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Message from the President

Delta Omega Chapter has been busy! We have many wonderful events planned and opportunities for Chapter members to become more involved.

This newsletter is full of information from the 2017 Sigma Biennial Convention reported by our Chapter delegates Barb Brunt and Diane Lorenzen. President Beth Tigges Call for Action charges us to Connect, Collaborate and Catalyze and gives us much to consider as a Chapter and as Sigma members. The highlight for our chapter was receiving our 13th Key Award! Congratulations to Linda Shanks, immediate past president, the 2015-2017 Chapter Board of Directors and all Chapter members on this accomplishment!

New logo and branding information was rolled out to Chapter leaders and members and your Delta Omega Board is transitioning to embrace the new Sigma brand. We are working toward moving the Chapter website from the University of Akron School of Nursing webpage to The Circle, the professional networking site of Sigma Theta Tau International. This newsletter includes a call for volunteers to assist with the project.

1st Vice-President Dina Dornack has been busy planning events. Our January and February programs highlighted the rising incidence of human trafficking in our area, how to identify victims and ways to respond in clinical practice. There was an excellent turnout and we all learned
a lot of good information. Our Chapter will continue to raise awareness by partnering with the Cameos of Caring Alumnae to provide a conference focusing on human trafficking in March of 2018. Watch for more information in the coming year.

Together with the Delta Xi Chapter at Kent State University and the Pi Chi Chapter at Malone University, Delta Omega Chapter is sponsoring the Collaborative 2018 Annual Research Conference. The link to register is included in the newsletter. I hope you will join us at the event.

Thank you to Lori Kidd, 2nd Vice-President and Sheryl Stuck, Faculty Counselor, for organizing the information sessions for students about Sigma and Delta Omega Chapter. Mark your calendars for the Chapter’s Induction Ceremony on Sunday, April 15 at 2pm in the University of Akron Student Union Ballroom. Recipients of Chapter Excellence Awards and Research Grants will be recognized during the Induction Ceremony. The speaker for Induction is Ashley Capestrain. As an undergraduate student Ashley was the Chapter Leadership Intern. She currently serves as the Chapter Leadership Extern and will be speaking on her leadership journey. I look forward to hearing Ashley’s perspective, congratulating the award recipients and welcoming our new inductees into Delta Omega Chapter! All Chapter members are invited to Induction and the reception following the program.

The Chapter has continued our philanthropy. We provided OPEN-M with toothbrushes in December and lunch in February. Delta Omega Chapter members served as sponsored judges at the Western Reserve District 5 Science Day awarding a middle school and high school student award of excellence.

The Leadership Succession Committee is preparing the 2018 ballot. The Chapter needs your leadership, service and involvement to help us sustain Chapter Excellence and attain our 14th Chapter Key Award in 2019. More information on the office and committee positions available is included in the Newsletter. Let Diane Lorenzen, Leadership Succession Committee Chair know what office you are interested in running for and/or if you are able to be involved and would like to serve on a committee. Diane can be reached at dlorenzen@uakron.edu

Your Delta Omega Board is comprised of vibrant, committed Chapter members. I’d like to personally take this opportunity to thank them for giving of their time and talents on behalf of the Chapter! The Board meets the 4th Monday of every month at 5:00 pm at The University of Akron, Mary Gladwin Hall in room 101F. We welcome members to attend the monthly meetings to hear more about our activities. In February two nursing students from Hiram College attended the Board meeting to learn more about professional organizations in nursing. Your participation as a Chapter member is vital to accomplishing our goals and activities. Please let us know if you want to become more involved and I will get you connected with the Chair of the appropriate committee. I can be reached at 330-697-0156 or ariseliades@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Happy Spring!
Aris Eliades, PhD, RN
President, Delta Omega Chapter

**Report of Sigma Convention**

Diane Lorenzen and Barb Brunt served as delegates and attended the 44th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis from October 28 –
November 1, 2017, and they provided the following summary. Over 2,000 nurse professionals attended this program, sharing information, learning, and networking with each other.

After the time-honored flag processional and presentation of the STTI International/ATI Educational Assessment Nursing Research Grant, STTI President Cathy Catrambone, PhD, RN, FAAN, reported on the progress of STTI and the initiatives that supported her call to action. The new president’s call to action is included as a separate article in this newsletter. At the end of her session, she announced the launch of a new brand for Sigma. The new brand is located on the home page and information about the brand was sent to all STTI members.

On Sunday, Therese Richmond, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, Associate Dean for Research and Innovation at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, presented a plenary session titled “Life is Fragile: The Science of Injury, Violence, and Recovery.” Injury and violence is a global public health priority. This session focuses on improving outcomes after injury by better understanding the complex interaction between physical injury and post-injury psychological responses and in reducing violence and its consequences to individual, families, and communities. The Heritage Society Reception and Dinner was Sunday evening, where Barb was one of the 25 new fellows who initiated a contribution during the biennium to support leadership and research through the foundation.

The Race for Research 5k race and the Sleep-in-for Research (for attendees who wanted to stay warm and dry) on Monday morning raised almost $10,000 for nursing research. The plenary session on Monday, “The Values that transcend Change” was presented by Patricia Thompson, EdD, MSN, RN, FAAN (the outgoing CEO) and Elizabeth Madigan, PhD, RN, FAAN (the incoming CEO). Their passion for upholding the core values in both our professional and personal lives was an inspiration to all who attended.

Delta Omega received our 13th Key Award at the chapter awards recognition event. We are one of only 2 chapters in the world to have received the key award recognizing chapter excellence 13 times. They also had a retirement celebration and reception for Pat Thompson that evening. A sold-out crowd of over 400 attendees, including several past presidents, honored Pat for her decade of service as Sigma’s CEO. Foundation Board Chair Patricia Davidson announced that more than $220,000 was donated in honor of Pat by chapters, members, and friends of nursing during the last year to establish the Patricia Thompson Global Research Fund to sustain the Global Research Grant.

Barb and Diane attended numerous educational concurrent sessions throughout the convention, including various chapter leader sessions. They will be sharing handouts of those sessions with the appropriate chapter leaders. The House of Delegates sessions were on Tuesday and Wednesday. Resolutions on the following topics were approved by the delegates:

1. Resolution in Support of the Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing & Midwifery (GAPHON) convened by Sigma Theta Tau International
2. **Resolution in Support of Healthcare Providers and Humanitarian Workers Worldwide**
   Responding to the Needs of Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons, and Migrants

3. **Resolution in Recognition of the Importance of the Society’s Global Leadership in Supporting Nurses Working to Positively Influence the Culture of Care and Health Policy**

4. **Resolution in Support of Global Mentoring and Engagement within Sigma Theta Tau International**

5. **Resolution in Appreciation for the Outstanding Work of Sigma Theta Tau International’s United Nations Liaison and Youth Representatives**

6. **Resolution in Appreciation for the Leadership and Stewardship of President Cathy Catrambone, the Board of Directors, and Subsidiary Boards**

7. **Resolution in Appreciation for all STTI Staff, Chairs, and Members of Committees, Advisory Councils, and Task Forces**

8. **Resolution in Appreciation for the Outstanding Leadership of Dr. Patricia E. Thompson as CEEE of the Society for the Past 10 Years**

The delegates also voted on proposed bylaws changes. These will be shared with the governance committee members to ensure that our chapter bylaws are consistent with the international bylaws. Most of the changes were grammatical to be consistent with other areas of the bylaws. For instance, baccalaureate/equivalent degree was changed to basic degree, and school of nursing was changed to an institution of higher education. Revised wording was added to clarify that it is the educational program’s accreditation and quality that is vetted during the development process. Additional wording was added in the section relating to dissolution of a chapter to be consistent with the chapter bylaws, indicating that if a majority of the dissolved chapter’s members transfer to the same chapter, remaining funds may be contributed to that chapter.

The most discussion centered around a proposed bylaws amendment to provide Sigma with the flexibility to elect officers, directors, and committee members electronically. This proposed amendment did not pass and was referred to the Board of Directors to bring information back to the next House of Delegates meeting. Mark your calendars now - the 45th Biennial Convention will be held in Washington DC from November 16-20, 2019.

Submitted by Barb Brunt and Diane Lorenzen, Delegates
Presidential Call to Action 2017-2019

Submitted by Barb Brunt

Beth Baldwin Tigges, PhD, RN, PNP, BC, President of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (Sigma), presented her 2017-2019 Call to Action at the 44th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis at the House of Delegates session on November 1, 2017. An electronic version of her call to action, a YouTube video, and files containing her slide presentation and other information can be found at: http://www.nursinglibrary.org/vhl/handle/10755/623718

Dr. Tigges noted, “In the past 10 years, Sigma has grown to over 500 chapters worldwide, developed new models for chapter development, including partnerships with clinical organizations; formed new global regions; gained Economic and Social Council Midwifery (GAPFON®). Now is the time to build on that extraordinary success and our rich heritage by developing new ways to CONNECT with our members and other nurses worldwide, and COLLABORATE with diverse partners to CATALYZE change for advancing world health and global nursing excellence.”

CONNECT – Sigma’s vision is to be the global organization of choice for nursing. To do so, we need to connect with fellow nurses and partners throughout the world. Technology allows us to make connections and work collaboratively. We need to maximum the use of cutting-edge technologies to digitally transform as an organization and advance the work of Sigma. Dr. Tigges provided numerous examples of how chapters could do this, and some of those ideas are listed below.

➢ Develop a strategic plan for your chapter and use technology deliberately to meet your goals
➢ Manage your chapter website on The Circle and network through a community of interest
➢ Be intentional about learning and using a minimum of one new social media strategy professionally each year
➢ Use video-conferencing to conduct or enhance chapter and regional meetings
➢ Attend and present your work at Sigma’s global conferences
➢ Promote and use continuing education and other resources available through the Sigma Marketplace
➢ Develop a TED talk or similar format to disseminate nursing expertise, evidence, and outcomes

COLLABORATE – The Sigma mission is to advance world health and celebrate nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. To do so, we need to be intentionally collaborative. Collaborations foster creativity and innovation, can address complex issues, and have been successful in challenging environments. By expanding our collaborative work, we can more successfully fulfill Sigma’s mission. Some of the strategies Dr. Tigges mentioned are listed below.

➢ Make sure your chapter strategic plan includes activities with at least one new collaborative partner per year, such as another chapter, hospital, university, profession, or community
➢ Work with fellow chapter leaders to implement initiatives highlighted in Chapter Kay Award criteria to maximize chapter effectiveness and apply for an award
➢ Complete a service project with another professional organization or community group
➢ Serve in elected and appointed positions in broad, health-focused organizations
➢ Lead and participate in collaborative activities that advance the UN Sustainable Development Goals
➢ Diversify your professional networks to gain new partners and ideas for innovative solutions
➢ Complete a volunteer profile on the Circle to work with others

CATALYZE – To be the organization of choice for nursing and advance world health, Sigma must be a catalyst for action. Catalyze means to bring about, initiate, produce fundamental change, or transform. Sigma is a global organization, but we implement our global missions within local contexts – within chapters and regions of the world. Because of this perspective, we can bring about significant change in our communities with the following strategies:

➢ Make sure your strategic plan focuses on strengthening existing activities or developing new initiatives
➢ Continue Sigma’s annual Founders’ Day (5 October) with 90 minutes of service as a volunteer
➢ Structure chapter and regional activities to support Sigma’s strategic plan and board updates
➢ Participate in regional councils and initiatives to foster growth and collaboration within all global regions
➢ Advance global nursing leadership and research with personal and Chapter Giving Club donations to the Sigma Foundation for Nursing
➢ Jointly fund scholarships and grants with local professional organizations
➢ Serve as a career advisor, coach, or mentor through the Career Center on the Circle
➢ Nominate colleagues for Sigma’s international and chapter awards.

Greg Colbeck, Director of Operations and Alicia Ley, Adult Safe House Coordinator from RAHAB ministries were joined by Brooke Phillips, BSN, RN, Staff Nurse, Akron Children’s Hospital Emergency Department/Behavioral Health Unit. Clinical and personal perspectives were shared with 35 people who were in attendance. The speakers represented Rahab Ministries and clinical nursing. The evening was thought provoking and engaging.

Our next educational offering will be held in May as a combined event with Delta Omega, Delta Xi and Pi Chi. Please plan to join us. Should be a great event.

Dina Dornack RN, MSN
1st Vice President

Connecting the Dots:
Perspectives on Human Trafficking

On January 29, we viewed the movie Priceless. The movie viewing was followed up by the program Connecting the Dots: Community, Clinical, Personal Perspectives On Human Trafficking held Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at Akron Children’s Hospital.

Movie viewing on Jan 29
Help Wanted

As a society that continually strives to improve, especially in communicating with all of our members, we are in need of some tech support. We are currently beginning the process of migrating to The Circle; the professional networking site of Sigma Theta Tau International. If you, or someone you know, would be able to assist the board in this exciting technological advancement, please contact President Aris Eliades at aeliades@chmca.org.

Interested in a Delta Omega Chapter Officer Position or Serving on a Committee?

Delta Omega was awarded its 13th Chapter Key Award from Sigma in 2017. Only one other chapter can claim this achievement. The Leadership Succession/Nominating Committee is preparing the 2018 ballot – we need your leadership, service and involvement to help us attain our 14th Chapter Key Award. Let us know what office you are interested in running for and/or if you are able to be involved and would like to serve on a committee. We will contact you to confirm and send you a Consent to Serve form before placing you on the ballot.

Offices: Term of Office Two Years (Except for President-Elect, who serves 1 year in that position & then two years as president) Serves July 1, 2018- June 30, 2020

- President-Elect
- 2nd Vice President
- Treasurer
- Governance Committee (elect 1)
- Leadership Succession (Nominating) Committee (elect 2)

Committees: Term One Year Serves July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019

- Induction Committee
- Bylaws Committee
- Ways and Means Committee
- Newsletter/Web Committee
- Program Committee
- Research and Recognition Committee
- Membership Committee

Other Positions: Leadership Program: Term One Year Serves June 1, 2018- May 30, 2019

- Extern (Licensed Nurse)
- Intern (Student)

Application and criteria found on STTI Delta Omega website:
http://www.uakron.edu/nursing/about-us/stti/

President-Elect: The president-elect serves a one year term to learn the role of President and then serves a two-year term as president. He/she serves as the executive officer and administers all business of the Chapter as provided for in the bylaws. Also, the president is the chief chapter representative at inter-chapter activities and is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Leadership Succession Committee. The president submits a report at each board of directors meeting and to members at the annual business meeting, and assists in the preparation of the Chapter Annual Report.

2nd Vice President: The 2nd vice president performs the duties of the president in the president’s and 1st Vice-President’s absence, submits a report at each board of directors meeting and to members at the annual business meeting, and assists in the preparation of the Chapter Annual Report. Serves as induction committee chairperson and works on membership activities.

Treasurer: The treasurer serves as the custodian of the chapter’s funds. The treasurer also proposes a budget to the board of directors, submits a report at each board of directors meeting and to members at the annual business meeting, and assists in the preparation of the Chapter Annual Report.

Governance Committee: this is made up of two elected chapter members, plus the counselor. This committee is charged with overseeing the bylaw compliance, makes recommendations for bylaws changes, and oversees member eligibility issues. The counselor serves as the chair of this committee.
**LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION (NOMINATING) COMMITTEE:**
develops members in organizational leadership roles, mentors members to assume organizational board and officer positions, selects nominees, and prepares and sends the ballot to the board of directors four weeks prior to a scheduled election.

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE:** oversees the bylaws amendment process and submits the Chapter’s bylaws to headquarters.

**INDUCTION COMMITTEE:** Assists with the planning and coordination of the annual induction process and the induction service and oversees the preparation of the annual induction ceremony.

**NEWSLETTER/WEB COMMITTEE:** oversees the development and implementation of strategies to maintain and increase the chapter’s visibility through venues such as Web sites and newsletters.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** Plans develops, coordinates and implements chapter meeting programming; also oversees the CE process for all programs and meetings.

**RESEARCH AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE:** Reviews grant applications and award nominations, and submits recommendations for funding/award recipients to the board of directors.

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE:** Works with the chapter treasurer as needed with fund-raising strategies, and the coordination, implementation and evaluation of chapter fund-raising projects and events.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Works with the chapter 2nd Vice President on membership activities

**LEADERSHIP PROGRAM: LEADERSHIP EXTERN** (licensed registered nurse)

**LEADERSHIP INTERN** (newly inducted undergraduate member)

The program is designed to promote and develop future leadership for STTI. The Leadership Program an opportunity to grow professionally and personally, to develop or expand leadership skills and learn more about STTI and the Delta Omega Chapter. The leadership extern & intern will be mentored by a member of the Board of Directors and will have the opportunity to: learn skills for leadership development, be mentored as a nurse leader, develop networking opportunities, and participate in honor society activities at the international, regional and chapter levels.

The leadership program criteria include: Interest in the Delta Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International; Availability for a one year term: June through May; Show evidence of service, scholarship, and dedication to nursing; Aspire to strengthen leadership skills; Current member of Delta Omega Chapter

Each selected extern and/or intern will be expected to:
- Attend a minimum of 50% of board meetings; Attend and be introduced at the Induction Ceremony; Participate in special event planning and implementation

Email Diane Lorenzen at dlorenzen@uakron.edu by March 30, 2018 providing: Your contact information and the office or committee you are interested in. Thank you for your support! Diane Lorenzen MS Nursing, RN-BC, CPN, Leadership Succession Committee Chair

**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.

Delta Omega offers up to three book scholarships for active members in the Delta Omega Chapter. The applicant must be currently attending an undergraduate or graduate nursing program, or be a nurse attending a PhD program in a related field. Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of $300. Each awardee may only receive one scholarship per academic year.

Delta Omega Chapter provides scholarship in practice, education and research and funds paper and poster presentations of members and nursing
students participating in state, regional, national and international nursing and interdisciplinary professional meetings, conferences or forums. The Scholarly Activity Funding Application and Guidelines can be found on the Chapter webpage http://www.uakron.edu/nursing/documents/delta-omega/scholarf2018.pdf

**Toothbrush Update: Thank You!**

As you may remember, Delta Omega took up the 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. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this community project!

![Toothbrushes](image)

**Spring Induction**

Don’t forget that our spring induction ceremony is coming up **April 15th** in the Student Union.

Ballrooms. We can’t wait to welcome our new members and recognize excellence through our Delta Omega Recognition Awards. Hope to see you there!

**Delta Omega, Delta Xi, & Pi Chi Chapters Present 2018 Annual Research Conference**

Research, Evidence-Based Practice, Quality Improvement: Using Data to Inform Practice

Save the date: Tuesday, May 15, 2019
4:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Kent State University at Stark Conference Center
6000 Frank Avenue NW,
North Canton, OH 44720

Early registration ends April 9

Register here at this link: [Register at Collaborative 2018 Annual Research Conference](https://deltaxi.regfox.com/2018-research-conference)

**OPEN M Lunch**

Thank you to Chapter volunteers who prepared and served a much appreciated hot lunch of sloppy joe’s, carrots and celery with ranch dressing, chips and dessert to 58 community members at OPEN-M on February 23. Volunteers are needed to help serve meals at OPEN-M on October 31, 2018. Contact Dina Dornack to volunteer [ddornak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ddornak@sbcglobal.net)
Front row left to right: Cynthia Didado, Diane Lorenzen, Sheryl Stuck. Back row left to right: Aris Eliades, Barb Brunt, Kathy Rose, Linda Shanks, Gary Rose.

Western Reserve District 5 Science Day

Delta Omega Chapter members Diane Brown, Barb Brunt, Dina Dornack and Aris Eliades served as sponsored judges at the Western Reserve District 5 Science Day held in the Student Center Ballroom at the University of Akron on March 17, 2018. Judges reviewed 18 projects in the Biomedical and Health Sciences category for knowledge achieved, rigor of processes, clarity of expression of results, and creative and original application. Congratulations to the recipients of the $100.00 Delta Omega Chapter award for best Nursing-Related Project, Morgan Hudson and Neil Tewari.

Neil Tewari, 11th grade, Hawken School, Chesterland,
Investigation of the Adhesive Characteristics of Sickle Red Blood Cells in Protein Immobilized Microfluidic Channels

Morgan Hudson, 8th grade, Archbishop Lyke-St Henry Campus, Cleveland,
Suds At Work
A Thank You From OPEN M To Delta Omega:

December 27, 2017

Dear Sigma Theta Tau International Delta Omega Chapter,

As I find the New Year approaching I find myself reflecting back on all the people that came through OPEN M. Not just the clients we have helped, but also from you the donor as well. A quote from William Arthur Ward said, “Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.” We all love opening presents and I couldn’t imagine leaving one unwrapped all year.

In the months of November and December we celebrated with our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and held our Christmas Program “For the Love of Children”. Thanksgiving dinner was a great success with 89 volunteers and we were able to serve 255 people. With the support and generosity from donors, our Christmas program was able to give food and gifts to 212 families and helped 1,013 individuals. The 210 food boxes weighed 180 pounds each, that is 37,800 pounds of food that went out into the community.

OPEN M and I would like to say thank you for another great year of shining our light in the community. For the months of November and December your gift was shared with those less fortunate. The blessing you stowed upon OPEN M was toothbrushes for our Christmas program. I am overjoyed with all the support that you shared and cannot express my gratitude.

Please continue to check us out on social media and consider bringing a friend in for a tour.

Sincerely,

Julie Carneal
Food/Building Manager
(316) 635-0110 ext 416
Fax: (316) 634-6661
food@openm.org

3 John 4: "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."
## Calendar of Events!
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