



Zeta Phi Chapter

Sigma Theta Tau International

Honor Society of Nursing



PRESIDENT'S CORNER Summer 2006

As we start this new year, I would like to first thank Beth Anderson for the excellent job that she did as president. I am honored to have her coaching as we start the 2006-2007 year. The Board met in September and finalized the Strategic Plan for the upcoming year. Our Strategic Plan is aligned with the Headquarters strategic direction. Let's look at our 3 main strategies and how you as a Zeta Phi member can get involved and continue to support the development of the body of knowledge for nursing. We have three main areas of focus. STRATEGY #1 is Professional and Leadership Development. With this strategy we want to partner with the local schools, hospitals and other community agencies to support research including funding for research projects being conducted by our members. We will also be conducting 2 CEU programs this year. The programs will be held in conjunction with our induction ceremonies. Fall Induction will be November 7, 2006 (See details page 6). STRATEGY #2 is sustainability as a chapter --with a focus both on membership growth (and involvement) and financial stability. In addition to inducting students who are eligible, we will be focusing on recruiting new community members and converting inactive members to active. We would also like to explore becoming more electronic with the newsletter and the nominating/election process. STRATEGY #3 is Outreach and Service. We are collaborating with Think TV on the Women's Health Forum. This event focuses on improving health of the women in our community. It is always a sold out event. Our participation with Think TV on this event was started by Beth Anderson and she continues to lead this initiative to impact women in the community. We will also be partnering to support the Cameos of Caring event and SONK. We will be exploring opportunities to work with other entities understanding that together we can achieve more.

How can you as a member get involved this next 90 days? First, provide us feedback on the direction for 2006-2007. You can email me at Brenda.Kuhn@kmcnetwork.org. Second, select a community leader that would qualify and work with them to submit an application. The applications are on our web site. Third, come to the induction and CEU programs. Thank you in advance for your support and involvement.

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QUOTABLE NOTABLES

“The purpose of learning is growth, and our minds, unlike our bodies, can continue growing as long as we live.” Mortimer Adler

“Love cures people – both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it.” Karl Menninger

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Zeta Phi Honored at Chapter Academy

Zeta Phi was honored at Chapter Leader Academy during a Celebration and Recognition Luncheon at Chapter Leader Academy on Saturday September 30, 2006. They were cited for “reaching into the Community for Chapter Renewal”. Peggy Doyle (serving on the Region Nine Awards Committee) presented the award with Cindy Price and Philip Dell accepting for Zeta Phi Chapter. Zeta Phi was awarded for our participation in the Think TV event promoting women’s health. . Kelly Kijovsky, from Awards and Recognition Staff of STTI, wrote, “Your submissions are excellent examples of your region’s commitment to the honor society’s strategic directions....”



Zeta Phi Strategic Direction for 3-5 Years Proposed: Summary as Updated September 2006

<p>Strategy 1: Professional and Leadership Development (Knowledge: Body of information gained from science, inquiry, and research, Leadership)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop process for working with hospitals to support research by members in collaboration with community partners. • Continue to support scholarships and awards – identify number • Conduct 2 CEU programs • Send at least 3 members of the board to Leadership Convention. 	<p>done</p>
<p>Strategy 2: Sustainability (Sustainability, Communities)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase membership (students) • Focus on transitioning inactive members to active • Increase number of community members (nurse leaders) • Conduct annual membership meeting • Update the Web page • Develop process for electronic newsletter • Develop electronic voting process • 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin planning Silver Anniversary in 2008 • Develop balanced budget based on priorities 	
<p>Strategy 3: Outreach (Leadership, Service, Communities)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with AWHON and Think TV on WHP • Assess opportunity to work with AWHON and Nursing Institute • Collaborate with DONE, OONE one health policy issues • Support Cameos of Caring, SONK, and 100 Best Nurses 	

Come grow with us as we network, explore potential, and develop exciting projects!

FROM OUR MEMBERS...

Sorry, no submissions this issue.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS...

Beth Cameron, in collaboration with the Dayton Veteran Affairs Medical Center, received funding for their Transforming Educational Affiliations for Clinical Horizons (TEACH) proposal. The letter announcing their selection for funding stated, "Your team did a spectacular job in understanding the concept, creatively working with their academic partner and proposing a program that

has significant viability and widespread application." The proposal was one of the top five to receive funding

Judie Lincks received notification that the College of Nursing and Health was approved as a provider of continuing education programs for nurses for three years through 7/1/09.

The college's Professional Nurse Traineeship proposal was funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for \$64,126 for the period 7/1/06 through 6/30/07. Kudos go to **Susan Williams**, who prepared the paperwork for the proposal.

Susan Praeger received the *Outstanding School Nurse Educator Award* from the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) on June 30, 2006, at the NASN 38th Annual Conference held in New York City. Susan is being honored for her "contributions to the growth of school nursing in Ohio." The president of that organization wrote, "Your school nurse licensure program is considered the leading program in Ohio for licensing school nurses through the Ohio Department of Education, and you have been instrumental in leading the effort to update the standards for the evaluation of school nurse licensure programs across the state of Ohio."

Candy Cherrington's manuscript, "Illness representation of patients with systolic heart failure," was accepted for publication in *Progress in Cardiovascular Nursing*.

Catherine Johnson presented a poster, "Acculturation and its effect on the health of immigrant Mexican Americans: An integrative literative review," at the Ohio Health Disparities Research Forum, Research Evaluation Enhancement Program, held in Columbus, OH.

Margaret Graham received an email from a student, Pete DiPiazza, who praised **Alice Teall** as his instructor. Mr. DiPiazza wrote, "I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed working with Alice Teall at the Adolescent Wellness Center. ... I did want to let you know that Alice made my visit to the AWC a very comfortable learning environment for me. She was available for questions and provided much needed support."

Donna Miles Curry will receive the Wright State University *Fred A. White Distinguished Professor of Professional Service Award*. **Leatha Ross** will receive the *Presidential Award for Faculty Excellence: Outstanding Instructor*. The awards will be presented in Fall 2006.

Barb Fowler was selected to participate in the 2006 ONS Foundation Research Institute to be held in Washington, DC, on October 19-22, 2006.

Kris Scordo's manuscript, "Medication use and symptoms in individuals with mitral valve prolapse syndrome," was accepted for publication in *Clinical Nursing Research*.

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.

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 - 11-14 July 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 will again be supporting the Speaking of Women’s Health event this year. It is taking place on Saturday, November 4, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dayton Convention Center. It is already a sold out event this year again. If you would be available to help man a table, please contact Cindy Price at Cynthia.price@wright.edu She would appreciate some assistance.

Fall Induction

Fall Induction will be at Kettering Hospital this year. The schedule will be as follows:

6:30pm Board Meeting

7:30pm Induction Ceremony

8:00pm CEU Offering

CEU offering will be presented by Pat O’Malley

PhD, RN, CNS and J. Gmeiner MS, RN, BC. The offering will be “*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”. All members are highly encouraged to come and support our new inductees and learn through an excellent educational offering. One contact hour will be offered to attendees.

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

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

Why get connected?

> *Share your skills, talents and opinions*
> *Participate in an international nursing organization*

> Meet new people

Zeta Phi Newsletter is going to an e-mail delivery system in the **very near future**. Please make sure that International has your current e-mail address. (If anyone does not have e-mail address, please contact Philip Dell at 2811 Infirmary Rd. Dayton, Ohio 45418.) The Chapter will realize significant savings with this delivery system.



Left to Right, , Dr. Beverly Reigle previous Region 9 coordinator , Dr. Sue Haddock chair of Regional Chapter Coordinating Committee, and Dr. Betsy Frank Region 9 Coordinator at Chapter Leader Academy during awards luncheon.

Chapter Leader Academy Attended by Zeta Phi Officers

Chapter Leader Academy, September 29 – October 1 was attended by five Zeta Phi Officers. Hosted at the Indianapolis Sheraton Hotel, the academy was an excellent opportunity to get new ideas for chapter success and meet some of the STTI leadership. Brenda Kuhn, President, Tonya Breymer, recording secretary, Philip Dell, communications chair, Peggy Doyle, governance, Cynthia Price, faculty counselor chair, and attended this year's Academy. Our Region, Region Nine, includes Ohio, Indiana,

Kentucky, and Mexico. Participants from our chapter in Mexico also attended the Chapter Leader Academy.

One theme noted at the Chapter Leader Academy was that of community. Sigma Theta Tau members have communicated a desire for greater connectivity. Examples of communities that can find themselves within the STTI larger community include Knowledge Communities, Learning Communities, and Service Communities. A stronger sense of community will be a part of greater participation. There were several suggestions for participation in community within Sigma Theta Tau International. 1) Participation in local chapter functions. 2) Attendance at regional and international functions. 3) STTI Web site is piloting six on-line-based communities. The potential is here for international networking, learning, and service toward the goal of improving the world's health.

UPCOMING ZETA PHI BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, October 9, 2006, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Meeting will be at the Vic Cassanno Medical Clinic.

Monday, Nov. 7, 2006, Zeta Phi Induction Ceremony at Kettering Medical Center. Come and help welcome new inductees. **CEU event.**

Monday, January 8, 2007, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Location to be announced.

Monday, February 5, 2007, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Location to be announced.

Monday March 12, 2007, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Location to be announced.

Monday, April 9th, 2006, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

May is Spring Induction, Annual Membership Meeting and CEU Program Date and place to be announced. Plan to come and catch the excitement!

June 11th, 2007. Transition Meeting, location to be announced.

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