



GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER NEWS

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"Championing Nursing Excellence"

Gamma Alpha Participates in Clothing Drive



Twenty-four bags of clothing was collected for the benefit of the Young Visionaries Leadership Academy's "Clothing for the Cause" youth development program based in San Bernardino, CA. This organization was founded by Terrence Stone, a "kid from the streets" who eventually pulled himself up from the hard edge of life and now, as an adult, works tirelessly to prevent youth violence, discourage gang activity and educate the community about the needs of at risk youth. Clothing will be distributed to serve homeless youth, whose most challenging need is securing basic resources. A big THANK YOU to all members who donated.

8th Annual “Believe & Walk” for a Cure



It was somewhat of a soggy October 4 Sunday morning as participants in the 8th Annual Believe and Walk for a Cure 5K/10K run (or walk) took place in Redlands, CA. These conditions did not seem to dampen the spirit of the thousands wanting to help promote cancer care in our communities. Left to Right is pictured: Colin Davidson, Carolyn Davidson, Ellen D'Errico, & Iris Mamier.



The chapter raised \$140 for this event. The walk provided the opportunity for members to visit, and discuss life's issues. This event helps to fulfill the 2013-2015 call to action "Serve locally, Transform Regionally, Lead Globally." A big thank you to all who participated either by walking or donating (or both!).



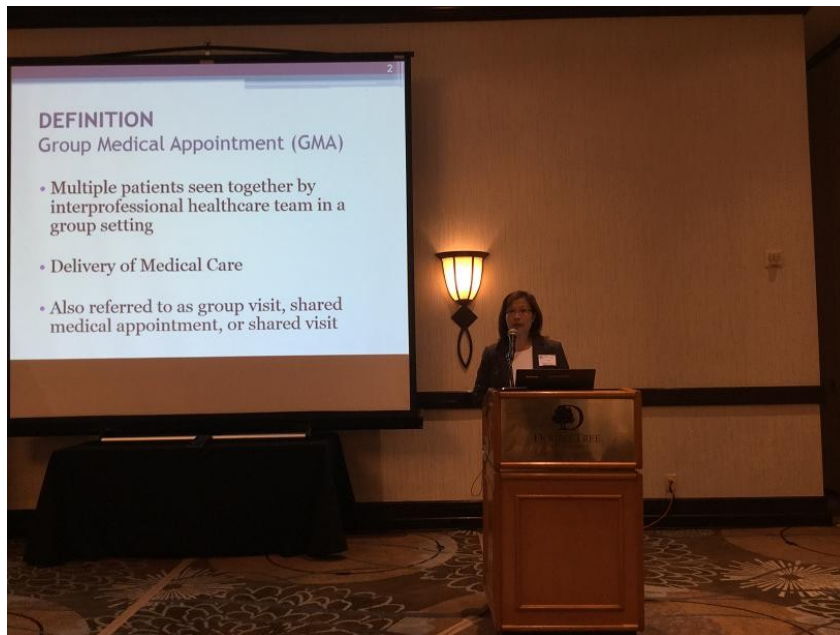
20th Annual Region 2 SOCAL Chapters Nursing Odyssey Conference

“Population Health and Nursing’s Role: Ethics, Leadership, and Global Action” was the title of the 20th Annual Nursing Odyssey Conference put on by Sigma Theta Tau International’s Region 2 Joint SOCAL Chapters. The conference was held at the Ontario, California, Double Tree Hotel and Conference Center. The conference was well attended with approximately 350 participants attending one or both days of the conference. This conference provides the opportunity for students and frontline nurses at all levels to showcase their scholarly work and evidenced-based projects via a peer reviewed venue. Seven and a half continuing education hours were awarded for each full day of attendance. Keynote speakers were (Thursday) Beth Tigges PhD RN PNP the new STTI President. Her topic was, “Nursing’s Role in Advancing Translational Science.” Friday’s Keynote speaker was Cynthia Gantt CAPT NC USN PhD FNP. Her topic was “Leading Population Initiatives.” Gamma Alpha Chapter sponsored the registration of four students to attend the conference. A total of seventeen research posters and eighteen innovative posters were presented. There was time for networking opportunities and the promotion of collegiality among the members of local chapters. The planning committee is to be commended for a fantastic job!

Gamma Alpha Chapter Presenters at Odyssey

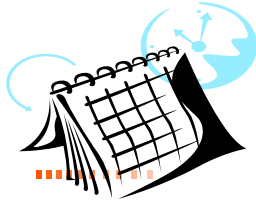


Jacki Blake MS, RN's poster presentation was "Chemotherapy Training for Chinese Nurses: A Cultural Journey".



Cora Caballero DNP presented at the podium, "Effect of Group Medical Appointment in Glycemic Control."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Gamma Alpha Board Meeting

Monday, December 7, 2015, 5-6:30 PM

West Hall, King Conference Room

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

2015-2016 Gamma Alpha Chapter Board Members

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