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# THE Heritage Society

SIGMA FOUNDATION FOR NURSING **NEWSLETTER**

January 2020

## Heritage Society Dinner guests enjoyed silent auction



More than 125 Heritage Society donors attended the Heritage Society Dinner on Sunday, 17 November at the Riverview Ballroom at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, Oxon Hill, Maryland, USA. Guests enjoyed the silent auction during the reception and dinner, where guests bid on many unique items. The silent auction raised more than US \$5,000 in support of the Sigma Foundation for Nursing.

The next dinner will take place in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA during the 46th Biennial Convention in 2021. The location and details will be shared later. We will be celebrating Sigma's 100th Anniversary. We hope you plan to attend.

## In memory



Past Sigma President and Heritage Society donor Lucie S. Kelly passed away on 20 November 2019. She was a distinguished nurse with a career in education and healthcare administration.

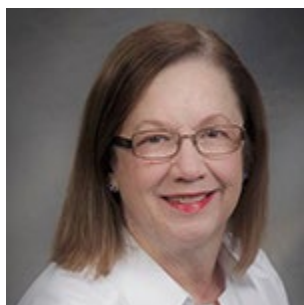
She served as Sigma's president from 1983 to 1985. She also became a Virginia Henderson and Billye Brown Fellow in 1999 followed by a Sigma Theta Tau Fellow in 2005. Because of her devotion to mentoring, Sigma named the Lucie S. Kelly Mentor Award in her honor in 1985. [Read more about Lucie.](#)

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## New Heritage Society donors

*We gratefully recognize the newest Heritage Society donors (1 March 2019 – 25 August 2019) who've made their commitment to support nursing worldwide.*

### ***Sigma Theta Tau Fellow***



**Sharon L. Dormire**, PhD, RN  
Professor and Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Nursing  
Education  
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**Susan R. Opas**, PhD, RN-C, PNP-BC, CPMHS, CHES  
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner  
Gamma Tau at-Large and Beta Iota Chapters  
Woodland Hills, California, USA

### ***Virginia Henderson Fellow***



**Donna P. Carrazzone**, DNP, MSN, FNP-c, RN  
Dean of Nursing  
College of Mount Saint Vincent  
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Mahwah, New Jersey, USA



**Susan A. LaRocco**, PhD, MBA, RN, CNE, FNAP  
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**Maria G. Rosario-Sim**, EdD, PPCNP-BC, RNC-OB  
Associate Professor and Director, RN-BS Program  
State University of New York, Downstate Health Sciences  
University College of Nursing  
Psi Tau and Upsilon Chapters  
Oakland Gardens, New York, USA



**Ora L. Strickland**, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Dean and Professor  
Florida International University  
Alpha Pi Chapter  
Weston, Florida, USA

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## News about Fellows

**Jose Alejandro** was [elected](#) Treasurer of the Sigma Board of Directors (2019-2021) and joined the American Academy of Nursing Board of Directors (2019-2021).

**Jerico Alicante** is returning to serve on the 2019-2021 Foundation Board of Directors.

**Laurie Carbo-Porter** started a new position as Dean of Nursing at Maria College in Albany, New York on 6 January 2020.

**Elizabeth Carlson** is retiring from Rush University College of Nursing after 43 years of teaching and will be an Emeritus Professor.

**Gloria Chan** is returning to serve on the 2019-2021 Sigma Foundation for Nursing Board of Directors.

**Rachel Choudhury** has been appointed by Sigma President Richard Ricciardi to serve on the 2019-2021 Sigma Foundation for Nursing Board of Directors.

**Ken Dion** was [elected](#) to the Sigma Board of Directors as President-elect (2019-2021).

**Rosemary Donley** was [named](#) Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania by Governor Tom and Mrs. Wolf in September 2019 at the governor's mansion in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA.

**Esther Emard** is now a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality® (CPHQ). She achieved national certification from the National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ) as a result of passing the CPHQ exam.

**Betty Ferrell** was [elected](#) to the National Academy of Medicine in October 2019.

**Cindy Ford** dressed as Florence Nightingale and gave a speech commemorating her huge contributions to professional nursing to her local chapter of school nurses, and she appeared as Florence at her LCU Pinning Ceremony to give a shorter version of the speech to the

attendees.

**Karen Gorton** was [elected](#) to the Sigma Board of Directors as Vice President (2019-2021).

**Susan Groenwald** was [appointed](#) Chair of the Board of Trustees to the Ross University School of Medicine and Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine effective 1 September 2019. She was [appointed](#) to the Board of Directors of Impact Nashville.

**Sara Horton-Deutsch** was [elected](#) to the Sigma Board of Directors (2019-2021).

**Pamela Jeffries** received the 2019 Virginia Nurses Foundation Leadership Excellence Award.

**Peggy Jenkins** was [elected](#) to the Sigma Leadership Succession Committee (2019-2023).

**Nancyruth Leibold** received an Open Education Resources (OER) grant from Minnesota State for an evidence-based practice OER project. She also completed the second edition of *The Praxis of Critical Thinking in Nursing* textbook.

**Carole Liske** was [elected](#) to the Sigma Board of Directors as Regional Chapters Coordinating Committee Chair (2019-2021). She has relocated to Southern Maryland where she lives down the street from one of her daughters.

**Sarah Marshall** was inducted on 7 November as a Fellow in the New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM), presented a poster at Sigma's 45th Biennial Convention, was recognized in October 2019 by the American Cancer Society as a Pacesetter for fundraising efforts, and presented the Sarah and Vicente Marshall Perseverance Award to two graduating nurses at Medgar Evers College.

**Juli Maxworthy** is president-elect for the Society for Simulation in Healthcare beginning January 2020.

**Anna McDaniel** has been appointed by Sigma President Richard Ricciardi to serve on the 2019-2021 Sigma Foundation for Nursing Board of Directors.

**Karen Morin** became a United States citizen on 19 September 2019 and now she can vote.

**Susan Opas** was elected Sigma's North America Region 2 Coordinator (2019-2021).

**Shannon Perry** recently returned from a two-week Spanish immersion trip in Pucón, Chile. She and her daughter also took a two-week adventure among the pyramids and on the Nile in Cairo, Egypt.

**David and Marla Ostermeyer** celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on 5 September. Their son and daughter-in-law are both at level 4 training for air traffic control in California. Their other son and daughter-in-law are still working on their ministry and missionary work.

**Beverly Reigle** was [elected](#) to the Sigma Leadership Succession Committee (2019-2021).

**Richard Ricciardi** is [serving](#) as the President of the Sigma Board of Directors (2019-2021).

**Nancy Ridenour** is returning to serve on the 2019-2021 Sigma Foundation for Nursing Board of Directors.

**Marlene Ruiz** welcomed her second great granddaughter. She now has Abby and Mia.

**Elizabeth Sefcik** [received](#) the Texas A&M University System 2018-2019 Regents Professor Award – the highest honor bestowed upon faculty by the Texas A&M University system.

**Gwen Sherwood** was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Jonkoping University in Jonkoping, Sweden, on 11 October 2019. She delivered an academic ceremony lecture titled *Joy in the Journey: Reflective Practices to Improve Quality and Safety*. She is Professor Emeritus at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is returning to the Sigma Leadership Succession Committee (2019-2021).

**Linda Streit** is returning to serve on the 2019-2021 Sigma Foundation for Nursing Board of Directors.

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