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Omicron Alpha Members Represent Chapter at Convention in Indianapolis.

Several members of the chapter attended the Biannual Convention held in November in Indianapolis. Chapter President, Bonnie Miner, President-elect Pat Knox, Past Presidents, Barbara Fero and Margaret Argentine, Dean Elvira Szigeti, Fund Raising Chair, Mary Alice Brown, Research Chair, Priscilla Worrall, and member, Judith Maloney represented Omicron Alpha Chapter.

All had a purpose for attending. For several it was a first time attendance at the Convention. Bonnie Miner and Barbara Fero accepted two awards for the chapter, Chapter Key (our second) and Chapter Website Award (first time award has been given). Dr. Margaret Argentine has been a member of an International committee and she also was representing our new region for an elected position.

Dr. Elvira Szigeti supported the attendance of Judy Maloney who presented her graduate research project at the poster session. Also presenting a poster for their research project on Advanced Directive was Dr. Priscilla Worrall, Pat Knox, and Barbara Fero.

Pat Knox, President-Elect shares her thoughts about being a first time attendee:

Thoughts Of A First International Convention Attendee

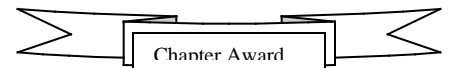
Attending the STTI biennial convention for the first time was an exhilarating experience. I sat at the opening ceremonies, watching, as

1800 attendees representing 25 countries and 382 chapters from around the world gathered together to honor nursing leadership, scholarship, and clinical practice.

The feelings of awe and pride reinforced for me the reason I have been a professional nurse for close to 30 years. The ceremonies were beautiful and respectful of the tradition of STTI and the countries it represents. I felt privileged to hear speakers from around the world who have given so much to others while they have practiced nursing in many difficult and challenging arenas.

Personally, I was stimulated and challenged by attending the research, clinical, and leadership presentations in Palliative Care, my new area of clinical practice. The comradery and the social activities were wonderful ways to validate how we share many of the same issues in nursing across the world.

STTI as a professional organization supports and contributes to research that impacts the lives of people around the world. The feelings I experienced as an attendee at convention have reinforced for me the need to encourage others to join the ranks of professional nursing.

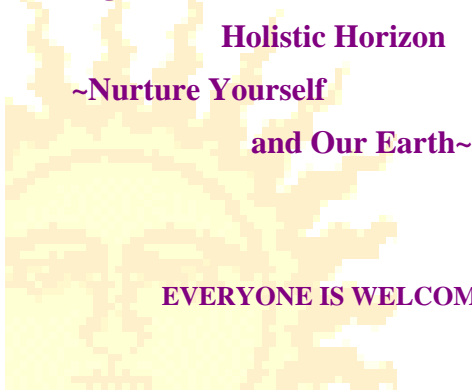


Omicron Alpha Chapter Member Selection Night March 12, 2002

5:30 Networking and Food
6:00 Selection of Members
6:30 Cathy Kelly

9th Floor of Weiskotten Hall

Come join us in selecting the newest members of our chapter. Also hear from Cathy Kelly on the latest techniques in Holistic Nursing.



Mark Your Calendar

March 12, 2002
Member Selection Night
5:30 Weiskotten Hall

April 23, 2002
7th Annual Clinical Innovation and Research Poster Session
4:00 Marley Education Center

May 18, 2002
Induction Ceremony
11:00 Weiskotten hall

Recognition of Members

We Need Active Members !

Omicron Alpha Chapter has received awards for it's membership involvement and programs. This is not possible without the work of many people.

We need our membership to become more active. The chapter will not be able to maintain the high standards that it has achieved without the assistance of more members.

For many of us, the thought of one more committee is overwhelming. Much of the work in our committees can be accomplished through e-mails or phone calls. Many times committees have short-term projects that just require a small amount of your time.

The chapter really needs your help. Consider joining one of the committees at the start of the new year in September or call now and find out what you can do to help. To find out what you can do to help contact the chair of the committee.

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Our Membership Involvement and programs have won us Two Chapter Key Awards

Time has come again to seek out names for people for our Chapter Awards. Omicron Alpha presents awards to recognize students, faculty, OA members, and Community leaders for outstanding performance in a variety of roles.

See the following for explanation of the awards presented each year. For further information and nomination forms check the website;

<http://nursepro.upstate.edu/oa/index.html>

The dead line is April 15,2002

The Matthew Carr Award

Is presented to a graduating graduate student who has demonstrated commitment to the goals of Sigma Theta Tau and to professional nursing, and leadership within Omicron Alpha Chapter.

The Community Mentor Award

Is to a member of OA who has served as a leader and mentor in professional nursing and in OA.

The Outstanding Student Performance Award Recognizes scholarly achievement and exemplary performance in the promotion and improvement of the profession of nursing.

The Excellence in Research Award

Recognizes the accomplishments of a member of OA in the area of nursing research.

The Virginia B. Byers Professional Organization Commitment Award

Recognizes the accomplishments of an OA member who demonstrates a commitment to the advancement of the nursing profession through active participation in a variety of professional organizations as well as those professional activities of OA which foster achievement of the purposes and goals of Sigma Theta Tau, International.

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