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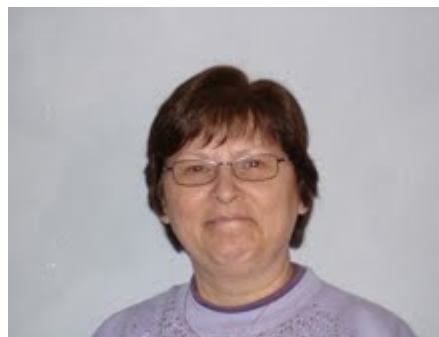
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Message from the Chapter President:

Kathy Rose RN, MSN



Happy New Year! The busy holiday season is over and it is my hope that everyone is doing well. It is a busy time of the year for Delta Omega Board Members.

Once the New Year is upon us it is time to engage those who are assembling the upcoming prospective membership list for our spring chapter induction ceremony. The induction ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, April 28, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. in the Student Union on The University of Akron campus. This year there are over 200 invitations that were sent to undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students announcing their eligibility to join our organization. With that the work begins to get those new members engaged in participation in the organization. If there are any new prospects that would like information about our organization please direct them to the website:

www.nursingsociety.org.

Since the last newsletter the organization has participated in several activities that are mentioned throughout this newsletter; OPEN-M (Opportunity Parish Ecumenical Neighborhood Ministry)

program “Christmas for the Love of Children in which we again sponsored two families,” OPEN-M hot lunch serving 126 in the community and the 2013 ASTE Science Fair judging to name a few.

Gearing up for the New Year also includes the assembling of the planning committee for the biennial conference for Region 10 as well. I am also asking for a volunteer to assist with the conference in the event I am unable to attend all conference calls. The requirement is one teleconference call per month until the last few weeks prior to the actual event and then it gets to be a weekly conference call. Chairing the vendor committee is one way to get involved with the Region as well.

“Current Trends in Drug Abuse” proved to be a very successful Winter Program arranged by Linda Shanks and Lisa Hart. The guest speaker, Jacob Zimmerman, RPh, presented an outstanding program. More information regarding the program is shared in this newsletter.

Lastly I would challenge those new inductees to reach out to one of the Board Members and see what you can do to help on a committee or volunteer to serve in a board position. The Board Members and their contact information are listed on the front page of this newsletter and are very helpful in assisting new members.

I am looking forward to meeting the new members at the April induction and congratulations to those who received the information for eligibility. You have done a great thing for the field of nursing and are well on your way to a successful nursing career!

Submitted by Kathy Rose, RN, MSN
President, Delta Omega Chapter, STTI

Call for Nominations for Annual Recognition Awards!

Have you worked with a wonderful mentor, leader, researcher, educator, colleague, or student lately?

Recognize this person by nominating her or him to receive a Delta Omega Award of Excellence.

Awards for Excellence include the following categories:

- ❖ *Nursing Leadership*
- ❖ *Nursing Practice*
- ❖ *Nursing Education*
- ❖ *Nursing Research*
- ❖ *Utilization of Nursing Research*
- ❖ *Nursing Mentoring*
- ❖ *Outstanding Undergraduate or Graduate Student Performance*

Submit your nominations to Chris Heifner Graor at graor@uakron.edu. **Deadline: April 2, 2013.** Awards will be announced at the Chapter Induction on April 28, 2013.

**The Award Nomination form* is included at the end of the newsletter.

News from Area Institutions

Summa Health System News February, 2013

Karen Frantz, BSN, RNC, Case Manager for Women’s Health Services, was named to the 18th class of the Child and Family Leadership Exchange (CFLE). She will take part in a year-long series of activities design to promote excellence in leadership. The CFLE program is administered by the Summit County Children Services.

Jan Weinhardt, MSN, RN, CNS, Kim Ballard, MSN, RN, GCNS-BC, Kristy Jacobson, MSN, RN, and Terri Weigand, RN all attended the International Stroke Conference in Honolulu February 5th – 8th. They accepted the ASA Get with the Guidelines Target Stroke and Gold Plus Performance awards. Kim had a poster presentation “Does Stroke Education Including Post Discharge

Telephone Support Improve Stroke Recognition and Need to Call 911?"

In addition Jan, Kim, and Kristy received graduation certificates for completing an acute neurovascular fellowship program offered through Arizona State University. This was a two year online learning program that culminated in a week long onsite clinical practicum. Dr. Susana Bowling served as the supervising physician at Summa. The onsite clinical practicum was held in Denver, Colorado at Swedish Medical Center for Jan and Kim and at UAB Birmingham, Alabama for Kristy. Kristy also received a "Clinical Excellence" award from Net Smart for her clinical practicum.

Roxia Boykin, MPA, BSN, RN, NEA-BC received the Harold K Stubbs Community Award for Social Service. This award honors the late Judge Harold K. Stubbs, and recognized community leaders who have gone above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of others.

Summa's print vendor, Printing Concepts, entered some of our work into the Ben Franklin award competition, which recognizes innovative and creative concepts for print pieces throughout Northeast Ohio. Summa won a bronze award for the 2012 Nursing Annual Report.

Deborah L. Washington, RN-BC BSN CCPC, Chest Pain Center, Improvement of Transfer Times Utilizing Systemization Development Leads to the First Mission: Lifeline STEMI Receiving Facility Accreditation in Ohio, *STEMI CARE*, October, 2012, 52-55.

Tiffany Kenny MSN RN C-EFM, (Women's Health Informatics) *Improving Labor and Delivery Safety and Labor and Delivery Simulation*, Premier Perinatal Safety Initiative, Phase 1 Results (2008-2010), December 5, 2012. Quoted in numerous newspapers and online references.

Kathy Wight, MSN, RN, GCNS-BC, PMHCNS-BC and J. Pepper presented a session on Risk and

Resilience: The Impact of Social Determinants and Psychosocial Stressors on Depression in African-American Older Adults at the Gerontological Society convention in San Diego in November. In addition Kathy, Carolyn Holder, MSN, RN, GCNS-BC, Kathy Hausch, BSN, RN, Lyn Benedict, MSN, RN-BC, CNS, CDP, Sue Hazelett, BSN, MS, RN, Kathy Blake, MSN, RN, Lanie Ward, BSN, MBA, RN, NEA-BC and Carmen Natale, MS presented It's My Health: A Nursing Model Combining Patient-Centered Care and Transitional Care at that conference.

Kathy Wright, MSN, RN, CNS-BC, PMHCNS-BC was one of three individuals selected to present her research at the 2012 Grantmakers in Aging Fellows program in Cleveland, OH in October.

State Representative Anthony DeVitis, R-Akron, recently presented commendations to two local nurses credited with saving a runner's life during the Akron Marathon. Heather Pariso, BSN, RN, a nurse from Pre-Admission Testing, and Lynne Trenkelbach, who were running in the Sept. 29 marathon, came to the aid of Tony Lindeman when he collapsed. Pariso pumped his heart, while Trenkelbach performed mouth-to-mouth until an ambulance arrived. Paramedics used a defibrillator to restart Lindeman's heart. "Thanks to the quick actions of Lynne and Heather in providing CPR until paramedics arrived, the life of Tony Lindeman was saved," DeVitis said in a news release. "We are grateful to have these selfless individuals in our community." Heather and her husband also organize the annual Portage Lakes Polar Bear fundraiser to benefit the Akron Food bank. That event netted close to \$100k for the charity.

Submitted by Barb Brunt,
Immediate Past President, Delta Omega Chapter

Delta Omega's Winter Program

**Akron General Medical Center
Wednesday, February 20, 2013**



Delta Omega's winter program, co-provided with The University of Akron, was titled "*Current Trends in Drug Abuse*." Jacob Zimmerman, RPh was the featured speaker.

Jacob is a Pharmacotherapy Specialist and has been in emergency medicine at Akron General for approximately 5 years. He graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Ohio Northern University and completed his pharmacy practice residency at Akron General.

The program began with dinner and networking. Forty nurses and graduate students attended the program. Kathy Rose, president of the Delta Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International provided a welcome to the attendees. The program received excellent reviews and was enjoyed by all!

We are very thankful to Jacob Zimmerman for sharing his expertise and to Akron General Medical Center for providing a venue for this program. The venue, dinner, and presentation were excellent!

Submitted by Linda Shanks,
1st Vice President, Delta Omega Chapter

Induction Invitation

Invitations for new members to join Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Omega Chapter have been sent out. Those who met the eligibility criteria were contacted via email. The deadline to complete the online membership application is April 14, 2013. Induction will be held **April 28, 2013** at the *Student Union, University of Akron*. Hope to see you there!!

Community Corner

OPEN-M "Christmas for the Love of Children 2012" Program

Many thanks to our membership for helping two families have a better holiday season in 2012. We provided gifts for 14 children and a \$150 gift card for each family to Acme. Final chapter expenses for the project were \$90.01 thanks to donations made by chapter membership.

The "Christmas for the Love of Children" Program is established by OPEN-M a faith-based ministry that helps people throughout the greater Akron area. The OPEN-M acronym stands for Opportunity for People Everywhere in Need Ministry.

Thanks again to the following members for making the program a success: Joan Baumgardner, Lyn Benedict, Barb Brunt, Maryann Cosgarea, Cindy Didado, Dina Dornack, Michelle Enlow, Mary Franklin, Lisa Hart, Greer Kabb Langkamp, Kathy Rose, Linda Shanks and Deborah Smith.

Submitted by: Dina Dornak,
2nd Vice President, Delta Omega Chapter

Open-M Hot Lunch January 25, 2013



Delta Omega served hot lunch on Friday, January 25. Pictured above from left to right are 3 of our volunteers actively engaged in serving— Amber Wick, Nancy McManus and Lori Kidd.

One hundred twenty six lunches went out to those needy people of Akron. Many thanks go to the volunteers who helped – Barb Brunt, Nancy McManus, Amber Wick, Greer Kabb-Langkamp, Peg DiMarco, Lori Kidd, Lyn Benedict, Eileen Fleming and Kathy Rose.

Although the weather did not cooperate that day, we still welcomed those hungry folks who showed. Once again it was a successful lunch. The next hot lunch date is set for August.

For those interested, please see one of the Delta Omega Board Members for information on how to volunteer for such a fulfilling experience. Volunteers need not stay for the entire time, but come and experience the community service provided by the Delta Omega Chapter.

Submitted by Dina Dornak,
2nd Vice President, Delta Omega Chapter

Getting involved in YOUR professional organization!!!

Many nurses often wonder how they can become involved in their professional organization. It can sometimes be intimidating to make that first step in becoming more involved! However, the Delta Omega chapter of STTI strives to make it easy for anyone to take that first step. Whether you are an experienced member of the STTI organization or are new to the organization, we have an opportunity for you!

Listed below are the positions that we are looking to fill for the 2013-2014 year:

Officers (two year term)

President
President Elect
Vice President
Secretary
Awards Chair
Governance Council Chair
Faculty Counselor (Must be a UA Nursing Faculty Member)

Committee Members (one year term):

Awards Committee
Induction Committee
Program Committee
Ways and Means Committee
Bylaws Committee
Newsletter/Web Committee
Research Grants Committee
Leadership Succession/Nominating Committee

In addition to the above positions, we are seeking individuals for our Leadership Intern and Extern Program. See the attached letter explaining this exciting opportunity!

Feel free to contact Elizabeth Good (egood2@aultman.com) or Carolyn Sutter (csutter@uakron.edu) for more details on all of

these opportunities. We're happy to answer your questions!

Announcements

24th International Nursing Research Congress

This International Nursing Research Congress is *the* place for the exchange of evidence-based practices and solutions among nurse researchers, clinicians, educators, policy makers and administrators. Participants will have the opportunity to network while learning more about what nurse researchers from all around the globe are doing to advance the science of nursing using innovation and new technologies.

Join us in Prague, Czech Republic, for the 24th International Nursing Research Congress.
Event registration opens 4 February 2013.

42nd Biennial Convention Give Back to Move Forward

The Biennial Convention has it all! You'll experience an abundance of educational workshops, poster presentations, elections, house of delegates and more! It's the best opportunity you'll have to network with other STTI members both new and established. There's something for everyone, no matter if you're a student, clinician, academic, manager or staff nurse. This event is planned with EVERY member in mind.

Join us in Indianapolis, Ind., USA, for the 42nd Biennial Convention.
Event registration opens 4 February 2013.

Checkout the Delta Omega Facebook page
for upcoming Chapter events!

<http://www.facebook.com/DeltaOmegaChapter>