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**Message from the President**



Members of Delta Omega,

It gives me great pleasure to announce we are receiving our thirteenth Chapter Key Award at the Biennial Convention this year. This award exemplifies our excellence in leadership, programming, community involvement and

membership engagement. The Awards Coordinator from STTI indicated that our submission was well written and reflective of a healthy and vibrant chapter. How will you contribute to continuing the chapter health and vibrancy during our 2017-2019 biennium?

The Board has worked on several opportunities to assist you with making the most of your membership. If you like to give back to the community we have the opportunity to donate 4 packs of toothbrushes to assist OPEN-M with their Christmas for the Love of Children Program. If you're looking to conduct research and need funding we have research grants available. The next submission due date is February 15, 2018. We're also planning a 2018 Winter Education Program slated to be on Human Trafficking. Do you have skill with cooking? We will be serving

Hot Lunch at OPEN-M on February 23, 2018.

I look forward to working with you and continuing this journey of excellence for our Chapter.

Many Blessings,

Dina Dornack, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President



## Sculpture Unveiling

“The Heart of Nursing,” a new sculpture near the entrance to Mary Gladwin Hall, home to the School of Nursing, was dedicated on September 25. The artwork, crafted by **John Comunale** of Comunale Sculptural Concepts of Akron, was created in celebration of 50 years of nursing education at the University of Akron.



Funding for the sculpture was provided by donations from UA’s Delta Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. This partnership helps to deliver the University of Akron’s School of Nursing program the superior recognition it deserves.

Of the work, Comunale writes, “The two conceptual elements are joined together by a common side, like us all. The interaction between the two, nurse and patient, teacher and pupil, together yet separate entities, is the heart of this sculpture. The conch shell, conceptually, is the school, the organization that shields, nurtures and protects its heart.”



## Did you know?

Your gift to the STTI Foundation helps the organization fulfill its mission to support the learning, knowledge, and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide. And you can decide where you want to designate your support – research, leadership, future, or the unrestricted fund giving categories. STTI provides small grants and research grants to members. In addition, they give co-sponsored partner grants. There are numerous leadership development opportunities provided by the organization. Consider donating today to help

support nurses around the world heal, lead, and learn.

## Research and Recognition Committee

Interested in Research or Recognizing Others?

The Delta Omega Research and Recognition Committee is looking for interested members to be a part of our committee. This group is responsible for reviewing research and EBP grant applications twice a year, and oversees the awards program for the excellence awards given in April of each year. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Barb Brunt at [bruntb1@gmail.com](mailto:bruntb1@gmail.com) or (330) 388-1620

## Delta Omega Chapter of STTI Salutes Nurses

The University of Akron, School of Nursing hosted the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Cameos of Caring Gala in October. The Cameos of Caring recognizes nurses for their contribution to health care in Summit County and the surrounding region. This program continues to celebrate nursing excellence and helps keep the nation's critical need for nurses at the forefront of public consciousness. Congratulations Cameo Award recipients. Delta Omega salutes you!



## 840 Toothbrushes Needed

Delta Omega has taken up a challenge to provide 840 toothbrushes for Open M's Christmas for the Love of Children Christmas baskets. Open M's vision is to break the cycle of poverty and improve the health of our community, one family at a time. Their mission is to build bridges out of poverty by fostering health, wellness and nutrition for the body; education for the mind; and hope, joy and spiritual growth for the soul.



Can you help us with this project? Toothbrushes are needed by November 27<sup>th</sup>. For information, contact Dina Dornack at [ddornack@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ddornack@sbcglobal.net) or for pickup contact Laurie Celik at [dcelik@neo.rr.com](mailto:dcelik@neo.rr.com).

Thank you for your help with this community project.

## UA's Nursing Program Celebrates 50 Years!

Congratulations to the University of Akron's Nursing Program for celebrating 50 years!



## Important Dates

The Open-M Hot Lunch Dates for 2018 have been confirmed: Friday, February 23, 2018 and Monday, October 29, 2018. We will be looking for volunteers to help us serve meals to anyone in need throughout Summit County!



Find us at:



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## Calendar of Events!

Event	Date	Time	Location
Board Meeting	November 27, 2017	5:30pm	MGH 101
4 pack toothbrushes due	November 27, 2017		
Board Meeting	January 29, 2018		MGH 101
Research Grant Proposals due	February 15, 2018		
OPEN-M Hot Lunch	February 23, 2018		OPEN-M
Board Meeting	February 26, 2018		MGH 101
Winter Program	TBA February 2018		TBA
Region 10 Conference	March 23-24, 2018		Ann Arbor, MI
Board Meeting	March 26, 2018		MGH 101
Board Meeting	April 23, 2018		MGH 101
Induction Ceremony	TBA		TBA
Spring 2018 Research Conference	TBA May 2018		TBA
OPEN-M Hot Lunch	October 29, 2018		OPEN-M

Visit the Calendar of Events on our website for important deadlines and upcoming events:  
<http://www.uakron.edu/nursing/about-us/stti>

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