Dear Members,

I hope that everyone is having a good spring and is looking forward to nurses’ week. If your place of work is having a celebration please join in and share in the mutual recognition of colleagues. When you have a few spare minutes take a look at the STTI website and reflect on the really remarkable things nurses are doing in collaboration with others from all over the world.

This year Tau Phi Chapter is cosponsoring a celebration of the new graduates of the JCHS graduate program. I hope many of you will be able to attend. See the invitation inserted in the newsletter and be sure to reply if you can come. Hope to see all of you there!

Finally, please consider getting more involved with the chapter activities. You can do this by attending meetings, volunteering for chapter committees, sending in information to the newsletter, or running for one of the chapter offices that will be up for election in the fall. Remember that the chapter can only thrive through your hard work.

Dr. Warren Clark

At the April meeting of the board of directors there was an interesting discussion of the possibility of establishing an endowed scholarship, named for the chapter, at JCHS. Establishing an endowed scholarship would require that the chapter contribute at least $25,000 to the endowment, which would then be managed by the college according to criteria established by the chapter. The money to endow the scholarship could be collected over a period of time, not necessarily to be donated all at once. The board would like to know if there is interest among the general membership in establishing a committee to explore this exciting possibility. Any chapter member interested in finding out more about this opportunity or in volunteering to serve on a committee to examine the possibility of establishing such a scholarship should contact Dr. Warren Clark at wgclark@jchs.edu.
Several STTI members will present at the Research day at Carilion Clinic on May 4, 2011. Hope to see all of you there!

The next research conference is scheduled for October 20, 2011. This should be great information for both new and experienced nurse researchers. Marianne Chuly, PhD, RN, Consultant for Nursing Research, will be speaking. Marianne has great experience working with nurses to help them build effective research projects. Don’t forget to mark your calendars and consider submitting an abstract for presentation!

The next Region 13 STTI research conference will be April 19-21, 2012 in Hampton, VA. The Hampton University chapter will sponsor the event. This should be an excellent opportunity for Tau Phi members to present their research and to network with colleagues from chapters all over the region. More detail will be sent as plans for the conference evolve.

October 2011 Nursing Research Conference a success.
This marked the fifth year the Tau Phi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, Jefferson College of Health Sciences and the Nursing Department of Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital sponsored a Nursing Research Conference. This year we targeted a small audience of nurses who have had previous experience with nursing research. The goal of the conference was to enhance research skills and learn how to incorporate the electronic medical record as a source for reliable data. Challenges and opportunities were discussed. K. Sue Haddock, PhD, RN, Associate Chief of Staff for Research at the WJB Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia, SC shared her insights into research design and implementation in health systems. In addition, Sue spoke at our induction ceremony, a nice treat, since she came to Roanoke several years ago and chartered our chapter as a full-fledged chapter of STTI.

Global STTI Action
STTI and United Nation Millennium Development Goals

COMMUNITY
“You are a part of a global community of nurses who connect as one voice of nursing excellence around the world.”
-STTI, 1999-2011

Quote of the Day
“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”
-Helen Keller
Local Research Updates

Manuscripts accepted for publication
Rebecca Clark, Lisa Allison-Jones: “Investing in Human Capital: An Academic-Service Partnership to Address the Nursing Shortage” Nursing Education Perspectives, Jan 2011.

Accepted for presentation at national conferences:
Nancy Altice
Michele Holskey
“Write On! How to Create a Nursing Excellence Story Writing Workshop” Podium presentation accepted for the 2011 National Magnet Conference, October 2011.
Ann Hutchens
Chris Monk
Margaret Perry
Carolyn Webster
“Nursing Leadership: Transitioning to an Accountable Care Organization.” Poster presentation accepted for the 2011 National Magnet Conference, October 2011.
Phyllis Whitehead
“Studying the effects of the End-of Life Nursing Education Consortium at the Institutional Level” Podium presentation at the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists, March, 2011.

Grants received:
Rebecca Clark, Research Acceleration Grant, for qualitative study: RN-MD communication: Insights into Effective Leadership.
Milena Staykova, JCHS Internal Grant for a Delphi study: Competencies of Nurse Educators in Curriculum Design: A Delphi Study.
Phyllis Whitehead: Research Acceleration Grant, for mixed methods study: Preferences about Death and Dying.
Note from the editor:
Dear Members,

With the Spring issue, we would like to update you about the enormous accomplishments of the local chapter members during the past few months. These great personal and professional efforts to advance the scholarship and research practice deserve recognition.

Please let us publish your work and connect you to your colleagues with similar interests. The local research network is a support system to help advance ideas and enhance research endeavors. You can send recent accomplishments to: mpstaykova@jchs.edu

Next Board meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2011 at JCHS room 1021 from 5pm-7pm. All members are invited to attend.

Information for Students

Free Stuff
On-line CE courses
Case Studies
Reflection
Blog
To visit the site, paste the link in your browser:
http://www.nursingsociety.org/student/Pages/

Career Advisor
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Calendar of Events

May 2, 2011 – Graduation Celebration of Master of Science in Nursing Class of 2011, Vinton, VA.

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May 4, 2011 – Research Day at Carilion Clinic, Roanoke, VA.

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July 11-14, 2011 – 22nd International Nursing Research Congress, STTI, Cancun, Mexico.

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June 20, 2011 – Open to all members Board meeting, JCHS, room 1021, at 5pm.

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August 2011 – Meet and Greet local members, JCHS Students and Leadership, JCHS, Roanoke, VA.

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October 2011 – Induction Ceremony, JCHS, Roanoke, VA.

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October 20, 2011 – Fall Research Conference, Roanoke, VA.

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April 19-21, 2012 – Regional Research Conference, Hampton, VA.

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Quote of the Season
“The future depends on what we do in the present.”
– Mahatma Gandhi

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Mark Your Calendar!