

## Region 2 Coordinator Update:



Greetings to All!

We are approaching the end of summer and for those in the nursing academic work, the fall semester will soon begin. This newsletter is to keep track of STTI Region 2 Chapter activities and events in the upcoming months ahead. **If your chapter has an email list serve please send it off to your membership.**

John M. Lantz, RN, PhD, Coordinator & Milo

## Region 2 - Committee Members Needed

It is essential for the Region to “full-fill” its mission to have a regional committee. During my telephone conversations with chapter leaders, I was able to get a couple of volunteers; but when I followed-up with an email, I did not get any positive responses. For this reason, I now ask for volunteers to serve on your regional committee. Efforts of the committee will be focused on membership involvement and chapter concerns.

Committee involvement is especially valuable to you if you have aspirations to serve as an officer at the international level. Now is the time for our region to consider leadership succession. Volunteer today, your input is important. Email me at [jmlantz42@hotmail.com](mailto:jmlantz42@hotmail.com), or complete the Sigma Theta Tau International volunteer profile (VIProfile):

<http://www.nursingsociety.org/VolunteerConnect/Pages/Default.aspx>.

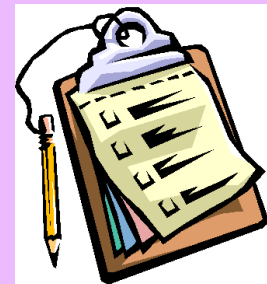
## Secretary Announcement

Hello to everyone!

It is great to be working together. Please keep all activities up-to-date on the information STTI Region 2 website. I work off of what every chapter posts so “Keep in Touch”. Also, the Region website is up and running, so anyone can post announcements anytime.

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STTI Leadership Academy  
September 25-27, 2008  
Indianapolis, Indiana



Featured speaker, Cynthia D'Amour, is not only entertaining but will map effective strategies in your leadership journey.



**STTI President Invites you to join a December 2008 Nursing Delegation to Vietnam and Cambodia:**

As president of the International Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau, I am pleased to invite you to participate in a professional nursing delegation to Vietnam and Cambodia, Dec. 1-11, 2008.

Becoming a global society includes forming alliances and partnerships with other nations. It also means collaborating about universal health care concerns such as access and quality of care in an effort to achieve desired healthcare outcomes. Vietnam and Cambodia, as developing countries, face high rates of maternal and child mortality and morbidity, high prevalence of sexually transmitted disease including HIV, and high risks for infectious diseases. Environmental challenges, particularly in the rural communities, and including basic sanitation, adequate access to clean drinking water, and deforestation, pose additional healthcare challenges.

This delegation, which is sponsored by the *People to People Citizen Ambassador Programs* (an affiliate of STTI), will seek to better understand and learn from historical and contemporary healthcare challenges faced by Vietnam and Cambodia as well as strategies that have been implemented to improve healthcare outcomes. In addition, delegates will examine the role nurses play in these healthcare systems. Special attention will be given to current health care threats, nurse workforce supply and demand, and the dynamic balance between Eastern and Western medicine in both these countries. 17.5 contact hours of continuing nursing education are provided by the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing (provider number 206-3-E-06) for this delegation.

The delegation departs for Vietnam from San Francisco on December 1, 2008. Following a professional and cultural program in Ho Chi Minh City, the delegation will travel to Siem Reap and Phnom Penh, Cambodia for further professional and cultural exchange. We will arrive back in the United States on December 11, 2008.

Spouses or guests are invited as well, and cultural and educational programs are provided for guests while you attend the professional sessions. An optional excursion, after the main program, will take participating delegates and guests to Hong Kong, to enjoy a variety of cultural activities.

As People to People Citizen Ambassador Programs is a private-citizen effort, delegates are responsible for their own program costs. The estimated cost per delegate or guest is \$5495.00 USD (departing from and returning to San Francisco). This includes round-trip airfare from the departure city, group transportation, meetings and cultural activities, accommodations, most meals, and essentially all other costs associated with participation.

You may apply for the delegation at HYPERLINK "<http://www.citizenambassadors.org>" [www.citizenambassadors.org](http://www.citizenambassadors.org) or you can contact President Carol Huston directly at HYPERLINK "<mailto:chuston@csuchico.edu>" [chuston@csuchico.edu](mailto:chuston@csuchico.edu). If you have other questions regarding the delegation, please contact an associate of People to People Citizen Ambassador Programs at 877-787-2000 or 00-1-509-568-7905.

I am pleased to be involved in this exciting opportunity and hope you will consider participating.

Sincerely,

Carol Huston, MSN, MPA, DPA  
2007-2009 President  
Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International





## Iota Sigma: Reaching Out in the Philippines:

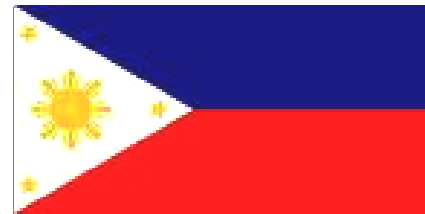
In an effort to support the Sigma Theta Tau International's Vision 20/20 key elements of being intentionally global and building knowledge resources, the Iota Sigma Chapter has awarded its members a \$1,000 grant. Iota Sigma Chapter members Jerome Babate, RN, MBA and Erlinda Palaganas, RN, PhD, both residing in the Philippines are coordinating a national research conference entitled, "Adventures of Nursing Research: Stories from the Field". The program will take place in General Santos City, in the Philippines on November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of this year.

The grant will be used to sponsor expenses of resource persons' accommodation and post-conference learning activities. It may also be used to sponsor select attendees' program enrollment fees. Along with the grant, the two members also received 500 STTI bookmarkers and brochures to distribute to the attendees. The distribution of the items is a way in which the attendees, Filipino RN researchers, will learn more about STTI. Iota Sigma is currently assisting STTI members in the Philippines in establishing a local chapter.

As a major sponsor, the STTI Iota Sigma Chapter received the foremost headline on the event website: HYPERLINK "<http://www.philnurses.net>" [www.philnurses.net](http://www.philnurses.net)., where a link to the Iota Sigma Chapter website is conspicuously placed at the upper right hand corner of the front page.

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Congratulations!

Sigma Theta Tau International is pleased to inform the following Region 2 chapters that they will be recognized in the 2008 Showcase of Regional Excellence for the entries listed below.

- **Gamma Gamma:** Community Service Projects
- **Gamma Gamma:** Dedication to Knowledge: Dissemination through Research-focused Conferences & Seminars
- **Iota Sigma:** Homeless Health Outreach Support
- **Iota Sigma:** Western Conservancy of Nursing History
- **Gamma Sigma:** Showcase of Collaborative Strategies

Your submissions are excellent examples of your region's commitment to the honor society's mission and vision and will be honored at Leadership Academy in Indianapolis, Indiana, on **Friday, 26 September 2008**, at the Hyatt Regency. Each chapter will be recognized during a Celebration and Recognition Luncheon from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. A certificate presentation will immediately follow during your regional meeting from 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.





## Chapters with formal mentoring programs: Who are you?

An International Sigma Theta Tau Task Force has been formed to explore Chapter Leadership and Mentoring. The Task Force is in the process of exploring chapters who presently have a formal mentoring program in place and identifying successes in their strategies for mentorship. Region 2 has been asked to identify 3 chapters in our region that are doing very well in their mentorship activities. If you feel your chapter qualifies please email me, and someone from the task force will contact you. It will be great to share how we are looking to the future by helping to prepare our future leaders. Email me if you feel your chapter is moving toward a formal mentoring program ([jmlantz42@hotmail.com](mailto:jmlantz42@hotmail.com)).



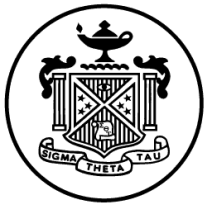
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## “A Call to Promote Knowledge, Leadership and Service”

Joint Southern California Chapters: Odyssey 2008 Conference  
"A Call to Promote Knowledge, Leadership and Service"  
October 23 & 24, 2008  
Sheraton Cerritos Hotel

Plans for the conference are going well, and it appears that the program will be another outstanding event. Watch for an announcement about a region 2 leadership event attached to this conference. My hope will be a short program on “Strategic Planning.” For more information about the Odyssey 2008 Conference go to [www.omicrondelta.net](http://www.omicrondelta.net) (or) contact [marlene.s.ruiz@kp.org](mailto:marlene.s.ruiz@kp.org) for registration information.

See you there!



**A proposal has been submitted to Region 2 that would be a wonderful opportunity at collaboration** between some of the STTI regions...and even more importantly, a chance for our region 2 chapters to fulfill the highly-encouraged service and philanthropic philosophies of our organization!

Many of you may have heard about the very gratifying and successful global initiative that Region 3 undertook last biennium. Twenty-one chapters of 26 chapters in the region and seven individual members made donations to **Project C.U.R.E.**, a humanitarian organization in Brighton, Colorado, which develops partnerships with underdeveloped countries. The Project C.U.R.E. goal is to “identify, solicit, collect, sort and distribute medical supplies and services according to the imperative needs of the world.” Region 3 contributed \$2600 towards an entire container (the largest shipment size) of surplus medical supplies and equipment! Their donation was ear-marked for inclusion in a fundraising effort which Regis University (Denver) was already conducting, with the overall goal of raising \$20,000 in product—that equates to \$400,000 wholesale! The efforts of these Region 3 chapters alone provided over \$50,000 (wholesale) worth of that total, in medical supplies and equipment to the Hossana Health Science College and Hospital in Ytebon, Ethiopia. I’m sure you can just imagine what that shipment meant to this school of nursing which struggles just to stay afloat...

What has been proposed is another **collaboration**—this time between **your three STTI regions** (each of which has a Project C.U.R.E. distribution center located in it) **and Region 3!** Just think what we could accomplish in the way of providing much-needed medical supplies and equipment to an underdeveloped area somewhere around the world! What’s also great is that we can designate that our donation help a particular country and that the receiving group be (at least associated with) a school of nursing! This is a huge help to our chapters in fulfilling the Mission and Vision of the Honor Society.

The Regional Coordinator who Liaison to the Service Advisory Council, feels totally confident that Project C.U.R.E. will be included on the “official” list of groups who are deserving of and approved for consideration of service initiatives by STTI chapters. In fact, in her “Letter from the President” in the July issue of Create the Future through Renewal, Carol Huston referred to the Region 3 Project C.U.R.E. Campaign. This led her to believe that the entire International Board of Directors is well-aware of the enormous good done by Project C.U.R.E.

I would like input from the Chapter Boards of Region 2 chapters if they feel this is something that would interest them. The timing is perfect because **if we are interested, we can discuss the proposal during the regional meetings at Leadership Academy (Sept. 27, 9-10 am)**. If approved, our regional participation will be facilitated with Region 3 and Project C.U.R.E. This is an exciting challenge and opportunity, and I would like to have a straw vote from chapters expressing interest or not in participating:

Email me, your chapter name and your interest in being part of this Region 2 project and if you are not interested please also email me: [jmlantz42@hotmail.com](mailto:jmlantz42@hotmail.com).

