The 1997 Sigma Theta Tau International Region 1 Assembly was held February 7 & 8 in Salt Lake City, Utah. President-elect Irene Kawashima, Chapter Historian, Suzanne Lackey, and I attended, representing the Nu Mu chapter. The Regional Assembly is open to all members and if you have never gone, plan to in the future. They get better every time. The next Regional Assembly will be in early 1999 in the Los Angeles area, hosted by the UCLA chapter...so there is no excuse not to attend. Other chapters, including Nu Mu, are planning to be involved in the planning process. Hope to see you there!!

Friday morning of the Assembly opened with the keynote address by Sigma Theta Tau's President Melanie C. Dreher Ph.D., RN, FAAN. Dr. Dreher spoke on the importance of clinical scholarship, its value and its contribution to the profession and community. According to Dr. Dreher, "Clinical scholarship is being struck by ideas, testing ideas, and questioning the way things have always been done". Dr. Dreher shared how clinical scholarship requires the individual to take risks and action, even with limited information. Unfortunately as instructors we often don't encourage our students to take risks. Often autonomy and being accountable for one's work is replaced with reliance on supervisors and following the policy and procedure manual. Managed care has lead to challenging the fundamental values of nursing. A new approach to patient care will entail non-hospital settings and greater collaboration with other disciplines. New nursing grads will need to show qualities of leadership, creativity, courage, and an open willingness to adapt and participate to change as necessary. They will need to be decision-makers instead of decision followers. Dr. Dreher also emphasized the idea of teaching students "how to take a job" instead of "how to get a job". The student can "take" the job by going after their goals, acquiring necessary skills, and bringing what they can offer to the employer. In other words, to take the job means selling yourself to the employer. A job is only a means to expressing current career goals, whereas a career, which is what nursing is suppose to be, is reaching those goals. It is often more demanding than a job, but is more exciting and rewarding. It is going where you will be challenged and where you can learn and grow professionally.

Following Dr. Dreher's presentation was a panel of nursing deans and vice-presidents who
discussed scholarly activities within their work settings, discussed how clinical scholarship can bridge the gap between academe and practice, and described how administrators and deans could collaborate in providing opportunities for scholarly practice.

There were different breakout sessions to choose from in the afternoon. I attended one on the use of the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library. It was informative and fun. The Virginia Henderson Nursing Library provides data, information, knowledge, and communication services to nurses all over the world electronically. As a Sigma Theta Tau member, you can subscribe to one or both services offered. The Nursing Research Registry database is $30.00 per year, and the Online Journal of Knowledge Synthesis for Nursing is $60.00 per year. Combined subscription is $80.00 per year.

The Nursing Research Registry includes research that will help you find answers to your nursing questions. Some of the research has been published in the general nursing literature; however, much of it is unpublished. Any computer with software that is able to emulate a vt100 is sufficient for searching the Registry. It is available via WWW (http://stti-web.iupui.edu), the Internet (telnet stti-sun.iuui.edu), and by telephone (317 687-2271).

To sample some of the features available to subscribers, visit Sigma Theta Tau International home page (http://stti-web.iupui.edu). Click on the Research Registry button, and type in visitor (use lower case letters) for the login and password.

The Online Journal of Knowledge Synthesis for Nursing offers timely, synthesized knowledge to guide nursing practice and research. It provides critical reviews of research pertinent to clinical practice and research situations that nurses can access and use immediately. All articles include statement of problem, research summaries, annotated critical references, practice implications, research needed, search strategies and references used.

The Knowledge Synthesis Journal is available on the WWW and the Internet. Primary Access to the OCLC Electronic Journals Online Service is through the Guidon Software Interface. WWW access is available to anyone who can browse the web. Access is via the URL: http://stti-web.iupui.edu

For any questions regarding these services, contact the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library at 317 634-8171 or FAX 317 634-8188.

That evening we attended the Region 1 recognition and awards ceremony. It was a pleasure and an honor to accept on behalf of the Nu Mu chapter (along with eight other chapters) the Research Dissemination Award. The Southern California Chapters Joint Research Conference held in San Diego in October entitled “Vision 2000: Embracing the Future of Health Care” was selected for this award. Thanks again to our past vice-president, Karen Pederson, MSN, RN, CCRN, for all her hard work in pulling this successful conference off. We only wished you could have been at the Assembly to receive this award for our chapter.

To finish the evening, we walked “in the cold...” to the Joseph Smith Building and had a wonderful dinner, followed by a “fashion show of nursing uniforms over the decades”.

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Treasurer’s Report
February 24, 1997

Balance in Treasury January 27, 1996 $11,170.76

EXPENSES

Induction at Almansor Court 950.00
Regional Assembly 543.06
Total 1,493.06

INCOME

Interest – January 9.74
Total 9.74

Balance in Treasury February 24, 1997 $9,687.44

Scholarship Fund
Balance in Scholarship Fund January 27, 1997 $6,741.28

INCOME

Interest – January 11.06
Holiday Tea Donations 205.00
Total $6,957.34

Note: Holiday Tea Donations (54) $1,895.00
Less expenses 208.17
Profit $1,686.83

Donors to the “Holiday Tea”

NuMu Chapter extends appreciation to the following donors for their contributions to the December “Holiday Tea”:  

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A DAY AT THE RACES
FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT
BY JOYCE GILLETTE, CHAIRMAN

Our spring fund raising event was held on Saturday, April 12, at Santa Anita Racing Park. The 27 people who attended enjoyed a great lunch, selected from a special Sigma Theta Tau menu. It was a perfect day to be in an air conditioned dining room with individual TVs on each table, five stories above the finish line! The group attending ranged from those who chose horses based on their colors, names, the jockey who was ring, and those who had meticulously studied a race form picked up on Friday night and worked through a series of exercises to scientifically pick the winner. We won’t comment on which group did better. We will comment, however, on the professional handicapper who met with us to help us choose a group of 5-6 horses in one race that should bring in winners, BUT...none of them won! But, we still had fun!

We want to thank the 27 members and guests who participated in fund raising while enjoying Santa Anita. We would also like to thank those who were not able to attend, but send in generous donations: Jane Conner, Valerie Wood, Susan Tittle, Karen Johnson, Blanche Katz, Florence Gustofson, and Susan D’Antuono. Once the track sends us a bill, we can figure out how much money we did raise in the end!!

This is my last year as Fund Raising Committee Chair. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the Fund Raising Committee for their help during this past year and invite them to continue to work with me on the committee met year when Darlene Finocchiaro takes over as Chair: Rachel Bollenbecker, Daisy Bumacod, Kathleen Thompson Hunt, Christana Lassen, and Lucille Sevigny.

We have one more new and unique way that you can help raise money for Nu Mu for education, scholarship and research. Rindy Stewart, one of our own Nu Mu members who has served Nu Mu in a variety of capacities, including Induction Chair, has offered the chapter a fund raising and spirit raising opportunity. Read about it the newsletter.

A New Look For You
Fund Raiser

Changing jobs? Need a more polished image? Just need a perk (in honor of nurse recognition week)? How about a Mother’s Day gift? If you answered yes to any or all of the above questions, then help is here! Rindy Stewart will be conducting an open house featuring Mary Kay skin care, color cosmetics and fragrance items during which 25% of sales will be donated to the Chapter. Items for men and women will be available and it will be a great opportunity to buy Mother’s Day gifts and gift baskets for any occasion. Participants will be able to try before they buy, and gift wrapping is free! All people making purchases that day will be entered in a prize drawing! Telephone orders will also be accepted, and the donation will be made as long as the caller mentions the Nu Mu Chapter. The open house will be held at Rindy’s home on Saturday, May 10, 1997, from 9:00 am to 6:00 PM.

You may also schedule a skin care class (you plus 2-5 others) anytime during April or May and 25% of the sales will be donated to the Chapter. Only the hostess must be a Nu Mu Chapter member in order for the donation to be made. During the skin care class, a personalized skin care program will be recommended as well as color cosmetic application techniques. Great hostess gifts will be given and a prize drawing for anyone ordering a complete set. There is a charge for the skin care class, expect for the products purchased! Maps and further information will be provided at the Nu Mu Chapter Induction on Saturday, May 3, or you can call Rindy directly.

Rindy Stewart’s address is:
13721 Avenida Espana
LaMirada, CA 90638
See you on May 10!
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Third Joint Southern California Chapters
SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL
NURSING RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Nursing Odyssey: Exploring Research and Education
October 16-18, 1997
San Diego, CA

ABSTRACT DEADLINE: MAY 1, 1997

You are invited to submit abstracts for the third JOINT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NURSING RESEARCH CONFERENCE to be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Mission Valley, San Diego, Thurs.-Sat., October 16, 17, 18, 1997.

PURPOSES:

The purposes of this joint conference are to promote communication about nursing research and education interests and issues, and to enhance research collaboration throughout nursing's scholarly community.

PROCEEDINGS:

Proceedings will be distributed at the conference for all in attendance. The proceedings will not be copyrighted. You may publish the paper or abstract elsewhere; we request, however, that you include the notation that the paper or poster was presented at the third Joint Southern California STTI Chapters Nursing Research Conference.

NOTIFICATION:

Notification of accepted papers and posters and commitment for presentation at the conference will be made by July 15, 1997.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Research must be completed by the time of submission to be eligible for podium presentation.
- Methodological, concept, or innovation papers (research focused) are eligible for podium, symposium, or poster presentation.
- In-progress and completed research are eligible for poster presentation.
- Eligible presenters are: members of STTI chapters, faculty, current nursing students, or other interested nurse clinicians, researchers and scholars.

*The conference is sponsored by the following schools/STTI chapters:
Azusa Pacific University/Iota Sigma; CSU Dominguez Hills/Xi Theta; CSU Long Beach/Iota Eta; CSU Los Angeles/Nu Mu; Loma Linda University/Gamma Alpha; San Diego State University/Gamma Gamma; University of California Los Angeles/Gamma Tau; University of San Diego-Point Loma College/Zeta Mu.

Mark your calendar — Submit your abstract
SELECTION CRITERIA: Abstracts will be blind reviewed using the most relevant of the selection criteria below.

- **Research** papers and posters will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:
  - Specific aims or objectives of the study;
  - Rationale or background for the study;
  - Research methodology including design, sample, procedure, measurement instrument (reliability and validity) and data analysis used;
  - Research findings or results;
  - Implications or significance of findings to nursing.

- **Methodological or concept** papers and posters (research focused) will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:
  - Internal consistency of focus, purpose, and meaning;
  - Importance to nursing science and research;
  - Usefulness in guiding research;
  - Clarity of presentation.

- **Innovation** papers and posters (research focused) will be selected based on assessment of the following abstract components:
  - Statement of the problem;
  - Description of the innovation and resulting change;
  - Implications and significance of the innovation for research, practice, and/or education;
  - Recommendations or future problems/questions.

For abstract instructions and sample format, contact:

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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR
THE MASTER'S DEGREE IN NURSING
PEDiatric ACUTE CARE
NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

The Master of Science in Nursing Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner option is now accepting applications for a new, federally funded program which is planned to begin Summer or Fall Quarter, 1997. This option prepares students to collaboratively work with the health team to assess and manage acutely ill children in both inpatient and outpatient settings. The completion time for course work for full time students is 2 years, plus an additional quarter to complete the comprehensive examination.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
1. Current California Registered Nurse License
2. Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (NLN-accredited)
3. Minimum of 2.75 GPA (last 90 units academic course work)
4. Minimum of B (3.0) GPA in upper division nursing course work
5. Approved Statistics Course
6. Upper Division Nursing Research Course
7. Recent Physical Assessment Course
8. One Year Clinical Practice Working in Pediatric Acute or Critical Care
9. Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Certification

All applications will be ranked. Criteria for ranking include GPA, graduate work completed, clinical experience, quality of short essay, professional activities, achievements, certificates, educational degrees and interview.

Application packets are now available from the Nursing Department, California State University, Los Angeles, 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90032-8171. Nurses who wish an application packet or who have questions regarding the program or admission requirements may call the Nurse Practitioner Program Office at (213) 343-4710. The deadline for submission of the application packet and two sets of official transcripts is April 4, 1997. If space in the cohort is still available, this deadline will be extended.
California State University, Los Angeles
Department of Nursing

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR
THE MASTER'S DEGREE IN NURSING
ADULT CARDIOPULMONARY ACUTE CARE
NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

The Master of Science in Nursing Adult Cardiopulmonary Acute Care Nurse Practitioner option is now accepting applications for a new, federally funded program which is planned to begin Summer or Fall Quarter, 1997. This option prepares students to collaboratively work with the health team to assess and manage acutely and critically ill patients who have cardiovascular and/or pulmonary illness in both inpatient and outpatient settings. The completion time for course work for full time students is 2 years, plus an additional quarter to complete the comprehensive examination.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
1. Current California Registered Nurse License
2. Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (NLN-accredited)
3. Minimum of 2.75 GPA (last 90 units academic course work)
4. Minimum of B (3.0) GPA in upper division nursing course work
5. Approved Statistics Course
6. Upper Division Nursing Research Course
7. Recent Physical Assessment Course
8. One Year Clinical Practice Working with Acutely Ill Adults with Cardiopulmonary Disorders
9. Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Certification
10. Recent experience with EKG analysis and care of clients with ventilators and central lines

All applications will be ranked. Criteria for ranking include GPA, graduate work completed, clinical experience, quality of short essay, professional activities, achievements, certificates, educational degrees and interview.

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