October, 2003
Greetings from The President, Dr. Marita Hoffart

Please join me in welcoming Omicron Tau's new Officers, Board Members and Committee Chair: Stephanie Wittwer, Vice President, Teresa Seriget, Treasurer, Nancy Vitko, President-Elect, Dorcas Kunkel, Sandy Beschee and Ann Welch. I would also like to thank the retiring Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs, Linda Pettersen, LuAnn Henning and Susan Burckhart.

This year the Board has set three goals for our organization:
1) Increase membership awareness and activity through involvement in Chapter Activities
2) Improve infrastructure through development of a policy and procedure manual.
3) Connect with our International Organization through participating in National Convention and Leadership Activities.

Opportunities for Involvement

* Participate in Nurses Week Reception and Scholarship Activities
* Assist with updating displays and photo albums
* Identify potential student and community members
* Attend membership and Board meetings.
* Help plan spring educational activity
* Volunteer to help with spring fun run

Meet Our New Members
Tami M. Frame

Tami grew up in Kenmare, ND and graduated from Kenmare High School. She says I have lived in Fargo since 1989 and worked as an Exercise Physiologist in Cardiac Rehab since 1994. After working with nurses everyday and respecting all they do, I chose to change my career. I feel that nursing is a very well respected and rewarding profession. Nursing is diverse and offers job opportunities in many areas. I plan to continue my nursing career at MeritCare Hospital in Fargo when I graduate in December and hope to work in the Emergency Trauma Center.

Tammie Braaflat

Tammie grew up in Bismarck, ND and graduated from St. Mary's High School. Tammie says, *nursing appealed to me because I enjoy science and spending time with the elderly. After having clinicals just about everywhere, I have become interested in mental health and public health nursing. I plan to live and work in North Dakota when I graduate. My husband and I live on a farm near Plaza with our two chocolate labs. In my spare time I enjoy gardening, golfing, softball and basketball. My future plans include going back to school to get my Master's Degree.

Biennial Convention
Toronto, Ontario

Nancy Vitko and Dorcas Kunkel will represent the chapter as delegates to the 37th Biennial Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 1-5, 2003. Dr. Marita Hoffart and Diane Freiberg also plan to attend.

If you would like to see the issues the delegates will be considering, materials are available at nursingsociety.org. Click on convention and you can see specific issues, including proposed governance and financial changes.
Accolades to our Members!
* Lisa Stauffer completed requirements to be a Licensed Message Therapist
* Ann Welch completed requirements to be a Family Nurse Practitioner
* Mary Smith received the NDNA Honorary Recognition award for her long-standing contributions to NDNA
* Susan Burkhart completed requirements to be a Clinical Nurse Specialist
* Linda Haider, Susan Burkhart, and Stephanie Witwer received a Special Tribute from the ND Diabetes Association for the "Adult Type 2 Diabetes Camp" held at

Important Dates to Remember
* Next Board meeting November 13, 7:00 AM at the Greenhouse Cafe. All are invited to attend!!
* General Membership Meeting February 28. TI will be a scholarship event and will include a slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee and a list of potential chapter inductees. We encourage everyone to attend this event. The Scholarship activity theme is "Self Care".
* New Member induction will be held April 29, 2004.

Notice of Public Hearing
The ND Board of Nursing will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the ND Administrative Code. The public hearing will take place at 9:00 AM over the Interactive Video Network:
* Minot State University - Prairie Room (Student Union)
and 10 other IVN locations.
A copy of the proposed amendments can be obtained by writing the ND Board of Nursing, 919 So. 7th St., Suite 504, Bismarck ND or by calling 701-328-9777. The document can be downloaded from the website www.ndbon.org/publications. Written comments will be accepted until December 23, 2003

Omicron Tau urges all members to read and provide input to the Board of Nursing on this important change to the Nurse Practices Act.