

CONNECTIONS

SPRING 2016

INVITATION TO AN INTERACTIVE INQUIRY ON NURSE ADVOCACY

By Elaine M. Kopp

“Globalization and Cultural Competence In Nursing Education”

If you attended the Biennial Conference *“Influence to Advance Global Health & Nursing: Influence through Advocacy”* hosted by the North America Region 14 at Adelphi University, you most likely learned much and departed on an inspired note. The opening session by Janet Raman, EdD, NP-C, RN, CEN, CNE addressed the need to prioritize the teaching of cultural competence, diversity, and globalization in schools of nursing.

“Tools for Effective Advocacy”

Barbara Francis Delo, RN, BA, an ardent advocate for the Frail and Elderly gave a personal account on what a lifelong journey in advocacy actually entails. As an informed provider of patient care in nursing homes, Barbara is committed to implementing alternative safety initiatives and improving staffing needs on behalf of a silent population especially if facility conditions are perceived to be less than ideal. As an administrator she recognizes that she is well positioned to influence and develop change strategies, which seek to benefit patients, families, and communities alike. She meets with legislators at the local, state, and national level to attain goals.

“Nursing is My Profession: The Value of the Caring Moment in the Patient”

Three students—Kathleen Daus, Antoinette Kunz, and Sonya Ponton all wearing their uniform whites representing Molloy College delivered a touching synopsis of their senior research study. They showed how ordinary helping gestures had greatly assisted patients to find a sense of security and navigate unfamiliar situations when hospitalized.



Gloria Chan—North America Region 14 Coordinator

LOVE COURAGE HONOR

KEY CONFERENCE MESSAGES

LOVE OF PROFESSION:

Each nurse is the the arbiter of his or her own career and will invariably encounter opportunities to engage in nurse advocacy. Joining fellow advocates in feeder organizations representative of parishes, congressional offices, healthcare task forces, and political think tanks, or on social media is an empowering experience.

COURAGE OF CONVICTION:

Advocacy alone is not a single determinant of personal or professional career success yet may well contribute to the overall passion, meaning, and purpose an individual derives from choosing a cause to champion, population(s) to serve and protect or providing visibility during grassroots campaigns and beyond.

HONOR IN COMMITMENT:

Nurse advocacy involves having a solid understanding of issues and an appreciation for the role and function of change agency albeit small or grand in scale and of short, intermediate or long-term duration. One must be prepared to put forth the heroic efforts often required to not only influence but achieve the desired outcome(s).

MEMBER'S PAGE

CHAPTER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Denise M. Tate, EdD, APRN-BC

Invited Guest Speaker

“THE QUALITIES OF EFFECTIVE LEADERS”

Title of Presentation

Day and Date: Thursday—2 June 2016
Lecture Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (after BOD's meeting)
Host Venue: Saint Peter's University School of Nursing
Address: Hudson Terrace Campus Gymnasium
Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632
Program Fee: \$20.00 per attendee (with refreshments)
On-site Parking: Free of charge

Directions: www.saintpeters.edu/directions/englewood-cliffs/

Denise M. Tate, EdD, APRN-BC

Dr. Denise M. Tate is the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Nursing Programs at the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing at Thomas Edison State University. She is responsible for the RN-BSN degree and the Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN nursing programs. Dr. Tate has been a registered nurse since 1985 and a nurse educator since 1992. Prior to joining Thomas Edison State University, Dr. Tate served as Associate Professor and Program Director and former Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies at Rutgers University (formerly UMDNJ), Associate Professor and RN-BSN Director, and Interim Chair of Nursing at Saint Peter's College. Dr. Tate earned an Associate of Science in Nursing at Brookdale Community College, Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Monmouth University and Master of Science in Clinical Management with a transcultural focus concentration in Nursing at Kean University, Master of Science in Women's Health Nurse Practitioner at Seton Hall University, and an EdD in Educational Leadership in Higher Administration at the University of Sarasota. After completing doctoral studies, Dr. Tate completed a post-master's in Adult Health Nurse Practitioner certificate program at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ, and a post-master certificate in the Family Health Nurse Practitioner program from Rutgers University. She is board certified as an advanced nurse practitioner in Women's Health, Adult Health, and Family Health Nursing. An experienced educator with 23 years teaching in undergraduate and graduate nursing programs, she has taught Community Health Nursing, Nursing Leadership, and Adult Gero Primary Care. Her scholarly interests include cultural competence, nursing education and leadership. She has presented her work at national conferences and published peer-reviewed articles in nursing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shaakira Abdul-Razzaq, DNP(c), BSN, RN received the Research Grant Award for \$1,500 presented during the 2016 Chapter Induction. The proposed study title is *“Sex Education in the Mosque: An Abstinence Based approach to prevent HIV, STDs, and Teen Pregnancy”*. She is pursuing a doctoral degree at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey—Newark.

Gloria Chan BSN, RN, CCRN, PCCN who is the North America Region 14 Coordinator of STTI was the invited guest speaker during the Chapter’s 26th Annual Induction and Ceremony. Gloria addressed an audience of 140 people about the numerous benefits of belonging to STTI. She explained how joining early enabled her to learn about organizational opportunities especially as these pertained to the role and function of leadership. She related how her service in a number of capacities on the Board of Directors for Upsilon Chapter at NYU and volunteering at the United Nations contributed to her personal and professional growth and development and toward the advancement of her career. Gloria is presently senior staff of the Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY where she works on a per diem basis while enrolled in the Rutgers University Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia (CRNA) Program.

Sylvia Colon Cabassa, DNP, MPS, MSN, RN, R.T. (R), FNP-C is currently President, Epsilon Rho Chapter and is a member of Mu Theta-at-Large. Dr. Colon Cabassa and faculty colleague Patricia Ukaigwe, DNP, CNE, RN-BC of FDU submitted an abstract proposal entitled *“Building Nursing Education Capacity in Sub-Sahara Africa through Partnerships: Impact of Nurse Led Mission trips in Rural Communities of Nigeria,”* which was accepted to present as a paper at the Region 14 Biennial Conference.

Kathleen (Kay) Fagan, PhD, RN, BC, APN is Chair of the Research/Scholarship Committee. Dr. Fagan has revised the educational awards criteria that are viewable online by visiting:

www.muthetaatlarge.org

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Lin Jones, BSN, RN is the recipient of the 2016 Chapter Scholarship Award for \$1,000 to be applied along her path toward higher education.

Muriel M. Shore, EdD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP, Dean and Professor, Felician University School of Nursing was the Keynote Induction Speaker for the Gamma Nu Chapter of STTI at Seton Hall University. Dr. Shore delivered an Induction address entitled *“Timeless Connections”* on 29 April 2016 at Summit Manor Hotel, Summit, NJ.

Eileen Carrigg Specchio, PhD, RN, Professor of Nursing at the College of Saint Elizabeth is overseeing the 2016 Haitian Nurses Project. A hospitality committee is preparing to welcome 18-25 junior student nurses from the Universit e de Notre Dame to the campus at Convent Station in Morristown, NJ from 15 to 30 June. Classes are also being conducted in the Learning Simulation Lab at Trinitas Hospital. Voluntary commitments of interpretation and translation services (French and Creole) are needed and monetary and material donations are welcome! To receive more details on how to contribute to this transcultural exchange, kindly contact Dr. Specchio via the following e-mail:

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REGIONAL BRIEFS

NEW JERSEY CONSORTIUM CHAPTER BASED INITIATIVES

Alpha Tau	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey—Newark
Advancing Philanthropy: The Chapter is a Region 14 Biennial Conference sponsor at the Silver Level.	
Epsilon Rho	Fairleigh Dickenson University
Research Day: A forum themed “Population Health Issues Purpose” was held in mid-April.	
Eta Mu	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey—Camden
Spring Induction: Nearly 200 members were inducted at the on-campus ceremony in Gordon Theater.	
Gamma Nu	Seton Hall University
29th Annual Reinkemeyer Research Day: This recent gathering dedicated to the development of nursing’s science, practice, and education was held jointly with the College of Nursing—Seton Hall University.	
Lambda Delta	Monmouth University
Continuing Education Program: “Promoting Self Care for Nurses” was offered at Monmouth University in the Magill Commons. JF	
March of Dimes Walk: Members participated in order to fund research to fight premature birth and birth defects. MR	
Mu Theta-at-Large	College of Saint Elizabeth, Felician University & Saint Peter’s University
Advancing Philanthropy: The Chapter is a Region 14 Biennial Conference sponsor at the Platinum Level.	
Theta Sigma	Stockton University
Chapter Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration: A special buffet dinner featuring basket bids, music, and a picture talk through “Memory Lane” is being held in June. CM	
Upsilon Rho	Thomas Edison State University of New Jersey
Educational Webinar: Denise Drummond Hayes, MSN, RN, CRNP, senior clinical editor for Journals & Special Projects Health Learning, Research & Practice presented “Publishing for the Novice Nurse”. The purpose of the program was designed to assist potential nurse authors in preparing and submitting a manuscript for publication in a professional nursing journal. DMT	
Lecture Meeting: “No Time to Care” was presented by nationally acclaimed speaker Charles Kunkle, MSN, CEN, BC-NA. This on campus presentation provided healthcare professionals the secret to true client engagement and how they can provide care in 60 seconds or less. DMT	

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2016 ‘Essence of Nursing’ Rooney Award

Materials to be submitted with a nomination includes:

- ❖ Evidence of Eligibility
- ❖ Contact Demographics
- ❖ Optional Supporting Documents or Photos
- ❖ Demonstrated Examples of Award Criteria
- ❖ Nominee’s Contributions as a Mentor
- ❖ Nominee’s Professional Accomplishments
- ❖ Narrative Summary (written by nominator)
- ❖ Completed Application is due by 30 June 2016

Award is presented during the Founders Day Dinner

To inquire about the award submission criteria and / or the process as well as to secure an application packet kindly contact: Marilyn Roy, MSN, RN, Chairperson
NJ Consortium Awards Selection Subcommittee
via e-mail @ mrroy24@hotmail.com

ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY DINNER Education Program and Networking Social

- ❖ **Keynote Speaker:** Wendy C. Budin, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN, Research Scientist & Adjunct Professor, NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing, New York, NY 10010
- ❖ **Presentation Title:** “Addressing Nurse Bullying in the Workplace: Personal and Professional Consequences”
- ❖ **Day and Date:** Wednesday, 5 October 2016
- ❖ **Time:** 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm
- ❖ **Venue:** The Rutgers Club—Main Dining Room
- ❖ **Address:** 199 College Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08909
- ❖ **Registration and Payment:** T.B.D. via Eventbrite
- ❖ **Seating Cap in Place:** Early registration is encouraged
- ❖ **Program Fee:** \$35.00 per person
- ❖ **Cost Includes:** Hot and cold buffet, assorted desserts with beverages, printed handouts
- ❖ **Directions:** Transportation routes or maps are downloadable from the club website
- ❖ **Free Parking:** Spaces on premises and on street

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“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.” Corinthians 12:4-6 (ESV)

CHAPTER

2016 Meeting Calendar

Region 14 Spring Biennial Conference

Date / Time	Venue	Notations
05/15/2016 9:30 am to 4:00 pm	Adelphi University Garden City, NY	Breakfast and Lunch Regional Networking Plenary Speaker(s) Papers and Posters

Mu Theta-at-Large General Membership Meeting

Date / Time	Venue	Notations
06/2/2016 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Saint Peter's University Englewood Cliffs, NJ	BOD and Committee Chair Reports Guest Speaker

New Jersey Consortium of STTI Chapters Meeting

Date / Time	Venue	Notations
6/16/2016 10:30:am to 2:30 pm	Rutgers Club New Brunswick, NJ	Luncheon Meeting Chapter Reports Founder's Day Program Planning

STTI 27th Research Congress

Date / Time	Venue	Notations
7/21/2016 to 7/25/2016	Cape Town, South Africa	Plenary and Concurrent Sessions Papers and Posters Optional Sightseeing

STTI Emerging Global Leader Institute

Date / Time	Venue	Notations
9/7/2016 to 9/10/2016	Washington, DC	Global Topics Leader Networking and Social Events

STTI Leadership Connection Conference

Date / Time	Venue	Notations
9/17/2016 to 9/20/2016	Indianapolis, IN	Plenary and Concurrent Sessions Papers and Posters Business Networking and Social Events

Note: Calendar is subject to change

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