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"I think one's feelings waste themselves in words; they ought all to be distilled into actions which brings results."

Florence Nightingale

Gamma Alpha President Ellen D'Errico is pleased to report that our chapter has met all of its strategic goals for this past year. We ended the year within budget. An election was held for upcoming board vacancies. Reports may be accessed by going to the Gamma Alpha web-site at: <http://www.llu.edu/nursing/gamma-alpha/index.page?>

Click on "Business Meeting Information."

See page 3 for officers voted in for the 2011-2012 board.

Thanks to all who worked so hard putting together events for this year.

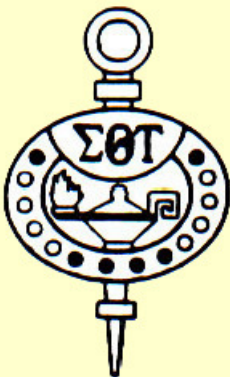


Board Members presented reports on membership, governance, financial status, activities, and Key Award status.

Top left: attendees, Top right: Ellen D'Errico, Bottom left: Kathie Ingram and Megan Schatzschneider, Bottom right: Anne Berit Petersen

FUND RAISING PROJECT ON SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Gamma Alpha will be hosting 40 Japanese nursing students from Osaka, Japan October 17-19, 2011. The students will be attending a 3-day workshop to learn about Nursing in the United States. In exchange for this instruction, our chapter will be paid a fee that we anticipate will positively affect the chapter's "bottom line." The planning committee members are as follows: Carolyn Davidson, Dorothy Forde, Ellen D'Errico and Jackie Paik. Also included in the student's schedule will be a cultural exchange mixer with current LLU nursing students. If there are any Gamma Alpha members who speak Japanese and would like to help interpret any time during their 3 day stay, contact Ellen D'Errico at 909-558-1000 Ext. 83832 or Email her at : ederrico@llu.edu



12th Annual Nursing Research Conference Held May 12, 2011



Gamma Alpha, in partnership with Loma Linda University Medical Center, the LLU School of nursing, and the Society of Pediatric Nurses held its 12th Annual Nursing Research Symposium on May 12, 2011 at the Wong Kerlee International Conference Center on the campus of Loma Linda University. The theme of the conference was "Making Progress." Keynote speakers were Jeffrey Mar MD who spoke on eye movement desensitization and reprocessing theory and research, and Nancy Bergstrom PhD who spoke on pressure ulcer prevention guided by the Braden Scale. Nurse presenters gave podium presentations on clinical applications. Zelne Zamora presented on simulation and competencies for urological nurses. Three nurses spoke about LLUMC's participation in collaborative research studies. Maurene LeDanseur presented on a traumatic brain injury, Jean Newbold on NICU central line infection and breast nutrition, and Pat Spier on obstetrical hemorrhage management protocols. There were 24 poster presentations. After a wonderful lunch, Lana Kanacki presented her dissertation research, "Shared Presence: Care for the Dying Spouse." Patti Radovich gave an update on pressure ulcer prevention at the medical center, and Brenda Bruneau talked about simulation experiences created for leadership encounters. The many attendees enjoyed the day and were proud to know the wonderful work nurses are doing to promote better patient care.



Approximately 100 nurses from LLUMC and graduate students from LLU school of nursing attended the symposium.

2011-2012 GAMMA ALPHA OFFICERS

President: Ellen D'Errico

President Elect: Dorothy Forde

Vice President: Christine Neish

Secretary: Carolyn Davidson

Treasurer: Delores Wright

1st year Faculty Counselor: Peggy Burns

2nd year Faculty Counselor: Megan Schatzschneider

Leadership Succession Committee: Cora Caballero, Lisa Highton, Ysis Mercado, Ruby Sun

Governance Committee: Michelle Ballou, Kathie Ingram, Patty Radovich, Lisa Waggoner



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Chapter Key Award Progress

Keep your leadership/outreach activities for the *Chapter Key Award* coming. Our application is looking good but we need more data. Also need more members to complete the VIP profile at www.nursingsociety.org/VIP

Remember the reporting period for data for this award is from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

Our application is to be submitted to International by July 15, 2011.

Tell us about your presentations, publications, leadership activities and community service. Send name, date and activity to eva.miller@att.net



On Thursday evening June 9, 2011, sixty-two undergraduate and graduate students were inducted into Gamma Alpha. Our keynote speaker was Helen Staples-Evans RN MS OCN who inspired us to listen and learn from our patients. Esther Alonso-Neal favored us with a special song of dedication, "I will be here." The following awards were presented: Excellence in Research, Patricia Radovich research coordinator at LLUMC received \$500; Excellence in Practice, Brandie Richards a nurse on unit 9100 LLUMC, and Excellence in Education, Nancy Moody, a LLUMC home health care nurse will receive 1 year's paid membership dues. A student scholarship of \$1000 was given to doctoral student Eileen Fry-Bowers.. Special designation, "Friend of Nursing" was given to Mark G. Haviliand PhD for his support and mentorship of nursing PhD students.

2011 Gamma Alpha Induction Ceremony

