

Delta Rho Chapter Newsletter



Fall 2008

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Delta Rho Members and Colleagues:

It is with honor and humility that I accept the Presidency of Delta Rho. I begin my tenure as President prematurely with the news that our current President, Dr. Mary Bowen, has accepted a position at Ohio University. I know we all wish Mary *all the best and much success* in her new appointment, and we thank her for all that she has done through the many years at Delta Rho. You will be missed!

Delta Rho has a long history and is surrounded by many superb formal and informal leaders. All who have and are contributing to its successful status. I look forward to

working with and learning from each and every one of you. Our incumbent leaders are: Vice President Lisa Marano, Treasurer Kathleen Sibre, Recording Secretary Nicole Brown.

We have an exciting and busy time ahead of us. I encourage all members to participate, support and continue to lead our chapter into the next year. An appreciative thank you to Mary Bouchard and Marilyn McHugh for getting our newsletter off and running!

To all Delta Rho members – may you and your families be well and safe.

I will do my best to

serve Delta Rho in the upcoming year!

Warm wishes,
Ksenia Zukowsky,
PhD, APRN, NNP-BC



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Special points of interest:

- Induction Ceremony for 2009 scheduled
- Upcoming activities for 2009
- Call for 2009 Nominations for open board positions
- Scholarships

TRI-STATE CONSORTIUM BRUNCH

This is an annual event sponsored by Sigma Theta Tau International. It is held every fall in October at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. The purpose is to gather all Sigma members in the tri-state region (Pa, NJ, DE) to learn about the opportunities and resources available through the international organization, to meet and greet members from the 22 area nursing schools and their corresponding chapters, and to strategize on areas of concern for the chapters of Sigma.

Our newsletter editor, chair of the nominating committee, and board member Marilyn McHugh MSN, RN, J.D. was there to represent our chapter along with our regional mentor, Anne Muller

The keynote speaker was Elaine Tagliareni, EdD, RN, current president of the NLN. She spoke on "A National and International Perspective: Building Partnerships to Foster Excellence in Nursing Education."

FOUNDERS DAY

Another long time Delta Rho tradition at Jefferson School of Nursing. On October 28, 2008 board members David Jack, MSN, RN and Cecilia Borden, EdD, RN, presented an informal reception for all nursing students to celebrate Sigma Theta Tau International Founders Day. Attendees viewed a power point presentation on the founding of our national nursing honor society. The students also received a complementary FACT sheet along with membership information. Delta Rho board members were in attendance to interact with potential new members and answer questions regarding this organization and the delta Rho chapter.



MEMBERSHIP

The Delta Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau is **385** members strong! We would like to improve our active membership participation. Please forward to us

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your suggestion as to how to accomplish this goal. We value your comments and encourage your participation. Please send your suggestions and recommendations.

Contact our chapter president: Ksenia Zukowsky, PhD, APRN, NNP-BC at Ksenia.Zukowsky@jefferson.edu



2007-08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sigma Theta Tau International 39th Biennium Convention held in Baltimore, Maryland November 2-7, "Vision to Action: Global Health Through Collaboration": Delta Rho board members, Joseph DeRanieri, Angelina Arcamone, Beth Ann Swan, Kathy Higgins, Ksenia Zukowsky, and Mary Bowen presented both oral and poster

presentations at this international conference. In addition, the chapter's regional mentor Anne Muller, MSN, RN was a presenter and a candidate for national office. We are happy to report that Anne was successful in obtaining this national office. Congratulations Anne Muller!

2008 Accomplishments:

On May 7, 2008, Delta Rho was proud to celebrate their 28th annual induction ceremony for new nursing graduates from the Thomas Jefferson University School of Nursing. At that time Delta Rho inducted a total of 50 new members from its undergraduate and graduate programs and 3 community members.

DELTA RHO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Delta Rho will provide scholarship funding for academically outstanding nursing students who will advance knowledge in the areas of nursing science and practice. Funding is awarded to active members of Delta Rho who are students in a Masters of Science in Nursing Program with scholarship monies (\$1,000.00). If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Elkind, PhD, MBA, RNC-OB at Elizabeth.Elkind@jefferson.edu

Note: The scholarship is awarded at the STTI Delta Rho Induction Ceremony in the spring. Letter of interest is due by March 15, 2009.

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

Delta Rho offers a scholarship of \$1000.00 for active Delta Rho nurses who are conducting new research projects. If you are interested please e-mail Joseph DeRanieri, DM, MSN, RN for the research award application. All applications must be submitted to Dr. DeRanieri no later than April 1, 2009. His email address is Joseph.DeRanieri@jefferson.edu

**CURRENT AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES****TOY DRIVE**

Unwrapped gifts for children of all ages will be accepted by Delta Rho, on the 12th floor of Edison Building starting November 20, 2008. They will be distributed by our students to children in local pediatric hospitals. Remember these are for kids from birth to 21 years of age. The drive runs until December 18th. Gifts may be dropped off at the 12th floor Edison in Room 1229.

**LECTURE EVENT**

On Monday, February 23, 2009 we will be sponsoring a lecture from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at the Jefferson campus. The lecture topic will be the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) and the speaker is Mary Lou Manning, RN, PhD, CPNP. Please contact Ksenia.Zukowsky@jefferson.edu for further information.

**DELTA RHO CHAPTER
INDUCTION**

Date: May 13th, 2009

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Location: Bluemle Life Science Building, Thomas Jefferson University (10th & Locust Streets, Philadelphia, PA)

Reception to follow ceremony.

Mark your calendar!

We hope to see you there.

2008-09 LEADERSHIP:

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

On behalf of the board members and the newsletter committee I hope you enjoy this installment of Delta Rho's newsletter. We are looking forward to new board member nominations, creative ideas, and any suggestions to get YOU more involved in Delta Rho.

Our editors can be reached for comments, suggestions, and or questions by contacting: Marilyn McHugh MSN, RN, J.D. at Marilyn.McHugh@jefferson.edu or Mary

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Please forward your idea's for future issues and/or your interest in working with the editors in developing future newsletters.

2009 NOMINATIONS

A call for nominations for board members is open now and will continue through February, 2009. The positions available include: Vice President and Recording Secretary.

This is a great opportunity to serve in an active leadership position in a prestigious nursing organization. If interested please contact Marilyn McHugh MSN, RN, J.D. at [Marilyn McHugh @jefferson.edu](mailto:Marilyn.McHugh@jefferson.edu)

WEB PAGE

Our Sigma Chapter here at the Jefferson School of Nursing has our own web link within the Jefferson School of Nursing's pages. Stay connect with the chapter through this web resource. Please bookmark the page. The web address is: <http://www.jefferson.edu/jchp/nursing/deltarho.cfm>