



Zeta Phi Chapter

Sigma Theta Tau International

Honor Society of Nursing



PRESIDENT'S CORNER Summer 2006

It is hard to believe winter is here already. During the fall semester, we inducted 3 nursing leaders and 8 students into our chapter. Looking back over the last several years, this is the largest fall induction that we have had. We are excited to have more applications for nursing leaders. It is our goal to support nursing leaders as they develop the scientific base of nursing knowledge through research and implementation of Evidence Based Practice.

We know it is winter by all of the end of season sporting events. We start the year with the college football championships—quickly followed by the Super Bowl and before we know it—March madness for college basketball hits. If you follow any team sport, you realize that what a team accomplishes is so much more than any one individual can accomplish. The synergy of working together creates more than working alone.

The same is true with professional organizations. Zeta Phi has committed to working with other organizations to promote and develop the practice of Nursing. For the 3rd year, Zeta Phi will be partnering with Think TV to sponsor SPEAKING OF WOMEN'S HEALTH this summer. This all day educational session for women has sold out every year. This event is an excellent forum to promote health among women. We continue to support the Southern Ohio-Northern Kentucky research day. We have been dialoguing with The Nursing Institute to identify opportunities to increase collaboration with them.

On a membership level, your participation in Zeta Phi allows us to support research grants and scholarships. A part of each member's dues go to support research. We currently spend about 40% of our dues to support research and scholarships. It is our goal to continue to increase our investment in local research. If you are aware of a research project, or would like to conduct a research project, we would be interested in considering your proposal for funding. By virtue of your membership in Zeta Phi—you are participating in the scientific development of nursing. Our goal is to continue to look for ways to increase our support in this area.

One of the ways that we are looking at to increase the monies available for research grants and scholarships is to move to electronic communication. We currently spend about 15% of dues on mailing hard copies of the newsletter and ballots through the postal service. By moving both of these to primarily an electronic format, we can then designate these dollars to support research. We do understand communication is critical so as we make this transition, we will also be sensitive to those who do not have email as a form of communication.

If you have other suggestions on how we can work together with other professional organizations or other general comments, please feel free to email me at Brenda.Kuhn@kmcnetwork.org.

Working together we can achieve more.

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QUOTABLE NOTABLES

“This is happiness: to be dissolved into something complete and great.” Willa Cather

“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island.” Walt Disney

“These are really good times, but only a few people know it.” Henry Ford

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Fall Induction: New Members, CEU Event

Eleven new members were inducted on November 4, 2006, including 8 inductees from the Beacon program and 3 nurse leader inductees.



Beacon Inductees left to right: Sara Barton, Holly Borchers-Ellinger, Kendra Burns, Jennifer Linley, Nicole

Dodson, Alicia Finn, Jennifer Eckhart, Ruth Fombo (photo by Donna Miles Curry)



Nurse Leader Inductees left to right: Connie Yones, Nancy Klasing and Lynn Beets

Delicious catered refreshments were served and the ceremony was followed by a CEU event presented by two Zeta Phi members. The Beacon inductees included Sara Barton, Holly Borchers-Ellinger, Kendra Burns, Nicole Dodson, Jennifer Eckhart, Alicia Finn, Ruth Fombo, and Jennifer Linley. Our nurse leader inductees were Nancy Klasing, Connie Yones, and Lynn Beets. The CEU event was a presentation by our vice president, Dr. Pat O'Malley PhD, RN, CNS and Jayne Gmeiner

MS, RN, BC. The presentation was "Critical Attributes of the New Nurse in Practice, the Impact of Nurse Internship Programs: An Example of scholarly Research Built on Hospital and University Collaboration".



Jayne Gmeiner and Pat O'Malley present fascinating research report (Photos by Donna Miles Curry)

The Presentation was well received by the attendees. One contact hour was awarded to all nurses present.

FROM OUR MEMBERS...

One fifth of the 2.5 million Latino migrant and seasonal workers in the United States are women. With increasing numbers in western Ohio, these women have unique and serious health problems that have been under researched and under treated. National research has revealed that Mexican migrant women are at significant risk for health disparities due to language and cultural barriers and experience serious health problems such as skin infections due to pesticides, diabetes, hypertension, urinary tract infections, domestic violence and

sexual abuse . Chronic diseases, such as multiple sclerosis and lung disease, have also been identified among farmworker women . A recent study in northern Ohio has identified stressors experienced by Mexican men and women migrant farmworkers and identified a high incidence of depression. A study by WSU faculty member **Dr. Catherine Johnson** seeks to explore the health risks associated with changing roles for migrant and seasonal farmworker Mexican women and identify supports and services needed to assist them in regaining and maintaining their health.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS...

Beth Sorenson was featured in the October issue of Nursing Spectrum for her groundbreaking work in the formulation of policy at WSU for pregnant student athletes. As a result of her carefully researched policy work, she has been contacted by 26 other universities to share the WSU policy

Beth Sorensen will present "Social support, depression, and functional status in older adult CABS patients," at the 2007 Midwest Nursing Research Conference to be held in Omaha, Nebraska, in March 2007.

The Dean received a letter from the Director of the Magnet Recognition Program, Elaine Scherer, of the American Nurses Credentialing Center, in which she states, "**Janice Belcher**, PhD, CNAA, APRN, BC, has been an Appraiser for the Magnet Recognition Program since 2004 and has appraised over 7 facilities. We hope you will take a few moments of your time to publicly recognize the

talent, dedication, and passion that Dr. Belcher has for the nursing program."

Dr. Kristine Scordo has published the 3rd edition of her book, "Taking Control: Living with the Mitral Valve Prolapse Syndrome." The book is available at amazon.com or by contacting Dr. Scordo.

Bobbe Gray was awarded \$6,155 by the **National League for Nursing** for her project, "Investigating the gap between the characteristics demonstrated by Advanced Practice Nurses holding a Master's degree in nursing and the proposed characteristics of the graduate for the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree."

Judie Lincks was invited to give the keynote address for the Professional Nursing Pinning Ceremony at Kettering College of Medical Arts on December 14, 2006.

Bobbe Gray's article, "A ticking uterus: How nurses can identify, treat, and prevent preterm labor," was selected as the cover feature of the October/November 2006 issue of *AWHONN Lifelines*, pp. 380-389.

Joyce Zurmehly's article, "The relationship of educational preparation, autonomy, and critical thinking to nursing job satisfaction," was accepted for publication in *The Journal of Continuing Education*.

Mary Lynd presented "Tell me your story about excellence in nursing" at the National League for Nursing Education Summit held in New York City. She also served on an advisory committee for the Wright State University community program,

"Time's body of evidence: An interdisciplinary look at health and aging," and presented two of her original poems about aging at the final session held at Bethany Village. In addition, Mary was invited to speak on "Implementing a CNL Program" at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Master's Education Conference, "Master's Nursing Education: Variations on a theme," to be held on February 23, 2007, in Albuquerque, NM.

An article entitled, "Childbearing and Depression: What Nurses Need to Know" was published in the Feb/Mar 2006 issue of *AWHONN Lifelines*, Volume 10 Issue 1. The authors were members **Nancy C. Lintner**, MS, APRN-BC, and **Bobbe Gray**, PhD, RNC.

Address Concerns

It has come to our attention that some Zeta Phi members are not receiving their correspondence from International as well as the local chapter. Please contact Philip Dell at dellrm@Netzero.com if you or someone you know is having problems and we will make sure your updated address is on file with Sigma Theta Tau International. With increasing amount of information disseminated via e-mail, please remember to keep us and/or international current on your e-mail address.

Thanks for your help!

Philip Dell RN, BSN Editor

UP-COMING EVENTS

NOTE: For further details on events and abstract submission, please go to the STTI events under:

http://www.nursingsociety.org/research/conf_region.html

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

18th International Nursing Research Congress

“Collaboration: A Transdisciplinary Roadmap to Discovery”

Focusing on Evidence-Based Practice
Vienna, Austria - Austria Center Vienna - July 11-14, 2007

39th Biennial Convention

November 3-7 2007 Baltimore, Maryland USA
See call for abstracts on web site

REGIONAL EVENTS

Speaking of Women’s Health

Zeta Phi again participated in the Think TV’s “Speaking of Women’s Health”. The chapter sponsored two Sigma Theta Tau member speakers for breakout sessions. They spoke on healing touch and were introduced by **Cindy Price**. An information table was also present, manned by **Cindy Price** and offered information about STTI and health tips. A Dayton promotional gift basket was given away as well.

“Speaking of Women’s Health” is a health focused all day seminar sponsored by Think TV at locations across the United States and Canada. It was well attended and not only provided important health information for women, but offered a time for women to focus on their health and obtain vital health screenings.

Zeta Phi is again looking at how we may participate in the next annual “Speaking of Women’s Health”. This year’s event will be on September 15, 2007 and will again be held at the Dayton Convention Center. This is an excellent forum for member participation and the board would certainly welcome volunteers to help. Any interested members may contact any of the above board members.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Joyce Zurmehly, PhD, RN

HONOR PROJECTS

Money is now 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:

Submission Deadline: April 9, 2007

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:

Submission Deadline: April 9, 2007

NOW OFFERED
Fall, and Winter Quarters!!!

Two research incentive awards, each worth \$500, will be presented to one novice and one experienced researcher. Novice and experienced researchers both must meet the following criteria:

1. A Zeta Phi member
2. Earned a Baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing
3. Have formal preparation in the conduct of nursing research

Research Incentive Award Proposal Criteria:

1. Grant should be approximately 6-8 pages in length.
2. Research in the area of nursing practice, administration or education
3. Awards to be given for research in progress.
4. Meets research proposal selection criteria (request from contact person)
5. Written evidence of approval of study by appropriate IRB or written evidence of review in process must be attached

For more information see our web site:

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

Do you need research funding?

Sigma Theta Tau International has compiled a website at www.nursingsociety.org, outlining international, co-sponsored partner and sponsored research grants, as well as ongoing information about calls for abstracts and presentation opportunities.

Zeta Phi Chapter has funding for several research awards. Please note deadline submission changes!



Get **CONNECTED**

through the Volunteer Interest Profile (VIPProfile), an online interest survey on the honor society's Web site, at www.nursingsociety.org/VIP

Zeta Phi Newsletter is now on line.

Please make sure that International has your current e-mail address. (If anyone does not have an e-mail address, please contact Philip Dell at 2811 Infirmary Rd. Dayton, Ohio 45418.) The Chapter will realize significant savings with this delivery system.

Zeta Phi Chapter Plays Major Role in Greater Dayton Area Evidence-Based Symposium

In the recent Greater Dayton Area Nursing Research Symposium, members of Sigma Theta Tau, and especially Zeta Phi chapter, played a central role. One of the two plenary speakers, **Jan Belcher**, is a long time Zeta Phi member and WSU faculty member. Three of the four concurrent session presenters, **Cathy Trame**, **Catherine Johnson**, and **Dianne Ditmer** are all Zeta Phi members. Zeta Phi member and WSU faculty member **Bobbe Gray** served as Planning Committee Chair. Also serving on the planning committee, were three Zeta Phi board members, **President Brenda Kuhn**, **Vice**

President Patricia O'Malley, and Leadership Succession committee member, Bea Harris.

Other members serving on the planning committee include **Barbara Knepshield, Judie Lincks, Sharon Miller, Marcia Miller, Mary Murphy, Kay Rickey and Debi Sampsel.**

Zeta Phi chapter member participation did not end there, however. They were well represented in the poster session also. A close look at the Poster Presentations Index, reveal the following Zeta Phi members as presenters or co-presenters: **Suzanne Choiniere, Pam Albers, Elaine Vest, Charlene David, Christine Schwartzkopf, Melissa Hodges, Maria Del Pilar Gonzalez-Mock, Judith Cutler, Todd Tussing, Patricia O'Malley, (co-presenting three different posters) Connie Donaldson, Brenda Barnes, Janice Mains, Debi Sampsel, Donna Miles Curry, Anne Russel, Kristine Scordo, Elizabeth Sorensen (Co-presenting two different posters), and Fan Wang.**

While these are unquestionably major contributions, Zeta Phi Chapter also contributed \$500.00 towards refreshments and lunch for the symposium. The symposium offered nurses a wonderful opportunity to concentrate on the concept of putting evidence-based information into practice. Entitled, "Translating Evidence-Based

Research into Practice", the symposium offered a wide array of information. The message that Zeta Phi Chapter is dedicated to promoting nursing research could not be clearer. The participation of members also seems to tell a clear message that the message is offered as a unified voice. Thanks to all who participated for making it such a great success and making such a significant contribution to improving patient care.

UPCOMING ZETA PHI BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, April 2nd, 2007, 5:00-7:00 p.m. tentatively.

May 9, 2007 is Spring Induction, in the Berry Room. Plan to come and support our new members. More Details to Come!

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