



SOCIETY SCOOP

Summer 2009

Tau Phi welcomes new members!

On October 28, 2008, the Tau Phi Chapter inducted new members at the annual induction ceremony. The ceremony was held at the Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital 6th floor Auditorium. Linda Rickabaugh, MSN, RN delivered a presentation that highlighted the medical mission trip where faculty, staff and students provided vital health services to families and children in rural Honduras.

Join us in welcoming our new Tau Phi Members

Nurse Leaders

Kathleen Baudreau
 Sara Brown
 Leigh Ann Campbell
 Sheila Lambert

Nursing Students

Courtney Barger
 Angela Bedwell
 Melissa Creger
 Jessica Fenton
 Kelcey Frederickson
 Nicole Hall
 Marissa Hamilton
 Judy Hanks
 Susan Martin
 Nneka Okoye
 Amber Purdue
 Kelly Rotenizer
 Kimberly Shank
 Lauren Simpson
 Barbara Smith
 Kimberly Wilson

Congratulations

Attention:

Seeking interested members for 2009 ballot.
 Board member positions are for a 2 year term.

Vice President
 Secretary

Leadership Succession Committee (2 positions)
 Contact Jeanne Garber at jgarber@jchs.edu

Message from the President

Dear Tau Phi Members,

As we enjoy the summer weather and some family vacation time, the board is pleased to bring you this newsletter. Inside we want to highlight some of the work of our chapter and exciting things to come.

This past year Tau Phi has volunteered at the Rescue Mission and supported the annual Evidence Based Practice conference. We also have had several members complete advanced studies and receive numerous awards. See page 3 for details. Looking forward, we have several programs and activities occurring over the next year. For our chapter specifically we will hold a meet and greet for eligible students in late August/early September and will hold our annual induction in October.

In addition, Tau Phi is privileged to host the biennial Regional Conference scheduled for April 17-18, 2010. Our own Melody Meier is leading the planning group for the conference. You can help make this event successful by volunteering time in registration, vendor room greeter, or donating items for a silent auction. All members are invited to donate item(s) for the silent auction. Proceeds will be used to subsidize conference expenses and support programs like our inductions and assist in funding the scholarships we award.

The Sigma Theta Tau International home offices converted their electronic member system to a new system and encountered some challenges. STTI has had to correct several errors in member lists. If you have peers who are members, please share your Tau Phi emails and request they validate they have received. If you know new members, please do the same. If you are a member and have gotten this newsletter from a peer member but not electronically, please contact me so that we correct this on our master list and pursue the correction at STTI.

We inducted twenty new STTI, Tau Phi members and I would like to extend a warm welcome to each of them. In the coming years, your Sigma Theta Tau International membership will become a means to expand your knowledge, network, and influence the profession of nursing. I encourage you to explore our chapter website

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2008-2010**

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<http://www.jchs.edu/page.php/prmID/216> and the STTI
website www.nursingsociety.org. Take advantage of the
resources offered to you by the society as you move through
your nursing career and your professional development.

There are several board positions to be filled in
October and I hope you will consider adding your name to the
ballot. I will be glad to speak with any member considering
board service about expectations of the position and how
incredibly rewarding each of the roles are. I want to invite all
members to attend chapter board meetings and I welcome
your thoughts and suggestions.

Thank You for your commitment in supporting the
learning, knowledge and professional development of nurses
and to making a difference with the populations we serve.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Martin
President, Tau Phi Chapter
jmartin@carilion.com

**Spring Evidence-Based Practice
Conference a great success!**

This year's evidence-based conference was held in
conjunction with JCHS and Carilion Clinic on April 27,
2009. The conference featured Kathleen Vollman, RN,
CNS, a well-known speaker, who focused on specific areas
where we are implementing evidence-based approaches to
healthcare with impressive results for patient outcomes.
Over 140 nurses from across the region attended.

This year, following a call for posters, many of our
members shared the work they are doing to apply evidence
to practice and improve outcomes. Thanks to all members
who shared their work.

- ❖ Nancy Altice
- ❖ Martha Anderson
- ❖ Donna Bond
- ❖ Ellen Harvey
- ❖ Krista Henderson
- ❖ Cathy Jennings
- ❖ Susan Jones
- ❖ Tricia Kingery
- ❖ Evelyn Rubongoya
- ❖ Cindy Smith

On a National Level



Consider attending the 40th Biennial Sigma Theta Tau
Convention October 31-November 4, 2009.

40th Biennial Convention Event Objectives

- ❖ Apply and share nursing knowledge and leadership
skills in sustaining the health of the world's people.
- ❖ Explore diverse opportunities to promote
collaboration for the advancement of nursing
science, in the global community.
- ❖ Utilize new knowledge to create culturally sensitive
practice.
- ❖ Examine interdisciplinary partnerships to promote
the global nursing community.

Membership News

Awards

Please join us in congratulating our members who have distinguished themselves through scholarship and service.

Carilion Pillar Awards

Partners in Care: A program to help community patients transition to end-of-life: Sarah Browning, Lisa Sprinkel, Carolyn Mason-Murray

*Improving patient satisfaction scores and morale.
Ann Hutchins*

Nursing Research Council

Rebecca Clark, Cathy Jennings, Martha Anderson, Cindy Smith, Lisa Allison-Jones

Carilion Healthcare with a Human Touch

*Carolyn Webster
Deborah Huddleston
Rebecca Clark*

JCHS Faculty Excellence in Teaching

Deidira (Dee) Stewart

Case Western Reserve University Dean's Legacy Award

Cathy Jennings

Certifications

*Ann Montgomery: Nurse Executive (NE-BC)
Barbara Smith: CCRN*

Nursing Leadership Institute Fellow

Ann Hutchens

THANK YOU'S

A warm Thank You to Linda Rickabaugh and Warren Clark who have agreed to represent Tau Phi as chapter delegates. A delegate represents the Tau Phi chapter at the House of Delegates of the Society and submits chapter votes on bi-law changes at the biennial convention and electronically during their two year term vote on chapter charter applications.

A special Thank You to Gail Frankeberger. Gail made a donation to the chapter with her annual renewal.

Tau Phi congratulates new graduates!

Members who have completed the Doctor of Nursing Practice

Nancy Altice
Jill Bass
Donna Bond
Gail Frankeberger
Cathy Jennings

Members who have completed the MSN

De Dee Foti
Freda Gibson
Judy Hanks
Jennifer Reece
Evelyn Rubongoya
Beverly Sturgill

Members who have completed the BSN

Courtney Barger
Angela Bedwell
Jennifer Entsminger
Marisa Hamilton
Nichole Hall
Kristin Link
Nneka Okoye
Amber Perdue
Kelly Rotenizer
Kimberly Shank
Lauren Simpson

Looking for ways to be involved in committee work of the chapter?

Consider becoming active in a new group the Membership Advisory Council. This council will explore and promote membership in STTI in order to gain members in our chapter. Contact Annette Strickland (acstrickland@jchs.edu) if interested.

Do you enjoy putting a story together and sharing it? Consider coordinating the completion of our Chapter Newsletter. The template is established and easy to utilize. A creative, energetic member is needed to coordinate information delivery to our members.

Presentations & Publications

Deidira Stewart: Poster presentation, Asthma Self-management, Asthma Alliances, April 2008.

Shannon Cohen: Presenting at the 9th International Family Nursing Conference in Reykjavik, Iceland and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners conference, Nashville, TN. Publications: "Themes in the literature related to cardiovascular disease risk reduction," *Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing* & "Concept analysis of adherence in the context of cardiovascular risk reeducation." *Nursing Forum*.

Ava Porter: Engaging Students via Audience Response System. Poster presentation at the Lilly conference on College and University Teaching, Greensboro, NC; Use of Interactive Audience Response System Technology in Nursing Education: Presentation at AACN Baccalaureate Education Conference, San Antonio, TX

Rebecca Clark: Building a culture of nursing excellence through nursing research at the bedside. Podium presentation at 2009 ANCC Magnet Conference, Louisville, KY.

Donna Bond: Improving patient outcomes—The journey to decrease VAP. Poster presentation at Respiratory Nursing Society National Conference Boston, MA.

Linda Rickabaugh, Michelle Hartman, Rebecca Clark, Lisa Allison-Jones: Impact of cultural immersion on student nurses' cultural competence. Poster presentation Impact at STTI 40th Biennial Conference. Indianapolis, IN.

Lisa Sprinkel, Sarah Browning: Partners in Care. Poster presentation at National Hospice and Palliative Care Clinical Conference, Denver, CO.



Jolee Preston &
JCHS nursing students



Annette Strickland &
Jennifer Martin

Lisa Allison-Jones &
Barbara Southard

Scholarship Opportunities

Applicant Eligibility—enrolled in BSN program at JCHS, at least at the junior level and GPA 3.0 or better; enrolled in MSN program at JCHA or enrolled in Doctoral degree program in nursing.

Application Deadline: Monday August 31, 2009

Submit Applications to: Dr. Ava Porter, JCHS Department of Nursing

Upcoming events

- Annual Meet and Greet JCHS nursing students: Fralin House, September 3, 2009 5:30 PM
All Tau Phi members are invited to meet new nursing students and potential STTI Tau Phi members
- Annual Induction Ceremony, October/November Date TBA
- Improving Nursing Clinical Practice through Research at the Bedside, November 5, 2009
Bradi Granger, PhD, RN, Director, Duke Heart Center Nursing Research Program
- Regional Sigma Theta Tau Conference, April 16-17, 2010- Regional Chapter meetings, conference

***Thanks to all our active members!
Please make sure you keep your membership up-to-date!***