Reflection and Anticipation, two things that we constantly do in our everyday lives. I would like to first reflect on the two years I have been fortunate enough to serve as your president of Delta Psi Chapter. The first thing that comes to mind is the privilege of working with a group of dedicated professionals that are the best that nursing has to offer. This includes the officers, committee chairs and the members, who each contribute in their own unique way to the success of Delta Psi. I will be eternally grateful for your support and dedication to the chapter. Next, and equally as important, is the opportunity to interact with the newest members of our chapter. They bring youth, enthusiasm and a fresh new face to the nursing profession. They are our future and we are privileged to support and mentor them as they grow both personally and professionally. Third is the opportunity to be involved in recognizing those members that stand out in our organization and to share in their achievements and successes. We were well represented at Sigma Theta Tau’s Biannual Convention in Toronto where five of our members presented. In addition, many Delta Psi members have had recognized achievements over the past two years. At the same time we will all reflect on the small group of nurses who began Delta Psi Chapter 25 years ago for if it had not been for their efforts we would not be anticipating our 25th anniversary in April.

As many anticipate the beginning of Spring, we at Delta Psi Chapter anticipate our upcoming Spring Induction Ceremony combined with our very special 25th year Anniversary Celebration. What a wonderful event that will be, where our founding members and our newest members will celebrate together. This will truly be a “night to remember” for all of us.

I have personally found it to be a privilege and honor to serve as your president. I have made new friends, strengthened existing relationships and watched all that you do with admiration and respect. You are truly an awesome group and I look forward to continual involvement with each of you in this very special organization.
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Dr. Patricia Burkhart

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Fundraising Updates

The Holiday Silent Auction was a great success. We raised a total of $1299.00! We would like to extend hearty thanks to those of you who made donations for the auction and of course, to those of you who made your holiday purchases at the Silent Auction. A special thanks to Jan Gross who made sure everyone went home with a gift that evening. Everyone who attended received a crocheted snowflake ornament. Thanks, Jan!
“An Invitation to Return to the Heart and Soul of Nursing”

Featuring

Dr. Jean Watson, Ph.D, RN, HNC, FAAN and Linda Ryan, Ph.D (c), RN

Dr. Watson’s topics include:

¨ Overview of Theory of Human Caring as Ethic, Philosophy, and Professional Practice Model.
¨ Recreating Nightingale Units for the 21st Century: Transforming Self and System by a living theory.

Linda Ryan’s topics include:

¨ Integrating nursing theory into nursing practice.
¨ Benefits, blessings, and barricades to implementing the Human Care Theory.

$35 for CBH, Baptist Healthcare System Employees, or EKU participants
$50 for all other participants

Address of event: Central Baptist Hospital
Education Center
1720 Nicholasville Road
Lexington, KY 40503

Directions for participants: The Education Center is located in the Lower Level of 1720 Building (Baptist Heart Institute)

Continental breakfast, lunch, and snack included in registration fee

Approved by the KBN for 7.8 contact hours.
KBN# 4-0012-07-04-180

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Report from Claudia, President
Erla, President-Elect

1. Opening Plenary by Margaret Carson, RN, PhD
Spoke about quantitative and qualitative research regarding women’s post trauma levels having served in Viet Nam. Related first person stories and conducted physiological measurements.

2. Delta Psi was well-represented in concurrent sessions which were attended by Claudia and me. Well-done Delta Psi!

3. Region 9 Meeting – fun with Bev Reigle. Met members of Region 9 and had social and professional introductions. There was no other candidate running for Region 9 so Bev will continue.

4. By-Laws Changes
Claudia and I attended sessions to inform and discuss proposed bylaw changes prior to the voting session as delegates. The debate was interesting and lively. The outcomes were as follows:

In the House of Delegates there were 393 chapters represented (of 422) and 724 delegates!

- Financial Authority – Voted affirmative to raise dues immediately by $10 and then grants the board of directors authority to make incremental and restricted dues and fee adjustments based on rate of inflation as needed in the future;
  Affirmative votes: 83% 617; Nay 17% 127

- Membership Eligibility – voted affirmative to change the term from college or university to “Institution of higher education” that is more applicable on a global basis. Also, referring to GPA with the words “or equivalent of this measure when grade point averages are not available or used”.
  Affirmative votes: 99% 759; Nay 1% 7

- Governance Structure – voted affirmative to change the governance structure to streamline to three standing committees at the international level and two standing committees at the chapter level. Added will be Advisory Councils and Task Forces for specific and time-limited work.
  Affirmative votes: 90% 667; Nay 10% 78

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There was a great deal of discussion about making the workings of the board of directors more transparent by having minutes posted of the meetings (as an example).

- Elections:
  President – Dr. Daniel Pseut
  President-Elect – Dr. Carol Picard
  Vice President – Dr. Clarann Weinert SC
  Secretary – Dr. Suzanne Prevost
  Treasurer – Dr. Nancy C. Sharts-Hopko

Directors (4 year term)
Karen Carlson
Patricia Cholewka
Tim Porter O’Grady

Directors (2 year term)
Alyce Schultz

Exhibit Hall
Many exhibitors were positioned in the Exhibit Hall including UK College of Nursing. Many exhibitors were schools of nursing, book vendors, and equipment/supply vendors.

The next convention will be in Indianapolis — November 12-16, 2005!

- The new theme of Dr. Pseut’s term is: “Create the Future Through Renewal”
- Please take a minute to explore the Delta Psi website for additional member photos and information.
  www.mc.uky.edu/nursing/deltapsi
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

A Very Special Celebration is being planned and YOU are Invited. On April 15, 2004 Delta Psi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau will hold its induction ceremony for new members and 25th anniversary celebration. Angela Barron McBride, PhD, RN, AAN-ANF-IOM Scholar-in-Residence at the Institute of Medicine, National Academies will be our special guest and speaker. The gala event will be held in the Great Hall at Christ Church Cathedral. Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with time to socialize, followed by dinner at 6:00. The induction and the anniversary kick-off by Dr. McBride will complete the evening activities.

Dear Delta Psi and Sharon’s Barton’s Committee:

Thank you very much for the travel grant and support of my presentation at the 37th Biennial Convention, November 2003. I wish I could share with all of the wonderful presentations and web demonstrations that I saw and heard. My session was on Global Nursing Care Experiences with presentations on the Russian Immigrants and the Filipino-Canadian Nurse-Patient Relationship. There were so many desirable sessions; the choices were a bit over-whelming. I was grateful to be with folks from Kentucky whose culture did not require much work to understand. It was a true honor to be with the nurse leaders from across this country as well as other countries.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Hazel Chappell