

Welcome & Goodbye

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont.)

A Term Begins...

In July, 2005, I assumed the role of Beta Iota Chapter President. As your new president, I am excited about the Strategic Directions espoused by the International Board of Directors, the chapter activities that we will be undertaking, the new organizational structure that will facilitate governance, and the excellent chapter leaders who have volunteered to serve.

Beta Iota Chapter was chartered in 1972 as the 55th chapter in the organization. Today, Sigma Theta Tau International has over 430 chapters placing Beta Iota among the oldest and most seasoned chapters in the organization. With this heritage, we have an obligation to be not only a viable chapter, but a chapter that demonstrates excellence in the fulfillment of our organization's mission. One of the ways that we can do this is to increase our volunteer base.

As a chapter, we have inducted close to 3000 nurse scholars. However, only 733 of those nurse scholars are active members of our chapter. That means that at this time over 1500 Beta Iota members are inactive. An inactive member, as defined by the bylaws, is one who does not pay annual dues. Paying dues is an important first step to ensuring that our chapter remains viable. However, paying dues is only the first step. Member involvement, at some level, is absolutely essential for our chapter to exist, be productive and serve as a role model for younger chapters. Levels of involvement may include attending meetings, contributing articles to the newsletter, nominating nurse leaders for membership, publicizing Beta Iota programs and events in health care agencies, serving in an elected or appointed position, and serving at the regional or international level. Therefore, your new Board of Directors will be developing strategies to reintroduce Sigma Theta Tau International to our inactive nurse scholars and to recognize and employ the tremendous talents and creative ideas of our active nurse scholars.



Beta Iota Chapter is involved in the renewal process so look for changes in your newsletter, web site, programs, awards and grants. YOU ARE INVITED TO RENEW. Renew your membership, your involvement, albeit, your commitment to the organization that honored you as a NURSE SCHOLAR. Take the first step and come to the Founder's Day Program, September 29 from 5:45 until 8:00 PM at Christ Hospital Auditorium. Dr. Karen Columbus, a surgeon specializing in breast diseases, will present Emerging Trends in Breast Cancer. The program is collaboratively sponsored by Omicron Omicron Chapter-at-Large and Beta Iota Chapter. The cost is \$15.00 for STTI members and nonmembers and \$10.00 for students. From 6:00 to 6:50 you will have an opportunity to link with other members, colleagues and friends, have dinner and hear about your chapter. At 7:00, Dr. Columbus will speak.

NURSE SCHOLARS ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

Marilyn Sawyer Sommers

We will highlight the work of our nurse scholars in each issue of our newsletter. The first nurse scholar we are recognizing is Professor Marilyn Sawyer Sommers. Professor Sommers was a former Beta Iota Chapter President and instrumental in the development of the Beta Iota web site and electronic newsletter. She was the major force behind Beta Iota receiving the Chapter Key Award in 1999.

Professor Sommers has been involved in research in the area of injury and violence for more than 10 years. She received funding support from the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism as a Faculty Fellow, and with that additional post-doctoral training initiated a program of research with her colleague, Professor Janice Dyehouse. Sommers and Dyehouse implemented two federally funded clinical trials (R01 AA10355; Dyehouse, PI; R49/CCR-510153[R01-type]; Sommers, PI) testing the effectiveness of brief interventions to reduce problem drinking and other health-related adverse events after a serious injury. In September of 2003, she was awarded funding as Principal Investigator for a follow-up clinical trial to test the effectiveness of brief intervention to reduce risky behaviors for patients seen in the emergency department (ED Intervention to Reduce risky behaviors in Drivers R49/CCR-523225 [R01-type]). Her co-Principal Investigator on this project is Michael Lyons, MD, Department of Emergency Medicine.



In addition to her work with alcohol-related injury, Professor Sommers and several nurses from The University Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, obtained funding from the Ohio Department of Health to initiate the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program of Hamilton County. When the program was initiated in May of 1998, a team of investigators led by Professor Sommers initiated a sexual assault registry that provides a data base of all victims of sexual assault examined by the SANEs. In addition, this team of investigators (Sommers with Therese Zink, MD, and John Schafer, PhD) received funding from the National Institute of Nursing Research in 2002 (R01 NR05352) to investigate the sensitivity of the colposcopy exam to predict sexual assault the sensitivity of the colposcopy exam to predict sexual assault).

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A Term Ends...

On June 30, 2005, Molly Johantgen completed a three-year term as Beta Iota Chapter President. Although Molly assumed the role of chapter president prematurely due to the resignation of both the president and vice president, she did so graciously. On behalf of the Beta Iota Chapter members and Board of Directors, I thank her for leading the chapter. Her farewell comments follow:

As I complete my service as President of Beta Iota chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, I want to thank you for your support. It is more difficult to lead the chapter when one does not reside within the campus and I could not have gotten our needed work completed with a lot of help from many of the members.

I leave the Board of Directors and this chapter in the capable leadership of Dr. Beverly Reigle. Bev has been the President-Elect since 2003 and the Region 9 coordinator since 2001. I am always amazed how she is able to juggle all that comes her way. We welcome Eileen Werdman as Secretary, Jeanine Swails as Counselor to the Board of Directors. Rebecca Lee and Diane Grever were elected to the newly created Governance Committee. Jane Christianson and Judith Uhler were elected to the Leadership Succession Committee, previously known as the Nominating Committee. Nancy Batchelor has been elected to the office of President-Elect after serving as the Junior Counselor for the past year. Julie Kelly remains on the board as Vice-President and Denise Gormley remains as Treasurer. Continuing on the Leadership Succession Committee until June 2006 are Deborah Schwytzer, Carol Amfar, and Ann Denny.

I would like to thank Pamela Bolton, Secretary, Lou Mulligan-Beasley, Senior Counselor, Linda Hays, Chair of Nominating Committee and Laura Nusekabel, member of Nominating Committee for their participation on the Board and important activities of the chapter.

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News

Strategic Directions

Strategic Directions, the STTI document that “addresses the core values of a responsive organization committed to five strategic direction that will guide and sustain the honor society as it fulfills its mission” (STTI, 2005). The five strategic directions are knowledge, leadership, service, community and sustainability. You can review the document at www.nursingsociety.org/about/strategic_directions.pdf. The goals developed and activities implemented by the Beta Iota Chapter will reflect these directions and the mission of the organization.

38th STTI Biennial Convention

The 38th Sigma Theta Tau International Biennial Convention will be held November 12-16 in Indianapolis, Indiana. You may register online at www.nursingsociety.org/convention/registration.html. The deadline for early registration is October 5. You may register online until November 2. After November 2, you can only register on site at the convention.

Nancy Batchelor and Denise Gormley will represent the Beta Iota Chapter at the House of Delegates. As Region 9 Coordinator, Beverly Reigle will be a participant in the House of Delegates.

Dr. Daniel Pesut, STTI President, will transfer the gavel to the Carol Picard, President-Elect, at the convention.



VIP (Volunteer Interest Profile)

The VIPProfile is an opportunity for you to share your interest and talents with STTI. This database is utilized by the international leaders to ensure that the expertise and interests of volunteers are employed at various levels of the organization. Beta Iota Chapter encourages you to complete the VIPProfile at www.stti.org/nursingsociety.

Online Nursing Library

The Virginia Henderson International (VHI) Nursing Library has undergone major revision and boasts greater search capability, improved navigation, a streamlined research submission form, and greater capability of linking with other nurse researchers. Check out the new VHI Nursing Library site at www.nursinglibrary.org/portal/main.aspx?pageid=4001.

Call for Abstracts

17th International Nursing Research Congress *Advancing Knowledge & Community Globally through Collaboration*

July 20-22, 2006
Montréal, Québec, Canada
Le Centre Sheraton Montréal

Fourth International Evidence-Based Nursing Preconference
Advancing Evidence-Based Nursing Through Collaboration
July 19, 2006

Submission deadline - December 15, 2005

For more information - www.nursingsociety.org/events/17_INRC_call.html

Mission

The mission of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International is to support the learning, knowledge and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide.

Vision

The vision of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International is to create a global community of nurses who lead in using knowledge, scholarship, service and learning to improve the health of the world's people.

Beta Iota Chapter

2005-06 Chapter Goals

Three goals were approved by the Beta Iota Chapter Board of Directors on August 12, 2005. The goals reflect the Strategic Directions of Sigma Theta Tau International and focus our work in areas that will ensure chapter viability and facilitate productivity.

- Increase communication and visibility of the Beta Iota Chapter
- Promote nursing scholarship.
- Facilitate active STTI involvement of Beta Iota members.

2005-06 Board Of Directors, Committee & Advisory Council Chairs

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Research Advisory Council	Theresa Beery
Communications Advisory Council	Eileen Werdman
Leadership Development Advisory Council	Nancy Batchelor

We look forward to serving you.

Awards & Scholarships

M. Joyce Dienger was the recipient of the 2005 Resaearch Award “Learning Pharmacology in BSN Programs.” Dr. Dienger received an \$1800 grant supporting her study and a plaque. We look forward to the completion of Dr. Dienger’s study and sharing the results.

Region 9 News

As a member of Region 9, Beta Iota Chapter is one of 31 chapters located in Indiana, Kentucky, central/southern Ohio and Mexico. The Regional Coordinator for the past two biennia has been Beverly Reigle. Her term will end November, 16, 2005. Beverly has worked with outstanding Regional Committee Chairs during her four year term as coordinator and they are: Awards Chair, Linda Daley, Epsilon Chapter at The Ohio State University; Communications Chair, Julie Fine Lambda Sigma Chapter at Indiana State University; Membership Involvement Chair, Gracie Wishnia, Iota Gamma Chapter at Spalding University; Mentoring Chair, Sara Horton-Deutsch, Alpha Chapter at Indiana University; and Program Chair, Joan Pryor-McCann, Kappa Lambda Chapter at Otterbein College.

The candidates for Region 9 Coordinator are Linda Daley from Ohio State University and Betsy Frank from Indiana State University. Information about the candidates will be available in upcoming STTI publications.

A Call to Engage

The Beta Iota Board of Directors invites you to participate on a Beta Iota Committee, Advisory Council or Task Force. If you are interested in sharing your talents and expertise, please contact Beverly Reigle at reiglebs@uc.edu.

Come on board and make exciting things happen!

New Beta Iota Nurse Scholars

The Beta Iota Chapter Induction Ceremony was held May 13, 2005 at the Kingsgate Marriott Hotel. Dr. Theresa Beery, Associate Professor, UC College of Nursing, presented “What Does It Mean to Be a Scholar??. Beta Iota inducted 31 undergraduate and 27 graduate students based on achieving academic excellence, maintaining academic integrity and exhibiting leadership potential. Our chapter inducted 2 nurse leaders based on achieving nursing excellence in practice, publication, research, administration, or education. Congratulations to our newest Beta Iota Nurse Scholars!

Undergraduates

Jenae M. Alford
Linda M. Baker-Numrich
Emily E. Ball
Trudi L. Cummins
Lisa R. DaVinia
Katie A. Ewers
Leah Fite
Virginia L. Forbes
Valerie S. Gehlenborg-Schulte
Jamie L. Geraci
Amy E. Hasson
Erin E. Kennedy
Brandence Rose King
Rebecca E. Malott
Tracie Ann Mashore
Robin M. McJunkin
Emily H. Meyer
Victoria L. Moermond
Sandra J. Moore
Jennifer L. Musk
MaryAnn Nutt
Benjamin C. Post
David S. Przynski
Julie Marie Rodenhauer
Kelly N. Roelker
Amy E. Russell
Erica L. Sams
Kathleen M. Scudder
Carrie L. Walke
Robyn K. Wingard
Matthew P. Yockey

Graduates

Beka L. Abraham
Wilhelmina M. Basa
Grace E. Beatty
Angela M. Butts
Mark Cornell
Karin J. Detchon
Autumn L. Edwards
Jamey S. Frasure
Susan M. Ginn
Sharilyn A. Hamilton
Sarah P. Hanke
Jacob Douglas Holsinger
Lisa D. Kaloczi
Lonnie S. Lawson
Ana D. Leibecke
Rhett C. Leibecke
Melissa Therese. Mazurek
Kim M. Morgan
Mary N. Moseley
Jalie J. Mowry
Annette Marie Mueller
Susan C. Rauf
Kacey D. Roberts
Jane M. Thomas
Weiwei Wang
Shannon K. Weinstein
Lisa V. Zapf

Nurse Leaders

Elizabeth A. Berter
Virginia Leigh Lipke

2005-06 PROGRAMS

September 19 Chapter Leader Orientation

Beverly Reigle, Presenting
College of Nursing, 431 Procter Hall
5:30 pm

September 29 Emerging Trends in Breast Cancer

Karen Columbus, MD, Keynote Speaker
Christ Hospital Auditorium
6:00-6:50 pm Membership & Business Meeting, Dinner
7:00-8:00 pm Presentation

February 15, 2006 Focus on Leadership

6:00 pm
Details to follow

May 5, 2006 Patient Safety in Light of the Research on Medication Errors

Jane Barnsteiner, PhD, RN, FAAN, Keynote Speaker
Sharonville Convention Center
8:30 am-3:00 pm
Details to follow

May 19, 2006 Induction Ceremony

Kingsgate Marriott Hotel
6:00 pm