

Gamma Alpha Chapter News

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Annual Chapter Business Meeting Held April 26th



The meeting began with a light supper. After a quorum was confirmed, President Dorothy Forde's welcome was entitled, "Are you an advocate for Sigma Theta Tau?" The **Treasurer's report** was given by Jan Nick, Skyped in from Japan! Annual income, expenses and accounts were presented. Combined total income from all Accounts \$26,564.49 (spreadsheet presented). Money was transferred from the Maximizer account into the LLU Foundation. The Foundation agreed to 4% interest on the balance – but it was discovered that there was a \$15 service fee if the bank balance is below \$10,000; therefore the money transfer was placed on hold and kept in the original account. Major expenses for the year resulted from the joint Annual Nursing Research Conference and Odyssey. The **Vice President's Report** consisted of an artistically prepared power point that incorporated photos and music that was inclusive for this year's events/awards/ accomplishments. Secretary Deborah Monson gave a **membership status report**. Total chapter members = 1661; Active members = 368; Inactive members = 1293; Total # invitees = 91 (undergrad = 46; grad = 42; Nurse Leaders = 3. Ellen D'Errico presented the Publicity Chair's report. Our chapter emailed 6 newsletter issues this year. STTI Connections is done monthly. Facebook routinely maintained – suggested need for a minimum weekly posting (assistance needed) – asking for a more 'techy' person for the task in the future. Gamma Alpha Chapter bulletin board maintained in the LLUSN by Eva Miller. LLUSN Gamma Alpha Chapter Website was updated Sept 2012 (history, board members, business meeting info, calendar, Nurse Leader application, newsletters, by-laws, goals for 2012). More Update required: current photo of new President & President's message; new strategic plan; organize and post photos. History was made this year with the 2013 Nurse's Float: "A Healing Place." Acknowledgment awarded to Gamma Alpha Chapter float workers. Ellen D'Errico created a shadow box commemorating the event and donates this to the LLUSN hall of fame. Work effort, time and money involved in float project preceded the entry in the 2013 Rose Parade.

Election of Officers for 2013-2014

Voting Results:

President Elect: Carolyn Davidson

First Year Faculty Counselor: Faye Truax

Governance & Eligibility Committee Member:

Michelle Ballou

Diana Van Der Linden

Leadership Succession Committee Members:

Loreen Wynja

Alycia Bristol

Continuing:

Dorothy Forde, President

Asma Taha, Vice-President

Deborah Monson, Secretary

Jan Nick, Treasurer

Nancy Testerman, Second Faculty Advisor

Kathie Ingram, Governance & Eligibility Committee

Lana Kanacki, Governance & Eligibility Committee

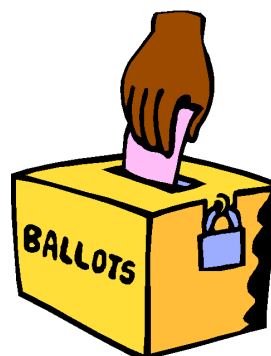
Joanna Shedd, Leadership Succession Committee

Christopher Denny, Web Master

Eva Miller, Archivist

Cora Caballero, chair of the leadership succession committee, prepared the election ballot. Voting Results are listed on the left. Any member interested in serving on the board, please contact Kathie Ingram. We will be needing to fill several board positions next year. Kathie's email is:

kingram@llu.edu



Pictured: **Back row** from left: Dorothy Forde, Deborah Monson, Diana VanDerLinden, Kathie Ingram, Lana Kanacki, Nancy Testerman, **Front row** from left: Eva Miller, Joanna Shedd, Carolyn Davidson, Asma Taha, Ellen D'Errico



14th Annual Nursing Research Conference Held Thursday, May 9, 2013

“Best Practice: Incorporating Evidence in Your Daily Routine”



The conference was a huge success this year. There were over 75 attendees and most stayed the entire day! Presentations were spellbinding and posters were innovative and cutting edge. Gamma Alpha contributes \$1000 towards conference expenses. Gamma Alpha members actively participated this year. Jan Nick presented a keynote entitled, “The Practice of EPB: Have we got what it takes to incorporate evidence in our daily routine?” Marian Llaguno presented her DNP project results, “Reducing time from delivery to initiation of breast feeding/pumping for infants going to the NICU.” Ellen D’Errico gave an update on the results of “STAR 2: Frontline Nurse Engagement in Quality Improvement.”



A huge “shout out” goes to Gamma Alpha member Patti Radovich (above picture, left), who spearheads planning for this conference annually. Appreciation also goes to the Nursing Research Council at LLUMC for their hard work too!

Posters, Networking, Learning—It's all Good!



Several poster presenters were from LLU school of nursing's first graduating DNP cohort showcasing their capstone projects. A computerized survey asking nurses about their needs in regard to resources for doing evidenced-based practice was done right at the conference.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 21, 2013 12-1PM Gamma Alpha Board Meeting**

West Hall, King Conference Room

- **June 12, 2013 4:30 PM Gamma Alpha Induction Ceremony**

Chan Auditorium, Loma Linda Elementary School

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- **Transitional Board Meeting with new officers: TBA**
- **July 29, 2013 Induction Ceremony for Off-Campus Master's Program—Mua Lek, Thailand**

Don't forget to "LIKE" us on Facebook. You can find us by searching Facebook with "STTI Gamma Alpha Chapter." We have 29 "Likes" so far.

We are still working on a KEY AWARD! Let us know of your activities as the report is due July 15, 2013. Contact Eva Miller at (eva.miller@att.net) Awards are presented at this year's Biennium in Indianapolis.

