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While at the University of Kansas, Eleanor enjoyed one of the most rewarding experiences of her career. She initiated a program to celebrate nurses and nursing and to promote nursing to the public. Called "Nursing: the Heart of Health," this annual gala, now in its ninth year, honors the thousands of nominations received, at least half come from former patients. "I have seen so much pride in nurses as they come to that banquet, every year more than 600 people attend," Eleanor says. "The entire community supports this event—the public, the hospital, hospices, foundations, everybody. That's what makes it so successful. The event receives wonderful media coverage; the emcee is the local ABC news anchor, a great friend of Kansas University and a member of the nursing school advisory board."
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ABSTRACT

The contributions of the founders were heralded, and many of their relatives who were present were honored. This began a week-long joyous tribute to the excellence and art of nursing. The legends of nurses mingled with new members. Everyone was equal and equally excited about this special convention which began Dec.

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"As I walked through the halls, I began to recognize the names of the people I passed," said Ruth Elzer, a case manager from Illinois, who joined the society in 1993. "I realized that they were the faces behind the mountains of articles I cited for innumerable papers in my baccalaureate and graduate programs... Standing with me was Dorothy Orem." There too were Sr. Rosemary Donley, S.C., Dr. Imogene King and Dr. Luther Christmas, amiable conversing with all who took a moment to introduce themselves. Collegiality and networking—the hallmarks of Sigma Theta Tau—were visible everywhere.

The society published two monographs especially for this anniversary year. The Festschrift, Virginia Henderson: Signature for Nursing edited by Dr. Eleanor Krohn Herrmann was beautifully bound in a lavender and purple hardback book with Mosby, Inc. donating the publishing services to Sigma Theta Tau's anniversary, enabling proceeds to be contributed to the Virginia Henderson Clinical Research Endowment. The Festschrift offers unique personal perspectives on how she influenced others from the 1930s at Columbia University until the time of her death in 1996.

The Adventurous Years: Leaders in Action 1973 to 1993, A Memoir by Nell J. Watts, retired executive officer of Sigma Theta Tau International, captures the society a great success story. The gleaming purple paperback is beautifully bound with printing donated by V.G. Reed and Sons. "Join me in exploring the development of the society as an organization that grew remarkably within a comparatively short time and continues to reach new heights as the twenty-first century draws near," writes Mrs. Watts. This book is a rare, treasured walk with the society's remarkable nursing leaders.

High technology began the week. Kathleen Capitolo, clinical director of maternal child health care center at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City, and her colleague, Clinical Nurse Manager Regina Novak, gave a keynote address on therapeutic play using technology. Dr. Diane Skiba presented Mt. Sinai's Starbright Pediatric network, a virtual world and communications network for sick children to relate to each other.

Dr. Dooley, S.C., past president of Sigma Theta Tau International, spoke on "The Spirit of Sigma Theta Tau International," before the grand opening of the 75th Anniversary Museum, on Dec. 2, where members took a walking tour through a historical tribute to their society.

Scientific Sessions on Dec. 3 filled the day with 109 nurses presenting scientific posters on topics ranging from acute care to women's health and illness, showing a broad range of completed work, and work in progress. There were 41 doctoral student posters from 21 universities, and 96 papers and 13 symposia were presented.

Dr. Kathleen Dracup, LW Hansenplub Professor of Nursing at the University of California — Los Angeles and a specialist in care of cardiac patients, gave the keynote address on "Change, Complexity and Collaboration.

Program Sessions on Dec. 4 brought Dr. Shirley Chafee, regent professor at the Institute for Health and Aging and former U.S. Social Security Commissioner, who shared her keen insights on leadership. A popular program on this, and other days, was conversation hours held with the society's past presidents and leaders. One of these hours featured Dr. Virginia Crenshaw, president from 1966 to 1971, who started Image: Journal of Nursing Scholarship. The first Image editor, Dr. Beatrice Goodwin, was present.

Leadership Sessions on Dec. 5 began with Katherine Tyler Scott's address on "The New Leadership" and the opportunities brought through the inclusion of diverse ideas and people to the advancement of health care. Regional meetings and chapters sessions on topics such as mentoring and strategic planning brought leaders together.

Members running for international offices made presentations at a session primarily attended by several hundred chapter leaders. Dr. Fay Hower, chair of the International Nominating Committee, greeted these grand trustees of chapter leadership. Leaders of nursing in many nations networked among supportive colleagues, such as Taiwan's chapter president Dr. Lee. Canada's leaders from five chapters ran numerous candidates for offices. Among all leaders was the hope for better health for all and the will among nurses to achieve it.
Abbott Laboratories gave a glorious party for Tau International’s 75th anniversary party in the Americas, this was the birthday of the society. Fittingly, this party was a way to salute. The birthday celebration provided a time for members to join together and celebrate the hard work that is required to keep an organization such as Sigma Theta Tau International functioning with high standards of scholarship, leadership and excellence,” said Dr. Jeffrey Ross, medical director, and director of Clinical Research and Education Services at Ross.

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"The movement has been from the formulation of a descriptive statement about what nursing is, to formalization of why nursing exists in society; expression of its formal and proper object, to initial concept formulation and validation, to model and theory formulation, to formalization and validation of the concepts that form the framework of expressed theories, to viewing the stages of development of nursing when nursing is considered as a practical science, to the development within the stages, and to establishing the articulations of nursing content with content from other fields. The work goes on.

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Each year Beta Mu provides research grants to students and supports the researchers through a variety of assistance measures. "We are a group of wonderfully talented nurses who bring many and diverse contributions to the chapters. However, we also recognize that regardless of how talented we may be as individuals, none of us alone can accomplish that which is possible when we come together and work as a chapter," said Dr. Gerber.

Dr. Van Ort, right, with Gale Manke, MSN.

Beta Mu leaders gather at the Founders Award ceremony: Dr. Joan Haase, front; Dr. Rose Gerber, Dr. Suzanne Van Ort, and Dr. Anne Woodall, middle; Dr. Rebecca Dahl, Dr. Donna Paudo, Dr. Jenny Giltenhag, Gale Manke, MSN, Dr. Joyce Verron, back row. Not pictured are Roxanne Moutaffe, MS, Drs. Karen Brown and Elia-Joy Lehma.

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Under the leadership of President Rose Martin, Beta Mu has sponsored significant program meetings during the 1995-97 biennium related to the conduct and utilization of research. Topics have focused on research with interdisciplinary teams, abuse of elder care givers, nursing research and health policy and funding. It has supported distinguished lecturers, including a special Gladys E. Scrofen Lec­

turership to honor the 40th anniversary of its college. Beta Mu is officially recognized as part of the college Clinical Scholarship Committee due to its continued support and extensive involvement in research activities.

Each year Beta Mu provides research grants to students and supports the researchers through a variety of assistive measures. "We are a group of wonderfully talented nurses who bring many and diverse contributions to the chapters. However, we also recognize that regardless of how talented we may be as individuals, none of us alone can accomplish that which is possible when we come together and work as a chapter," said Dr. Gerber.

She said. Dr. Gerber, Dr. Suzanne Van Ort, and Dr. Anne Woodill, middle; Dr. Rebecca Dahl, Dr. Donna Pardo, Dr. Jody Glittenberg, Gale Manke, MSN, Dr. Joyce Verran, back row. Not pictured are Roxanne Moutafis, MS, Mrs. Karen Brown and Elia-Joy Lehman.

Dr. Van Ort, right, with Gale Manke, MSN.

Dr. Brooten, left, with Dr. Dreher.

Dr. Orem, center, with Barbara Ihrke, MS, left, and Dr. Marilyn Buck.
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Dr. Kelly said, “I learned how to set priorities. She taught me how to build bridges, and not to burn them. She taught me a lot about the importance of and how to have presence. Dr. Dreher said. “And to this day, if I have a life decision to make, I still call my mentor Lucie Kelly to see what she thinks about it. Lucie, it is my great plea­sure to present this award to you in your own name, in your own honor.”

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Florence Nightingale, born in Florence, Italy, in 1820, is not only the founder of modern nursing but also demonstrates the impact that one person can have in furthering the values of nursing in society. Nightingale is most associated with the establishment of the first modern hospital as a workplace for nurses. Addition­ally, she was instrumental in developing the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation from 1976 to 1990, and she was chair of the Sigma Theta Tau International 75th Anniversary Campaign International Board of Directors. While executive vice president and president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation from 1976 to 1990, he worked actively in support of training programs for nurse practitioners and programs in research for nursing school faculty. He was pivotal in establishing the foundation’s program on hospital nursing, designed to improve patient care by restructuring the hospital as a workplace for nurses. Additionally, he was instrumental in developing the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Teaching Nursing Home Program. After retiring from the foundation, he continues to be sought for his expertise in providing new directions in health care.

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Virginia Olesen, PhD, professor emerita of sociology at the University of California-San Francisco School of Nursing, is being recognized for her ground-breaking work that launched professionalization in the field of inquiry and has directly and indirectly influenced health care of women worldwide. Dr. Olesen is a graduate of the University of Nevada and holds a master's degree in mass communications from the University of Chicago, and a doctorate in sociology from Stanford University. Her particular research interests are in the socialization to professional status, social psychological health and illness, and women's health and qualitative research methods. Dr. Olesen has authored numerous papers and books, and for almost four decades has brought innovations in qualitative research from sociology and anthropology to nursing. She has won many awards, including the Chancellor's Award for Faculty Contributions from the University of California-San Francisco, the Leo Reeder Award from the American Sociological Association, and the George Herbert Mead Award from the Society of Symbolic Interaction. Robert Wolders is recognized for his commitment to the health and well-being of children around the world through his work with UNICEF. With Wolders' support and dedication, Audrey Hepburn served as the goodwill ambassador for UNICEF, and, since her death, he has continued to provide his leadership, time and energy to UNICEF on several important projects. He and Ms. Hepburn worked closely with field nurses in areas served by UNICEF. They drew the world's attention to the plight of children in distress and urged international attention for the important work of nurses, and his immeasurable support of the Audrey Hepburn/ Robert Wolders Children's Health Care Fund to help continue a cherished legacy.

Patricia K. Schaefer, RN, MBA, is an entrepreneur and owner of American Nurses' Resources, a home and hospital health agency headquartered in New Orleans, La. This company, which employs 2,500 nurses in four states, enhances the image of the professional nurse. The largest division provides staff in more than 150 intensive care units. She was the field founder of the Greater New Orleans "Great 100 Nurses Celebration" to honor outstanding nurses. As an advocate of Sigma Theta Tau International and baccalaureate education, she encourages increased nursing knowledge.

Mr. Scheerle has encouraged more competitive salaries for clinicians and helped create a corps of satisfied nurses who retain their jobs due to the professionalism of their practice. By example, they attract many young people to the nursing profession. A supporter of the nurse as scientist and practitioner, Ms. Scheerle is an inspiring speaker at Sigma Theta Tau chapter meetings.
First Quarter 1998 REFLECTIONS

Research Awards

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Janice M. Morse, RN, PhD (anthropology), PhD (nursing), FAAN, is director of the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; professor at the University of Alberta Faculty of Nursing, and adjunct professor at Pennsylvania State University.

Through her battery of clinically relevant findings, Dr. Morse has taken the concept of comfort around the world. Within the past year alone, she has presented speeches and refereed publications, 12 books and monographs, 77 international and 75 national invited papers and presentations. Her dual doctorates reflect her authenticity, her cultural competence, and her ability to move her work easily across diverse boundaries.

Her work-within the complex phenomenon of comfort—is perhaps nursing's central concept. Dr. Morse's study, "Defining Comfort for the Improvement of Nursing Care," has developed pragmatic theory and constructs that have direct and immediate clinical implications. In another series of studies, she elucidates stages in the development of hope, along with specific assessment criteria, and nursing strategies to bolster hope.

She is simultaneously developing advanced methods of Qualitative Outcome Analysis to confirm the theory, extend the repertoire of nursing strategies, and help clarify the efficacy of these interventions. While diverse in focus, Dr. Morse's program of research is driven by a unifying theory of comfort, a theory which permeates the very heart of nursing.

International Clinical Scholarship Award

Loretta C. Ford, RN, EdD, FAAN, a professor and dean emerita at the University of Rochester School of Nursing, is honored for advancing clinical scholarship through work integrating knowledge and clinical experience to achieve excellence in practice. Dr. Ford has devoted her career to practice, education, consultation, and influencing health services delivery. Her practice of nursing has spanned inpatient and outpatient services, community health, and military nursing. Dr. Ford's studies on the nurse's expanded role in health care delivery in community health nursing—her specialty area—have led to the creation of the first nurse practitioner model at the University of Colorado. More recently, Dr. Ford has provided administrative leadership for the unification of practice, education, and research in nursing at the University of Rochester.

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She received the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine's Gustav O. Lienhard Award in 1990. She has received the New York Governor's Empire State Women of the Year Award in Nursing; and Nursing, and the New York State Nurses' Association Nursing Award. She is a recipient of the Ruth B. Freeman Distinguished Career Award from the American Public Health Association, PHN section.

International Research Dissemination Award

Lorna Harris, RN, PhD, FAAN, dean of the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, and Carla J. Heerman, MD, MPH, assistant professor of the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, was previously affiliated with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Medical School, developed handbooks for nurses and other health care providers for cancer detection and prevention. Dr. Harris chaired the interdisciplinary Professional Education Quality Assurance Workgroup, and Dr. Heerman was the medical consultant. They are honored for their exceptionally meritorious dissemination of research which exemplifies high standards of scholarship and knowledge building for their publication, "Breast and Cervical Cancer Handbooks in North Carolina." Some 16,000 handbooks have been distributed to nurses, physicians, radiology technicians, students and faculty in North Carolina, following extensive review and endorsement by leading state and national health groups. The books outline basic demographics, perceived obstacles for patients who may not use screening, ways to deal with cost issues, screening methods and guidelines, and resources for referral.

International Research Utilization Award

A distinguished group of 14 nurses from the University of Iowa Departmental and Divisional Chairs Research Committee at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City is honored for exceptionally meritorious utilization of research which exemplifies high standards of scholarship and knowledge building for their study, "Research Based Practice to Promote Quality of Care." The health care system includes 251 ambulatory clinics and a hospital with 642 acute care beds. The committee has a deep impact on the culture of research and research utilization, and serves as an operational think tank. It has made this health care system one of the foremost research utilization facilities in the nation. As a result, 63 research projects have been completed since 1987, as well as the prevention of deep venous thrombosis in neuroscience patients and nursing management of second stage labor.

In external impact includes three national research utilization conferences and 50 publications in books and journals that encompass integrative reviews and results.

International Dissertation Award

Deborah B. Reed, RN, PhD, assistant professor at the University of Kentucky, is honored for her exceptionally meritorious utilization of research which exemplifies high standards of scholarship and knowledge building for her dissertation "Occupational Rehabilitation of Farmers with Upper Extremity Amputations." Studies of rural nursing issues, particularly regarding injury prevention and rehabilitation, have been limited. Dr. Reed's qualitative study uses grounded theory to develop a conceptual model. Her multipronged sampling strategy has a unique and effective approach for identifying a somewhat hidden population. The prevalence of permanent injury among injured workers is staggering," Dr. Reed writes. "The injured worker's choice to remain in this high-risk occupation dictates the need for appropriate rehabilitative services to foster optimal functioning and prevent secondary conditions."

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Patricia Smith Christensen Scholarship

Amandah Lea, RN, BScN, MSc is a doctoral student at the University of British Columbia School of Nursing in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. She is the recipient of a $1,000 scholarship awarded to a Canadian resident to pursue advanced nursing education in maternal-child health. Her dissertation topic focuses on women living with HIV and reproductive decision-making. It is a qualitative study that investigates the cultural, psychological and social processes of reproductive decision-making. "Maternal child health dominated my past clinical practice as a general duty nurse and community health nurse for mainly First Nation peoples in rural northwest British Columbia," she writes. "The University of British Columbia is located where I am able to continue to work in a diversity rich setting. She anticipates conducting research for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal health communities upon completion of her doctorate.
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Delta Omega at the University of Akron has awarded 40 research grants and $29,646 in the past 10 years. A 1997 survey of award recipients revealed that 15 publications, 61 papers and 38 poster presentations resulted from its grants. It jointly sponsored a research utilization conference in 1994 with other chapters and the Cleveland Clinic. Delta Omega holds an annual research symposium which culminates in a poster for excellence in scholarship and leadership at the master's and doctoral levels, in addition to its awards for research-based practice and professional creativity.

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1997 Sigma Theta Tau International/Ameri
can Diabetes Association of Diabetes Education Grant
Kathleen M. Hanna, RN, PhD, Diane Guthrie, RN, CDE, FAAN; ($6,000): Health Enhancing, Risk Taking, and Diabetes Management Behaviors of Adolescents and Young Adults with Diabetes. The study will consist of about 120 adolescents and young adults (12-24 years old) with diabetes who will be asked to complete health enhancing, risk taking and diabetes adherence behavior scales. Descriptive statistics will be used to describe behaviors. Correlation and regression analysis will be performed to examine relationships among health enhancing, risk taking and diabetes adherence behaviors.

Seed Grants

Mary Ann Anderson, RN, MS, ($2,000): "Use of Video Respite in Nursing Care of Demented Elderly Person." The purpose of this study is to test the effectiveness of videotaping respite techniques in altering the functional behaviors of elderly nursing home residents diagnosed with dementia.

Sadie G. M. Al-Majid, RN, MSN, ($2,000): "Effect of Exercise on Muscle Mass in Tumor-Bearing Rats." This study will investigate the effect of forced moderate intensity exercise on muscle protein synthesis and degradation in 48 adult female Fischer 344 rats.

Ruth Remington, RN, MS, CS, ($3,000): "Calming Music and Hand Massage with Agitated Elderly." As the chapter grew, grants to nurses in completing proposed research was made possible.

Community outreach in includes involvement in activities such as nursing research committees in institutions where members practice, mentoring inexperienced nurse researchers and making presentations to staff development educators. As a result, area hospitals' research day, national research exhibits participate, and other leading nursing organizations collaborate.

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International Chapter Research Award
Advances

Alpha Xi at the University of South Carolina has built a research program that has already supported the work of 15 chapter members since 1982. Many researchers have been recognized internationally for their achievements. Individual awards are approximately $500 to $1,000. A separate budget allocates funds for research dis- semination, such as support for presenting scientific papers at international con- gresses. The chapter has a new goal of giving $10,000 to its college to name a chair after its distinguished member, Helen Garlef Waylford, to maintain her tradition of creative scholarship and inquiry.

Beta Mu at the University of Arizona conducts two annual meetings related to the conduct and utilization of nursing re- search. The chapter provides $2,500 in research grants to students and actively supports dissemination efforts with distin- guished lectureships. A new collaborative professional activity recognizes excellence in scholarship among southern Arizona nurses during National Nurses Week. In response to changing curricula, Beta Mu gave awards in 1996 for excellence in scholarship and leadership at the master's and doctoral levels, in addition to its awards for research-based practice and professional creativity.

Beta Zeta at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, has highly successful annual research conferences. It has steadily doubled the number of presentations at its conference in only three years. Attendance has risen to 207, up from 155 in 1995. In addition, in 1995-96 the chapter supported 15 professor, 10 nurse scientist seminar presentations followed by academic rounds. International exchange makes these presentations of leading and diverse nursing concepts.

Delta Omega at the University of Akron has awarded 40 research grants and $29,664 in the past 10 years. A 1997 survey of award recipi­ ents revealed that 18 publications, 61 papers and 33 poster presenta- tions resulted from its grants. It jointly sponsored a research utili- zation conference in 1994 with other chapters and the Cleveland Clinic. Delta Omega holds an annual research symposium attended by middle school students with keynote awards for posters.

Gamma Phi at Rush University College of Nurs- ing in Chicago directs the collection of its chapter income to research. In the past two years, it has given $5,800 annually to re- search. It awarded $1,000 for its clinical research award, $250 for its completed research award, $500 for its clinical education award, and $1,000 to research utilization. It also awards $1,000 scholarships to a doctoral student. Aside from that, 10 junior researchers receive travel assistance to dis- seminate their knowledge at scientific meetings.

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A: Yes!

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A: Yes, if contributors itemize on their tax returns.

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A: Planned and outright gifts arriving through the Legacy program are placed in the new 21st Century Endowment Fund, where they will grow and produce interest income to be applied to the society’s operating fund. This will enable Sigma Theta Tau to maintain its nominal member fee schedule in future years.

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The real test of a professional organization lies not just in the size of its enrollment or the stability of its governance structure, the magnitude and relevance of its initiatives, or even its well-organized operations. Rather, it lies in the degree to which the membership embraces and acts on its mission and vision.

In many ways, the state of the society is simply a proxy for the state of the profession. As president, I have the great fortune and gratifying challenge of meeting countless members from around the world, to receive their letters and to learn about the stories of nursing genius to address and ameliorate. The analogy to nursing is that everything that has been done in this field is simply a proxy for the state of the society. Indeed, hearing the stories of our members, they are true professionals, have acuity requirements for driving in different environments, have taken approximately 400 students to the reservation.

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And these are just a few. I believe Sigma Theta Tau has more than 120,000 stories to tell. These stories are original, and their stories are rich and more fascinating than fiction; each chronicles the contributions of our members—individually and collectively—to the enhancement of global health. And they fill up my senses.

Health and health facilities constitute the number one public value. How wonderful! Because health just happens to be the number one nursing value as well.

When we meet the needs of people, we are doing something important, and in that regard, nursing has an enormous advantage. We deal with the kinds of health problems that most people, or a friend or family member, have the possibility of encountering at least once during a lifetime.

So while the commonness of the health problems with which we deal makes our visibility sometimes, it is also a strength, because it allows the value of nursing to be acknowledged, personally, socially, and in every human that has drawn a breath. We are the experts in helping people and families to manage a chronic illness, to navigate a developmental crisis (including death), to deal with an unhealthy environment, the interaction of the two, to minimize the impact of pollution from industrial wastes.

Through our patient-centered approach, we have the capacity to find out what people want and to meet those needs quickly and expeditiously. The more creative we are, the more likely we will get there. The Stede Rite Corporation estimated that it generated millions of dollars of free advertising when it established an onsite day care facility for its many working-mother employees and capped the attraction of the workplace. Nationwide: it simply met the people's needs. Meeting the needs of people is nursing's covenant with society.

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It is propitious that in just a few hours, the Sigma Theta Tau International will be conveyed to another pioneer woman of Kansas, Dr. Eleanor Sullivan. For the past two years, Dr. Sullivan has worked diligently to learn every aspect of the society so that she may prepare us, dauntless. She has been a shining star of nursing excellence. She is a masterful spokesperson for nursing practice and education, and her groundbreaking initiatives in bringing advanced practice nursing to the Kansas prairie already have brought a new dimension in nursing education. She is a role model for me, I thank you for allowing me to take this short walk with you. Your love, your courage and your dedication have inspired me every step of the way.

Straton and based on the memoir of 800 women who came to the Kansas frontier over a 50-year period. It is a singular kind of history and in the introduction by Arthur Schlesinger, he reminds us that "history is lived in the main by the unknown and forgotten," that "historians perform concentrate on the...few who leave records, give speeches, write books, hold offices," and ""we ortau..."" He comments that the uniqueness of Straton's book lies in the "voices that ring out of the darkness—voices that historians never expected to hear."

Schlesinger lamented that "women have contributed to the development of traditional history. They have made up at least half the human race: but you could never tell that by looking at the books historians write." The analogy to nursing is plain. While nurses, traditionally, have contributed to the vanguard and majority of health care providers, they are noticeably absent in the chronicles of health and medical care and often indiscriminable to the public. The popular testimony to the health of Sigma Theta Tau comes from voices that Ring out of the darkness—voices that historians never expected to hear, voices whose existence might be easily ignored.

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And yet, I know that our constituents, our public to whom we are so completely committed, remain far too unaware of our extraordinary role in health care. One wonders if it isn't our sheer numbers and the very essence of our purpose that breed a disregard—not only historians but also by the media. In other words, like the air that we breathe—nursing is so fundamental to society that we are, in fact, taken for granted.

Indeed, hearing the stories of our membership throughout this biennium reminded me of a wonderful history of pioneer women in Kansas, written by Joanna By Melanie G. Dreher

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A Lot of Care, but little credit

Anyone who gets a major illness that requires ongoing care quickly discovers one of the health system's most important groups of caregivers: the nurse.

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University of Rochester nursing students Jennifer Sieter, left; Caitlin Powers and Denise Gallagher conduct research on the media image of nurses.
House of Delegates Actions

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A change was made to the mission of the Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee (RCCC) in Article X. Committee Section 12. It now indicates that the RCCC shall facilitate the work of chapter leaders by advancing initiatives that meet the needs of the chapters and fulfill the mission of the society.

The bylaws which will govern the society for the 1997-1999 biennium will be printed and sent to chapter officers in January 1998. The 1997-99 Chapter Bylaws Form will also be printed and sent to chapter presidents and bylaws committee chairs for chapter adoption. If you have questions about these changes, please contact Susan R. Open, RN, MSN, CPNP, chair of the 1992-97 Bylaws Committee at sop@mit.edu.

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House Votes on New Chapters

Thirty-two college and university honor societies in the United States were approved to become new Sigma Theta Tau International chapters in 1998.

Membership Fees Increase

Sigma Theta Tau International's Board of Directors recommended to the 1997 House of Delegates a modest increase of $18 in the annual membership fee, to become effective July 1, 1998. The House approved this increase, making this the first increase in the fee in four years.

Many organizations find it necessary to annually increase does just to keep up with inflation. For Sigma Theta Tau International, inflationary costs have accumulated 15 percent since the last dues increase in 1994, and 2.3 percent increases are anticipated annually over the next two years. But thanks to careful planning and prudent fiscal oversight, Sigma Theta Tau International has operated successfully for the past four years without a dues increase, all the while expanding member services.

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Article X. Committees Section 11. Publications Committee is now consistent with the wording of other standing committees in that there are seven (7) appointed members and no member appointed from the society's board of directors. Please note, however, that a "board liaison" is appointed to each committee to facilitate communication between the board of directors and the standing committees.

A change was made to the mission of the Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee (RCCC) in Article X. Committees Section 12. It now indicates that the RCCC shall facilitate the work of chapter leaders by advancing initiatives that meet the needs of the chapters and fulfill the mission of the society.

The bylaws which will govern the society for the 1997-1999 triennium will be printed and sent to chapter officers in January 1998. The 1997-99 Chapter Bylaws Form will also be printed and sent to chapter presidents and bylaws committee chairs for chapter adoption. If you have questions about these changes, please contact Susan R. Opons, RN, CPNP, chair of the 1992-97 Bylaws Committee at sopon@indiana.edu.

House Votes on New Chapters

Thirty-two college and university honor societies in the United-States were approved to become 29 new Sigma Theta Tau International chapters in 1998.

Membership Fees Increase

Sigma Theta Tau International's Board of Directors recommended to the 1997 House of Delegates a modest increase of $10 in the annual membership fee, to become effective July 1, 1998. The House approved the increase, making this the first increase in the fee in four years.

Many organizations find it necessary to annually increase their fees just to keep up with inflation. For Sigma Theta Tau International, inflationary costs have accumulated 15 percent since the last fee increase in 1994, and 2.3 percent increases are anticipated annually over the next two years. But thanks to careful planning and prudent fiscal oversight, Sigma Theta Tau International has operated successfully for the past four years without a dues increase, all the while expanding member services.

This increase ensures continuation of the high-quality benefits that presently exist; alleviates the projected budget deficit; and enables the society to expand existing programs and services and develop new initiatives that are responsive to member needs.

Reflections Wins Media Awards


"This quality issue highlighted nursing's role in a moving way," said Dr. Cathleen M. Shultz, FAAN, chair of the Academy's public relations committee, bestowing the honor. "Disasters, like no other situation, capture the true impact of nursing on the lives of those in need. The care, devotion, and centrality of nursing in patient care is brought to life in these articles. The significant impact these nurses had on the public they serviced is unquestioned," Dr. Shultz said.

"Mending Broken Dreams" by Julie Goldsmith, the cover story in Journey of Courage that focused on the bravery and intelligence of nurses during Hurricane Andrew, was honored by Women in Communications with a Clarion Award for feature writing and by the National Federation of Press Women with its top feature writing honor.

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Shelagh Callahan, RN, MSN, NZM, New Zealand home health agency employee in Otago-Carlton, Ontario, received the Matijasevic Nursing Theory Research Award, in recognition of her honors convocation at Otago University, Buffalo, New York. She is home honored her distinction, which describes nurses' experiences in Canada's isolated northern communities. She began her work as a nursing instructor in Saudi Arabia early in 1998.

Robert Camp, RN, RDH, MA, Sigma Xi (U of Alberta), associate professor and director of the Athabasca University of Nursing, has received the St. Lukes' Charitable Trust Award. The grant will support expenses to increase access to primary health care for underserved residents.

Carolyn Bradley, RN, MSN, Lambda Alpha (U of Southern California), was president of patient services, Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena, has been named president elect of the American Organization of Nurse Executives. She will serve as president in 1998-99, and will begin a one-year term as president Jan. 1, 1999.

Pamela Reeder, PhD, RN, CWNP, Alpha Kappa Lambda at (U of Colorado), associate professor, University of Colorado School of Nursing, Denver, is the first visiting scholar for the Martha E Rogers Center for the Study of Nursing Science, New York University, New York, N.Y. During a spring 1997 event, she gave five lectures at Hope College and to nursing students and the nursing community. Heather Watson, RN, PhD, Lambda Alpha at (U of Colorado), has been named to the University of Colorado School of Nursing's first endowed chair. She is founder and director of the Center for Human Caring, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver.

Suzie Kin, RN, DNSc, FAN, Lambda Alpha-at-Large (Sheba Women's), professor, Sheba Women's University in Jerusalem, is the first nurse outside of the United States to become a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. She was inducted in November 1997.

Kwang-Ok Lee, RN, PhD, Lambda Alpha-at-Large (Seoul National University, president is the Korean Nurses Christian Fellowship. She held a summer workshop, "Nursing and Mission," in Seoul City.

Sandy Akin, RN, DNS, FAN, Lambda Alpha-at-Large (Ohio State University), professor, Ohio State University, is president of the Ethnic Nurses of America. She recently presented a paper at the 1st International Congress on Coroner Army Disease — From Prevention to Intervention in Prague, Czech Republic. She has also been named the International Advisor and an editor for the Journal of Acupuncture and Emergency Nursing, Churchill Livingstone, Tokyo.

Sue Knopp, RN, DNS, Lambda Alpha-at-Large (Buffalo, New York), has been appointed to a faculty member, University of Minnesota School of Nursing, has been named the American Psychological Association's 1997 award for Outstanding Contribution to Nursing and Health Psychology.

Helen Berg, RN, PhD, FAAN, Delta Pi (U of Michigan), has been named the Outstanding Nurse Educator Award of the Midwest Alliance in Nursing.

Shirley Miller, RN, PhD, Lambda Mu Sigma (U of Chicago), vice president of patient services, Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, has been named the American Lungs Association's Professional of the Year. She has served more than 20 years as a leader of the California Lung Association. She will lead the 1998-99 event. She has served more than 20 years as a leader of the California Lung Association. She will lead the 1998-99 event.

Janea Wooten, RN, PhD, Lambda Mu Sigma (U of California), member of the state board of directors, has been named the Southeastern Association of Nursing Educators' Professional of the Year. She has more than 30 years experience in nursing education, practice, research and administration. She has published more than 70 articles and has led to the development of the University of California, Irvine.

Evelyn Cesarotti, RN, PhD, Lambda Mu Sigma (U of California), vice president of patient services, University of California, Los Angeles, has been named the American Psychological Association's 1997 award for Outstanding Contribution to Nursing and Health Psychology.
Shelagh Calahan, RN, MSN, inducted into the Team of Distinction for home health care physicians at the University of Ottawa-Carleton, Ontario, received the Maternal Newborn Nursing Theory Research Award. The award honors contributions at O’Neill College, Buffalo, N.Y. Calahan honored her work, which describes nurses’ experiences in Canada’s isolated northern communities. She began her work as a nursing instructor in Saudi Arabia early in 1996.

Robert Cary, RN, PhD, MS (J of Alberta), associate professor and director of the Athabasca University Centre for Nursing and Health Research, Athabasca, Alberta, has achieved an honorary doctorate of science from Queen’s University of St. Lamberto for establishing a post-BN, BSN for distance education program. It is the first university-level nursing education program there.

Kathryn M. King, RN, PhD, MS (J of Alberta), has been appointed professorial research fellow at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Callahan, vice dean for academic affairs, University of Indiana School of Nursing, will present her research report, “Perceived Problems of Women With a Breast Cancer and Coping Patterns of Their Husband in Indonesia,” at the 3rd International Nursing Research Conference in Tokyo. The conference will be held in September 1998.

Suksie Kim, RN, DNSC, FAN, Lambda Alpha-Kappa (Yuh Seon Wannum I), head nurse for the University, in Seoul, is the first nurse outsider of the United States to become a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. She was inducted in November 1997.

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Roberta Carey, RN, MS, associate professor at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, has recently received the Margaret S. Callahan, RN, MScN, professor and division chair, Arizona State University, professor and division chair, Arizona State University, professor and division chair, Arizona State University, has been appointed editor of the Journal of Nursing Science, Stress and Health. She received the American Psychological Association’s 1997 award for Outstanding Contribution to Nursing and Health Psychology.

Carolyne D’Youville, RN, PhD, assumed the position of executive director and associate professor at the University of Arizona School of Nursing, has received the Agency Achievement Award was presented to the Agency for addressing the impact of community-based prevention programs on drug use and attitudes among juvenile and senior high students.

Michigan

Jeanne Baumann, RN, MS, XI Sigma (Northern Michigan), faculty member, Marquette General Practice Residency Program. She has been named a Fellow of the American College of Nurse Practitioners. She has served more than 50 years as a volunteer from smoking groups. She was also recognized as a Guest Student of the University of Northern Michigan University School of Nursing and Allied Health.

Marnel Ryden, RN, PhD, Zeta (of Minnesota), professor, University of Minnesota School of Nursing, has received the Educational Conference Award from Midwest Alliance in Nursing.

Indiana

Based on her more than 20 years experience in nursing education, practice, research and administration. She has published more than 100 articles and has received two doctorates. A specialist in psychiatric nursing, Dr. Dumas has focused on improving health care delivery for people who have historically been neglected, including women, minorities and children.

Nola Pendle, RN, PhD, FAAN, (of Michigan), University of Michigan School of Nursing associate dean for academic affairs and research, Ann Arbor, received the American Psychological Association’s 1997 award for Outstanding Contribution to Nursing and Health Psychology.

Minnesota

Karen Alzate, RN, PhD, Zeta (of Minnesota), faculty member, University of Minnesota School of Nursing, has received the Children’s Health Program Volunteer of the Year Award from the American Lung Association of Hennepin County.

Sara Dellitti, RN, PhD, (Zeta of Minnesota), recently retired associate professor at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing, has been named to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Committee on Treatment Benefits.

Ellen Egan, RN, PhD, (Zeta of Minnesota), associate professor, University of Minnesota School of Nursing, has received the Certificate for Outstanding Achievement in the Achievement of Nursing Science, Stress and Coping Research Sections, from the Midwest Nursing Research Society.

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Missouri

Virginia Drake, BS, CS, APN, DNSc, Al Chi (of Missouri-St. Louis), associate dean and associate professor, College of Nursing, University of Missouri-Columbia, has received the American Psychological Association’s 1997 award for Outstanding Contribution to Nursing and Health Psychology.
Nancy Sue Highland Langston, RN, PhD, Gamma Mu (Virginia Commonwealth University), was formerly an elected president of the National League for Nursing. She will become president in 1999.

Teresa Vaness

Wisconsin

Jean W. DiMotto, RN, MS, JD, Delta Gamma (Marquette U.), was elected circuit court judge in Milwaukee County. She is the first Wisconsin nurse to be elected a judge.

Tucson, Ariz., July 1997—Mrs. Alice Critz Malone, MA, center, who received the first known nursing research grant for $5600 in 1936 from Sigma Theta Tau International, studied how to measure achievement in nursing based on new curriculum objectives. In her home she greeted immediate past International Research Committee member Dr. Joan Hasse, left, and immediate past Director Dr. Joyce Vernon.

Karen Michele Doke, Delta Chi-At-Large (Wayne State University), has been named dean of the Hunter College of Nursing. She will become president in 1999.

Dorothea Smith, Alpha Theta, University of Florida College of Nursing, died August 14, 1997. She served as founding dean of the University of Florida College of Nursing from 1955 to 1970. After her retirement in 1970, her contributions included the integration of nursing education, health care practice and research. Dean Smith was a founder in the development of what became known as primary nursing. She also helped start the News on Wheels program in Gainesville, Fla.


Anne Skaling Young, Alpha Kappa Delta, an American Journal of Nursing associate editor, died April 1, 1997.
New Mexico

Ruth Reegen Hutchins, RN, DPH, Gamma Nu Clan Hall US, associate professor and director of the master of science in nursing program at New Mexico State University, has been named interim dean of the University of New Mexico College of Nursing, effective Aug. 31, 1998. She formerly was visiting professor and acting dean at Minnesota College of Nursing in Bloomington, MN.

New York

John O. Fray, MD, Alpha Pi (Carleton), has been named interim dean of the Hunter College School of Nursing, effective August 16, 1997. He was appointed associate dean and director of graduate studies at the University of New York. She formerly was director of the federal government’s Division of Nursing, Department of Health and Human Services.

Tennessee

Virginia T. Betts, RN, FNP, MD, MS, JD, Irene Onderdui, RN, research associate professor of policy and senior fellow at Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies, Nashville, received the first Hasey/Rogosky Family Recognition Award from Vanderbilt University’s Classic of 1996. She is past president of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

West Virginia

June H. Lamborn, RN, PhD, Beta Theta-Arctur (University of Tennessee), is now employed as a research scientist, Center for Nursing Research at Carnegie Mellon University. She formerly was assistant profes- sor at The University of Tennessee College of Nursing in Memphis and nursing faculty development coordinator at the University of Tennessee Bowl Hospital in Memphis.

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"The Role of the Clinical Nurse Leader," Florida State University, College of Nursing, P.O. Box 690, Tallahassee, FL 32307. Contact: Dr. Alice R. M. Pelich, 202.842.5015; Fax: 202.842.5019; E-mail: 202.842.5015; E-mail: 202.842.5019

April 25-27, 1998 - New York
"Family Health Care Practice in Rural Environments," 200 Main St., Yonkers, NY 10701. Contact: Yolanda M. G. Van Arnum, 718-467-3412; Fax: 718-467-3414; E-mail: yvan@rehabnurse.org

May 1-6, 1998 - Canada
11th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Nurses in Oncology, Fairmont Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, ON. Contact: Gail Goodwin, 613-597-5680; Fax: 613-596-3785; E-mail: info@captno.org

May 5-7, 1998 - South Korea
"The Organization of the Health Sector in the Asian Region: Contributions to Global Health Security," International Conference on Nursing and Health Care in Asia, Korea University College of Medicine, Seoul, Korea. Contact: Keyoung Kim, Secretary General, Global Network Secretariat, Korea University, 134 Shinchon-Dong, Sodukku-Gu, C.A.D., Box, Seoul, 113-751, South Korea. Phone: 82-2-391.5810/8191; Fax: 82-2-392.5440; E-mail: ysnur@unitel.co.kr

May 11-13, 1998 - Japan
"The Role of Nurses in Achieving a Healthy Society: The Global Perspective for Nursing," Sixth International Middle East Nursing Conference, Maker's Vala College of Nursing, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Contact: Dr. KaSil Imagine, 46-3116-8191; Fax: 46-317-7375; E-mail: wena@rochester.edu

May 17, 1998 - Virginia
"Interdisciplinary Care in Critical Care Practice and Education," 10th Annual Conference of the Interdisciplinary Nursing Research Society. Virginia Commonwealth University, P.O. Box 846010, Richmond, VA 23284-6010. Phone: 804-289-1505; Fax: 804-289-1506; E-mail: draninfo@stitch.slu.edu

May 22-24, 1998 - Egypt
"Women's Health Issues," The Ninth International Congress, Alexandria, Egypt. Sponsored by International Council of Nurses, Alexandria University Faculty of Nursing, Egypt. Contact: Dr. John Fisher, 904-647-3412; Fax: 904-647-3414; E-mail: jdfisher@stitch.slu.edu

May 29-31, 1998 - Brazil
"The Organization of the Health Sector in the Americas: Contributions to Global Health Security," International Conference on Nursing and Health Care in America. University of Akron Nursing, College of Nursing and Health, P.O. Box 698, Akron, OH 44322-0698. Contact: Sandy Fledderjohann, Sigma Theta Tau International, 822-Dalton Rd., West Lafayette, IN 47907. Phone: 765-494-6000; Fax: 765-494-6000; E-mail: sandyf@stti-sun.iupui.edu

June 5-7, 1998 - Jordan
"Rehabilitation for Dwellers in the Year 2000: A Global Perspective for Nursing," Fifth International Middle East Nursing Conference, Jordan. Sponsored by Jordan University of Science & Technology, Irbid, Jordan. Contact: 962-2-391.5810/8191; Fax: 962-2-392.5440; E-mail: ysnur@unitel.co.kr

June 10-12, 1998 - Canada
"Call for Abstracts," 10th International Conference of Nursing of the Americas: Third Annual Research Conference, Case Western Reserve University School of Nursing, Cleveland, OH. Contact: Sandy Fledderjohann, Sigma Theta Tau International, 822-Dalton Rd., West Lafayette, IN 47907. Phone: 765-494-6000; Fax: 765-494-6000; E-mail: sandyf@stti-sun.iupui.edu

June 16-18, 1998 - Ireland
"Expanding Nursing Care Through Reflective Practice," The 6th Reflective Practice Conference, Robinson College, Carrington, Dublin. Contact: Christophe Johnson, 4 Parkside, Great Britain, 0121-612-4632, England. Or Eleanor Godfrey at Nurses' Forum (00-564-3848@)

July 4-6, 1998 - Finland
"Knowledge Development in Nursing: Clinicians and Researchers in Partnership," 9th European Conference of the European Network of Nursing Research: Development of Nursing. Contact: Tuiukki Niemela, Avarakatu 5, 04280 Helsinki, Finland. Phone: +358-9-5134-6777; Fax: +358-9-5134-6788; E-mail: tjn@mosby.com

July 7-11, 1998 - St. Louis
"Building Successful Strategies for the Future," 22nd National Core Nurse Practitioner Symposium, Keystone Resort, Steamboat Springs, Colorado School of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner Symposium Office, 2313 Mt. Werner Road, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487. Phone: 970-879-4511; Fax: 970-879-9445; E-mail: symposium@mosby.com

July 9-12, 1998 - Canada
"Call for Nursing Poetry and Art," Atherosclerosis Magazine invites nurses to submit poetry and artwork for this year's issue of the journal. Send works to editor, Atherosclerosis, 7900 University Blvd., Suit 600, Dallas, TX 75231. E-mail: ather@mosby.com

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CALL FOR PAPERS International Nursing Research Conference, Istanbul, Turkey. Contact: Dr. R. Thompson, Phone: 90.212.780.3199-50, Fax: 90.212.780.3198; E-mail: r.thompson@tubitak.gov.tr.

May 24-28, 1998 - Virginia "Interdisciplinary Clinical Practice and Education," National Association of Planning Interdisciplinary Clinical Care, Arlington, Virginia. Contact: National Academies of Practice, 505 New Jersey Ave. NW, Suite 320, Washington, D.C. 20001, Phone: 202.637.9617; E-mail: info@nap.edu.

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