President’s Message

Ava G. Porter, DNP, RN
Tau Phi Chapter President

It is hard to believe that the fall season is upon us. I trust that everyone has had a good summer season. Our board is gearing up to get back into the full swing of things. Many of our members have been busy at work with fundraising and community service work. Our May meeting at Montano’s restaurant was a great success where 20 attendees learned about MRI Safe Pacemakers, complements of Allen Wirt, RN from Medtronic. A raffle and silent auction, led by Susan Wirt, raised additional funds for our endowed scholarship.

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Our chapter’s goals for this 2-year biennium are:

1. Build membership – goal 175 for coming year – (October thru October) and better retention of new members
2. Build our Endowed Scholarship fund- $5K each year.
3. Scholarships and research grants:-$1500 total, for two scholarships & one grant (board to adjust funds dependent on applications for each)
4. Community service – At least one project in spring/summer (Relay for Life was considered) at least one project in winter (Senior Santa’s). We plan to continue serving at Manna Ministries throughout year
5. Chapter Key Award – Apply, submit, and win .

See the Board Meeting section for our chapter’s five goals that are aligned with STTI’s Call to Action: Create your legacy: commit to your passion and contribute your time, expertise and/or financial support.

As a chapter, in 2011, we committed to building an endowed scholarship fund of $25,000.
Thus far we have made very slow progress toward this goal and have raised only $3,700. I urge our members to strive for this in 2 ways:
1) GIVE - even small gifts help a lot.
2) Submit fundraising ideas to us!

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See you all soon! Ava
**Save the Date!**
The Tau Phi induction ceremony will be November 7th 6pm - 9pm at St. John's Church. All members and their families are welcome! Further information will be forthcoming in an email.

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**Tau Phi Chapter—Nursing Student Scholarships**

The purpose of the Tau Phi chapter scholarship fund is to recognize outstanding scholarship by qualified nurses and/or nursing students that will advance knowledge in the area of scholarships to individuals. Three $500 scholarships are budgeted.

**Criteria for Awarding Scholarships**

A. Applicant Criteria

- Enrolled in a baccalaureate program in nursing at Jefferson College of Health Sciences, at least a junior with a minimum of 3.0 GPA
- Enrolled in a Master program in nursing at Jefferson College of Health Sciences
- Enrolled in a Doctoral degree program in nursing at any institution

B. Application

1. Submit an application and a written statement of personal and professional goals in nursing
2. Attachments:
   - Transcript of undergraduate records and graduate work completed
   - Letters of recommendation from one faculty member and one professional Associate
   - Vitae
C. Preference will be given to Sigma Theta Tau International members, other attributes being equal

D. Competitive basis for fund allocation

- Quality of written goals
- Contribution or potential contribution to nursing and public benefit
- Scholarship fund budget and number of proposals submitted

E. Once the scholarship award has been named, an Agreement of Financial Expenditures will need to be signed prior to allocation of scholarship award

**Scholarship Application Deadlines**

A. Application Deadline: **Monday, Sept. 30 2013**
B. Scholarship Awards given: **October, 2013**
C. Submit applications to: **Janice Taylor, Department Secretary**
   JCHS Department of Nursing

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**Upcoming Chapter Officer Elections**

The election for open Tau Phi leadership positions will be held in October. The Leadership Succession Committee is working on the development of the next election ballot.

A call for nominations, both self and peer, is now in progress. Members are encouraged to offer service to the chapter by submitting names for the ballot. The following positions are expiring and new officers will be elected.

- Secretary
- VP
- Leadership Succession
- President Elect

The Tau Phi board appreciates your consideration to serve in the chapter’s leadership positions!

By participating in the leadership opportunities, the members can make a difference in the future of their chapter.

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**Mark your Calendar!**

The next Tau Phi Chapter annual business meeting and program is scheduled for October 10th 8am - 10am in the CRCH private dining room 4th floor. (Breakfast can be purchased in the cafeteria).

Program Presentation:
- **8am**
- Kathy Robertson: Carilion Clinic Stroke Coordinator will present "Advances in Stroke Care"

The chapter president Dr. Ava Porter discussed the benefits of being a STTI member during the Meet-and-Greet information session on September 17, 2013 at JCHS.
The purpose of this conference is to help participants develop the knowledge to successfully plan and implement nursing studies and disseminate outcomes.

The key note speaker, Dr. Nancy M. Valentine, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.A.N. is a visionary and innovative leader, she is an interdisciplinary, team-focused advocate of nursing who is dedicated to achieving high quality and safe patient-centered care.

Pre-registration is required. The deadline to register is Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013.

Carilion employees: Register using Cornerstone OnDemand Course #CE923C. Tuition is paid by Carilion Clinic for Carilion employees.

Non-Carilion employees: Call Carilion Direct at 540-266-6000. Fee: $100.

Students and Carilion retirees: $25.

Location: Holiday Inn Roanoke Valley View, 3315 Ordway Drive, Roanoke, VA 24017

Presentations:
- Sara Brown, DNP & Jeannie Garber, DNP, Podium and poster presentations Collaborating across Borders IV Interprofessional Conference in Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Rebecca Greer, DNP Podium Presentation at “Collaborative Approaches: Using Simulation to Improve Health Care Delivery” in Ashburn, Virginia
- Ellen Harvey, PhD Poster Presentation at the University of Texas Summer Institutes on Quality Improvement, San Antonio, TX.
- Tracy Hudgins, DNP Poster presentation at the Nursing Management Congress 2013 in Chicago, Illinois.
- Christine Huson, MSN Poster Presentation at the NLN Summit, Washington DC.
- Milena Staykova, EdD, Podium presentation at 12 annual INACSL and Poster presentation at QSEN conferences.
- Phyllis Whitehead, PhD and Joan Fisher, RN. Podium presentation at the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists, 2013 Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Patty Vari, PhD, Poster presentation at International Association of Medical Science Educators Conference, St. Andrews, Scotland.

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Chapter Scholarship and Research Accomplishments

**Awards:**
Susan Jones, MSN, was recognized with a Faculty Excellence and Faculty Research and Scholarship Awards for her leadership and organization of the IP Simulation Day with 11 programs and >240 participants.

**Degree Completion**
Rhoda Murray, PhD defended her dissertation Quantitative Analysis Factors That Influence Participation in Continuing Education Among Nurses Employed In Long-Term Care Facilities.

**Publications:**
- Sarah Browning, DNP, Rebecca Clark, PhD & Roger Glick published the article Preparing for the Never Event: Safety in the Home Care Environment-One Home Care Agency’s Story in the Journal of Home Healthcare Nurse, June, 2013.
- Patty Vari, PhD, et al. published the article Community Breastfeeding Attitudes and Beliefs in Health Care for Women International in July 2013.

**Grants:**
Alice Christaldi, RN, Mary Via, RN, Stimis Smith, RN, & Melody Sharp, DNP are recipients of a 2013 Carilion Clinic RAP Grant for $23,983. Evaluation of a Bladder Management Protocol as Evidence for Establishing National Clinical Practice Standards in the Inpatient Rehabilitation Setting”.

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Note from the Editor
Dear Members,
Welcome Back! Many of us are returning from fantastic vacations or a summer full of events. The chapter is welcoming new members. Scholarship is growing by having our members present at national and regional conferences, publish in peer-reviewed journals, and work hard in clinical practice embracing the evidence to make a difference. The board members have met to discuss the upcoming goals and opportunities to create the chapter legacy through community service, scholarship, and technology. Fall is also the time for election. Members are encouraged to stay active and participate in the future leadership opportunities. Remember to send your accomplishments to mpstaykova@jchs.edu

Local Chapter Service Projects

Manna Ministries
In support to our local community, Tau Phi chapter invites the members to contribute time and culinary skills in support to the Manna Ministries. The chapter provides food monthly for families affected by poverty and misfortune. Members are welcome to drop their crock pot off at JCHS if unable to attend. Dates TBA. Manna Ministries is located on Walnut Avenue in Vinton.

Be a Santa to a Senior
Our Chapter Holiday Service Project will be through the BASTAS (Be a Santa to a Senior) program to provide Christmas gifts to seniors (age 60 and older). We plan to adopt several seniors. Items will be collected in late Nov. and early Dec. Gift baskets normally need to be filled and turned in by December 10th.

Save the Date: Events and Opportunities for Scholarship

2013 Magnet Conference
October 2-4, 2013, Orlando, Florida, USA.
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2013 Carilion Nursing Research Conference
October 24, 2013, Holiday Inn, Roanoke, VA
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2013 Lewis Gale Regional Health System
5th Annual Research Day
Dec. 11, 2013, Salem LG Medical Center
Submit abstracts by 11/1
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AACN Faculty Development Conference
February 6-8, 2014, Hilton Fort Worth, TX.
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AACN Student Policy Summit
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STTI 42nd Biennial Convention
November 16-20, 2013, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA
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21 National EBP Conference: Promoting Patient Decision Making with EBP
April 24-25, 2014, Iowa City, Iowa
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25th International Nursing Research Congress
July 24-28, 2014, Hong Kong
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Nursing Education Research Conference
April 3-4, 2014, Indianapolis, IN
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SAVE THE DATE!!
RHO LAMBDA CHAPTER
Of Sigma Theta Tau International
WINSTON SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY
WINSTON SALEM, NC
Region 13 Regional Meeting
Friday/Saturday
April 11-12, 2014
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Opening session beginning Friday, at 1 pm Regional Meeting at 6:00 PM
For more information, call 336-750-2178 or 336-750-2272