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### HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE...

In our first issue of 2005 we will recap some of the many accomplishments of your fellow Iota Sigma members. Enjoy your fellow member's articles and pictures from Los Angeles to Norway to Korea. We look forward to hearing from some of the rest of you and what you are doing in your personal and professional lives.

Over the past year your Iota Sigma Board members have studied the Bylaw and Organizational Structure Change recommendations initiated at the 2003 Stigma Theta Tau International Biennium in Toronto, Canada. As mentioned in the Fall 2004 Newsletter the new structure allows for participation on short term task forces. Thus, members are able to participate in Chapter, Regional, and International operations without making a long term commitment.

Many volunteer opportunities are now able to be done electronically. Therefore, even if you do not live near the APU Campus your contributions are welcomed and valued. Please review the Organizational Structure, Task Force List, and accompanying Strategic Plan and join us in keeping Iota Sigma alive. We look forward to hearing from and working with each of you.

It is again, that time of year when we welcome applications for Community Nurse Leaders. Please let us know of nurses in your community that meet the Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing criteria and you feel would make valuable Iota Sigma Members. We are also accepting nominations for:

Award of Excellence in Nursing Leadership  
Award of Excellence in Nursing Education  
Award of Excellence in Nursing Practice  
Award for Community Service Organization

Last, but certainly not least, check out the calendar of events and plan now to join in on some of the many events and opportunities available.

Kathleen Taylor  
President

# LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Indianapolis, Indiana • November 3 - 6, 2004

by Janice Barlow, MSN, RN, Iota Sigma Treasurer

Marilyn Klakovich, Vice President/President Elect, Gena Favaro, Student Leadership Intern and I had three days of nonstop activity. We arrived on Wednesday, November 3rd so we could attend the Preconference Leadership session. Dan Pesut, the International President, was the keynote speaker. It was a powerful and motivational presentation. He spoke on the “Path of Service, Heart of Renewal, and Journey of the Spirit”. It really set the tone for the entire conference. I appreciated how throughout his talk, he talked of the spirit and outstanding points for me were:

## **Heart of Renewal:**

Volunteering: Contribute, Grow, Gain New Skills, Feel Needed, Network, Experience New Things, Make an Impact

## **Create the Future Through Renewal:**

“If you ever find yourself in a place where you are not learning or contributing you must use your two feet and go to another place where you are learning and/or contributing.” (Harrison Owen).

## **Journey of the Spirit:**

“Genius involves stewardship of our gifts, in unforced flowing service to and love for our realms—our business, profession, ministry, family, community, church—every organization we touch in our lives” (Jim Warner)

I attended Leadership Basics, and classes on retention, strategic planning, vitality, and of course, finance. Gena was able to join us and they were quite impressed that we had a student intern! We did have time to enjoy networking and attended the Pinnacle Awards luncheon. We were seated by the delegate from Holland! Of all the awards, I thought “Creating a Nurse’s Badge Program for the Girl Scouts” was impressive.

The reception at headquarters was quite interesting. The building is beautiful and it is helpful to see the massive amount of organization and structure for STTI to be successful.

One of the departments, Nursing Knowledge International is a professional development area. Check out [www.nursingknowledge.org](http://www.nursingknowledge.org) for student help.

STTI Foundation has a brick paving campaign that has a challenge to purchase a commemorative brick paver engraved with the chapter name.

- 1) Provide monetary support for nursing leadership—for members and scholarships.
- 2) Enhance the society’s ability to provide research grants to more members.
- 3) Subsidize operational costs (member dues cover 60%) and ensure future stability.
- 4) Present your chapter with a wonderful opportunity to be internationally recognized for your commitment to nursing excellence.

The dedication ceremony will be November 13th, 2005. They have raised \$110,000 towards the goal of \$2 million (as of publication of article). The cost of a 4x4 paver is \$500 and \$1,000 for an 8x8. I would like to see us support this.

## VOLUNTEER INTEREST PROFILE NEWS

# CALLING ALL IOTA SIGMA MEMBERS...

by Marilyn Klakovich, Iota Sigma Vice President/President Elect

In our Fall, 2004 newsletter, we encouraged all of our members to complete a VIProfile. I just wanted to share my experience. I completed my profile in May, 2004, and I was contacted a couple of months ago and invited to apply to become a Collateral Reviewer for Sigma Theta Tau International. I was recently invited to participate as a reviewer for a 2-year term. In this role, I may be asked to review a set of abstract submissions for the 16th International Nursing Research Congress and the International Evidence-Based Nursing Preconference. I look forward to this volunteer opportunity and hope that each of you will check out the profile for ways that you can contribute based on your interests. See below for more information. (submitted by Marilyn Klakovich, Vice President and President Elect)

### **What: VIProfile – Volunteer/Interest Profile**

- Your interests and talents are valued and Sigma Theta Tau International wants to place you in a meaningful volunteer position. The VIProfile is a new tool designed to assist us in matching volunteers with rewarding volunteer opportunities in the areas of their interest. We invite you to fill out VIProfile today.

### **How: How to Access VIProfile**

- To access VIProfile, go the Sigma Theta Tau International Web site, [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org) and click on the link listed on the right, or type the following URL into your browser: <http://www.nursingsociety.org/VIP>.
- Please note that you will need to have your member number available to enter the site.

### **When: ASAP**

- We do not want to delay in placing you in an opportunity based on your interests and expertise.

## A MEETING OF THE MINDS

### GROUNDED THEORY WORKSHOP IN NORWAY

led by APU Scholar Dr. Barbara Artinian



Iota Sigma member and APU Professor, Barbara Artinian at the Bergen, Norway market.



Norway's Architecture...



.....Bergen, Norway with Deaconess College and School of Nursing in the background

The rugged beauty of Bergen, Norway provided a lovely setting for a Grounded Theory workshop in April 2004. Sigma Theta Tau International—Iota Sigma member, Dr Barbara Artinian, PhD, RN, was the Grounded Theory expert who led the workshop. She was assisted by another Sigma Theta Tau International—Iota Sigma member, Pamela Cone MSN, RN, CNS, doctoral candidate. Five doctoral students from several universities in Norway met for a week of intensive sessions at Deaconess College, University of Bergen. Tove Giske, a faculty member in the nursing department at Deaconess and one of the doctoral students, was the prime mover in organizing and setting up the workshop for her fellow doctoral students. All of the participants were in the analysis phase of their Grounded Theory research. The participants had been doing constant comparative analysis since their first interviews were conducted, but several of them had run into some difficulties with their analyses. Dr. Artinian's expertise in Grounded Theory enabled these doctoral students to work through a number of questions and concerns about their data and the findings that were emerging. Conceptual mapping, a special focus of Dr. Artinian, was used to move the developing theories along. It was exciting to see beginning theories emerge, two of them in almost their final form, over the five days of the workshop.



History the Norwegian Way.....



Barbara and Pam with Norwegian Colleagues.....



Iota Sigma member and APU Professor, Pam Cone, testing out the Spa, Bergen Norway.....  
buuurrrr.

In addition to the hard work of data analysis, the scholars had an opportunity to enjoy networking with the two nurses from California. Memories of the first contact, at a Grounded Theory Workshop sponsored by the School of Nursing at Azusa Pacific University, brought nostalgia and laughter. The doctoral students, their advisors, and the workshop leaders met for a delicious meal and a time of fun and fellowship at the home of our hostess, Tove Giske.

Norway has no national honor society, and these scholars were very interested in the mission and purpose of Sigma Theta Tau International. Information about Sigma Theta Tau International was provided, and the nurse scholars were encouraged to consider opening a chapter in Bergen. While it is early days yet to begin planning, it is the hope of the workshop leaders that Iota Sigma can be, at the very least, a resource in the launching of an international chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International in Norway.

# NURSES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

## “CHALLENGED TO CARE - A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE TO NURSING” JULY, 2004

by Leslie VanDover



**IMAGINE THIS...** You have just arrived in an unfamiliar country after a disorienting 12-hour flight. You do not understand the loud announcements in several languages. All the colorful signs are in Asian characters. After claiming baggage, you search for ground transportation, where ten buses are lined up to admit passengers. You have no way of knowing which one to take to the city! You hesitate, turning back into the terminal. Is this a dream? As you wonder about it, two young women in pink jackets approach. Sensing your confusion, they smile in unison saying: “Welcome to Korea! Are you here for the NCF Conference?” Hearing your relieved “Yes” they ask about your flight, help you buy a ticket and guide you toward the right bus for Seoul Olympic Parktel.



*Room with a view: Olympic Park and Seoul*

When is an earthly adventure like a dream of heaven? My answer? When you spend a week in legendary Korean hospitality with hundreds of Christian nurses from around the world, at the NCFI 16th Quadrennial Conference; attending six days of sessions that blend worship and prayer with the latest nursing research findings and innovative approaches to patient care and nursing scholarship; facing together the most difficult problems in nursing work; being reunited with dear friends and meeting so many new ones! It’s hard to find words to describe the depth of strength and hope received as a privileged participant in this spiritual/professional community.

Arriving at the hotel, I see little groups of women and men eagerly greeting one another and hear their conversations in many languages.

Soon I’m enveloped in a couple of these, as I recognize Fijian and Chinese friends from previous conferences. I am in Seoul to present original research Jane Pfeiffer and I recently completed on spiritual care in parish nursing, and a seminar: Applying A Theory of Spiritual Care Giving: Bringing God Near (BGN). The conference schedule is packed with nursing research papers, Christian leadership development seminars, and plenary sessions on topics such as globalization, diversity, and paradigm shift in nursing. Nurses also have opportunities to meet with others from their own countries, NCFI regions and around the world. Worship and Bible exposition are a focal point of each day, providing spiritual anchors in this amazing whirlwind of professional excitement and learning.

My hotel room reservation is for bed #6 in a room with only 5 beds, already taken by colleagues from Singapore. Discovering this, we laugh and leave it to the front desk to sort out while we go to supper together.



*Ready for the parade of nations:  
Opening ceremony*

Our meals were prepared in the hotel kitchens and featured a stunning variety of fresh and cooked foods from Korea and around the world. Besides omelets and cereals, breakfast possibilities included many protein and fish dishes, as well as vegetables and salads. I found could indulge my love of fish and vegetables completely, while occasionally spicing it up with Korean kimchee.



*Beautiful, mouth-watering food at Korean culture night celebration!*

Compared with NCFI's last conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, the scholarly nursing theoretical and research content has expanded from 10 to 42 papers. As many more Christian nurses study for master and doctoral degrees, they bring their skills to bear on questions about spirituality, faith and professional nursing practice. Here are a few examples: Relationship of suicidal ideation, depression and spiritual well being of adolescents; An exploration of the attributes of Koreans' spiritual health; Wholistic care model based on Christian perspectives; and A perception of spirituality revealed by mini-ethnographic research.

It is always sad to say 'good-bye' to friends when this conference ends. Though we come from more than 30 different countries, we have so much in common – our Lord, our faith, and our vocations in nursing. This gathering of our community is pregnant with spiritual meaning and purpose. Whether we are meeting together or praying for each other between meetings, we share the commitment to a healthier future for our patients, and we hope to meet again. The plan for 2008 is to meet in Nigeria – why not plan to come along?

For more on NCFI and the conference: <http://www.intervarsity.org/ncf/ncfi/home.html>  
Nurses Christian Fellowship USA: <http://www.intervarsity.org/ncf/ncfindex.html>

Meeting with nurses from Nigeria, I learn they want to start an educational program to bridge baccalaureate graduates into graduate school. Nurses in my research session ask if the theory, developed from reports of parish nurses, can be used in medical-surgical nursing. In the seminar on 'Bringing God Near', participants take a personal inventory on 'Trusting God', view a video of spiritual care being provided to a patient, and learn how the 23rd Psalm may be used as a guide to respond to spiritual care needs.



*With Fu-Jin Shih (Taiwan) and Crystal Clotney (Ghana) in my research presentation.*



*A colorful "Drum Dance" highlights Korean culture*

# IOTA SIGMA STRUCTURE 2004-2005

## Elected Officers/Board:

President 2004	Kathleen Taylor
President Elect 2004	Marilyn Klakovich
Vice President 2004	Marilyn Klakovich
Secretary 2004	Viann Duncan
Treasurer 2004	Janice Barlow
Faculty Counselor 2000	Renee Pozza
*Student Leadership Intern	Gena Favero

**NOTE:** Look for your ballots for this years election of Standing Committee Chairs and Members along with your invitation to this years Annual Meeting, February 16, 2005.

## Standing Committees (elected members) and their functions:

Governance Committee:	Leadership Succession:
1. Faculty Counselor	1. Student Leadership Intern
2.	2. Past President
3.	3.

By-Laws Eligibility Finance (quarterly reports) Scholarship / Awards Research Fundraising
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Nominating Function Orientation Member Involvement Archives Mentoring Leadership Intern
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## Additional Standing Committees:

- 1.) Member Involvement
  - a. The member involvement committee shall oversee member collaboration, communication (Website & Newsletter) and recognition and report to the Board on a monthly basis.
  - b. The member involvement committee shall consist of at least 3 appointed members.
- 2.) Key Award
  - a. The Key Award Committee shall oversee the key award progress and monitor required documentation compliance and make recommendation to the Board bimonthly.
  - b. The Key Award committee shall consist of at least 3 appointed members.

## Proposed Task Forces:

July	Annual Report By-Laws Review due odd years; 8/07
August	Fall Newsletter (#1)
September	Alzheimer's Walk Research Odyssey
October	Preliminary Induction (Room/Speaker)
December	Winter/Spring Newsletter (#2)
January	Student Information Session for February Eligibility Induction
February	Annual Meeting & By-Laws Vote Final By-Laws Submission 3/1/05
March	Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon March - Cookie Lea Jewelry Fundraiser Scholarships and Awards
April	APU Recruitment Fair
May	Finance Review/Audit (2006)
June	Summer Newsletter (#3)

(Submitted by C. McPhee June 2004 Revised September 2004)



**IOTA SIGMA CHAPTER NO. 232 • AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY • AZUSA, CA.  
HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING • SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL  
2004-2005 STRATEGIC PLAN**

The Iota Sigma Chapter Board of Directors meets each July to review and discuss past and present strategic plans. The Board of Directors reviews the strategic plans to assure alignment with Sigma Theta Tau International's, Azusa Pacific University's, and Iota Sigma's Vision and Mission Statements and Strategic Plans. All three entities encourage "using out-of-the box thinking" (Azusa Pacific University Organizational Strategic Priorities 2004-2009) to move our chapter ahead.

Sigma Theta Tau International's vision according to the 2005 Strategic Plan is: "to create a global community of nurses who lead in using scholarship, knowledge, and technology to improve the health of the world's people". The International organization's mission is: "to serve, support, and improve by providing leadership and scholarship in practice, education and research to enhance the health of all people. We support the learning and professional development of our members, who strive to improve nursing care worldwide". An attempt is made below to show the inter connectedness between Sigma Theta Tau International, Azusa Pacific University and Iota Sigma Chapter's Strategic Plans for 2004-2005.

<b>Iota Sigma Chapter</b>	<b>Azusa Pacific University</b>	<b>Sigma Theta Tau International</b>
Recruit & Retain Eligible Students and Nurse Leaders and Maximize Membership Involvement.	Recruit, retain, and develop the best people.	Membership Development guidelines to attract qualified individuals to join and participate in society activities
Promote Professional & Leadership Development	Academic Quality and Transformation Scholarship	Advance the scientific base of nursing through the scholarship of research & stimulate scholarly practice in members professional lives
Promote Professional & Leadership Development through recognition of Community Service Projects	Faith Integration	Membership Development guidelines promote the development of servant leaders.
Promote Professional & Leadership Development through program and chapter/regional/global collaboration		
Iota Sigma Chapter	Effective Academic and Institutional service and support	Build strong chapters and foster collaborative leadership
Retain our chapter's heritage and Ensure our future	Cultivating future and innovative educational initiatives	Identify, secure and use a variety of resources to ensure the organization's financial health
Ensure our chapter's future through diversified fund raising opportunities	Responsible Stewardship	Identify, secure and use a variety of resources to ensure the organization's financial health
Program development including collaboration with other Southern California STTI Chapters and communication with our International Members and fellow chapters	Diversity	Membership Development providing opportunities and resources for our culturally diverse, global membership including chapter-to-chapter collaboration globally
Program development including collaboration with other Southern California STTI Chapters and communication with our International Members and fellow chapters	Intentional Globalization	Membership Development providing opportunities and resources for our culturally diverse, global membership including chapter-to-chapter collaboration globally
Ensure our chapter's future through diversified fund raising opportunities	Comprehensive Capital Campaign	Identify, secure and use a variety of resources to ensure the organization's financial health

Although terminology between the three entities may not be exact the intent is consistent. As each of you can see it will take more than 9-10 people to carry out the strategic plan and meet the goals of Iota Sigma, Azusa Pacific University and Sigma Theta Tau International. Iota Sigma Board members that attended the recent Chapter Leader Academy at STTI Headquarters reported that our International President, Dan Pesut, referred to the "Helper's High" and it's positive physiological response. As members of the nursing and faith communities, one might say, we have lots of the "Helper's High". We at Iota Sigma look forward to working with those of you that choose Iota Sigma to help you maintain your "Helper's High". For specific information feel free to contact me, your Iota Sigma President, Kathleen Taylor at [kltwtrswmr@verizon.net](mailto:kltwtrswmr@verizon.net) or (562) 697-2731.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- February 16, 2005 Iota Sigma Annual Meeting and Education Program with Rose Leigler, former Azusa Pacific University School of Nursing Dean and current APU Vice Provost. Iota Sigma Board Meeting to follow. Dinner begins at 5:30PM in the VIP Room of the Felix Event Center on West Campus
- March 14, 2005 Iota Sigma Board Meeting, APU School of Nursing Library 5:30PM
- April 11, 2005 Iota Sigma Board Meeting, APU School of Nursing Library
- April 23, 2005 Iota Sigma Induction and Awards Luncheon and Ceremony in Upper Turner. Elizabeth Elliot, member of APU School of Nursing's first graduation class and current member of Doctoral Program faculty and Associate Program Director for SCAN (see attached article). Robin Koepple, 2004 Iota Sigma Research Award recipient report.
- April 29, 2005 Orange County Hispanic Nurses Organization Para Los Niños contact is Maria Rivera at [MRivera@apu.edu](mailto:MRivera@apu.edu)
- May 9, 2005 Iota Sigma Board Meeting, APU School of Nursing Library
- June 13, 2005 Iota Sigma Board Meeting, APU School of Nursing Library
- July 13, 2005 Third International Evidence-based Nursing Preconference, Big Island of Hawaii, [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org)
- July 14-16, 2005 16th Annual Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Research Congress, "Promoting Evidence-based Nursing Innovations for Nursing Practice", Big Island of Hawaii [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org)
- July Iota Sigma Board Strategic Planning Meeting, date and location TBA
- September 12, 2005 Iota Sigma Board Meeting, APU School of Nursing Library
- October 10, 2005 Iota Sigma Board Meeting, APU School of Nursing Library
- October 20-21, 2005 SoCal STTI Nursing Odyssey, Long Beach, Ca.
- November 12-16, 2005 STTI 38th Bienial Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana
- December 12, 2005 Iota Sigma Board Meeting, APU School of Nursing Library

## MEMBER NEWS

Many of our members are doing outstanding things. Here are a few of them. If we've missed noting your latest achievement, contact us. You can reach Kathie Taylor at [kltwtrswmr@aol.com](mailto:kltwtrswmr@aol.com).

Cathy McPhee, Iota Sigma's Immediate Past President, and her husband Jim, welcomed their first grandchild, Rachel RoseMcPhee into the family on September 9, 2004. In grandma's own words: My little Rachel Rose McPhee is doing very well. Cutest baby girl on this planet!

Connie Brehm, Virginia Hart-Kepler, Pam Cone, Elaine Goehner, and Katie Hill presented at the 2004 SoCal STTI Nursing Odyssey Conference in San Diego, Ca. Marilyn Klakovich and Kathleen Taylor were on the planning committee and Viann Duncan volunteered as a session monitor.

Aja Lesh has moved from the position of Interim Dean to Dean of the Azusa Pacific University School of Nursing (see attached article). Joining Aja on the APU SON Leadership team is Iota Sigma Members Marianne Hatter as Associate Dean of Research and Rene Pozza as Associate Dean of Curriculum and Clinical Practice. Aja was also the keynote speaker at the December APU Commencement Ceremonies receiving rave accolades from APU Chairman of the Board, Don Marshburn.

Marilyn Klakovich, Iota Sigma's Vice President/President Elect has been invited to be a Collateral Reviewer for Sigma Theta Tau International. (see attached article regarding the VIPprofile).

Jan Barlow, Iota Sigma Treasurer, attended the Nursing Management Conference in Chicago Oct 3rd-6th, 2004. The conference is for excellence in nursing leadership and Sigma Theta Tau International is one of the supporters. The conference is a mixture of clinical, career management, and leadership sessions with opportunities to network. Jan states: "I find the conference is an excellent source of learning, growing, and knowledge. I have been fortunate to attend many of these conferences over the years; always an insightful and worthwhile conference". To list a few of the memorial sessions Jan attended: (1) "Retention, Resilience, and Relationships" was an inspiring message done by Deborah Townsend. (2) "Great People, Great Results: Creating and Maintaining A Superior Work Culture". And (3) "Saving Units That Are Circling The Drain". One of the objectives of the conference: Influence the practice of nursing through communication, mentoring/precepting, and inspiring peer practice of nursing" was truly met.

Linda Plush, MSN,FNP was inducted into Azusa Pacific University's Academic Hall of Honor. As stated in the Winter *APU Life*: "Since obtaining a postmaster's certificate from APU's nurse practitioner's program, Plush was involved in several health-related businesses and services. She is the president/CEO of Plush Systems, Inc., a health education and consulting business, and West Palm, Inc., a mobile acute dialysis services. She currently works to build a chronic outpatient dialysis unit."

Gail Denise Tucker, BA, BS, MS, was also inducted into APU's Academic Hall of Honor. As stated in the *APU Life*: Tucker spends much of her time between APU and neighboring Citrus College. After graduating from APU, she began teaching nursing students at neighboring Citrus Community College. However, she remains very much involved with her alma mater, serving as the coordinator of medical services for the Institute for Outreach Ministries and as a relief RN in the Student Health Center.

# FIRST NURSING CLASS GRADUATE INDUCTION 2005

Keynote Speaker Dr. Sally Elliott

We hope you are all planning ahead to attend our next induction which will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2005 in the Upper Turner Campus Center of Azusa Pacific University. We are fortunate to have a speaker who will be presenting an educational session that will address two of APU's Organizational Strategic Priorities: Diversity and Intentional Globalization. In addition, Susan Elliott, PhD, RNC, FNP, WHNP, is a graduate of the first nursing class at APU in 1977.

Dr. Elliott's first missionary experience was in Swaziland in 1979 where she was trained as a midwife and introduced into the advanced practice role. She returned to the United States and became an OB-GYN Nurse Practitioner in 1983. She obtained her MSN and FNP in 1995 in order to be better prepared to provide care internationally. Her educational journey culminated with a PhD in nursing in 2000. Her dissertation is titled: "Missionary Nurse Dorothy Davis Cook, 1940-1972 'Mother of Swazi Nurses'".

She has continued to provide nursing care and coordinate student teams through the Church of the Nazarene in such areas as Russia, Venezuela, Panama, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Mexico, The Dominican Republic, Kenya, Zambia, India, and Australia. She is a frequent speaker in churches on missions and for women's retreats. She has presented at professional conferences across the United States and in Scotland, Germany, South Africa, and Guatemala.

She established and coordinated the International Health Family Nurse Practitioner Program at California State University Los Angeles from 2000-2004 and in Fall, 2004; she was recruited back to her alma mater for APU's new PhD in International Nursing Program. She is also the Associate Director of the new Second Career and Nursing Program, the new master's level entry into nursing program at APU.

As you can see, Dr. Elliott has a rich background in international health, so please join us for her presentation at our induction.

## NEW DEAN TO LEAD APU'S SCHOOL OF NURSING

December 6, 2004

Azusa, California

Continuing its tradition of Christ-centered excellence, Azusa Pacific University named Aja Tulleners Lesh, Ph.D., dean of APU's School of Nursing. A veteran educator for more than 25 years, Lesh most recently served as interim dean, leading the School of Nursing in launching the Ph.D. and Second Career in Nursing programs, as well as garnering hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants.

"Dr. Lesh's contributions to the success of APU's School of Nursing are significant," said Michael M. Whyte, Ph.D., APU provost. "Her commitment to faith integration, transformational scholarship, clinical practice, and research will continue to impact future nurses as she leads the high caliber team of faculty and staff."

In this position, Lesh directs faculty in the introduction of the doctoral program and expands the interdisciplinary and off-campus academic programs. She generates external resources for the school, recruits faculty and students, and improves the quality of the department through spiritual development, diversity, and community outreach. The School of Nursing's connection to the community includes its Neighborhood Wellness Center, Homeless Outreach, and programs for vulnerable and at-risk children and families.

"We seek to prepare nurse scholars for a lifetime of intellectual inquiry as well as for positions that will improve health care delivery and contribute to the health community," said Lesh.

Lesh's impact reaches beyond APU to the surrounding community, where she has conducted more than 26 studies on high-risk families. She received more than \$16.5 million in grants to conduct this research. One study describes the results of clinical intervention on 1,500 at-risk children and families in Los Angeles. Lesh also served as a consultant for programs such as the State Department of Health Services, the State Department of Drug and Alcohol Services, and Healthy Start grants for the Department of Education.

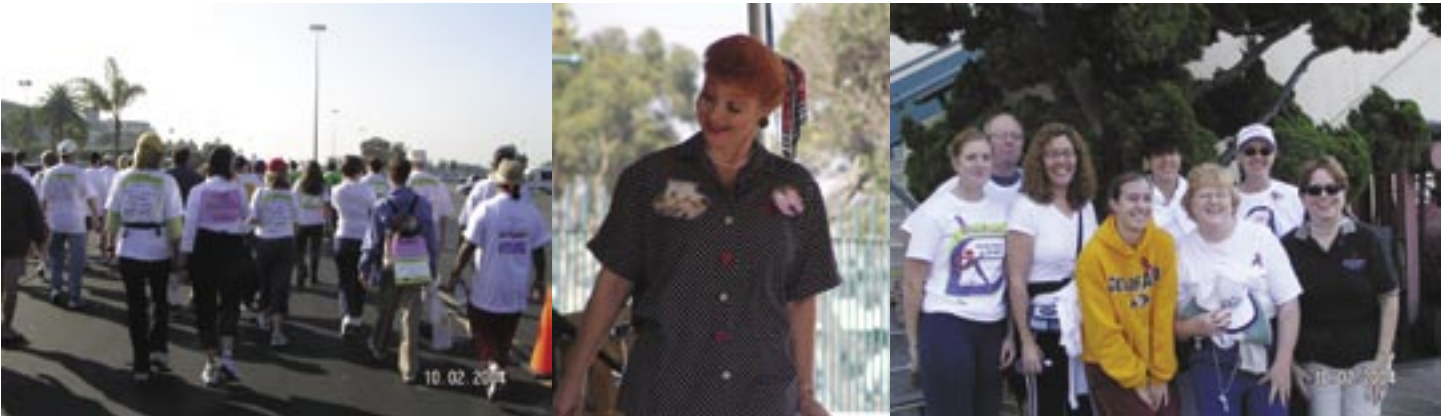
Lesh received a B.S. in Nursing and an MSN from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate School.

APU offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), and four other undergraduate nursing options. In addition, APU offers a Master of Science in Nursing, an Accelerated RN to MSN, BSN to MSN, post-master certificates, Second Career in Nursing (SCAN) leading to a MSN, and a Ph.D. in Nursing.

Developing disciples and scholars since 1899, Azusa Pacific is a comprehensive Christian, evangelical university, dedicated to supporting God First and excellence in higher education, and making a positive impact on society. The main campus lies 26 miles northeast of Los Angeles in the San Gabriel Valley, the intellectual capital of California. The university also maintains several other convenient locations throughout California. Total student enrollment exceeds 8,200. APU offers more than 50 areas of undergraduate study, 21 master's degree programs, and 5 doctorates. For more information, call (800) 825-5278 or visit [www.apu.edu](http://www.apu.edu).

## ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY WALK 2005

On Saturday morning October 2, 2004, Gena Favero, Iota Sigma's Student Leadership Intern and her family led a group of 9 eager individuals around Hollywood Park for the annual Alzheimer's Association *Memory Walk*. Iota Sigma members and walkers raised a total of \$550 for the Alzheimer's Association. Thank you Leslie VanDover, Marilyn Klakovich, Phyllis Gallagher, Gena and family for the wonderful time. We look forward to more of you joining us for *Memory Walk 2005*.



Memory Walk on the trail....banners on peoples backs indicate individual's with Alzheimer's...such as Leslie VanDover's long time friend's mother, Marilyn Klakovich's Aunt, Kathleen Taylor's mother and aunts, and Gena Favor's grandmother.

..."Lucy" trying to keep up with the band members.....she forgot the chocolates.

..2004 Alzheimer' Memory Walk Group Photo

## Sigma Theta Tau International Nurse Leader Nomination Form

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The Eligibility Committee of Iota Sigma Chapter at Azusa Pacific University is seeking nominations for membership in the **Nurse Leader** category. Candidates are eligible for membership if they hold a minimum of a baccalaureate degree and have demonstrated achievement in nursing in at least one of the following areas: administration, education, practice, publication or research.

We encourage each of our current members to identify nurse leaders who demonstrate excellence in nursing. Please complete the form below and submit to Renee Pozza, Eligibility Committee, 626-815-5403, RPozza@apu.edu Following receipt of nominations from the Iota Sigma Chapter membership, identified candidates will be sent an application packet, which includes endorsement for membership forms.

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I am an active member of the Iota Sigma Chapter and I wish to nominate the following Nurse Leader for membership in Sigma Theta Tau International.

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of achievements: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Chapter Member

Return to: Renee Pozza  
 Azusa Pacific University School of Nursing  
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**Iota Sigma Chapter of  
The Honor Society of Nursing  
Sigma Theta Tau, International  
Azusa Pacific University**

**Annual Meeting and Educational Presentation**

***"Nurse to Vice Provost:  
How One's Nursing Skills & Attributes are Essential to Life and Career"***

Speaker: Rose Liegler, RN, PhD Vice Provost, Azusa Pacific University  
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2005  
Time: 6:00 to 9:00 PM  
Location: VIP Room of the Felix Event Center on APU's West Campus  
Fee: Non-members: \$20; Members \$15; Students \$9

Please join us as Dr. Liegler describes the progression of her nursing career, culminating in her recent promotion to Vice Provost. Iota Sigma chapter leaders will also provide updates on chapter accomplishments and future activities. A light supper will be served and there will be plenty of opportunities to network with your colleagues. Additionally, you will earn one contact hour for the educational presentation. (Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider # 2722).

**Directions to APU West Campus**

**From the 210 Freeway**

Exit Citrus Ave.  
North (left) on Citrus, past Alostia  
(Pass APU main campus on right)  
Turn left onto Foothill (traffic light)  
Right into parking at the white pillars  
Felix Event Center is the large white building to the left  
VIP room is up the stairs to your left (through the glass doors)

**From the 10 Freeway**

Exit Grand Ave. North on Grand  
Left on Alostia (Route 66)  
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Iota Sigma Chapter Newsletters are available at <http://apu.edu/iotasigma> Please refer there for information on recent member achievements, ballot information, research award application procedure, nominations for community nursing projects, membership update information, and the event calendar and the voting of elected officers as well. For questions, please contact Marilyn Klakovich at [mklakovich@apu.edu](mailto:mklakovich@apu.edu)