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LAMBDA DELTA CHAPTER NEWS

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President's Message

Dear Colleagues:

I am both excited and honored to take over the Presidency of the Lambda Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau. Kathy Armstrong's mentorship over the past two years has certainly helped to prepare me for this position and I would like to thank Kathy for her past and continued support of the Lambda Delta Chapter. In addition, the collaboration of an excellent team of officers and committee chairs has already helped to chart the course for the next two years. I feel exceedingly fortunate to be able to work with such a talented group of nursing scholars.

Member involvement is critical to the success of our organization and I would personally like to extend an invitation to all of the membership to participate in chapter activities and meetings. As we begin the new year, we have made some changes in the way our meetings will be conducted. To accommodate a variety of schedules, our meetings will alternate each month between Monday and Tuesday evenings and will be held at the Club at Monmouth University. The calendar for the 2002-2003 year has been set and is included in the newsletter. At each of our monthly meetings, we hope to conduct a short business meeting, and then to engage in activities that enhance leadership and scholarship for our members. Presentations from our members on topics related to clinical scholarship are planned for each meeting and we will seek continuing education credits as appropriate for these meetings. In addition to our monthly meetings, we also plan to co-sponsor several programs with the local chapter of AACN. We are looking forward to this collaboration as it will concentrate resources and allow us to provide a higher quality of educational offerings.

Recognizing excellence in leadership and scholarship will continue to be a high priority for our chapter. The Janice Marchetti Leadership Award and the Hannelore Sweetwood Mentorship Award are two wonderful opportunities to acknowledge the achievements of our members. Through our research grant program, our chapter provides resources for individuals who are involved in advancing the science of our profession. In addition to the chapter awards, Sigma Theta Tau International sponsors of a significant number of international awards for excellence in practice and research. Being a recipient of an award from the Honor Society of Nursing is a distinct honor for exceptional achievement in nursing and I strongly encourage all of our members to take advantage of these opportunities and submit applications for these awards.

Sigma Theta Tau is a vital organization representing leadership and scholarship for the nursing profession. Our members are our most precious commodity and as a chapter we are committed to provide relevant services that promote clinical scholarship, professional development and leadership. We intend as a chapter to support networking opportunities to foster interdisciplinary collaboration, and to stimulate thinking outside the box to enhance the view of nursing as a valued discipline and career. Please join us by participating in chapter activities.

Teri Wurmser, PhD, RN

LAMBDA DELTA

13th Annual Induction and Award Ceremony

The Lambda Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International held its 13th Annual Induction and Award ceremony and luncheon on June 2, 2002 at The Waterview Pavilion in Belmar, New Jersey. A total of 20 new members were inducted: 6 BSN candidates, 9 MSN candidates and 5 community leaders. In addition, three members transferred in from other STTI chapters.

The Janice M. Marchetti Leadership Award was presented to Maryanne Crowther, MSN, APN-C, CCRN who is currently the By Laws Chair and former Newsletter editor of the Lambda Delta Chapter. Maryanne currently serves as the Coordinator and Advanced Practice Nurse for the Heart Failure Center at Jersey Shore Medical Center. In her current role, she coordinates multi disciplinary efforts to promote health for both inpatient and outpatient Congestive Heart Failure patients. Maryanne is an excellent role model for nurses as she is active in professional organizations, lectures widely on patient care issues, conducts research and presents and publishes the results of her research for dissemination to the nursing community. During her nursing career, Maryanne has earned

the respect of the patients, staff, physicians and administrators for maintaining the highest level of quality for the patients she serves. In 2001, Maryanne received the STTI Innovations in Clinical Practice Award at the convention in Indianapolis and most recently was awarded the New Jersey Governor's Award for Advanced Practice Nursing.



The Janice M. Marchetti Award presented to Maryanne Crowther.



(Officers and Committee Members at Induction)

L-R: Janice Marchetti - Archives; Teri Wurmser, President; Jill Tralka, Treasurer; Mary Gauld-Membership; Kathy Armstrong, immediate past President; Maryanne Crowther, Leadership Recipient; Mary Niedrach, Recording Secretary; Marianne Duffy, President-Elect; Sue Mc Grath - Publicity

In addition to the new member induction and award ceremony, new officers were installed during this meeting: Teri Wurmser as President, Marianne Duffy as President-Elect, Nancy Lenaghan as Corresponding Secretary, Jill Tralka as Treasurer and Janet Mahoney as Faculty Counselor. Congratulations to all those honored at this years ceremony.

Lambda Delta Research Fund

The Lambda Delta Chapter accepts tax deductible contributions for its Research Fund to help further the science of the nursing profession. Nursing research grants are awarded each year to nurses who are engaged in sound research projects. To raise money for our Research Fund, advertisements are also being accepted for the Lambda Delta Chapter Newsletter at a cost of \$10 for a 2 inch by 3/4 inch ad. The newsletter is mailed twice a year to over 250 members in the Monmouth and Ocean County area. For more information about advertising in the newsletter, please contact Vicki De Noia at (732) 758-0325. For more information about the Research Fund, contact Fiesta Clanton at (732) 785-1012 or any of the Lambda Delta Board members.

Lambda Delta Research Day: Call for Abstracts:

Lambda Delta Chapter Research Day is scheduled for May 2, 2002 at Monmouth University in Young Auditorium, Bey Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Abstracts are now being accepted for both podium and poster presentations. For more information or to submit an abstract, contact Fiesta Clanton at (732) 785-1012.

**Lambda Delta Chapter
Welcomes Our New Members
Inducted June 2, 2002**

BSN

*Elizabeth L. Cunniff
Lynn M. Haley
Christina M. Lardino
Joanne W. McGurl
Carolann O' Connor
Marilyn R. Tominus*

MSN

*Rosario S. Conde
Kathleen Gelchion
Paula T. Imai
Lolita Jacob
Lydia Jargowsky
Virginia Kimerling
Mary Jean Kinsella
Donna Knowles
Donna J. MacLachlan*

Community Leaders

*Donna Cardillo
Kathleen H. Napolitan
Loretta M. Ninivaggi
Patricia A. Reiff
Rebecca Welter*

Transfers

*Vicki De Noia
Robyn Foster
Christine Landes*

**Sigma Theta Tau International:
Call for Nominations
2003 Ballot - Board of Directors and
Elected Committees**

The Nominating Committee invites international officers, committee chairs and members, chapter leaders and members to submit names for consideration for the 2003 ballot. Key qualifications of potential leaders would include: a demonstrated strong commitment and knowledge of the society's vision, mission and goals; active organizational involvement on behalf of nursing; active membership and participation in the society; and, the time and talents to serve in a leadership role.

Nominations are being accepted for President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors, Regional Chapter Coordination Committee, Research and Nomination Committees.

More information, nomination forms can be downloaded from the STTI website:
<http://www.nursingsociety.org>

2002 Inductees



2002 BSN Students



2002 MSN Students



**Community Leaders and Transfer members at the
June 2, 2002 Award Ceremony.**

**Meridian Health System's
Ann May Center for Nursing**

Ann May Center for Advancement of Professional Nursing Practice was established at Meridian Health System to support the evolving needs of nurses in a rapidly changing health care environment. The Center offers educational counseling, scholarships, writing and presentation skills, workshops, and help with the planning and implementation of research projects. For more information about programs and scholarships contact Dr. Teri Wurmser at (732) 776-2496.

News from The Saint Barnabas Health Care System Monmouth Medical Center

By Carolyn Zagury, RN PhD

Many exciting things have helped to celebrate Nursing Excellence within the Saint Barnabas Health Care System! First, The SBHCS was named as New Jersey's "Outstanding Employer" for 2002. This prestigious award for excellence is given from the New Jersey Business and Industry Association. Of particular significance is the fact that the System is the only health care organization or hospital selected to receive the award this year. The award was given to recognize excellence in human resource management and the dedication to employee initiatives. SBHCS is committed to developing innovative programs and services that are aimed to help the employees achieve a balance between personal and professional lives.

The Saint Barnabas Health Care System is proud to recognize Kimball Medical Center for the prestigious Magnet Award. KMC is the 49th hospital in the country and the first hospital in the System to achieve this National Award for Nursing Excellence. The KMC staff, under the direction of Kathy Shafer, RN, MS and a strong nursing steering committee, focused their Magnet journey on the many innovative programs and processes that guide the day-to-day nursing practice. Their hard work and dedication to their professional practice provided the basis of excellence and their national recognition. All of the SBHCS facilities share in the pride of KMC!

Monmouth Medical Center's Rosemarie Hertting, RN, MSN, APNC, CHPN is a recipient of the New Jersey League for Nursing 2002 *Nurse Recognition Award*. The award is given annually to recognize the many contributions that the individual nurse has made to quality health care. Rosemarie has exemplified unprecedented clinical excellence throughout her nursing career. Her expertise is within the field of Palliative Care. She has developed comprehensive interdisciplinary programs as well as participated in New Jersey Cancer Research Award for Scientific Excellence in 2001. In addition to her local and state involvement in Palliative care, Rosemarie has been invited to serve on the National Institute of Health Advisory workgroup for Palliative care.

Congratulations for all of the many achievement of excellence for the Saint Barnabas Health Care System!

The Lambda Delta Chapter Award Program

The Hannelore Sweetwood Mentorship Award: This is a new award this year named in memory of former Lambda Delta President and active member, Dr. Hannelore Sweetwood, to recognize members who serve others in a mentoring role. A mentor demonstrates special interest in and guidance to colleagues by listening, advising, teaching, coaching and by being a professional guide and role model. Do you know a colleague who fits this description? Nominate him or her for this very special award. The deadline is April 1, 2003. For more information or for a nomination form, please contact Marianne Duffy at (732) 972-6058

The Janice Marchetti Leadership Award is presented annually to a Lambda Delta Chapter member who has been recognized for leadership qualities in education, practice, administration or research. Nominations are now being accepted for members who have the endorsement and support for nursing and community leaders and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in nursing. Please contact Marianne Duffy at (732) 972-6058 for an application.

NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE LAMBDA DELTA CHAPTER

Community Leader Candidate:

Nurses must hold a minimum of a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent and have demonstrated achievement in education, practice, research, administration or publication.

Student Candidates:

BSN: Students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.2, rank in the upper 35% of the graduating class, completed 18 credits in required nursing courses and 72 credits in liberal arts courses.

MSN: Students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5, and completed at least 25% of their nursing courses.

* Members of other chapters of Sigma Theta Tau International are invited and encouraged to join the Lambda Delta Chapter as a transfer or a dual member.

Contact Dr. Janet Mahoney at (732) 335-0816 or Mary Gauld at (732) 706-5779 for more information and an application.

Monmouth University News
From the Marjorie K. Untenberg School of Nursing
and Health Studies

The Lambda Delta newsletter editor, Vicki De Noia, contacted me and asked me if I would contribute some news about the School of Nursing. I am delighted to add to this publication because communication among nursing colleagues is vital, but also in part because this fall has been eventful for many reasons. We have news! First congratulations are in order for Professor Sharon Stark who successfully defended her Doctoral Dissertation at Widener University this past October.

You may be aware that the School of Nursing has been a significant increase in enrollment particularly in the graduate level programs and the School has received approval to hire additional faculty. I have included the descriptions of the faculty positions (please look for the posting in this newsletter) and we encourage Lambda Delta members with an interest in working in an academic setting to review the requirements. Letters of application and curriculum vitae should be sent to the attention of Dean Marilyn Lauria by December 20, 2002.

We have a tentative schedule for the continuing education for the Spring and have plans to offer the following programs: Pediatric Assessment, Adult Assessment, Suturing, Pharmacology: Focus on Anti-hypertensives, An Introduction to Forensic Nursing and an EKG Reading Workshop. Please look for the Continuing Education Brochure in January and register early as the classes do fill up quickly. We will continue the dinner lecture format for several of the programs because of the favorable response of those who attended these programs this Fall.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or comments; I would like to hear from you.
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MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY

Marjorie K. Untenberg School of Nursing, and Health Studies

We invite applications for three-full time nursing faculty positions. Candidates must be willing to teach both day and evening classes.

Candidates for all three positions must be licensed (or eligible for licensure) as a registered nurse in the State of New Jersey. Master's Degree in Nursing is required; Doctorate in nursing or related fields is preferred. College teaching experience and computer literacy desirable. Additional responsibilities for each position include student advising, school and university services.

***Tenure Track Assistant Professor - Nursing
(One Position)***

CNS/NP a plus. Candidate must teach undergraduate and graduate nursing courses as well as undergraduate health courses. Appropriate scholarship in the field is required.

***Tenure Track Assistant Professor-School Nursing and
Health Studies (One Position)***

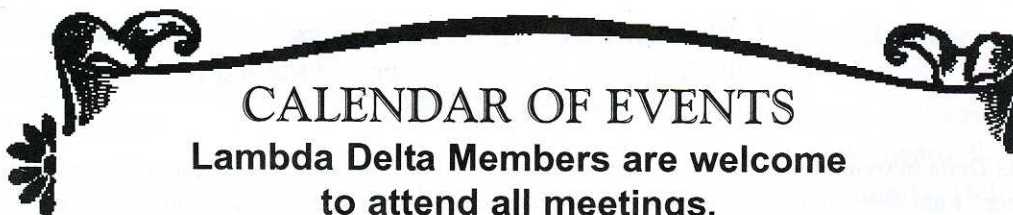
Candidate must be a Certified School Nurse in the State New Jersey with a minimum of five years experience as a School Nurse. May have Master's in Health rather than nursing. Candidate must coordinate the School Nurse Program and teach graduate courses in School Nursing. Appropriate scholarship in the field is required.

***Specialist Professor-Nursing and Health Studies
(One Position)-Pending Budgetary Approval
One-year Appointment - Renewable for up to five years.***

May have Master's degree in health rather than nursing. CNS/NP or Certified School Nurse a plus. Candidate must teach undergraduate and graduate nursing courses as well as undergraduate health courses.

Send a letter of application and curriculum vitae (identifying position desired) with the names of three references by December 20, 2002 to Dean Marilyn M. Lauria, Marjorie K. Untenberg School of Nursing and Health Studies, Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Avenue, West Long Branch, NJ 07764.

* Monmouth University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Lambda Delta Members are welcome
to attend all meetings.**

Tuesday, October 1, 2002 6:00 pm

Board Meeting

*Monmouth University
The Club-Room 109*

Monday, November 4, 2002, 6:00 pm

Board Meeting

*Monmouth University - The Club-Room 108
Guest Speaker: Dr. Carolyn Zagury
Topic: Writing for Publication*

Tuesday, December 3, 2002 6:00 pm

General Membership Meeting

*Monmouth University, The Club-Room 107
Guest Speaker: Dr. Jane Bliss-Holtz
Topic: Evidence Based Practice*

Monday, January 6, 2003 6:00 pm

Board Meeting

*Monmouth University, The Club-Room 108
Guest Speaker: Julie Shocksnyder, RN, MSN
Topic: Developing a Presentation*

Tuesday, February 4, 2003 6:00 pm

Board Meeting

*Monmouth University, The Club-Room 108
Guest Speaker: Dr. Maureen Swick
Topic: Nursing Management: Redefining Roles and Expectations*

Monday, March 3, 2003 6:00 pm

Board Meeting

*The Club-Room 108
Guest Speaker: Katy Shafer, RN MS
Topic: Maintaining Nursing Excellence: The Magnet Imperative*

Tuesday, April 8, 2003 6:00 pm

Board Meeting

*The Club-Room 108
Guest Speaker: Maris Lown, RN, MSN
Topic: The Future of Nursing*

Friday, May 2, 2003 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Annual Research Day

*Monmouth University
Young Auditorium, Bey Hall*

Monday, May 5, 2003 6:00 pm

Board Meeting

The Club-Room 108

Tuesday, June 3, 2003 5:30 pm

Annual Induction and Award Dinner

*Monmouth University
The Club Dining Room*

Lambda Delta Chapter: General Membership Meeting

There will be a General Membership meeting of the Lambda Delta Chapter on December 3, 2002 at 6 p.m. at the Club Room 107 at Monmouth University. Dr. Jane Bliss-Holtz, Nurse Researcher of the Ann May Center for Nursing, will be the featured speaker. Dr. Bliss-Holtz will discuss "Evidence Based Practice: Implications for the Clinical Setting". Please contact Teri Wurmser at 776-2496 to attend and for more details.

HOLD THESE DATES!

International Evidence-Based
Practice Conference: July 9, 2003
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

14th International Nursing Research Congress:
July 10-12, 2003
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

37th Biennial Convention of
Sigma Theta Tau International
will be held in Toronto Ontario, Canada
on November 1-5, 2003.

Biennial Convention Call for Abstracts:
Exciting opportunities to share clinical projects,
research, leadership initiatives and creative art-
work. Submission Deadline: January 20, 2003.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

We encourage you to actively recruit new members to our Chapter!

Contact Janet Mahoney at 732-263-5271, or Mary Gauld at 732-706-5779.

Lambda Delta Chapter is happy to offer mentoring services to researchers and others in need of someone to bounce ideas, to review proposals or publishable papers, and to make suggestions as requested. Contact our research committee chair: Fiesta Clanton at 776-4326 or Sally Leeds at 914-8335.

Members are encouraged to submit articles to be included in the Lambda Delta Chapter Newsletter. Submissions should be sent to Vicki DeNoia. Call for information at (732) 758-0325.

MEMBER SURVEY:

Tell us what topics you would like to learn about during up coming programs:

What times and days are most convenient for you to attend?

Lambda Delta Home Page

Lambda Delta can be reached by accessing the Monmouth University Home Page. Our programs for the year and officers are listed there. To access: <http://www.monmouth.edu>. Bring up MU. Click on Academic. Click on school. Highlight Marjorie K. Unterberg SON. Under the picture highlight Lambda Delta.

Lambda Delta Would Like To Know About You

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Check here if interested in being an officer or a committee member

News will be included in next newsletter • Attach extra sheet if needed.

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