



## 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](mailto: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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**Tau Phi Chapter  
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2008-2010**

*Jennifer Martin, MSN, RN*  
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Leadership Succession

*Deidra Pennington, MSN, RN*  
*Annette Strickland, MSN, RN*  
*Carolyn Melby, PhD RN*  
Governance Committee

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<http://www.jchs.edu/page.php/prmID/216> and the STTI  
website [www.nursingsociety.org](http://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](mailto: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 40<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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!***