

Sigma Theta Tau International Region 2 Newsletter

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Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico & West Texas

Dot Dunn – Regional Coordinator



As North America Region 2 Coordinator I sincerely hope that you will enjoy our Spring 2015 newsletter. Our Region 2 committee members have been working on various projects such as Awards and Recognition, including developing a process for the Daisy Award at the Regional level. Another project near and dear to my heart is the Global Initiative, with philanthropic initiatives for water.org. Servant Leadership is being expressed with Tibetan Refugees in Mainpat, India. At the time of this writing, nurses in the field of midwifery and maternal child specialties are putting together precipitous delivery kits for Tibetan nurses. Another project is for the Mayan women in Guatemala providing cervical cancer screenings. A growing need for hypertension and diabetes management in the form of patient education has been

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developed. In the way of sustainability, educating the Mayan people with health promotion curricula in this region will nurture self-care capabilities. In continuing the mission to improve nursing care worldwide we will be returning to Santa Maria de Jesus March 12 to 20, 2016. If you are interested in being part of providing health promotion and patient education in a developing country, here is your opportunity! Contact me at dotdunn10@gmail.com for further information on how you can participate in these global initiatives.

As we begin the end of 2014-2015, soon Chapter Annual Reports will be completed. With that we hope that many chapters are also completing their Chapter Key Awards for their chapter. We are looking forward to reviewing the Showcase of Regional Excellence (SRE) from our chapters as well. The committee is in the process of planning our gathering during the 43rd Biennium that will be held November 7-11, 2015 in Las Vegas. Registration is open and we hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Dorothy Dunn, Region 2 Coordinator

Region 2 Committee Members

Awards and Recognition Committee

Chair: Marilyn Klakovich

Daisy Award Champion:

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Communications Committee

Chair: Sue Gibson

Global Initiatives Committee

Chair: Melissa Sherman

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

Chapter Awards

Our Region 2 webpage has links to the Chapter Key Award and the Showcase of Regional Excellence Awards.

<http://www.nursingsociety.org/Chapters/Regions/Pages/NorthAmericaRegion2.aspx>

Chapter Key Award

The chapter key award recognizes STTI chapters who excel in chapter-related activities. The biennium timeframe for the award is **1 July 2013 - 30 June 2015**. Although the first year is over, there is still time to begin the process. Chapter Key Award applications are due **15 July 2015**. The 2013-2015 criteria are posted to the website along with other helpful information. Time is short so be sure your chapters are wrapping up your applications and are ready to submit by the deadline.

Showcase of Regional Excellence

Now is a good time for your chapters to get started on their Showcase of Regional Excellence entries. Although the deadline is not until **October 1, 2015**, you are welcome to submit at any time up to that date. Since there are four areas in Hester C. Klopper's 2013-2015 Presidential Call to Action (Servant Leadership, Connectedness, Transformation, Gratitude), you might want to consider submitting one for each of these areas. Pace yourself! Remember these entries must be based on an activity that occurred during the 2013-2015 biennium. You can access the call to action for more information about each of these themes.

http://www.nursingsociety.org/aboutus/board/Pages/bio_klopper.aspx

We look forward to learning what other chapters in Region 2 are doing to “Serve locally, transform regionally, and lead globally” through your Showcase of Regional Excellence Award submissions.

Don't Miss Out!

So to recap the award opportunities and deadlines:

- Chapter Key Award July 15, 2015
- Showcase of Regional Excellence October 1, 2015

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Iota Mu – Texas Technical University at Lubbock

The **Iota-Mu** Chapter's induction ceremony is set for May 8th at the Overton Hotel in Lubbock, TX with a reception to follow. We are ready to induct a large amount of new members and then welcome them with a “New Member Breakfast” during the summer. We have multiple presenters heading to Puerto Rico and Las Vegas conferences for Sigma Theta Tau! We also have started honoring a member of the month on our Facebook page and website to increase awareness of member activities. We have inducted new nurse leaders and have initiated ways to get our graduate students involved.

Kyle Johnson, MSN, RN
Instructor

Iota Sigma – Azusa Pacific University

2015 School of Nursing Research Symposium by Marilyn Klakovich, Chair of Research Symposium Planning Committee

Iota Sigma has participated as a co-sponsor in the School of Nursing annual research symposium since 2005. The 11th Annual School of Nursing Research Symposium: “Dignity through Life’s Transitions: Optimizing Spiritual Care” was held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at the Azusa Pacific University Felix Event Center. As chair of the planning committee, I am pleased that this year we have student representatives on our committee who are also Iota Sigma members. Since all of them have attended one or more previous events, I asked them to contribute to this article.

Featured Speakers by Gabriela Andrade, DNP Student

The 2015 featured speakers include **Wilfred McSherry** PhD, MPhil, BSc (Hons) PGCRM, PGCE (FE,) RGN, NT, FHA whose title is “Dignity and Spirituality: do they have a place within contemporary nursing?.”

Dr. Wilfred is a professor of dignity of care for older adults, a joint appointment between the Faculty of Health, Staffordshire University and the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, and co-director of The Centre for Health and Social Care Research. For Dr. McSherry, nursing continues to involve a combination of practice, education, and research.

One of our own DNP graduates, **Bonnie Freeman** RN, DNP, ANP, ACHPN, presented “Compassionate Person Centered Care for the Dying.” She is a Supportive Care Nurse Practitioner at the City of Hope in Duarte, California. She developed an acronym organized teaching tool to assist nurses in providing evidence based care for the dying called the CARES Tool, has published multiple works focused on improving care of the dying, and was asked to

participate at a IOM conference in Washington D.C. to explore how to improve care of the dying.

Libby Hoy B.S., presented “Completing the Team: Engaging Patients & Families in Care.” In 2010, Libby founded Patient and Family Centered Care (PFCC) Partners to create a community of patients, families, providers and health care organizations committed to the shared learning of PFCC practice. Libby has served as an Advisor to Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), Partnership for Patients, Institute of Medicine (IOM), National Quality Forum (NQF) and as Faculty for the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI).

Our closing speaker for the day was **Betty Ferrell PhD, MA, FAAN, FPCN** who presented on “International Nursing Efforts in Palliative Care.” Dr. Ferrell is the director and professor in Nursing Research and Education, and associate director for Nursing Research, at City of Hope. Dr. Ferrell is the Research Scientist and Principal investigator for the End- of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC).

Networking Opportunities by Taylor Newbury, Senior BSN Leadership Student

Each year APU’s Nursing Research Symposium offers countless opportunities for networking among nurses in the community, students, faculty, and alumni. Various outside agencies and hospitals come to inform the students and faculty about new opportunities and products that are available within the healthcare system. Students, faculty, and community members are invited to submit posters displaying their most recent achievements in research to facilitate discussion among attendees. A poster session, lunch, dessert and tea break allowed students, faculty, and community member’s time to connect and discuss current issues, new research findings, and opportunities to become involved in different hospital programs and various other areas of healthcare. The Research Symposium is an important event for APU’s School of Nursing as it attracts Iota Sigma members, alumni, preceptors, and nurses from various institutions that can bring important insight and opportunities to the faculty and students in the School of Nursing.

Showcasing our Poster Presenters by Sandy Harden, ELM Student

This year continued the tradition of showcasing student, faculty, and community research in the poster session at the 11th Annual School of Nursing Research Symposium. The student posters represented students from Azusa Pacific University’s BSN, RN to BSN Entry Level Masters Program (ELM), MSN, and PhD/DNP programs. The poster session provided a forum for presenters to dialogue about their research. Posters presented encompassed a wide range of topics based off current research, innovative clinical practice, and evidenced-based practice.

For students who attended, this poster session was a chance to learn about the latest research in their future career as a nurse. As they dialogue with poster presenters about their research they had the opportunity to network with fellow students, nurses, and community members. They

might even have discovered a new topic that will pique their interest in a field of study or research. For all in attendance, the research presented at the poster session can help shape nursing practice based off the latest research in the ever changing field of nursing.

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Omicron Delta

On October 4, 2014 Omicron Delta held their fall education conference in Chicago, IL in collaboration with the Phi Pi chapter. *The Future of Nursing: How Far Have We Come* was well attended and a meaningful event for all. Susan Swart, MS, RN, CAE was the keynote speaker for the conference that focused on key messages from the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report on the Future of Nursing. A service activity “walk for water” was also held with this event and raised over \$1200 for H2Omicron Delta and water.org.

In November, 2014 the Omicron Delta chapter participated in the 19th Joint Southern California Chapters STTI Odyssey Conference in Ontario, CA. At that event, the chapter held a Membership Engagement Event where members were able to mingle, network, and speak to Chapter President Marilyn Klakovich.

Recently the Omicron Delta chapter hosted their first virtual induction ceremony. Members who were unable to attend an induction ceremony during the spring induction period were able to participate in an induction that was streamed out to inductees through YouTube. Inductees were also asked to submit a short video clip about themselves and this was integrated into the ceremony to make the event special for all that attended.

The chapter is currently in the middle of spring eligibility and working on their upcoming fall education event which will be one of the pre-conference offerings at the upcoming 43rd STTI Biennial Convention in Las Vegas, NV. *New Roles for Nurses in a Changing Health Care System* will be held on Friday, November 6th from 8am to 12pm.

Alison Collins, MSN, RN



Marilyn Klakovich, Omicron Delta President, at the Odyssey membership engagement event. Members highlighting the work that Omicron Delta does for H2Omicron Delta, water.org and Project Linus

Lambda Omicron - Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona

- Celebrating 25th Anniversary
Our celebration was on March 12, 2015 with speaker and chapter member, Dr. Karen Plager PhD, RN, FNP-BC presenting Global Volunteering from a Personal Perspective.
 - Spring Induction Brunch was held May 2, 2015
 - New Board installed and looking forward to many global activities for 2015-2016
- Dot Dunn, President

NU MU – California State University at Los Angeles

Hello fellow chapters! Here is some exciting news to share with you regarding some of the events that already took place; and those that will occur in the upcoming months!

Our annual Fall Social in September welcomed our newest inductees as we enjoyed wine and food at one of our member's lovely house in Los Feliz. In November, we enjoyed a great turnout for our Fall Program, "The Here and After Nursing: Exploring Roles in Nursing" at the wonderful Mijares Mexican Restaurant. Our speakers Keith Hoshal, MSN, RN-BC, Donna M. Coimbra Emanuele, DNP, MN, FNP-BC, CNS, FAANP, Paula Vuckovich, RN, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, Lucille Sevigny RN, and Marilyn Pires, MS, RN, CRRN, FAAN took the time to share valuable insights with us.

At that time we also welcomed our Fall 2014 Inductees. Inducted were pre-licensure ELMN student Sara Chavez, Cristina Fowler, Heather Love, Kevin Rauchut, and Belinda Yoo. As well as, outstanding Nurse Leader Roxanne Masserat and Sue Poh!

In February, our Nu Mu Chapter along with California State University, Los Angeles Nursing students co-sponsored the 9th Annual Evidence-Based Nursing Forum, "Beyond CSI: Exploring Forensic Nursing." Denise Bertone, RN, D-ABMDI of the LA County Coroner's office, Toyetta Beukes, RN, MSN, NP, AFN-BC Director, Forensic Nurse Sexual Assault Response Team at SGMCC and Elizabeth Miller, PhD, D-ABFA Professor, Department of Anthropology at CSULA were the guest speakers at the event that received well over 390 attendees!

We are also excited that we will be holding our Spring Induction on May 17th, 2015 to be held at Luminarias in Monterey Park, CA. We look forward to welcoming our new inductees to Sigma Theta Tau!

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Xi Theta – California State University at Dominguez Hills

Xi Theta has had an eventful year! We wrote our Policy and Procedure Manual, made philanthropic donations to three organizations, sponsored members to the Odyssey Consortium and to two professional events and framed our Charter professionally. In September we celebrated our 20th Anniversary with an on-campus event celebration for members! The

keynote address was on “Professionalism and Trends in Nursing” given by Dr. Judy Akin Palmer.

We then attended the Southern California Odyssey Consortium where one of our members presented orally and another won 2nd place in the Innovative Poster Session. The speaker was Dr. Patricia Hanes who spoke on “20 Years After Northridge: Disaster Preparedness Efficacy”. The poster winner was Ruby Loyola whose poster won 2nd place for her innovation using the Aqua Guard patch. Several of our members socialized during the event.

On May 14th, we are holding our on-campus induction ceremony. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Diane Breckenridge who will be speaking on “Strategies for Success: A Model for Student Success”. Xi Theta held elections but is still looking for members to hold officer positions. We look forward to our members stepping up to hold the various offices that need to be filled for the ensuing term.

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Xi Theta’s 20th Anniversary Celebration



Xi Theta’s 20th Anniversary Celebration - Keynote Speaker - Dr. Judy Akin Palmer

Southern California Odyssey Consortium



MSN Student Ruby Loyola 2nd Place winner in Innovative Posters



Dr. Patricia Hanes, PhD



Oral Presentation by Xi Thetan



Presentation Hall and Xi Thetans gathering at the Odyssey Consortium

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STTI International Research Conference

July 23-27, 2015

Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel and Casino

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Southern California Odyssey Consortium

October 15-16, 2015

Ontario Doubletree Hotel - Ontario, CA

STTI Biennium

November 7-11, 2015

Arias Hotel - Las Vegas, Nevada



WHO & WHERE WE ARE!

ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO AND WEST TEXAS

Arizona

Flagstaff	Lambda Omicron	Northern Arizona University http://lambdaomicron.nursingsociety.org/LambdaOmicronChapterHome
Phoenix	Omicron Delta	University of Phoenix www.omicrondelta.net
Phoenix	Nu Upsilon	Grand Canyon University http://nuupsilon.nursingsociety.org/NuUpsilonChapterHome
Tempe	Beta Upsilon	Arizona State University at Tempe http://betaupsilon.nursingsociety.org/BetaUpsilonChapterHome
Tucson	Beta Mu	University of Arizona at Tucson http://betamu.nursingsociety.org/BetaMuChapterHome

New Mexico

Albuquerque	Gamma Sigma	University of New Mexico at Albuquerque http://gammastigma.nursingsociety.org/GammaSigmaChapterHome
Las Cruces	Pi Omega	New Mexico State University at Las Cruces http://piomega.nursingsociety.org/PiOmegaChapterHome

West Texas

Abilene	Omicron Zeta At-Large	Abilene Christian College, Hardin-Simmons and McMurray Universities http://omicronzeta.nursingsociety.org/OmicronZetaChapterHome
El Paso	Delta Kappa	University of Texas at El Paso http://deltakappa.nursingsociety.org/DeltaKappaChapterHome
El Paso	Delta Delta	West Texas A&M University http://deltadelta.nursingsociety.org/DeltaDeltaChapterHome
Lubbock	Iota Mu	Texas Tech University http://iotamu.nursingsociety.org/IotaMuChapterHome

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South:

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San Diego **Zeta Mu-At-Large** Point Loma Nazarene & University of San Diego
<http://zetamu.nursingsociety.org/ZetaMuChapterHome>
San Marcos **Phi Theta** CSU – San Marcos
<http://phitheta.nursingsociety.org/PhiThetaChapterHome>

Los Angeles Basin

West:

Los Angeles **Gamma Tau–At-Large** UCLA & CSU-Northridge
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Los Angeles, **Phi Lambda** Mt. St. Mary’s College
<http://philambda.nursingsociety.org/PhiLambdaChapterHome>

Northeast:

Azusa **Iota Sigma** Azusa Pacific University
<http://iotasigma.nursingsociety.org/IotaSigmaChapterHome>
Loma Linda **Gamma Alpha** Loma Linda University
<http://www.llu.edu/nursing/gamma-alpha/newsletter.page>
Pomona **Phi Alpha** Western University of Health Sciences
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San Bernardino **Rho Beta** CSU- San Bernardino
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Central:

Carson **Xi Theta** CSU – Dominguez Hills
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Long Beach **Iota Eta** CSU – Long Beach
<http://iotaeta.nursingsociety.org/IotaEtaChapterHome>
Los Angeles **Nu Mu** CSU- Los Angeles
<http://numu.nursingsociety.org/NuMuChapterHome>

South East:

Fullerton **Upsilon Beta** CSU- Fullerton
<http://upsilonbeta.nursingsociety.org/UpsilonBetaChapterHome>
Irvine **Chi Beta-At-Large** West Coast College – Irvine
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