UA, for her leadership during the 2 Bienniums since the Regional restructuring resulted in Region 2 being made up of who we are:



Southern California Gamma Alpha – Loma Linda Univeristy, Loma Linda, CA Gamma Gamma – California State University San Diego, San Diego,CA Gamma Tau – University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles,CA Zeta Mu – at Large – University of San Diego and Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego,CA Iota Eta – California State University Long Beach, Long Beach,CA Iota Sigma – Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California Nu Mu – California State University Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA Xi Epsilon – California State University Bakersfield, Bakersfield, CA Xi Theta – California State University Dominguez Hills, Carson,CA Rho Beta – California State University San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA Upsilon Beta –California State University Fullerton, Fullerton, CA

Arizona

Beta Mu – University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ Beta Upsilon – Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ Lambda Omicron – AZ Nu Upsilon – AZ Omicron Delta – AZ

New Mexico Gamma Sigma – University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM Pi Omega – New Mexico State University, Las Cruces,NM

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Western Texas Delta Delta – West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas TX Delta Kappa – The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas Iota Mu – Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79430 TX Omicron Zeta – Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX

Australia Xi Omicron – University of Western Sydney, Sydney, Australia

As a region we have many opportunities ahead of us during the 2005-2007 Biennium. We are very fortunate to have such an interested and enthusiastic membership. A few of those members have volunteered to serve as Committee Chairs for the 2005-2007 Biennium. Your Region 2 Committee Chairs are:

Lorena Beeman (Gamma Sigma, UNM) Programs - lebeeman@salud.unm.edu Marilyn Jackson (Omicron Delta, UOP) Mentoring - MJ@intuitiveoptions.com Amanda Johnson (Xi Omicron, UWS) Membership Involvement - amanda.johnson@uws.edu.au Janet Noles/Janet Wellborn (Omicron Zeta, Abilene Christian) Awards Co-chairs jnoles@hsutx.edu and jwelborn@hendrickhealth.org Karen Saewert (Beta Upsilon, ASU) Communications - karen.saewert@asu.edu Kathleen Taylor (Iota Sigma, APU) Regional Coordinator – kltwtrswmr@msn.com

If anyone would like to volunteer at the Regional level these committee chairs they would love to hear from you. Another way to volunteer is to complete the Volunteer Information Profile (VIP) on the STTI web page www.nursingsociety.org

Upcoming events for Region 2 include the 11th Annual Southern California Nursing Odyssey – October 26-27, 2006 in Ontario, California (see more information about that in the pages of this newsletter). Another conference is the International Council on Women's Health Issues hosted by the University of Western Sydney and the Xi Omicron Chapter November 15-18, 2006, Sydney, Australia. Yes, I have to attend. Therefore, I will be "down under" November 10-25 attending and participating in the conference and doing some site seeing. Stay tuned for more Region 2 information.

IOTA SIGMA CHAPTER SUMMARY OF CHAPTER AWARD RECIPIENTS 2000-2006

2000

Scholarship: Emily Tracy and Julie McGowan Community Service: Karen Nelson for Lutheran Health Ministries of Foothill Service Award went to Connie Brehm for her work with the Homeless Program

2001

Scholarship: Kara Hamilton Research Award: Katherine West Community Service: Susan Fuentes for Greater Hollywood Healthcare Partners Grant Writing to fund Education Programs at APU Felicitas dela Cruz Clinical Practice: Patti Shakhshir—Pain Management

2002

Scholarship: Faith Vander Linden and Marie Petterson Community Service Award: St. Vincent's Medical Center of Los Angeles for"Clean Sweep" and "Nurse Visitor's" Programsunder which meals on wheels ran. Clinical Practice: Lisa Grace and Theresa Bouse at Pomona Valley for the "Safe Surrender" Program

2003

Scholarship: Vicky Simmons Research: Pamela Sircar Community Service Award: Safe Baby Program Pomona Valley Medical Center Leadership: Rose Liegler Education: Katie Hill Clinical Practice: Dianna Lugo-Zenner

2004

Scholarship: Heidi Murrow (undergraduate) and Sarah Templeton (graduate) Research: Robin Koeppel Community Service Award: Michelle's Place – Women's Breast Cancer Resource Center Leadership: Katie Skelton Education: Vicky Bowden Clinical Practice: Maria Rivera

2005

Scholarship: Emma Perkins (undergraduate) and Patti Shakhshir (PhD program) Research: Pamela Cone Community Service Award: Merry Taheri for Afghan Relief Organization Leadership: Shila Wiebe Education: Annie O'Dell Clinical Practice: Laura Guerrero

2006

Scholarships: Rachel Magnusson and Kelly Lash from SCAN Maritza Yepez , Kazy Ferguson , Jennifer Ulrich , Simon Yao and Erin Moffett from the Undergraduate Program Research: Renee Pozza Community Service Award: Iota Sigma donations to Region 6 & 8 chapters for Hurricane Katrina relief Leadership: Judith Husted, Kaiser Permanente Education: Lourdes Salandanan Clinical Practice: Renee Pozza Mentoring: Bonnie Giron

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Bonnie Giron, Director of Critical Care Services and the nurses from the ICU at Foothill Presbyterian Hospital were featured in article "In the Mix" in Advance for Nursing April 3, 2006 issue.

Rebecca Spencer has been commissioned in the Army as 2nd Lieutenant.

Rose Virani received an award from the Oncology Nursing Society for "Excellence in Supportive Care". And she also received the "Mary Nowotny Excellence in Cancer Nursing Education" for her work on the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium project.

Marianne Hatter was featured in an article on April 24th in Nurseweek called "5 minutes on Cultural Competency".

Carol and Carolyn Block were featured in a news clip in the January 9th edition of Nurseweek for their research presentation last October in New York on "Transcultural Nursing Society" at Annual Conference.

Aja Lesh and Marianne Hattar presented at the First JNC Nursing Global Citizenship Conference 2006 in Jordan and spoke about developing master program in nursing.

July 19-22, 2006 is the International Research Congress in Montreal Canada. Speakers will include: Connie Brehm, Susan Elliot, Marilyn Klakovich, Trish Hanes, Renee Pozza and Fely Dela Cruz.

Pam Cone has completed her doctorate of philosophy in nursing from University of California, San Francisco.

Karla Richmond has completed her doctorate in nursing from the University of San Diego.

Vicky Bowden and Cindy Greenberg (Upsilon beta Chapter) presented "Writing for Education and Practice" at the Annual Society of Pediatric Nursing Conference in Philadelphia this past April.

Marilyn Klakovich and Felicitas dela Cruz presented a poster at the Western Institute of Nursing 39th Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April, 2006 titled: NCLEX Preparation for Accelerated Master's Degree Programs in Nursing.

Marilyn Klakovich and Felicitas dela Cruz published an article in the Journal of Professional Nursing titled Validating the Interpersonal Communication Assessment Scale in January, 2006.

Klakovich, M.D., & dela Cruz, F.A. (2006). Validating the Interpersonal Communication Assessment Scale. Journal of Professional Nursing, 22(1), 60-67.

FACTS ABOUT THE IOTA SIGMA CHAPTER

MEMBER OF REGION 2

Membership: January 2006 Iota Sigma had 722 members
304 were "active", that means they had paid their dues
22 were undergraduate students
18 were graduate students
418 were "inactive", with dues not current

April 1, 2006 we inducted 55 new members 32 undergraduate students 15 graduate students

- 20 Volunteers serve in Formal Positions
- 10 Volunteer Serve on Short-term Task Force
- 10 Board meetings are held a year, with an annual board retreat for strategic planning

One annual business meeting is held each year with an education program.

The chapter collaborates with Region Two members to plan and participate in the annual Southern California STTI Nursing Odyssey Conference.

Sigma Theta Tau International



Nursing Honor Society

Odyssey 2006 Conference

"Breaking Down Boundaries Through Collaboration"

October 26 & 27, 2006

Doubletree Inn, Ontario Airport

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; Upsilon Beta, CSU Fullerton; Zeta Mu, USD & Point Loma Nazarene University; CSU Northridge Honor Society



Keynote speakers to be announced. Research and Innovative Sessions Speakers identified after abstracts reviewed.

THURSDAY PROGRAM 10/20/06		FRIDAY PR	FRIDAY PROGRAM 10/21/06	
7:30-8:30	Registration & Continental Breakfast Exhibits & Posters	7:30-8:30	Registration & Continental Breakfast Exhibits & Posters	
8:30-8:45	Welcome	8:30-8:45	Welcome	
8:45-9:45	KEYNOTE –	8:45-9:45	KEYNOTE –	
9:45-10:15	Break (Exhibits, Posters & refreshments)	9:45-10:15	Break (Exhibits, Posters & refreshments)	
10:15-11:45	Breakout Session I	10:15-11:45	Breakout Session I	
A. Research Session		A. Research Session		
B. Innovation Session		B. Innovation Session		
12:00-1:00	Lunch (Exhibitors & Posters)	12:00-1:00	Lunch (Exhibitors & Posters)	
1:00-2:30	Breakout Session II	1:00-2:30	Breakout Session II	
A. Educational Session		A. Educational Session		
B. Innovation Session		B. Innovation Session		
2:30-3:00	Exhibits, Posters & refreshments	2:30-3:00	Exhibits, Posters & refreshments	
3:15-4:00	Fishbowl: Panel Presentation	3:15-4:00	Fishbowl: Panel Presentation	
4:00-4:30	Debrief the Day, Raffle	4:00-4:30	Summation, Raffle, Poster Awards	
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Conference Objectives:

- 1. Promote the goals of the society, to increase nurse leaders and scholars.
- 2. Provide an avenue for dissemination of research, clinical, and educational topics.
- 3. Utilize role models to encourage excellence in students and colleagues of nursing.
- 4. Increase networking opportunities and promote collegiality among local chapters.
- 5. Encourage nurses to spread their influence globally to effect positive health care change.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Doubletree Inn, Ontario Airport

222 North Vineyard Ave

Ontario, CA91764-4431

For reservations, access this site to book, modify, or cancel a reservation from March 1 to October 4 2006: <u>www.ontarioairport.doubletree.com</u> Group Convention Code is SCS Attendees can also call the 1-800-222-8733 number or the Hotel 909-937-0900 (ask for reservations). Convention rate \$84.00 plus tax when reserved before October 4th, 2006. Group Convention Code is SCS.

If room block is sold out contact <u>marlene.s.ruiz@kp.org</u> to investigate increasing the size of the room block.

Note: Dress is Business casual. Due to the lack of control for the ambient temperature, we recommend you bring a light sweater or jacket for your comfort.

Registration: Tear off and return this section with registration fee

Make checks payable to:

So. Ca. STT Research Fund. Mail to Marlene Ruiz, 1574 Penasco Rd., El Cajon, CA 92019.

For more information about the conference check web page http://gammagamma.sdsu.edu/ or http://www.omicrondelta.net/ or e-mail: marlene.s.ruiz@kp.org

Cancellation Policy: No refunds for cancellations after October 13, 2006.

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(Work)		
E-mail:	Includes program proceedings, continental breakfast, lunch, breaks and contact hours.	
STTI Member Yes No Chapter	Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider #00788 for 7.5 contact hours/day	
If student, identify school:	Vegetarian Meal Please	

INTRODUCTORY PIZZA PARTY FEBRUARY 2 AND ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2006



Iota Sigma Student Introduction Meeting & Pizza Party February 2006 - 1 Asst. Dean Renee Pozza, Prof. Viann Duncan with students



Iota Sigma Student Introduction Meeting & Pizza Party February 2006 - 2 Asst. Dean Renee Pozza with Dr. Lina Kawar



Iota Sigma Student Introduction Meeting & Pizza Party February 2006 - 3 Drs. Susan Elliott & Marilyn Klakovich with student



Iota Sigma Annual Meeting February 2006 -1 Dr, Marilyn Klakovich, Bonnie Giron, & Dianna Zenner



Iota Sigma Annual Meeting February 2006 - 2 Drs, Anita Bralock and Susan Elliott presenters regarding Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts



Iota Sigma Annual Meeting February 2006 - 3 APU Vice Provost Rose Liegler, Prof. Pam Cone, and Dr. Lina Kawar

SON ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY MARCH 23, 2006



APU Research Day March 2006 - 1 Asst Deans Renee Pozza and MaryAnne Hattar with Guest Speakers



APU Research Day March 2006 - 2 Cathy McPhee with students



APU Research Day March 2006 - 3 APU Faculty Members



APU Research Day - 4 Karen French, Faculty, Students



APU Research Day March 2006 Korean Guest Faculty



APU Research day March 2006 with Dean Aja Lesh, Dr. Marcia Fowler, and Guest



National and International speakers present at APU Research Day March 2006



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Iota Sigma Induction April 1 2006 Gail DiChilles, Allison Riggs, Kathleen Van Allen, Cathy McPhee