



**Sigma Theta Tau**  
**international honor society of nursing**  
**THE DELTA REPORT**  
**DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER**



Fall 2005

Editor – Barbara Brunt

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**  
**Joseph Foley, RN**

Greetings My Dear Colleagues,

As I write my very first presidential message to you, I am amazed at where we have been as a chapter. Delta Omega is celebrating its twenty-fifth year as a chapter of the Honor Society at the University of Akron. Our membership has grown and diversified, our chapter has achieved excellence many times over; we have exemplified the advancement of knowledge, learning and service, yet our work is not finished. I am pleased and honored to serve as President of your exceptional chapter. I will be even more privileged to represent you at the Biennial Convention in November, and receive the recognition award for 25 years of excellence.



As a chapter, we are all charged with the mission of Sigma Theta Tau: “To support the learning, knowledge and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide”. I am delighted to announce that the board members, both new and returning, have already undertaken the initiative in planning collaborative programs, community service projects and informational sessions with potential candidates for induction. I owe a great deal to the immediate past president, Crystal Thompson, who has seen to it that the seeds have been planted and has left to us the task of nurturing and growing and seeing these projects to fruition.

Our transition meeting in August dealt with the changeover in half the board and seeing to it that the strategic plan for the biennium is in place. Again, I am lucky to have board members who have a great deal of experience with program and chapter development, including past presidents. Our other board members have a great deal of expertise and are energetic and committed to pursuing superior programming. But even the strongest of boards cannot shine without the assistance of a strong and committed chapter membership. Therefore, it will be our goal to keep you, the chapter, updated and informed about the upcoming events and needs for assistance. We all would like to see increased involvement of the chapter in all areas and especially in the short-term commitments to project development that require input and assistance of a wide assortment of talented people. I urge you to avoid the hasty negative reply when asked to assist; any help will be gratefully accepted.

One of our long-term goals is to establish better chapter involvement and to decrease inactive membership. One way we would like to try to retain new members as well as to keep the active members involved is to establish a mentorship program within the chapter. We will be starting with the newest members and asking the active



membership to accept the challenges and rewards of taking on a new inductee and getting involved in a committee, program, or community service project.

We are also asking that each member contact at least one inactive colleague in an effort to restore involvement and perhaps renew an old friendship. Lastly, please make a concerted effort to visit the Delta Omega website to view upcoming meetings, events and community service projects that are planned. It is hard to take the time from your busy day to get more involved, but the stakes are very low and the rewards could be lifelong!

Before I conclude, let me share some announcements and news. Chris Wynd, chapter member and past president, has been nominated for Vice-President of the International Organization, so please offer her support and encouragement; elections will be held in November at the Biennial Convention. Debi Burnsworth has accepted a new full time position and will be stepping down from her position as administrative assistant. Marlene Huff has also stepped down from her position with the awards. These individuals have worked and contributed so much and our chapter has benefited immeasurably from their involvement. I speak for the chapter when I thank them and let them know they will be missed! It is also my challenge to find replacements, so if you are interested or know of someone interested in commitment to Delta Omega, please contact me.

We have our work cut out for us, but all things can be achieved with the efforts and involvement of each and every one of you. Please, help us meet the challenges head on! All the best to you.

Until next time...

Joseph Foley  
President, Delta Omega

**DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS**

All members are welcome to attend the Executive Board meetings for Delta Omega Chapter, and/or contact members and request that items be added to the agenda. The following is a list of scheduled Board meetings. All meetings will be held at 5:30 pm in Mary Gladwin Hall, 101-F, The University of Akron, College of Nursing unless otherwise noted.

- Nov. 28, 2005
- Jan. 23, 2006
- February 27
- March 27
- April 24
- May, 22, location TBA
- June 26, location TBA

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Effective November 1, 2005 Tracie Epner will be assuming responsibilities as the Chapter's Administrative Assistant. You can reach Tracie at: [fracie@uakron.edu](mailto:fracie@uakron.edu) or 330.972.6674.



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Begin planning your involvement in the 38th Biennial Convention. Come to Indianapolis and hear colleagues from around the world present their work during hundreds of quality educational sessions. Make an impression and build relationships as a sponsor or exhibitor. Recognize accomplishments by submitting your own project or nominating a colleague for the International Awards program. Say hello to old friends and meet new ones.

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### FALL/WINTER COMMUNITY ACTIVITY AT OPEN-M

Help the Delta Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International give back to the community. The **Opportunity Parish Ecumenical Neighborhood Ministry (OPEN-M)** is a church-sponsored, non-profit, neighborhood-based, comprehensive ministry in Akron. We would like to bring together members (old and new) from Delta Omega Chapter to prepare and serve a hot lunch to the community at OPEN-M. The date will be announced soon. Please keep watching for updates pertaining to this activity. We would love to have you join us.



On December 15th from 5:00pm - 7:00 pm, Delta Omega members will be meeting at Open-M to help wrap Christmas presents. Please come join us, or if you aren't free that evening, donations of wrapping paper, bows, ribbons, etc will be collected at various sites. Watch for an email announcement soon with more information.

## DELTA OMEGA INTERN PROGRAM

Do you want to become more active in the Delta Omega Chapter leadership but don't know where to begin? Are you a new member ready to test your skills as a leader? Then you should consider applying for the intern program designed to prepare members of Delta Omega Chapter for leadership roles in nursing and health organizations as well as for leadership at local, regional, and national levels of Sigma Theta Tau International.

There are opportunities for an intern to serve as co-editor of the newsletter, or in other leadership positions in the chapter. The program provides opportunity for a Delta Omega member to further skills and networking. Interns will participate in the following activities:

1. Serve as co-editor of the newsletter or co-chair of one chapter committee
2. Attend chapter Board of Director meetings
3. Attend local, regional, and/or national meetings as feasible
4. Work on a specific project with chapter officers (project determined collaboratively by the Board of Directors and the intern)



To be eligible, a candidate must have active membership in Sigma Theta Tau International and possess the potential for and willingness to serve as a leader within the chapter. Anyone interested in being an intern for the newsletter should contact Barb Brunt at (330) 375-3075 or at [bruntb@summa-health.org](mailto:bruntb@summa-health.org). Anyone interested in another internship position should contact Joe Foley at (330)543-8953 or at [jfoley@chmca.org](mailto:jfoley@chmca.org)

## WELCOME DELTA OMEGA'S NEW OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

The following information is provided so that members have a little bit of information about the individuals who are serving the chapter in leadership positions. Information on other board members and committee chairs will be included in the next newsletter.

**Joe Foley** is just starting his term as president. He recently started a new job as Nurse Practitioner for Critical Care at Akron Children's Hospital. He has been interested in all aspects of pediatrics and has worked at USAF Medical Center in Texas, as well as University Medical Center in SAT and has been a faculty member at the University of Akron. He has been a Delta Omega member since 1989, and previously served as president-elect. Joe's wife Liz is a nurse, and they have two children, two dogs, and two cats. Joe is honored to serve as president and have an outstanding board of directors. He is interested in finding ways to increase involvement in chapter activities.



**Karen Mascolo** is starting her first year as first vice president. She is currently the Director of School Health Services at Akron Children's Hospital and has been a Delta Omega member for 2 years. She rings English handbells in an auditioned community choir, and hopes to pursue a PhD in

nursing. Her area of research interest is adolescent health promotion and specifically the prevention of adolescent dating/relationship violence.



**Dina Dornack** is 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president of the chapter. She is currently the Trauma Coordinator at Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron. She is starting her second year in this position. Dina has been a member of Delta Omega since her induction in 1997. She loves to travel and the beach is her favorite destination. If she had to pick a season for year round it would be fall. She enjoys watching football (Go Steelers!) and spending time with friends and family.



**Lori Kidd** is currently faculty counselor. She is a faculty member at the University of Akron College of Nursing and she has been a member of Delta Omega for over 20 years. She enjoys reading, travel, and movies.



### FALL DINNER MEETING AND PROGRAM

The Delta Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, International held their fall dinner meeting featuring Dr. Katherine Kolcaba and Annette Mitzel who presented their research, "The Efficacy of Hand Massage for Enhancing Comfort in Two Client Populations". The meeting was held October 17, 2005 at the Martin University Center at The University of Akron. The evening began with Networking with colleagues, followed by dinner and presentation. begins at 6:45 pm. Dr. Kolcaba shared information about her comfort theory and participants enjoyed hand massages given by Ms. Mitzel. Contact hours were awarded.

**Joan Stapf** is in her second term as archivist. She is currently retired and has been a member of Delta Omega since 1982. She enjoys needlework, knitting crocheting, and quilting. In her position she collects information of Delta Omega activities for the archives – if anyone has any pictures of past activities, please let Joan know.

Visit the Calendar of Events on our website for important deadlines and upcoming events:  
<http://www2.uakron.edu/deltaomega/Calendar.htm>

### Member News



We are proud of our distinguished membership, delighted to hear about our members' achievements, appointments and awards, and pleased to announce your endeavors in the *Delta Report*. Please use this form to notify us of your accomplishments. Thank you!

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## News from Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron

Delta Omega chapter had an information table at the Pediatric Nursing Conference at Children's hospital on October 14th.

### News from Summa Reporter: Barb Brunt

Jennifer Doyle, MSN, RN, WHNP was selected as the regional finalist in the Nursing Excellence awards in the category of Advancing the Profession for the Midwest region of Nursing Spectrum, which covers 14 states. Her nomination will be reviewed with those of 11 other regional finalists to select one finalist for the nation.

Linda Breedlove, RN, MBA, W. Fallon, M. Cullado, A. Dalton, R. Dontha, and D. Donovan published an article "Dollars and Sense: Attributing Value to a Level I Trauma Center in Economic Terms" in the April 2005 issue of The Journal of Trauma, Injury, Infection, and Critical Care.

Patty Fisher, BSN, RN, CCTC, Denise Kropp, BS, BSED, and Eileen Fleming, MSN, RN will have an article on "The Impact on Living Kidney Donors: Quality of Life, Self-Image and Family Dynamics" appear in the September/October 2005 issue of Nephrology Nursing Journal.

Barb Brunt, MA, MN, RN, BC graduated from the University of Dundee in Scotland on July 12<sup>th</sup>. She spent time in both England and Scotland with her family before and after her graduation. She also had a story on her personal experiences in nursing titled "Nursing, A Skilled Journey...One nurse's path through the profession" published in the May 2005 edition of Hospital News.

### Presentations - Papers

Ann Jacobson, PhD, RN, Patty Costigan, MSN, RN, Rod Mysercough, PhD, N. Bright, BSN, RN, Eileen Fleming, MSN, RN, A. Huddleston, PhD, and J Varley, MD presented "Total Knee Replacement Surgery: The Patient's Perspective" at the National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses (NAON) 25<sup>th</sup> annual Congress in Phoenix, Arizona in May 2005.

### Presentations – Posters

Ginnie Abell, BA, RN, CIC, Patty Wells, RN, Claudester Stephens, Joseph DiPersio, PhD, and Francis Stephen, MD presented a poster on "Emergence of Acinetobacter Baumannii in Critically Ill Patients within an Acute Care Teaching Hospital and a Long Term Acute Care Facility" at the Association for Professional in Infection Control in Baltimore Maryland in June 2005.

Nancy McManus, BSN, MEd, RN, BC, CGRS, had a poster on "Grief Recovery" accepted for the seminar "Strategies for Success: Health Care Management, Staff Development and Education" in Columbus, Ohio, in September 2005.

### Invited Talks-Classes

Carol Kridler, MSN, RN, CCRN, SANE-A and Carol Powell, BSN, RN, CEN, SANE-A, EMT-P did a presentation on "Experiencing Haiti: at the Greater Akron Area Emergency Nurses Association spring Seminar in Hudson, Ohio in May 2005.

Susan Sorboro, BSN, RN and Pat Troyer did a presentation on "The Complete Women's Health Service Line" at the Snowmass Institute in San Antonio, TX in April 2005.

## News from Robinson

Reporter: Jan Bahle

Robinson Memorial Hospital has again been named one of the Best 99 places to work in Northeast Ohio by the Employers Resources Council. This is the **third** consecutive year that the hospital has been chosen for this NorthCoast 99 Award.

NorthCoast 99 is a national recognized, regional program that promotes the area's greatest workplaces. It is designed to identify best organizational practices and serves as a model for regional economic development by helping organizations improve their ability to attract and retain excellent employees.

Stephen Colecchi, President and Chief Executive Officer, indicated this award belongs to all of the employees at Robinson. The hospital was chosen for this award because of their camaraderie, willingness to help each other and dedication, passion and commitment to the hospital and the patient they serve.

Congratulations on this recognition.

## News from the "U" (The University of Akron)

Reporter: Chris Wynd

Congratulations to the following people for their accomplishments since July 2005!

### Dr. Rose Beeson

Funded project with V. Schirm, K. Ross-Alaolmolki, & J. Dickie. "Comprehensive Geriatric Education Program: Online Partnership for Long-Term Care Nursing." Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services. Funded. \$197,315.

### Ms. Peg DiMarco

Presentation: "Oral Health Disparities in Homeless Children." 16th International Nursing Research Congress, Hawaii, July 2005.

Funded research: "Access/Utilization of Dental Care by Homeless Children," The Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award from the National Institute of Nursing Research.. Funded, \$73,464.

### Dr. Irene Glanville

Funded project: "Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship." Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services. Funded \$65,429.

### Ms. Jackie Guhde

Publication: When orientation ends...supporting the new nurse who is struggling to succeed. (2005). *Journal for Nurses in Staff Development*, 21(4), 145-151.

### Dr. Kathy Kolcaba

Presentation: with B. Weeks. "Co-Creating a Culture of Comfort at Northwestern Hospital." Northwestern Hospital & Community Center, Seattle, WA., August 19, 2005.

### Dr. Tracy Riley

Funded research: "Improving Adherence to Antiretroviral Therapy." National Institute of Nursing Research. Funded \$240,106.

### Dr. Kathy Ross-Alaolmolki

Funded project: with Doctors Judy Lewis, Rita Klein, & Cheryl Sadler. "Accelerated Option for Baccalaureate Preparation in Nursing," Health



Resources & Services Administration/Department of Health and Human Services. Funded \$248,061.

Dr. Stephanie Woods:

Funded research: "Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Cortisol, and Immune Function."  
National Institutes of Nursing Research and Child Health and Human Development.  
Funded \$2.1 million.

Dr. Christine Wynd

Award: Honorary doctorate from MedCentral College of Ohio in Mansfield, Ohio, September 2005.

Award: Distinguished Alumnae Bishop Amadeus Rappe Award, Ursuline College (Saint John College), Cleveland, Ohio, September 2005.

Publication: The effectiveness of guided health imagery for smoking cessation and long-term abstinence. (2005) *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, 37, 1-6.

Presentation: "Engagement, Execution, and Success: Nursing in the 21st Century," graduation ceremony keynote address, MedCentral College of Ohio, September 10, 2005, Mansfield, Ohio.

## SAVE THE DATE

The Akron Canton Clinical Nursing Research Network, in collaboration with the Delta Omega chapter, will be presenting an all day program on Evidence-based Practice on Wednesday May 24, 2006. This program will be held at Akron Children's. Watch your email/mail for the call for abstracts for this program.

## REGARDING MEMBERSHIP WE ARE UPDATING OUR RECORDS!

Please notify Tracie Epner via email at [fracie@uakron.edu](mailto:fracie@uakron.edu) for the following:

- \*Any member that moves, or changes their address, or knows of someone who has moved or changed their address.
- \*Any member who knows of another member who has been deceased.
- \*Any member that has moved into our area and wishes to transfer their membership to Delta Omega.
- \*Any member that knows of an inactive member who wishes to become active.

If any active member has a friend or knows of someone who is inactive, please encourage them to rejoin. We would like to keep our membership growing!

### Get Connected. Get Involved. *VolunteerConnect Web Pages!*

**Get connected** through the Volunteer Interest Profile (VIPProfile), the honor society's online interest survey. [Go there now](#) to create or update your profile. (You will need your member number to log in: #XXXXXX.)

Why get connected?

- Share your skills, talents and opinions
- Meet new people
- Grow personally and professionally

**Get involved** through the new VolunteerConnect Web Pages. Visit [www.nursingsociety.org/VConnect](http://www.nursingsociety.org/VConnect) to:

- [Walk through the Volunteer Orientation PowerPoint](#)
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## SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL CRITERIA FOR AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP



Sigma Theta Tau International is the honor society of nursing committed to fostering excellence, scholarship and leadership in nursing to improve health care worldwide. The Society promotes the use of nursing research in health care delivery and makes its resources available to all people and

institutions interested in the latest knowledge in nursing care. Sigma Theta Tau International was founded in 1922 and has a membership of more than 120,000 members active in more than 90 countries. It has chapters located at 523 college and university schools of nursing worldwide. 45% of the Society's members are clinicians, 20% are administrators or supervisors, and 19% are educators. 65% of its members hold master's and/or doctoral degrees.

Nurses may become members of Sigma Theta Tau International by establishing eligibility through the following criteria. Once eligibility is established, potential members are invited to place an application.

### Membership Criteria:

#### Undergraduate students must:

- have completed ½ of the nursing curriculum;
- have at least a GPA of 3.0 (based on a 4.0 grading scale);
- rank in the upper 35 percentile of the graduating class;
- meet the expectation of academic integrity.

#### RN students must:

- have completed 12 credit hours at current school;
- have completed ½ of the nursing curriculum;
- have at least a GPA of 3.0 (based on a 4.0 grading scale);
- rank in the upper 35 percentile of graduating class;
- meet the expectation of academic integrity.

#### Graduate students (Master's and Doctorate) must:

- have completed ¼ of the nursing curriculum;
- have at least a GPA of 3.5 (based on a 4.0 grading scale);
- meet the expectation of academic integrity.

#### Nurse Leaders must:

- be a registered nurse, legally recognized to practice in his/her country;
- hold at least a baccalaureate degree in nursing or other field;
- have demonstrated achievement in nursing.

### MEMBER BENEFITS:

From scholarship to research, bedside to teaching, business and beyond, nurses of today and tomorrow have more opportunities than ever to touch the lives of people across the globe. The Honor Society of Nursing is here to support your career through a wide variety of member benefits and services.

#### Publications

- Reflections on Nursing Leadership, a four-color nursing news magazine
- Excellence - a customized issue-oriented online newsletter
- Journal of Nursing Scholarship, a peer-reviewed health-care journal

#### Career Resources

- [CareerMap](#) - online, print and person-to-person opportunities to help advance your career
- [Continuing Education](#) - through chapter programming and Online Case Studies for Nursing
- Networking opportunities
- Chapter activities - opportunities to share ideas with nurse scholars and clinicians from around the world



- Directory of Nurse Leaders - a complete listing of active Sigma Theta Tau members and their contact information
- [Online Member Community](#) - connecting members worldwide through chats and e-forums

Research

- [Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library](#) - immediate access to nursing research and information
- [Online Literature Review and Book Review](#) - weekly e-bulletins providing the latest customized information on newly published nursing books and articles
- [Small Research Grants](#) - Grant opportunities from the society and our joint partners

Chapter Activities - experience first hand the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International through your local chapter. You will receive publications, have the chance to interact with other nurses in your area, participate in research conferences, receive research grants, serve on committees and assemblies, and much more.

There are 406 chapters on 503 college and university campuses worldwide.

International activities - you may reach beyond your local community to interact with colleagues and benefit from research conferences, biennial conventions, regional assemblies, "think tanks" and other nursing and health care-related activities.

CareerMap - Managing your career with purpose! Let Sigma Theta Tau assist you every step of your nursing career...whether you're thinking of nursing as a career, are an RN looking for new directions, or working towards a fulfilling retirement. Services include, but aren't limited to:

- [NTN NurseNet!](#) - a customized employment search database
- Career advice service - nurse experts answer your career questions
- Career profiles - online [profiles of members](#) in several specialty areas and work settings

Member Community - this online resource connects members world wide. Benefits now available include:

- e-Forum - debate important industry issues with other society members. Topics may include the nursing shortage and career advice
- Directory of Nurse Leaders - a searchable directory of society members
- Journal of Nursing Scholarship - the society's renowned research journal is now available electronically. Members may choose online vs. print delivery.

Financial Services - a no annual fee *Platinum Plus*<sup>SM</sup> or Preferred MasterCard® credit card program from MBNA America Bank, N.A. [Click here!](#)

Publications - print and electronic publications are distributed through Center Nursing Press, the society's internal publishing unit, and through the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library.

Journal of Nursing Scholarship - Free to active members, \$39 value - One of the most widely read and respected health care journals today.

Reflections on Nursing Leadership - Free to active members, \$23 value - an award-winning four-color news magazine featuring contemporary articles on nurses at the forefront of change.

Excellence - Free to active members - Three issues-oriented newspapers providing members with customized information pertinent to their individual needs. Members select from Clinical Practice, Nursing Administration or Nursing Education.

You Belong Here - an online newsletter for newly inducted members featuring industry news and targeted for early career nurses.

Books - peer-reviewed works covering many topics including health care, communication, education models, health policy and more.

My Info Search - enables you, through the Book Review for Nursing and the Literature Review for Nursing, to customize your searches to specific areas of interest.

Online Book Review for Nursing - Free to Active Members - This service features more than 72,000 books and electronic media titles and expert reviews in 140 health science specialties. Members



subscribing to this free service receive weekly e-mail bulletins about newly published books in their specialty areas. It also includes a specialty filter of the National Library of Medicines MEDLINE® database, using research strategies prepared by an expert in MEDLINE® searching. Members receive a 10% discount on books when ordering online.

*Online Literature Review for Nursing* - Subscribe to this new service and save time and money by letting someone else sift through more than 8,000 new articles listed each week in MEDLINE®. A subscription includes weekly, customized e-mail bulletins about new articles, reviews, abstracts, ratings and expert commentary in your specific areas of interest.

Continuing Education Credits - may be earned through scholarly programs on the society's [Web site](#) or at the chapter, regional and international events. These programs are designed to provide members with opportunities for personal and professional growth.

[Directory of Nurse Experts](#) - consider using society members as resources. More than 300 nurse experts in a variety of specialty areas - from Alternative Care to Women's Health - are available for you to contact!

[Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library](#) - Access to current nursing research data and study findings available online, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Literature Indexes - Free to Active Members - These indexes will give you access to nursing (and some biomedical) literature indexes in MEDLINE, the International Nursing Index and the Registry of Nursing Research. Available indexes include:

- The Nursing Research indexes cover all nursing journals since 1996 in which 50% or more articles are research related.
- The Health-Specific Indexes include research on a specific health problem or process.
- The Registry of Nursing Research Index of Findings by Variables (studied together) is more precise

than other knowledge indexes because only variables studied together are used as index terms.

The Registry of Nursing Research - Free to Active Members - The Registry is a unique electronic database that holds scientific nursing research relevant to clinical practice.

The Online Journal of Knowledge Synthesis for Nursing (OJKSN)- The OJKSN provides access to full-text, integrative reviews of research that guide nursing practice. All articles are peer-reviewed and authored by research/clinician teams.

Opportunities to be published - there are four opportunities to submit your work for publication - the Online Journal of Knowledge Synthesis for Nursing; Journal of Nursing Scholarship, the scholarly books and the Online Case Studies for Nursing. There is also a program to assist you in publishing your work - the [Distinguished Writers Program](#).

Research Grants - members receive priority when applying for research funds through the Small Grants Program and co-sponsored Grants Program.

Awards and Recognition for excellence in the areas of nursing research, education, practice, leadership, informatics, multimedia and writing.

Governance, leadership and volunteer opportunities abound at the international, regional and chapter levels including elective and appointive positions.

Support the Mission through well-managed endowment funds that will secure the future of nursing. Contributions may be made via: cash gifts, pledges, honoraria, royalties, securities, life insurance or planned gifts.



Chiron: The Mentor-Fellow Forum, an individualized program with three channels to develop leadership skills - as a fellow, one-on-one mentoring within a group for nurses early in their careers; as a senior fellow, for experienced professionals to strengthen current skills or develop new ones; and as a mentor.

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