



Sigma Theta Tau International

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International Year of the Nurse

Did you know that 2010 marks the centennial year of the death of the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale (1820-1910)?

To celebrate this event and to bring the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to public awareness, Sigma Theta Tau International, the Nightingale Initiative for Global Health (NIGH) and the Florence Nightingale Museum (FNM) London joined in partnership to form the 2010-IYNurse initiative.

zations including the National League for Nursing, the American Nurses Association and the Watson Caring Science Institute.

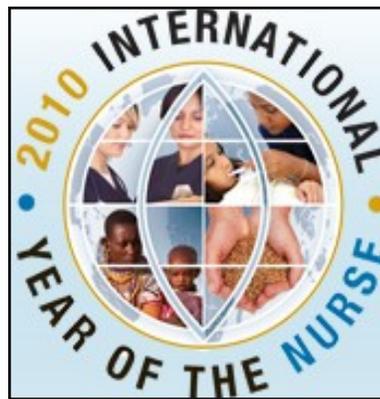
All chapters of STTI are encouraged to celebrate their commitment to bring health to communities worldwide by planning at least one event where public awareness is raised, and where nurses who have made a difference share their stories.

UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) include eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, promote gender equality and empower women, ensure environmental sustainability, and achieve universal primary education. More information about IYN and the UN MDGs can be found at the [2010iynurse](http://2010iynurse.net) website: www.2010iynurse.net

Our next Region 2 Newsletter will feature how chapters are celebrating 2010 International Year of the Nurse

Send News & Photos!

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Special points of interest:

- Region 2 Committees
- Leadership Summit
- Webinars
- Collaboration

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Region 2 Committees Support Chapter Health

There are currently 24 chapters in Region 2. Our commonality is that each chapter is chartered to support the STTI Mission and Vision. Each chapter varies in resources and plans, and also in activities to implement those plans. This variability can be a strength—

nurses are creative, and there are many approaches to the leadership that is required of us!

We can learn from each other by sharing our successes. It is hoped that chapters will participate in Region 2 communications by contributing to this

newsletter! Did you know that there are Regional Committees composed of chapter leaders who support chapters collaboration, mentoring, communication, and liaison capacities?

The Regional Committees are highlighted throughout this newsletter. Keep in touch!

**Region 2 attendees and delegates
STTI Biennial Convention
Indianapolis 2009**



Face-to-face Meetings and Networking

At the Biennial Convention in Indianapolis last year, there were opportunities for networking to get better acquainted, and also to plan for Region Goals for the next biennium.

Almost all of the chapters were represented in our face-to-face meetings which included an informal networking dinner in downtown Indianapolis and the more focused goal-setting meeting during the Biennial program.

Regional goals that were discussed included that every chapter should plan for (and receive!) a Chapter Key Award in 2011, and that we should

look into possibilities of International projects that we could support as a Region.

The Regional Committees supporting our chapter leadership development and regional goals were formed as a result of that meeting.

This newsletter has information about each of the committees as well as contact information. If any chapter leaders are interested in serving on a committee, the door is always open. Regional Committee service is a great “next step” for developing leaders and building knowledge about STTI.

Collaborative efforts in Southern California—May 2010 ... send your Chapter Collaboration News!!!

Submitted by Tiffany Montgomery

The Xi Theta and Gamma Tau at Large chapters are pleased to announce their collaborative effort to bring Michele Sare to Southern California. Mrs. Sare is the founder and CEO of Nurses for Nurses International. As the barer of such a lofty title, she has worked closely with organizations such as the Haiti Nursing Foundation to provide humanitarian efforts in Haiti-- efforts that were in place long before the destructive earthquake that hit the Port Au Prince on January 12, 2010.

Because of her commitment to the nurses in Haiti, Mrs. Sare was on the island when the earthquake hit; her eyewitness account of the events that oc-

curred following the earthquake is remarkable.

In keeping with our individual chapter missions and the 2010 theme “*International Year of the Nurse*,” Xi Theta and Gamma Tau at large chapters have invited Mrs. Sare to come to Los Angeles to address her work with the Haiti Nurses Foundation and the Faculté des Sciences Infirmières de l’Université Episcopale d’Haïti (FSIL) in Leogane, Haiti-- the only Bachelor of Science in Nursing program in Haiti.

Tiffany is investigating the possibility that Michelle’s presentation at the CSUDH event will be available by Web-cast for those who cannot attend in person.

Thursday, May 20, 2010
11 am

Loker Student Union
California State University,
Dominguez Hills (CSUDH)
Cost: \$20

RSVP: www.xitheta.org

or

Monday, May 24, 2010
12 noon

Auditorium
University of California, Los Angeles
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Region 2 Committee “Chapter Collaboration & Global Projects”

The **Chapter Collaboration & Global Projects Committee** is responsible for assisting Chapters with collaborative endeavors.

If your chapter is already involved in collaborative events, please forward a copy of the event flyer to one the members of this committee so we can include the informa-

tion in this newsletter.

This committee will also be assisting with international outreach projects.

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Your Region 2 Awards and Mentoring Committee Suggests These Webinars!

Tools You Can Use: Resources for chapter leaders

This interactive session uses STTI's Web site as a virtual classroom to help you locate valuable chapter leader resources.

8 April 11 a.m. ET (10 a.m. CT, 9 a.m. MT, 8 a.m. PT) [Register](#)

The Basics of Mass Communications for Chapter Leaders

During this webcast learn how to better communicate with your members using your chapter roster to create mailing labels, mail merges and more.

13 April 3 p.m. (2 p.m. CT, 1 p.m. MT, 12 p.m. PT) [Register](#)

15 April 11 a.m. ET (10 a.m. CT, 9 a.m. MT, 8 a.m. PT) [Register](#)

Effective Governance Committees

Working with strong committees is one of the most effective ways to support chapter operations, delegate responsibilities and cultivate future chapter leaders.

20 April 3 p.m. (2 p.m. CT, 1 p.m. MT, 12 p.m. PT) [Register](#)

29 April 11 a.m. ET (10 a.m. CT, 9 a.m. MT, 8 a.m. PT) [Register](#)

Effective Leadership Succession Committees

Join Erin Hurst, chapter training specialist, during this one-hour presentation focusing on how your Leadership Succession Committee supports the longevity of your chapter.

4 May 3 p.m. (2 p.m. CT, 1 p.m. MT, 12 p.m. PT) [Register](#)

6 May 11 a.m. ET (10 a.m. CT, 9 a.m. MT, 8 a.m. PT) [Register](#)

Train, Transition and Track

Set the tone for your new board with effective training and transitions. Join Erin Hurst to discuss the most effective strategies for training new chapter leaders, transition chapter operations to the new board and track your progress.

11 May 3 p.m. (2 p.m. CT, 1 p.m. MT, 12 p.m. PT) [Register](#)

A Common Thread: The benefits of social networking for STTI Chapters

Join Erin Hurst and Michelle Lilly to discuss the benefits of utilizing online social networking technologies

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20 May 11 a.m. ET (10 a.m. CT, 9 a.m. MT, 8 a.m. PT) [Register](#)

STTI Leadership Summit—Hawaii, 2010

The STTI Leadership Summit held in Hawaii in January 2010 included attendance from about 15 members from Region 2, so it was a great opportunity to meet chapter leaders face-to-face .. while enjoying the warm weather at one of Honolulu's beachfront restaurants!

Photo on the left: Xi Omicron (Sydney, Australia) Chapter President, Sharon Andrew, and Region 2 Coordinator, Dale Mueller.

PowerPoint slides from many of the Leadership Summit presentations are available on the STTI website.



The Summit gatherings are always nourishing and worthwhile opportunities to learn from others.

Many thanks to the UCLA School of Nursing, who sponsored the plenary session featuring Dr. Valerie Fleming from the World Health Organization (WHO).

Photo on the right: Attendee Tiffany Montgomery of Xi Theta (Carson, California) contributed these photos to our Region 2 newsletter. Tiffany and STTI President, Karen Morin. Thanks, Tiffany!



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Marilyn recommends the **Train, Transition and Track** webinar for a smooth transition of officers this year

Webinar Registration .. Chapters >> Chapter Management >> Leadership Training

Begin here:
<http://www.nursingsociety.org/>

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**Newsletter
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 needed!**

Dear Readers:

This is my first attempt at creating a “newsletter,” ever!

While the Microsoft Publisher template was pretty straightforward, I am not ready to give up my “day job” just yet!

Region 2 has a small budget (very small ..) for administrative support.

If you know of anyone who might be interested, please help me to bring them aboard in a support capacity to help with our Region endeavors. This position will probably require about 8-hours per month and can be done via the Internet from just about any location.

Yours in health,
Dale

058	Beta Mu	The University of Arizona
066	Beta Upsilon	Arizona State
071	Gamma Alpha	Loma Linda University
073	Gamma Gamma	San Diego State University
088	Gamma Sigma	University of New Mexico
089	Gamma Tau-at-Large	UCLA, CSU Northridge
098	Delta Delta	West Texas A&M University
104	Delta Kappa	The University of Texas at El Paso
154	Zeta Mu-at-Large	University of San Diego
221	Iota Eta	California State University, Long Beach
226	Iota Mu	Texas Tech University
232	Iota Sigma	Azusa Pacific University
277	Lambda Omicron	Northern Arizona University
322	Nu Mu	California State University, Los Angeles
330	Nu Upsilon	Grand Canyon University
339	Xi Epsilon	California State University, Bakersfield
342	Xi Theta	California State University, Dominguez Hills
349	Xi Omicron	University of Western Sydney
362	Omicron Delta	University of Phoenix
364	Omicron Zeta	Abilene Christian University
406	Pi Omega	New Mexico State University
408	Rho Beta	California State University, San Bernardino
456	Upsilon Beta	California State University, Fullerton
479	Phi Alpha	Western University of Health Sciences

