



**Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing
Xi Theta Chapter # 342**

Spring 2015

**NSO Career Day with Tim Yett
March 2015**

Thank you to Tim Yett, Chapter Counselor who flew down from Yosemite National Park to speak at the CSUDH SON Career Day on March 20, 2015. Tim also invited the student nurses to join Xi Theta and special brochures were handed out about STTI. Everyone especially enjoyed Tim's speech. Thank you Tim for a spectacular job!

Xi Theta also donated raffle prizes awarded during the event.



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Induction & Awards Ceremony May 14, 2015

Welcome to our 35 new Inductees!

Acosta, Michael
Aguilo, Adrian
Alvarado, Liza
Atallian, Dawn-Michelle
Barraza, Marisol
Baum, Gwendolyn
Braaten, Kristina
Caballero, Isabel
Dalton, Melissa
Devila, Tara
DiYanni, Denise
Easley, Shalon

Farrokh, James
Gough, Tara
Hoang, Becky
Iluore, Patricia
Leath, Amy
Mayfield, Cory
Olagami, Temitayo
Opoku, Mary Jane
Otero-Cid, Reina Mercedes
Pech, Marco
Perestam (Barta), Asten
Riddle, Diana Andrea

Santos, Edzen
Sescon, Mark
Slaney, Cheryl
Suba, Oliver
Topacio, Agnes-Michelle
Villalobos, Julie Aide
Villescas, Isamar
Walsh-Rubio, Noelle Renee
Wang, Hung
Watson-Colin, Meghan
Wernicke, Brenda

The First Annual Xi Theta Award Goes To: Paula Kelly Ranson, MSN



Paula's essay captured the mission and values of STTI through her implementation of diabetes management to the California correctional health system.

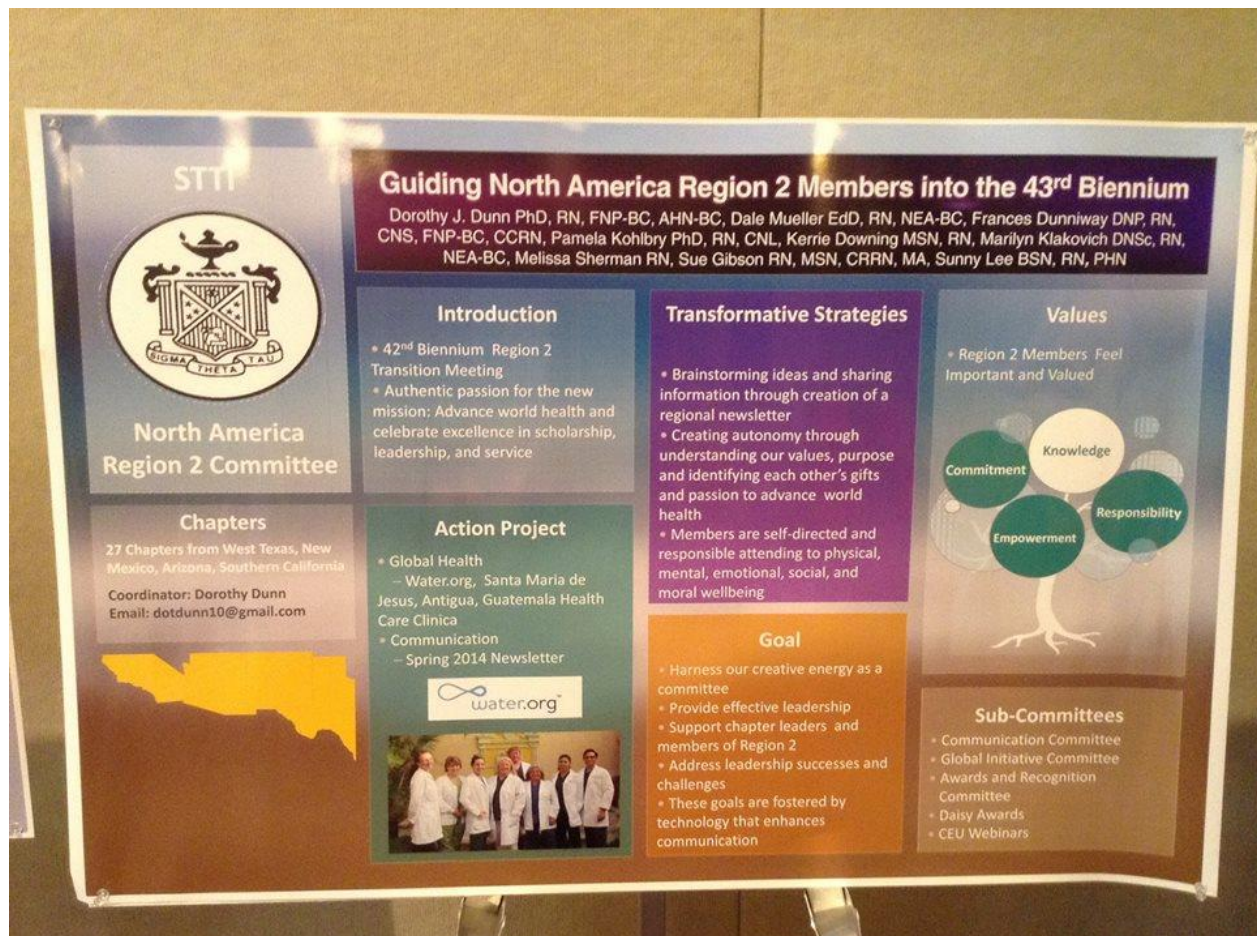
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!
Please visit our [Facebook](#) for more photos.

Member Highlights

Xi Theta Members serve on Region 2 Committee

A big **thank you** to Xi Theta members **Sue Gibson** and **Dale Mueller** for serving on the Region 2 steering committee. Region 2 encompasses parts of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California.

The Region 2 committee presented their poster about the goals for Region 2 at the STTI 2014 Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. Sue is also the Region 2 Newsletter Editor and the Region 2 newsletters are posted on the Region 2 library on the STTI website. At the Biennium in November all STTI members are encouraged to join the Region 2 steering committee for the ensuing two years.



Member Highlights

Kristina Braaten Goes to Philadelphia!

It's hard to imagine how much we are exposed to health outside of its traditional setting. Traditional in a sense that most healthcare I've experienced has been in the hospital or clinic. I attended the annual [American Nursing Informatics Association](#) conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where Jane Sarasohn-Kahn, health economist and founder of THINK-health pointed out how much health is in our lives, and how much businesses and organizations are invested in promoting health.

CVS pharmacy re-branding to CVS health, and tech companies such as Qualcomm innovating ways to share biometric data by sending vital signs to a repository for your healthcare provider to access, are ways that health and technology are coming together. The future of healthcare and technology is growing and it has great potential for monitoring and treating healthcare consumers. It was a great experience to learn from experts in healthcare technology and to network among other nurses in informatics by sharing stories of electronic medical record (EMR) implementation and the growing pains of clinicians adopting computerized documentation.

I had the opportunity to participate as a moderator for a session on EMR implementation. As I watched the speaker present, I was inspired to prepare an abstract for the 2017 conference so I can share my lessons learned with the EMR. Besides learning, I took some time to explore Philadelphia, see the Liberty Bell and have a Philly Cheesesteak!



Linda Takvorian Goes to Washington!

Linda Takvorian, Los Angeles chapter president of the American Nephrology Nurses' Association (ANNA), nursing faculty of National University and nephrology nurse at UCLA-Davita acute dialysis represented ANNA at the [Nurse in Washington Internship](#) (NIWI). The 2015 event was organized by the Nursing Alliance.

The Nurse in Washington Internship was an invaluable learning experience. The keynote speaker, Marla Weston, PhD, RN, FAAN, Chief Executive Officer of the American Nurses Association, provided the nursing interns with a meaningful talk focused on the importance of ethics and integrity in nursing. The NIWI program included multiple sessions which prepared nurses from all over the United States to lobby on behalf of Title VIII, a U.S. Bill, which provides funding for nursing education, research and practice. Besides learning how our government passes a bill we learned about the daunting necessary efforts involved in passing a bill. The NIWI nurses then visited various Congressional and Senatorial offices to lobby for support.

This assembly of nurses, the Nursing Alliance, represented nurses from multiple nursing specialties who united to promote funding for Title VIII nursing. The nurses from California teamed together and called on their respective CA representatives and lobbied. Many friendships were forged both during the meeting and while visiting the offices on Capitol Hill. I am truly grateful and appreciative for the opportunity to have attended this meeting. This experience reinforced the truth that nurses are advocates, and just as we must advocate on behalf of our patients, we must advocate for our profession.



20th Annual Odyssey Consortium
October 14-15, 2015
Doubletree Hotel, Ontario, California

***Population Health and Nursing's Role:
Ethics, Leadership, and Global Action***

The Odyssey Consortium of Southern is a showcase for new research. The 15 sponsoring chapters of the Odyssey Consortium are from Southern California chapters of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI). The presentations are peer reviewed and consist of both oral presentations and posters. Awards are given for Innovative presentations and Research presentations. Last year, our Ruby Loyola, MSN student, won 2nd prize for her Innovation poster! All entries may be presented by student nurses or nurses. One needn't be a member of STTI to present research and all are welcome to attend the event.

The Odyssey Consortium will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario, CA on October 14 & 15, 2015.

The planning committee works tirelessly throughout the year to plan this event. Dr. Rose Welch acts as Recorder in the planning committee.

Visit <http://www.xitheta.org/odysseyconsortium.html> for more information.



43rd STTI Biennium
November 7-11, 2015
Aria Resort & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada

Serve Locally, Transform Regionally, Lead Globally

Members! Here is your chance to learn and network with other nursing professionals from around the globe while nurturing your professional development. Visit the Biennium webpage for more information:

<http://convention.nursingsociety.org/>



Interested in carpooling? Fill out [the interest form](#) and we will be in touch soon.
For questions, please contact publicity@xitheta.org

Other News


Financial Benefits of Xi Theta!

Xi Theta is here to support your professional development. We are currently offering 4 travel stipends at \$350 each. Interested in research? Research Grants are also available.

More information can be found by visiting www.xitheta.org

Your New Leadership Team

President: Kristina Braaten
President Elect: Kristina Braaten
Vice President: David Romero
Treasurer: Dale Mueller
Counselor: Tim Yett



Officer positions available:
Secretary
Governance Chair
Leadership Succession Chair

Interested in serving on the leadership team?
E-mail president@xitheta.org. The next term begins July 1st.

Appointive Officers:

Electronic Delegate 1:
Electronic Delegate 2: Linda Takvorian
Biennium Delegate 1: Dale Mueller
Biennium Delegate 2: M. Yvonne Nemec
Odyssey Consortium Rep. 1: Rose Welch
Odyssey Consortium Rep. 2: Linda Takvorian

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Member highlights:

Denise Diyanni Goes to LAC/PAC

Dale Mueller to present at 43rd STTI Biennium

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