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Dear Colleagues,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are appreciating the many blessings of this holiday season. This is always a very special time of year. I hope each of us will take time to reach out to others who are in need of special acts of kindness and/or assistance with food, clothing, or shelter.

Zeta Phi Chapter was represented by several members at the Biennial Convention, which was held in Indianapolis at the beginning of November. Pat O'Malley and I were Zeta Phi's delegates to the Convention. Donna Miles Curry ran for and was elected the new Region 9 Coordinator. Congratulations, Donna! Pat O'Malley presented a paper and Tawna Cooksey-James presented a poster. Faculty members Marianna Sunderlin, Cheryl Aubin, and Ann Bowling and student, Becca Courtney also attended the convention. All of us were impressed by the excellent organization and outstanding presentations that were available to us. You'll see articles from each attendee elsewhere in this newsletter. The session that impressed me most was *Three Cups of Tea: Promoting Peace, One School, One Child at a Time* presented by the author, Greg Mortenson. His talk was about building schools and providing education especially for girls in Afghanistan. He made the point that each of us can make a difference in this world. I highly recommend reading his book for his well-written examples and for the inspiration each of us needs to go out and make a difference.

Zeta Phi's Board has decided to meet the second Monday of every month from January through June. The first three meetings are January 11th, February 8th, and March 8th at 5:30 p.m. in WSU's University Hall, Room 158. All members are welcome at Board Meetings, but only members of the Board may vote. Please also mark your calendars for Induction and Installation of Officers, which will be held on Wednesday evening, June 9th, in the Berry Room at the Nutter Center.

Yours,
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QUOTABLE NOTABLES

“Needing to fulfill one’s goals (dare we say destiny) is a gnawing and constant urge that prevents complete ease and can rarely be relieved, except by transcending the barriers and working toward one’s goals. If we choose to listen to this motivating force, we will move outside of our comfort zones whether the goal is rehabilitation, remission, or some other personal achievement. Not everyone chooses to do this or has the resources to do this. But being in our comfort zones provides respite and *strengthens* us for the fight.” **Katharine Kolcaba** from Comfort Theory and Practice; A Vision for Holistic Health Care and Research p.128.

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Wright State bids a fond adieu to Dr. Holdcraft



started as an instructor in 1975; Most recently she was the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Carol taught Psychiatric nursing and will be fondly remembered for her caring and sensitivity.

The College gave a farewell reception for Carol in November complete with pictures and stories of many experiences here at Wright State. Carol and her husband Terry plan to start off retirement with some travel to Florida and spend more time with their grandchildren. But with any luck, she will be back some day soon to help teach the psychiatric nursing classes on an adjunct basis.

On December 31, 2010 as Dr. Carol Holdcraft shuts the door on her office in University Hall here at Wright State, she shuts the door on a 30 year career teaching and work in the College of Nursing. Carol

College of Nursing and Health News

In the Wright State University-Miami Valley College of Nursing and Health, we have several changes in faculty for the 2009-2010 academic year. One new faculty member is Clinical Instructor Marie Bashaw, MS, RN. Ms.



Bashaw earned her BSN from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Binghamton and her MS (nursing administration) from Wright State University. Previously, Ms. Bashaw was both an adjunct instructor and a preceptor for the College of Nursing and Health.

From 1990 to 1998, Ms. Bashaw filled many roles for the Kettering Health Network, ranging from nurse educator to Clinical Nurse Manager. She also worked as a staff nurse at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, FL, and at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Dayton, OH. She was the Nursing Director at Grandview Medical Center in Dayton, OH, from 2001 to

2009 where she was responsible for the Perioperative Services Division and the Surgery Service Line.



Our second new faculty member is Assistant Professor Tracy L. Brewer, DNP, RNC. Dr. Brewer earned her ADN and BSN from Miami University, her MSN (education track) from Drexel University, and her DNP

(educational leadership) from Case Western Reserve University. She also earned a diploma in legal nurse consulting from Kaplan College. She currently holds certification in Inpatient Obstetrical Nursing. She is a member of the Omicron Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International and the Society of Pediatric Nurses.

Dr. Brewer has previous teaching experience at Chamberlain College of Nursing in St. Louis, MO, where she was an online instructor for the RN-to-BSN program. For one year, she taught pediatrics at the Galen College of Nursing in Cincinnati, OH. From 2002 to 2005, Dr. Brewer taught pediatrics and obstetrics at The Christ Hospital School of Nursing in Cincinnati, OH.

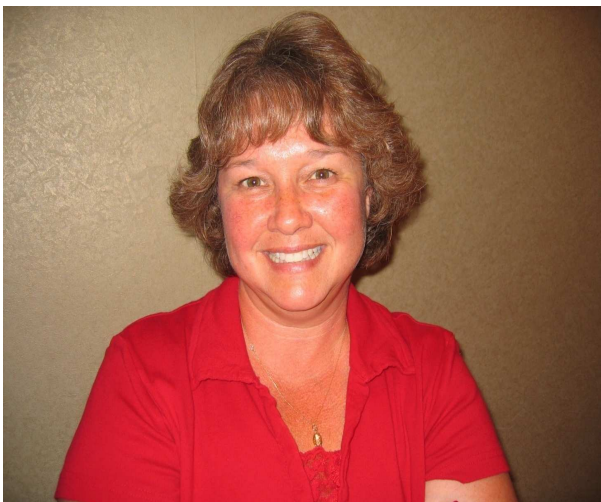
Dr. Brewer has over 15 years of bedside nursing experience and has worked as a staff nurse or charge nurse in the neonatal intensive

College of Nursing and Health News (cont.)

care, perinatal, or pediatric medical surgical units of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center; The University Hospital of Cincinnati, OH; Mercy Fairfield Hospital in Fairfield, OH; and McCullough-Hyde Hospital in Oxford, OH. In the private sector, she is a legal nurse consultant and reviews, analyzes, researches, and summarizes legal tort cases pertaining to perinatal malpractice and class action law suits.

Our third "new" faculty member, Ann Stalter, PhD, RN, is a familiar face in the college. Dr. Stalter earned her PhD in public health nursing from The Ohio State University in 2008 and moves to an Assistant Professor position. Her dissertation topic focused on the secondary prevention of child obesity in public schools. Her BSN and MS (nursing administration) are from Wright State University. She is a member of the Zeta Phi and Epsilon Chapters of Sigma Theta Tau International.

Previously, Dr. Stalter taught as an Adjunct Instructor (1998-2000) and a Clinical



Instructor (2000-2009) in the College of Nursing and Health. For several summers, she has directed our summer camps, including *Teddy Bear Wellness*, *Adventures in Healthcare*, and *Fitness Fun*. Dr. Stalter has had experience as a staff nurse at Grandview Hospital and Greene Memorial Hospital. For nearly 15 years, she worked as a home healthcare nurse for Academy Health Services, where she served in a variety of positions, including visiting nurse, supervisor, quality improvement, nurse educator, and director of nursing.

Other changes in the college include a new Associate Dean for Graduate Curriculum, Dr. Donna Miles Curry, who began her new role on September 1st. Dr. Curry has been with the college for over 20 years and has primarily taught pediatric courses and has a special interest in international nursing. She is very active in professional nursing organizations including the Society of Pediatric Nurses, the National Council on Family Relations, and the Midwest Nursing Research Society. She has been particularly active in the Zeta Phi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, serving as a past president, archivist, faculty advisor, and delegate to two biennial conventions. Recently, she was elected as STTI's Region 9 Coordinator for Indiana, Kentucky, and Southern Ohio. In 2006, Dr. Curry was awarded the prestigious *Frederick A. White Distinguished Professor of Professional Service Award* from Wright State University. Her other awards include the *Outstanding Leadership Award* and *Service Award* from the Zeta Phi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International and the *Nurse of the Year Award*

from District Ten of the Ohio Nurses Association.

College of Nursing and Health News (cont.)

Two faculty members, Carol Holdcraft, DNS, RN, and Susan Praeger, EdD, RN, will retire during this academic year. Both have been with Wright State University for approximately 30 years. Dr. Holdcraft has served as Assistant/Associate Dean for Undergraduate Curriculum in the college since 2000; she plans to retire in December 2009. She has taught courses in psychiatric nursing and has published numerous articles and book chapters on depression and stress. She has served on a multitude of university committees, including those encompassing general education, writing across the curriculum, technology, graduate council, building and grounds, academic policy, and faculty senate. In 2003, she received the *Nurse of the Year* award from District 10 of the Ohio Nurses Association; in earlier years, she received the *Leadership Award* and the *Experienced Researcher Award* from the Zeta Phi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. Dr. Candace Cherrington will fill Dr. Holdcraft's position in January 2010.

Dr. Praeger plans to retire in March 2010; she has taught primarily in the school nurse program, which she has directed since 1995. In 2004, she obtained federal funding to initiate the Baccalaureate Education Accelerates Career Opportunities in Nursing (BEACON) program; BEACON is an accelerated BSN program designed for students with baccalaureate degrees in other areas. She has published numerous articles

regarding children with special needs, bullying and violence in schools, and childhood suicide. She has served on a multitude of university, local, state, and national committees. In 2005, she received the *Frederick A. White Distinguished Professor of Professional Service Award* from Wright State University. She was inducted into the Academy of Fellows of the National Association of School Nurses in 2004 and received its prestigious *Outstanding School Nurse Educator* award in 2006.

Faculty members continue to work on ways to improve the nursing program. The state conversion from quarters to semesters means that the course content of all nursing courses must be examined and reformatted without losing any valuable content. At the same time, faculty members are considering professional standards and the relevance of these standards to needed changes. Wright State University's commitment is to make the conversion in Fall 2012.

The college hosted its 9th annual Cameos of Caring event on October 24, 2009, in the Wright State Student Union. The event honors bedside/direct-care nurses from the community; these special nurses exemplify wisdom, advocacy, and caring in professional nursing. The event has raised approximately \$280,000 for nursing scholarships at Wright State University; to date, 30 scholarships have been awarded to our students.

I wish you all a happy and joyous new year!

Patricia A. Martin, PhD, RN
Dean and Professor

Zeta Phi member now Region 9 Coordinator

At the November Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Zeta Phi member, **Donna Miles Curry** was elected as Region 9 Coordinator. Region 9 consists of all chapters in Indiana, Kentucky, Mexico and the southern half of Ohio (Columbus and south). Her role is to facilitate the chapters and her specific goals include **to:**

- Promote linkages between the chapters of the region and the international organization.
- Promote support sharing of resources with global chapters
- Assist individual chapters on projects and concerns
- Facilitate multi-chapter activities

Dr. Curry's first action was to attend the Induction ceremony of Rho Theta Chapter (Northern Kentucky). Our faculty counselor, Ann Stalter accompanied her on this trip. She had the opportunity to send greetings from the President of the organization to the new inductees and shake a lot of hands. Dr. Curry is looking forward to interacting with all of the chapters in many ways and will share with you her personal insights... we might call them travels of Donna.

Key Chapter Award

Marianna Sunderlin

On Sunday November 1 during the II Plenary Session, I walked across the stage in front of hundreds of some pretty impressive nurses to accept our Seventh Key Chapter Award on behalf of Zeta Phi. I was really proud at that point to be able to represent all of you and the work you have done over the last two years. While this award is a pat on the back for the hard work and exciting projects of so many of our members, it leaves us with an expectation of continued involvement in our chapter and our community and nursing research/education/leadership. I want to take this opportunity to remind all of you who make up Zeta Phi what it takes to achieve this kind of recognition. The Key award is given for chapters who excel in four areas: Leadership, Knowledge, Service, and Sustainability. My job as your archivist is to provide documentation of our activities in all of these areas, as a chapter, and what you all do as individuals. That means it helps to know what all our Zeta Phi members are up to. I know how busy life can get, and you may not always think your activities are worth mentioning. Zeta Phi gets points for individual involvement in charity events, when any of our members attend a leadership training event anywhere, when one of our members is a presenter at a professional or interdisciplinary conference, attends our upcoming research conference, or even completes the VIProfile at the STTI website. There are so many ways that each of our members can help us to achieve recognition within the International organization.

Because our Zeta Phi chapter was kind

Key Chapter Award cont.

enough to support my attending the Biennial Conference, I was able to attend some great classes and learn more about what STTI has to offer. One of the classes highlighted the Bamboo Bridge Organization. While attendees sipped teas from around the world we listened to a presentation on indigenous herbal cures from Africa, China, and Alaska. I also attended a class about pet therapy which was quite fun. I attended a course on the use of technology in nursing schools, which has been one of my passions at Wright State, as you all know. I also attended some lectures about electronic security, NCLEX and HESI testing, accelerated second degree nursing programs, writing grant proposals, and how to get your book published. I also met leaders from all over the country, and heard some great ideas about how to keep our chapter active and growing. While at the convention I won the bingo drawing for 100. I was able to buy my first STTI lapel pin (so pretty) and a book written by nurses about their experiences published by STTI. That was fun but the highlight for me was hearing Greg Mortenson, author of 'Three Cups of Tea', speak on his experiences in Pakistan. If you ever wonder whether or not it is worth the cost of attending, take it from me, the answer is YES! I came away so excited about my own ability to do more, share what I know with others, and make a difference in the nursing world. Thank you, Zeta Phi.

FROM OUR MEMBERS...



Sigma Theta Tau International 40th Biennial Convention

Ann M. Bowling

I attended the 40th Sigma Theta Tau International Biennial Convention on October 31st and November 1st. While at the convention I attended four different presentations that focused on the use of nursing informatics in nursing education and nursing practice. The two most interesting presentations for me were Information Technology Can Accelerate the Transformation of Nursing Practice and Research and Honoring the Past and Cultivating the Future of Informatics. The presentation on transformation of nursing practice and research discussed how nursing informatics has been utilized to enhance evidenced-based practice at the bedside and implementing a clinical decision support in a large integrated health system. The speakers, Norma Lang, Ellen Harper, Karlene

Kerfoot, and Sally Lundeen talked about how a new nurse (out of orientation less than a couple of weeks) is able to use the clinical decision support system and identify patients that are at risk for falls or for a decubitus ulcer and discuss with the patient what measures can be implemented to prevent these from occurring. This not only provides evidenced based practice but also allows for collaboration of goals between the nurse and patient. The second presentation was given by Diane Skiba, a leading researcher in the area of nursing informatics that reviewed the history of nursing informatics. She discussed where we have been and where we need to go in the area of nursing informatics. This was an excellent presentation as it outlined just how far we have come with technology and the differences technology has made in nursing practice in a very short period of time, less than 20 years.

Sigma Theta Tau Convention

Cheryl Aubin FNP-BC

It was quite an experience attending the 40th Biennial Convention of Sigma Theta Tau this past month. This was my first time attending an international conference and the wide variety of both speakers and attendees provided a great learning experience. One of the attendees was from northern Russia and commented on how warm it was in Indianapolis. It was actually in the low forties and quite chilly but she informed me that where she is from they have more than 270 days of below zero weather and they only have a few weeks of summer when the high temperature is in the low 70's.

One session I attended had a speaker from Pakistan. This speaker was nursing faculty at a large

university in the capital city of Pakistan. The school is very concerned as students come to the city to study and when they graduate they want to stay in the city and practice. The city offers opportunities such as better pay and living conditions. The university is looking at incorporating service learning in their curriculum and wants to bind scholarships with post-graduate practice. Within Pakistan there is a huge gap in medical services between the rural communities and the larger cities. This was enlightening as when I think of Pakistan I think about the rural and mountainous regions that we hear about on the news. Hearing that the large cities are educating many new nurses and that these nurses are reluctant to return to their villages provided new insight.

The formality of the Chapter Awards was also very educational. The at large Chapter from South Africa was given a philanthropic award for their efforts in assisting many developing countries in Africa with nursing education. The South African Chapter had a fairly large delegation and when their award was announced they all stood and waved small South African flags. It was quite a sight, to see about twenty people, many of different races, who had traveled so far and had worked so hard together to attend this conference and to receive this award. It was a proud moment for Zeta Phi as well as we received another key award for our banner.

Poster Presentation at Biennial Convention



Tawna Cooksey-James, PhD, RN

STTI Zeta Phi Chapter member and WSU faculty member Dr. **Tawna Cooksey-James** presented a poster at the 40th Biennial STTI Convention held from October 31 – November 4, 2009, in Indianapolis, Indiana, which was attended by many Zeta Phi members and WSU faculty. Dr. Cooksey-James' poster was entitled "Creating a Learner-Centered Environment in Nursing Education" was a qualitative descriptive study derived from data collected while teaching the graduate level course Nursing 750: Health, Policy, Politics & Issues. The data collected was student feedback from discussion postings, email, and an end-of-course open-ended class survey. Using 14 learner-centered principles derived from psychology and education theories as the framework for her study, Dr. Cooksey-James developed and incorporated strategic learning activities into the classroom, which included the use of assignment menus, grading rubrics, group work, student generated discussion questions, and the use of technology such as WebCT and Elluminate®. After content analysis of the data, the results indicated that the use of technologies was positively received by these graduate students, therefore

supporting the use of WebCT as an adjunctive tool for a learner-centered environment. And group work, while not appreciated by students in the 'working phase,' was valued later; however, group size needed to be limited to no more than three students or difficulties arose.

Dr. Cooksey-James' poster represented one of 33 posters representing Leadership content, other categories of posters included Clinical (48), Evidence-Based Practice (10), and Scientific (26) posters.

Two posters that impressed Dr. Cooksey-James focused on sites used for the conduction of nursing clinicals where nursing students received hands-on experience in areas without traditional health care providers. One poster was "The Lived Experience of American and Honduran Nursing Students Working Together: A Model for Nursing Study Abroad" and the second poster was "Developing Undergraduate BSN Students' Sense of Nursing's Responsibility in Health Policy and Global Health Using a Study Abroad Course". Both posters represented innovative offerings for nursing students that could increase the number and broaden the cultural experiences of current clinical experiences. Many more innovative nursing ideas were represented in faculty as well as undergraduate and graduate nursing student work in the numerous posters at the convention.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS...

Barbara Fowler is featured on a Wright State University Webpage in an article titled "Breast cancer myths exposed by Wright State researcher." The Website address is http://www.wright.edu/cgi-bin/cm/news.cgi?action=news_item&id=1609

Laura Herbert passed the Family Nurse Practitioner certification exam.

Patricia Vermeersch passed the Gerontological Nurse Practitioner examination.

Beth Sorensen's manuscript, "Can Windex get off a wedding ring?", was accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed *Association of Peri-Operative Nurses (AORN) Journal*.

Barbara Fowler was selected to serve as a member of the Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence Research Advisory Committee (based in Columbus, OH). The mission of the organization is to enhance the quality of care in Ohio's behavioral health system and to incorporate cultural competence into systems and organizations that provide care to Ohio's most vulnerable

and at-risk populations.

Mary Beth Kaylor's article, "Dental services utilization by women of childbearing age by socioeconomic status," was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Community Health*. Co-authors were Barbara Polivka, Rosemary Chaudry, and Pamela Salsberry of Ohio State University and Alvin Wee of the University of Nebraska.

Donna Miles Curry published "Position Statement on the family-centered care content in the nursing education curriculum" in *Journal of Pediatric Nursing 24(3)*.

Kristine Scordo was the invited speaker at the American Academy of Nurse Practitioner's 2009 National Conference in Nashville, TN. She presented lectures on "Hypertension in the high-risk patient," "Exercise stress testing: It's more than the EKG," and "Valvular heart disease."

More ABOUT OUR MEMBERS...

Kathy Keister and **Anne Russell** were 2nd and 3rd authors on "Prevention of sepsis after splenectomy," which was accepted for publication in *Dimensions of Critical Care Nursing* (scheduled for the March/April 2010 issue). First author was Rizalea Aguilar, the second BEACON student who has had a manuscript accepted for publication.

Susan Williams submitted the proposal for Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships, which was funded by HRSA for \$71,769 for the period 7/1/09 through 6/30/10. **Patricia Martin** is the program director.

Donna Miles Curry received HRSA funding of \$21,190 for the Nurse Faculty Loan Program for the period 7/1/09 through 6/30/10.

Kristine Scordo was elected Chair of the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Expert Content Panel for Acute Care Nurse Practitioners.

Kathy Keister was selected as a participant in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's *Leadership for Academic Nursing Program* to be held in Kansas City, MO, on 8/2-6/09.

Donna Miles Curry is a member of the Coordinating Committee formed to lay the groundwork for the International Family Nursing Association. The mission of the proposed association is to promote the individual and collective development of nurses involved in the promotion of health care to families.

Donna Miles Curry, RN, PhD, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs at Wright State was recently elected treasurer for the newly formed International Family Nursing Association. This new professional nursing organization was "born" at the International Family Nursing Conference this June in Reykjavik, Iceland. For more information about this group you can go to <http://www.internationalfamilynursing.org>.

Donna Miles Curry was appointed Chair of the Education Committee of the Society of Pediatric Nurses.

More ABOUT OUR MEMBERS...

Candy Cherrington received funding of \$200,000 from the Ohio Board of Nursing for her "Pre-licensure RN Education proposal. The grant will continue the support for WSU traditional pre-licensure BSN curriculum nursing courses at the Adena Health Systems' Paccar Medical Education Center in Chillicothe, Ohio, for the grant period 9/1/09 to 8/31/11.

Perla Ilagan was the invited speaker for the University of Santo Tomas Nurses Association of America (USTNAA) on 7/11/09 in Chicago, IL. She presented "Violence against women and health." She also received the Outstanding Alumna Award from the USTNAA.

Debi Sampsel received funding of \$94,050 from the Department of Health and Human Services/HRSA for her proposal, "Health Care and Other Facilities." The grant period is 7/1/09 through 6/30/10.

Beth Sorensen's manuscript, "Debunking the myth of pregnancy doping," was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Intercollegiate Athletics*.

Tawna Cooksey-James presented a poster entitled "Creating a Learner-Centered Environment in Nursing Education" at the 40th Biennial STTI Convention held from October 31 – November 4, 2009, in Indianapolis, Indiana (see her article above)

Tawna Cooksey-James will also present the above poster at the 2010 MNRS Annual Research Conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

Perla Ilagan published *Intimate Partner Violence: The effects on mother-infant interaction*. The book is published by VDM Publishing House Ltd; its ISBN number is 978-3-639-21413-0.

Ann Stalter will present "Establishing baseline validity and reliability of a body mass index screening survey" at the Midwest Nursing Research Society conference, Nursing Research: Bench to Bedside, to be held in Kansas City, MO, in April 2010.

UP-COMING EVENTS

Address Concerns

The recent changes in chapter as well as international communications has made it essential **to keep us current with your workable e-mail address**. If you know any members who are not receiving their newsletters and/or communications from international, please let us know. Please contact Philip Dell at dellrm@Netzero.com if you or someone you know is having problems and we will make sure your updated e-mail address is on file with Sigma Theta Tau International.

Thanks for your help!

Philip Dell RN, BSN Editor



INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Here's a few events I found intriguing.
Find more at the link below.

29-30 January 2010 — Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

Sigma Theta Tau International Leadership Summit. Leadership Summits offer educational sessions that provide participants with opportunities to address and effectively meet current leadership challenges. Whether you are a nurse interested in leading and learning globally or an STTI chapter leader seeking chapter success, industry experts will present leadership sessions geared toward your specific professional development needs and the needs of the chapter or organization you represent. Phone: 888.634.7575 (U.S./Canada), +1.317.634.8171 (International); E-mail: LShawaii@stti.org, Web:

<http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents/LeadershipSummit/Pages/leadershipsummit.aspx>

3-6 February 2010 — Austin, Texas, USA
Southern Nursing Research Society 24th Annual Meeting, "Health Care Challenges of the Next Decade," at the Hilton Austin. Web:

<http://snrs.org/annualconf/2010annualconference.html>

10-13 March 2010 —

Thessaloniki, Macedonia, Greece

25th International Conference of Alzheimer's Disease International. We have been working hard to develop a cutting edge programme that focuses on the latest developments in the medical treatment, best practice in care, as well as giving a lot of attention to the areas surrounding disease prevention. Web: www.adi2010.org

28 March-4 April 2010 — Southern Caribbean

Nurses Caribbean Seminar at Sea, "**Mission Possible: Taking control of the metabolic syndrome.**" This seminar at sea combines the nursing industry's elite faculty with the stress-free, nurturing experience of an ocean cruise with colleagues. Phone: 877.517.4221 or +1.585.473.7804; Web:

http://www.wshep.com/radiance_seminar.html

Here's the link to more:

<http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents/NursingConferences/Pages/NursingConferences.aspx>

REGIONAL/LOCAL EVENTS

Become *Active...Run for Office!*

Zeta Phi Chapter elections will take place in March for the 2010-2012 term. These elected positions include members of the Board of Directors, Leadership Succession and Governance Committees.

This is *your* opportunity to become actively involved in your Chapter and to network with colleagues. Job descriptions for positions can be found on the STTI website. If you would like to be considered as a candidate for a position or know of someone who would be an excellent candidate, please contact the chair of the Leadership Succession Committee Elaine Vest, by email evest@phdmc.org.

Zeta Phi is prioritizing the funding of research. Please note the research funding opportunities below.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Gail Moddeman, PhD, RN committee Chair

HONOR PROJECTS

Money is available for undergraduate honors projects (**\$100** maximum). Submissions are accepted at any time during the academic year.

Applicant Criteria:

1. Wright State University or WSU- College of Nursing and Health Honor or STARS student
2. Does not need to be a Zeta Phi Member

Submission Guidelines:

1. Cover letter requesting funds signed by applicant and faculty mentor
2. Copy of Honors or STARS project proposal
3. Budget

CLINICAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

Amounts awarded are up to **\$2,500**.

Criteria for the Clinical Scholarship Grants:

1. Grant should be approximately 6-8 pages in length.
2. Support clinical scholarship focused on outcomes (i.e. conducting research, utilizing research, research based quality improvement projects) that have applications in multiple settings. A project can be conducted at a single site if it has implications broader than a single site.
3. Congruent with Sigma Theta Tau International's

mission of promoting the scientific base of practice and advancing the development and application of knowledge.

Proposal Categories:

- Qualitative Studies and Quantitative Studies
- Quality Improvement Studies
- Research Utilization Studies

RESEARCH INCENTIVE AWARDS:

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Fall, and Winter Quarters!!!

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<http://www.nursing.wright.edu/ZetaPhi/Default.htm>

Links of Interest:

1. Link to Create the Future Newsletter

<http://www.nursingsociety.org/Publications/Newsletter/Pages/Newsletters.aspx>

2. Link to Journal of Nursing Scholarship online

http://www.nursingsociety.org/Publications/Journals/Pages/JNS_main.aspx

3. Link to Nursing Focal Points

http://www.nursingsociety.org/Publications/focal_points/Pages/nursingfocalpoints.aspx

4. Link to subscription page for Worldviews on Evidence Based Practice. Online only for STTI active members is \$51.00/year.

https://www.blackwellpublishing.com/sub_form.asp?ref=1545-102X&price=a1381390&site=1

5. Link to Reflections on Nursing Leadership online magazine. Free to active STTI members.

<http://www.nursingsociety.org/pub/rnl/Default.aspx>

6. Link to Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library

<http://www.nursinglibrary.org/portal/main.aspx>

7. Link to the American Veterans Heritage Center

www.americaveteransheritage.org

8. Link to NOVA (Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs) has a foundation that supports research and scholarship for advanced career development interests

www.vanurse.org

9. Link to educational opportunities around the nation and around the world:

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10. Link to description of STTI/Zeta Phi Officer position and function.

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