



The ORCHID SOCIETY

January 2021

Welcome

Welcome to the newest members of The Orchid Society:

Janice G. Agazio

Margaret M. Arklie*

Suzanne Gosse

Betsy Mickey McDowell

Dorothy Otto*

Debra Denise Sullivan

Upcoming Sigma events

Join us for an upcoming event:

[Creating Healthy Work Environments](#), 18-20 February 2021

[32nd International Nursing Research Congress](#), 22-26 July 2021

[46th Biennial Convention](#), 6-10 November 2021

Nominations are now open for the International Awards for Nursing Excellence. [Learn more »](#)

Member spotlights

Margaret M. Arklie

1939-2020

Margaret grew up in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, and enjoyed summers at their cottage at Masons Point. She had a career in nursing that stretched over 37 years. She studied in Halifax, Calgary, Canada; Boston, Massachusetts, USA; Scotland; and Austin, Texas, USA, where she achieved her PhD. Most of Margaret's work and teaching was at Dalhousie University in Halifax, where she retired in 1997. Margaret was an avid knitter, seamstress, and quilter. She enjoyed singing in numerous choirs, playing the handbells, and traveling throughout Europe and other parts of the world. She was an active member of St. Matthews United Church on Barrington Street where she served on

many committees, including church treasurer for 12 years amongst many lifetime friends and colleagues. She was an active member of Sigma's Rho Rho Chapter.

Dorothy Ann Otto

1932-2020

A native of McAllen, Texas, USA, Dr. Dorothy Ann Otto EdD, RN, ANEF, received her BSN in 1954 from the University of Houston, marking the beginning of her 60-year career with the Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth. She received her master's degree from Texas Woman's University College of Nursing in 1971 and her EdD from the University of Houston in 1985. She was recognized nationally for her contributions to the nursing profession and became a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing Education in 2007. She was a strong believer in demonstrating ethical behaviors of honesty, integrity, respect, fairness, and confidentiality. She was a highly respected senior faculty member who served as a mentor and role model to many. Dr. Otto was also dedicated to preserving historical collections documenting nursing history. She was an avid collector of stamps and books featuring Florence Nightingale. When Dorothy retired in January 2015, she became Associate Professor Emerita. Dr. Otto also enjoyed frequent trips to Honduras where she volunteered with The Micah Project. She was an active member of Sigma's Zeta Pi Chapter.

Impact of giving today

Your planned gift to the Sigma Foundation for Nursing will help us continue to grow. In 2019-2020:

- 5,146 donors in 40 countries and every Sigma global region invested in developing nurse leaders around the globe.
- 292 Sigma inductees were awarded membership subsidies in four global regions.
- 30 research studies were funded in five global regions.
- 35 nurse leaders in 20 countries received assistance to attend Sigma events.

100th anniversary campaign

Sigma is preparing to celebrate 100 years during the 46th Biennial Convention this November in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA! Leading up to this momentous event, the Sigma Foundation for Nursing has launched its 100th Anniversary Campaign. Sigma President Richard Ricciardi is joining the celebration by embracing the joy of giving as part of his presidential call to action, Infuse Joy. He invites all of us to infuse joy and celebrate Sigma through philanthropy. You can honor Sigma's Founders and be recognized as a 100th Anniversary donor by donating US \$100 this biennium. And continuing with tradition, your second donation of any amount will earn you a place in Richard Ricciardi's President's Circle.

[Learn more »](#)

Orchid Society members

We gratefully recognize Orchid Society donors who've made their commitment to support nursing worldwide:

Janice G. Agazio

Jerico Gamiao Alicante

Margaret M. Arklie*

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Suzanne Gosse

Betsy Mickey McDowell

Kathryn M. Moore

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Debra Denise Sullivan
Beth C. Vaughan-Wrobel
Deborah Lynne Weatherspoon
Benson C. Wright
**deceased*

Help spread the word

Share the Orchid Society and invite others to give to support all generations of nurse leaders around the world. Here are some sample social media posts you can use:

Facebook

Who are Sigma's Orchid Society members? They're Sigma members and friends who have already created their Sigma legacy. Joining with fellow Orchid Society members allows you to ensure the future development of nurses and be celebrated today for your future gift. Find more information at bit.ly/2UvNN87.

LinkedIn

By creating your very own Sigma legacy, you're demonstrating your devotion to nursing and to your fellow nurses around the globe. Ensure the development of every generation of nurse leader and join the Orchid Society today! Join at bit.ly/2UsdfeK.

Twitter

There's an easy way to create your @SigmaNursing legacy and ensure the future of nursing. #SigmaOrchidSociety members want to share it with you, too! Learn more at bit.ly/2UsbK06.



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