



# Zeta Phi Chapter

## Sigma Theta Tau International

### Honor Society of Nursing



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER June 2006

Wow, this year went fast. I am excited about what we have achieved over the past two years, especially our involvement in SPEAKING OF WOMEN'S HEALTH. This is developing into an ongoing relationship with Think TV and this project. We are hoping to collaborate with another nursing specialty organization for our presentation in 2006. We should receive our assignment in the next few weeks. So stay tuned for volunteer opportunities in future newsletters. We need your input and assistance to make this event a success!

During the recent strategic planning process, the executive committee reviewed the strategic directions of knowledge, service, leadership, communities, and sustainability that were identified by STTI. Zeta Phi will uphold Sigma Theta Tau's mission to support nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide by focusing on several areas. We will focus on the areas of increasing member involvement, and collaboration with the Nursing Institute, Think TV, Southern Ohio-Northern Kentucky chapters, and with another nursing specialty organization. Plans also include strengthening the research and awards processes for the chapter and, of course, achieving the sixth key chapter recognition.

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, Zeta Phi inducted 52 new members into our chapter. Betsy Frank, RN, PhD was the featured speaker for the program. It was a kind of homecoming for Betsy since she was part of the WSU faculty in the 80's. It was fun to reminisce with her. Presently, Betsy is the Region 9 coordinator for STTI and is our direct contact to the activities at International. At the induction, four new members of the executive committee took the

oath of office. The next two years promise to be very busy with the following terrific leadership team you have selected.

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 Chapter Communications- Phillip Dell  
 Research Committee Chair – Joyce Zurmehly  
 Scholarship and Awards Committee- Celesta Warner  
 Archives Chair-Donna Miles Curry  
 Finance Committee Chair- Jan Labbe

I also want to recognize and thank the departing officers for their support and hard work for the past two years:  
 Vice President – Judie Lincks  
 Chapter Communications – Robin Osterman  
 Leadership Succession- Jan Semler  
 Governance – Pat O'Malley

This is my last newsletter as President of Zeta Phi and I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve a second term in this role. I will be staying on to help with the SPEAKING OF WOMEN'S HEALTH project with the goal of mentoring a new leader for the ongoing involvement by Zeta Phi. Thanks to all of you who have supported Zeta Phi these past two years. We want you to become active in the chapter. If you have an interest in working with us, let me know at [banderson4@woh.rr.com](mailto:banderson4@woh.rr.com) or call me at 937-848-8308.

**Beth Anderson**  
 President  
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## QUOTABLE NOTABLES

*"We must become the change we want to see."*

Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

*"Every calling is great when greatly pursued."*

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. (1841-1935)

*"Not knowing when the dawn will come, I open every door."*

Emily Dickinson

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**INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS  
ZETA PHI CHAPTER  
SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL**

Dr. Betsy Frank, speaker



On May 10, 2006, the Zeta Phi chapter of STTI inducted the following 52 new members into the chapter. Zeta Phi President Beth Anderson presided over the induction proceedings. Betsy Frank, PhD, RN, the STTI region 9 coordinator and Professor, Indiana College of Nursing, was the keynote speaker.



**Congratulations to all new members** on your induction into Zeta Phi. We applaud your accomplishments and look forward to working with you on chapter activities and in the community!

Beth Anderson, President of Zeta Phi Chapter



**Inductees**

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

- |                         |                          |                           |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Lauren Bachman</i>   | <i>Apryl Holland</i>     | <i>Maureen Onaghise</i>   |
| <i>Katherine Barnes</i> | <i>Lynn Jauss</i>        | <i>Cheryl Pichler</i>     |
| <i>Rachel Brandt</i>    | <i>Cassie Keesee</i>     | <i>Angela Price</i>       |
| <i>Ryan Brewer</i>      | <i>Julie Layton</i>      | <i>Gia Randall</i>        |
| <i>Camelia Chipe</i>    | <i>Stefanie Long</i>     | <i>Ashley Robinson</i>    |
| <i>Ashley Davidson</i>  | <i>Erin Maham</i>        | <i>Lisa Santi</i>         |
| <i>Brooke Deister</i>   | <i>Sara McClaskey</i>    | <i>Robert Sheeley</i>     |
| <i>Ashley Ginther</i>   | <i>Leann Meyer</i>       | <i>Jenny Tamms</i>        |
| <i>Nicholas Gould</i>   | <i>Nicole Muhlenkamp</i> | <i>Jennifer Thompson</i>  |
| <i>Amy Hale</i>         | <i>Natasha Mullins</i>   | <i>Angel Varney</i>       |
| <i>Meghan Halsey</i>    | <i>Maggie Napier</i>     | <i>Abbie Wermert</i>      |
| <i>Carrie Hamrock</i>   | <i>Bonnie Olney</i>      | <i>Janelle Youngpeter</i> |

**RN-BSN STUDENTS**

- |                        |                    |                         |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Michelle Cawley</i> | <i>Jondra Long</i> | <i>Teresa Mustovich</i> |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|

**GRADUATE STUDENTS**

- |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Jennifer DeLong</i> | <i>Alexandra Koehn</i> |
| <i>Karen Findley</i>   | <i>Trisha Pons</i>     |
| <i>Barbara Harris</i>  | <i>Elaine Post</i>     |
| <i>Andrea Helman</i>   | <i>Stacey Ricker</i>   |
| <i>Amy Hoover</i>      | <i>Denise Robinson</i> |



New Zeta Phi 2006 Inductees!

**NURSE LEADER**

- |                    |                        |                      |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Ann Bowling</i> | <i>Kimberly Dunker</i> | <i>Marilyn Scheu</i> |
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## OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS GRADUATION, 2006

Three students were honored with outstanding student awards from Zeta Phi at the June 9<sup>th</sup> pre-commencement ceremony of Wright State University College of Nursing and Health. Each received a certificate and monetary award for their great scholastic and professional achievements.

### Congratulations to the Awardees!!

**Sasha Mosel** – pre-licensure student

**Jondra Long**, RN – RN/BSN student

**Rachel Parrill**, RN – Graduate student



## CALLING ALL ZETA PHI MEMBERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!!!!

There are many opportunities available for Zeta Phi members to have an impact on our chapter as well as the community as we strive to meet Sigma Theta Tau's mission to support nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide. Some upcoming events/committees in need of your expertise and help are:

#### RENEWAL committee

in need of 4 members to assist with the upcoming SPEAKING OF WOMEN'S HEALTH project.

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Zeta Phi Anniversary Celebration in 2008

4 members needed.

#### Chapter Interns

2 or 3 members interested in being mentored for leadership roles in Zeta Phi.

#### Program development

call Pat O'Malley at 206-2008 if interested.

Our members make our chapter great! Please call or email any of our chapter officers for more information (email addresses on pg 2 of newsletter).

## WANTED!!!! APPLICANTS FOR NURSE LEADERS FOR FALL INDUCTION, 2006

Have you ever been asked by a fellow RN how she/he can become a member of STTI? Encourage your colleagues and peers to become members of Zeta Phi and STTI as NURSE LEADERS. They can apply online at [nursingsociety.org](http://nursingsociety.org) or print off forms and return to any Zeta Phi board member.

### A Nurse Leader Candidate must:

- Be legally recognized to practice nursing in his/her country;
- Have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent in any field;
- Have demonstrated achievement in nursing.

### Questions?

Call Cindy Price, Faculty Counselor, Zeta Phi at (937) 208-3246 or email her at [clprice@mvh.org](mailto:clprice@mvh.org).

## Special Thanks from the Editor

It is after 2 years, numerous submissions, many articles and events, and endless grammatical errors, that I end my term as Editor and Communications Director of the Zeta Phi chapter. It has been with the support of the Zeta Phi board and numerous members that the newsletter has been successfully published and distributed to our more than 600 active members.

**I would like to take this opportunity to thank Julie Greenup**, faculty office assistant at WSU College of Nursing, for all her hard work and long hours in making this newsletter a success. Her computer and publishing abilities as well as her perseverance and dedication have been invaluable to me as editor and have been instrumental in making this newsletter a quality publication. Julie, I could not have done it without your help and support (especially during our deadline crunches which always coincided with finals week!). Your positive attitude has kept me going through some very tough times and I am always grateful!

I know you will support and encourage Phil Dell as he takes over the position of editor and Communications Director the next 2 years. Good luck! I know Phil will continue the tradition of excellence of our chapter and this newsletter.

*Robin Osterman*

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**ABOUT OUR MEMBERS...**

**Marc Augsburger**, Chapter member from Saginaw, MI, graduated from the online BSN completion program in 2002 and also received his MBA-Healthcare emphasis from Baker College in Flint, MI. He was recently named the Vice President of Operations at Caro Community Hospital in Caro, MI.

**Candy Cherrington** was named a 2005 Hildebrand E. Peplau Scholar by the American Nurses Foundation and will receive funding for her study on illness representation in acute coronary syndrome.

**Donna Curry** was awarded three quarters of professional development leave for 2006-2007. She plans to work in the areas of acute care PNP program development, global nursing education and health, an oral history research project, pediatric nursing research, and family nursing. Dr. Curry will receive the WSU Frederick White Faculty Excellence Award for Service in September 2006.

**Barbara Fowler** published "Social processes used by African-American women in making decisions about mammography screening" in the *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*.

**Bobbe Gray's** article, "A ticking uterus: Preterm labor," was accepted for publication in *AWHONN Lifelines*. The article will appear as the cover story in the October/November issue in honor of National Prematurity Awareness Month. In addition, her article, "Hospitalization history and differences in self-rated pregnancy risk," appeared in the March issue of the *Western Journal of Nursing Research*. Dr. Gray's grant was accepted by the National League for Nursing on "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."

**Yi-Hui Lee** received a Research Initiation Grant from Wright State University's Research Council in the amount of \$10,000. Her project title is "HIV/AIDS-related risky sexual behavior and related psychosocial factors among Chinese-American adolescents and Chinese adolescents."

**Judie Lincks** co-authored "Transfer admission discharge teams keep things moving" in *Nursing Management*.

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**Mary Lynd** was part of a National League for Nursing task force that published "A first step toward reform: Results of the faculty survey on innovation" in *Nursing Education Perspectives*.

**Gail Moddeman** presented "The postoperative pain experience of adults over 70 years after discharge from outpatient surgery" at the *American Society of Pain Management Conference* held in Orlando, FL. She also attended the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists Conference, *CNL Leadership: Soaring to New Heights*, in Salt Lake City, UT, with four graduate students in March, 2006. Dr. Moddeman was elected the 2007 President of the Board of Directors for the Widows' Home of Dayton. She also had an article, "Managing the pain of post-herpetic neuralgia," accepted for publication in *Clinical Nurse Specialist Journal*. Lastly, she received a grant (\$693) from Wright State's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs to travel to NIH in Bethesda, MD. Graduate students in the adult health CNS program will accompany her to discuss clinical practice and research.

**Leatha Ross** will receive the WSU President's award for outstanding instructor in September 2006.

**Beth Sorensen's** work on Wright State's policy to protect pregnant student-athletes was cited by 1) Silverstein, M. (2006). "Basketball and babies", *Women's Media Center*, 2) Rapp, G. (2006) "Do colleges need 'pregnant athlete' policies?"; 3) Rainey, A. (2006). "What athletes can expect when they're expecting.", *Chronicle of Higher Education*, 52 (38); and 4) Hehr, R. (2006). "When athletes cross the line", *The Wright State University Guardian*, 24 (42). Dr. Sorensen also participated in a live chat hosted by the Chronicle of Higher Education on May 25, 2006 entitled "Sidelined by pregnancy". Dr. Sorensen's work has been requested by and sent to 24 universities and individuals across the nation including the Universities of California, Connecticut, Dayton, Detroit, Eastern Kentucky, Lake Forest, Miami and North Carolina.

**Alice Teall** and **Patricia Vermeersch** were nominated by Wright State University's Center for Teaching and Learning for a teaching award given by the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE). Dan DeStephen, Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, wrote: "These nominations reflect the university's belief that the recipients represent the best teachers at Wright State University." Four faculty members were nominated by the center.

## 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](http://www.nursingsociety.org/research/conf_region.html)

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

5-7 September 2006; NET2006 Conference, 17th Annual International Participative Nurse Education Conference; Durham, UK.

27 September; 1 October 2006; Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; Intl. Assn. of Forensic Nurses 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Assembly

## LOCAL EVENTS

13-16 September 2006, San Antonio, Texas; ENA Annual Conference.

14-16 September 2006; Dallas, Texas, "New Horizons in Pediatric Nursing," 22nd Annual Pediatric Nursing Conference.

15-16 September 2006; Portland, Oregon, Northwest Pediatric Symposium.

16 September 2006; Atlanta, Georgia, "'Hot Topics,' 'Hot Neuroscience,' 'Hot Atlanta,'" First Annual Triple "H" Therapy Experience Nursing Symposium.

20-22 September 2006; Iowa City, Iowa, Advanced Practice Institute: Promoting Adoption of Evidence Based Practice.

22-24 September 2006; Boston, Massachusetts, American Nephrology Nurses' Association Fall Meeting for Nephrology Nurse Managers, Advanced Practice Nurses and Clinicians.

25-27 September 2006; Columbus, Ohio, Quest for Excellence: Nursing and Staff Development Conference.

27-30 September 2006; New York City, New York, National League for Nursing Education Summit. Pre-summit workshops on 27 September 2006.

4-6 October 2006; Denver, Colorado, 10th Annual Magnet Conference.

4-12 October 2006; San Francisco, California, Ignite

Your Passion: Turning Dreams Into Reality.

6-8 October 2006—Cincinnati, Ohio, Gerontological Nursing: The Future Is Now.

7-8 October 2006; Houston, Texas, 10th Annual Interdisciplinary Approach to Symptom Control, Palliative and Hospice Care Conference.

7-8 October 2006; Cleveland, Ohio, "Leaping Ahead to Improve Neonatal Care," Second International Kangaroo Care Conference.

15-22 October 2006; Eastern Caribbean cruise; CE at Sea. Oncology Nursing Society. Contact: Oncology Nursing Society, CE at Sea,

12-13 October 2006; Portland, Oregon, High-Risk Neonatal/Perinatal Update Program.

25-27 October 2006; Iowa City, Iowa, Advanced Practice Institute: Promoting Adoption of Evidence-Based Practice.

26-27 October 2006; Ontario, California, 11th Joint Southern California Chapters, Sigma Theta Tau International, Nursing Odyssey Conference 2006.

27-30 October 2006; Kansas City, Missouri, Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates 2006 Annual Conference.

1-4 November 2006; Annapolis, Maryland, "Enhancing Healthcare Through Transcultural Nursing," 32nd Annual Conference of the Transcultural Nursing Society.

5-7 November 2006; Charlotte, North Carolina, N-OADN 2006: 20 Years of Setting the Pace.

## 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: October 31, 2006**

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: October 31, 2006**

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](http://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](http://www.nursingsociety.org/VIP)

#### Why get connected?

- > Share your skills, talents and opinions
- > Participate in an international nursing organization
- > Meet new people

**UPCOMING ZETA PHI BOARD  
MEETING SCHEDULE**

- Meetings of the board and locations to be announced.
- **Spring 2007 Induction**, Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., Berry Room, Nutter Center

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