



# CONNECTIONS

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing  
BETA IOTA CHAPTER



## COMMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT

### A Collage of Chapter Activity

A favorite story I shared at this year's Celebration of Nurse Scholars depicts four Sigma Theta Tau International members named Somebody, Anybody, Nobody and Everybody. These members had an important mission to accomplish. However, Everybody was sure Somebody would fulfill the mission. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody became angry because it was Everybody's responsibility. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. Thus, Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Unlike Somebody, Anybody, Nobody and Everybody, Beta Iota Chapter has members who are committed to the mission and vision of Sigma Theta Tau International and have accepted the challenge of serving as a chapter leader. We welcome our newly elected Vice President and Program Chair, Linda D'Erminio, a UC College of Nursing faculty, and our re-elected Treasurer, Denise Gormley, a Northern Kentucky University faculty. Both were installed at the first Annual Beta Iota Chapter Leader Retreat, August 8, 2006. Leaving the BOD is our former Vice President, Julie Kelly, who served with excellence.

The BOD appointed two new standing committee chairs, Yin Xu, UCCON faculty, as Chair of the Research Committee (currently an advisory council) and Anita Finkelman, Healthcare Consultant and Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Oklahoma, as Chair of the Awards and Scholarships Committee. We are delighted Yin and Anita have assumed these important positions. The BOD will present to the membership a bylaw revision that creates a fifth standing committee, the Research Committee. Currently, the research responsibilities are assigned to the Awards and Scholarships Committee and these responsibilities are delegated to an advisory council.

Seminal events occurred this year that will facilitate chapter functioning and help us achieve our goals. First, our entire treasury was transferred from Merrell Lynch and US Bank to Fifth Third Bank in Hyde Park. In consultation with STTI and bank executives, we created an endowment fund that will support nursing scholarship for the future. Secondly, we conducted our first electronic election this year and we thank Deborah Schwytzer and the Lead-

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## NURSE SCHOLARS ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

**Julie Holt, RN, MSN**

*Vice President of Patient Services & Chief Nursing Officer, Drake Center, Inc.*

Julie Holt is the vice president of patient services and chief nursing officer of Drake Center, Inc. as part of the Drake Center's management agreement with the Health Alliance. In her previous role, Julie served as director of patient services at The Jewish Hospital.

Julie has 14 years of progressive management experience within the Health Alliance. Her clinical experience includes, neuroscience, orthopedics, and general surgery. Holt earned her bachelor's degree in nursing and her master's degree in nursing administration, both from the University of Cincinnati. She has also taken numerous continuing education courses and served numerous Health Alliance committees as both committee member and chair.

She has been recognized for her success with nominations for Best Manager at The Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, 2000; Distinguished Nurse Executive, College of Mount St. Joseph, 2003; the Business Courier's Health Care Hero - Manager awards, 2004; and the Business Courier's Forty Under Forty, 2006. She also has received the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati's 2002 Rising Star award.

In addition, Julie is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing inducted into Beta Iota Chapter in 1988. Throughout the past 18 years, Julie has set an example of excellence in nursing administration. Julie has served as treasurer of the Greater Cincinnati Nurse Executives (2002-2004), and is a clinical advisory committee member of the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing. She also serves on the Greater Cincinnati Health Council's nursing workforce initiative.

**2006-07 Beta Iota Chapter Programs**

**October 9, 2006, 12:30 - 2:00 PM**  
**Scholarly Roundtable**  
Cosponsored with UC Nursing Research Institute  
Cindy Evere

**November 8, 2006, 5:30 PM**  
**Founder's Day Program**  
Personal Wholeness: Achieving a Healthy Balance  
Vernon Manor

**February 16, 2007, 8:30 am - 3:00 PM**  
**The Professional's Contract with Society: A Commitment to Safety**  
Sponsored by the Southern Ohio Northern Kentucky (SONK) Consortium  
Speaker: Jane Barnsteiner, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Concurrent Sessions with Pamela Jeffries, PhD, RN, FAAN, Patricia Ebright, PhD, RN  
Sharonville Convention Center

**June 1, 2006, 5:30 PM**  
**Celebration of Nurse Scholars Ceremony**  
Kingsgate Marriott Conference Center

## New Beta Iota Nurse Scholars

The Beta Iota Chapter Celebration of Nurse Scholars Ceremony (formerly called Induction Ceremony) was held May 19, 2006 at the Kingsgate Marriott Conference Center. Dr. Doris Edwards, former Dean of Capital University and UCCON faculty, presented Follow the Yellow Brick Road. Beta Iota Chapter inducted 83 new nurse scholars. Fifty-nine undergraduates (59) and 16 graduate students were selected based on achieving academic excellence, maintaining academic integrity and exhibiting leadership potential. Of the 59 undergraduates, 11 (from the upper 10%) were juniors. Our chapter inducted eight (8) nurse leaders based on achieving nursing excellence in practice, publication, research, administration, or education. Congratulations to our newest BETA IOTA NURSE SCHOLARS!



## COMMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT (cont.)

ership Succession Committee for their work on this project. Thirdly, Susan Hardin, UCCON Information Technology Analyst, transformed our newsletter and website to facilitate communication with our membership. With you in mind, the BOD is moving strategically forward.

Now, it is your turn. Become engaged at whatever level of activity you can. First, RENEW your membership. Follow your renewal with (a) ATTEND chapter programs/events, (b) JOIN a committee or council, and (c) ASSUME a leadership role in the chapter. My best wishes to all of us for a productive and exciting year.

### Graduates

Molly E. Adams  
Jennifer L. Badia  
Jie Chen  
Lisa Craig  
Anita K. Dempsey  
Sherry L. Donaworth  
Charles J. Fletcher  
Terri Hanlon  
Melissa A. Helmer  
Jayme E. Kelly  
Anne M. Leuenberger  
Amanda J. Poeppelman  
Susan L. Putnam  
Judy H. Ribak  
Ann E. Roth  
Tracey L. Yap  
Nurse Leaders  
Connie Barker  
Patricia A. Carlyn  
Susan J. McGee  
Charlene E. Rasche  
Dennis S. Schmidt  
Barbara J. Smith  
Karen C. Tugrul  
Susan E. Wallace

### Undergraduates

David J. Arps  
Jennifer Beckelthymmer  
Kayce D. Benson  
Ethel E. Blakey  
Megan A. Brissie  
Crystal L. Brown  
Billie J. Buccasio  
Sarah J. Bunch  
Sara N. Camper  
Della J. Coomer  
Carly G. Cooper  
Brittney N. Duval  
Kristi L. Frese  
Nrupali Gandhi  
Irina S. Gazonko  
Kristina M. Grimm  
Rebecca I. Hambach  
Angela M. Hamilton  
Cassie L. Hancock  
Stacey R. Hauck  
Ryan C. Heichel  
Kristen M. Hendershot  
Shelly M. Hinnenkamp  
Lauren N. Huebener  
Melissa A. Jensen  
Emilee M. Kempf  
Lauren E. King  
Regina M. Kling  
Jennifer A. Lanzillota  
Denise J. Leone

Jennifer M. Ley  
Valentina S. Macha  
Erica L. McNeal  
Barbara A. Mulshine  
Shannon M. Osterfeld  
Erin L. Paff  
Vruti Patel  
Dorian K. Pontius  
Jill M. Reyna  
Diana L. Rogalski  
Paula A. Rojas-Landivar  
Tara L. Scarborough  
Cynthia L. Schenk  
Elizabeth J. Schmidt  
Lori E. Schmitz  
Reena Sharma  
Victoria E. Shawver  
Mary A. Shinkle  
Kirsten L. Singer  
Kristen Stewart  
Julie M. Treadway  
Donna J. Vogel  
Erin R. Whitaker  
Nicole M. Wise  
Megan L. Wispe  
Sarah E. Woodward  
Jodie A. Yee  
Ye Yin Yi  
Connie D. Yoho



## Committee News

### Awards & Scholarship Committee

#### 2006 Excellence in Nursing Award Recipient

Sally Chatfield Dunn, MN, RN was the recipient of the 2006 Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award. Sally is a faculty at the University of Cincinnati, College of Nursing and has served in multiple leadership positions both within the university, college, and community. Currently, she is serving a second term as President of the Association of University Professors (AAUP). Sally received her award May 19 at the 2006 Celebration of Nurse Scholars Ceremony (formerly called Induction Ceremony) held at the Kingsgate Marriott Conference Center. Congratulations to Sally for her commitment to nursing and her tremendous contributions.

### Awards & Scholarship Committee

The Awards and Scholarship Committee is excited about the opportunity to stimulate nominations for the three major awards that will be presented in June, 2007: Excellence in Nursing Practice, Excellence in Nursing Education and Excellence in Nursing Research. Members of the committee are: Anita Finkelman, Chair, Lisa Long, Deborah Schwytzer and Sarah Woodward. Please see the Beta Iota Chapter website for more information.

### Governance Committee

The Governance Committee will announce opportunities for membership, address eligibility issues and recommend bylaw revisions. Members of the committee are: Jeanine Swails (Chair), Comfort Enah, Diane Grever, and Rebecca Lee.

**Nominate a Nurse Leader** - form available on website

### Leadership Succession Committee

The Leadership Succession Committee (LCS) will develop strategies for leader development, select members for leadership positions, and conduct the annual officer election. Members of the committee are: Judy Uhler (Chair), Carol Amfar, and Jane Christianson. Nancy Batchelor, President-Elect, Chairs the Leadership Development Advisory Council which reports to the LSC.

### Program Committee

The Program Committee will be planning, announcing and presenting the 2006-2007 chapter programs. Members of the committee are: Linda D'Erminio (Chair), Robin Dennison, Donna Shambley-Ebron, Julie Kelly, Missy Nurre, Ann Schlinkert, and Susan Wallace. Robin Dennison and Linda D'Erminio also serve as Beta Iota representatives on the SONK Consortium Planning Committee.

### Research Committee

The Research Committee, as a newly developed standing committee, will determine the committee's functions and responsibilities. Committee members are: Yin Xu (Chair), Theresa Beery, Madeleine Martin, and Myra Huth.

## Region 9 News

### Chapter Leader Academy

Chapter Leader Academy, a three-day workshop held at the Center for Nursing Scholarship in Indianapolis, will be September 28-30, 2006. The academy is an excellent workshop that offers the basic organizational tools for new chapter leaders and best practices for the more seasoned chapter leader. This year's academy is entitled Chapters, Communities, Connections. Beta Iota Chapter is sponsoring the participation of five members of the Board of Directors and, hopefully, two or three of the new members.

### Showcase of Regional Excellence

The Showcase of Regional Excellence replaced the Pinnacle Awards (formerly known as Regional Awards). Rather than have another level of competition, the regional awards have been replaced with an opportunity for chapters and consortia to share their accomplishments. Beta Iota submitted two showcase applications entitled A New Look and Fresh Approach and A Collaborative Effort to Impact Women's Health. Chapter accomplishments will be recognized at the Chapter Leader Academy.



Betsy Frank, PhD, RN  
Region 9 Coordinator

# Beta Iota Chapter

## 2006-07 Chapter Goals

Three goals were approved by the Beta Iota Chapter Board of Directors on August 12, 2005 and revised in August 2006. 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.

## 2006-07 Board Of Directors, Committee & Advisory Council Chairs

### Board Of Directors

President	Beverly Reigle	reiglebs@ucmail.uc.edu
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Leadership Development Advisory	Nancy Batchelor	nancy.batchelor@uc.edu
Heritage Advisory	TBA	

See 2006-07 Chapter programs on back page.

### Delegate News

Nancy Batchelor and Denise Gormley were elected by the Board of Directors to serve as chapter delegates to the House of Delegates at the 38th Biennial Convention held last November in Indianapolis. In the past, the term of office for delegates ended when the convention's House of Delegates session adjourned. However, an international bylaw revision (Article V, Section 4 entitled Electronic Voting) extends a delegate's term of office for the sole purpose of voting electronically on chapter charter applications. The process for honor societies to become chartered chapters of Sigma Theta Tau International is rigorous and, in the past, could not be culminated until the House of Delegates was in session. With this bylaw change, an honor society that meets all the requirements of a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International can be approved for chartering by the delegates through electronic voting rather than waiting until the biennial House of Delegates is in session.

### 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, communities and sustainability. To review the document, link to [http://www.nursingsociety.org/about/strategic\\_directions.pdf](http://www.nursingsociety.org/about/strategic_directions.pdf). The goals developed and activities implemented by the Beta Iota Chapter reflect these directions and the mission of the organization.

# Sigma Theta Tau International

### 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 the various levels of the organization. Beta Iota Chapter encourages you to complete the VIPprofile at <http://www.stti.org/NursingSociety/>.

### STTI Nursing Foundation

Over \$80,000 in nursing research grants are awarded each year by Sigma Theta Tau International. Contributions can be made to the STTI Nursing Foundation and earmarked for scholarships. Check out the following website: <http://www.nursingsociety.org/giving/main.html#paver>. The Brick Paver Campaign has set a two million dollar goal to address the need for research grant monies. Chapters, individuals, and other organizations can contribute \$500 and up in honor or memory of someone special. An engraved brick is placed in the STTI garden area or contributions toward garden items such as benches can be sponsored. BETA IOTA contributed \$1000 dollars to this campaign.

### Virginia Henderson Fellow

Consider becoming a Virginia Henderson Fellow. The amount you contribute ensures such important functions as (a) the continuation of the educational offerings provided by STTI, (b) the VHL operations, and (c) nursing research grants. The amount is \$10,000 contributed over a five-year period. Staff will assist you with ways that you can contribute (e.g., wills). The moment you give your first amount toward the \$10,000 contribution, you become a member of the Heritage Society and a Virginia Henderson Fellow. Read more about this wonderful opportunity at [http://www.nursingsociety.org/giving/brochure\\_vhl.pdf](http://www.nursingsociety.org/giving/brochure_vhl.pdf).

### 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.*

### STTI Conferences

18th International Nursing Research Congress, Focusing on Evidence-Based Practice in Vienna, Austria, July 11-14, 2007. Call for Abstracts, December 13, 2006 deadline.

Information about other nursing conferences for 2006-2007 can be accessed at <http://www.nursingsociety.org/events/main.html/>

2007 International Awards for Nursing Excellence will be awarded at the 39th Biennial Convention. Nominations will be accepted between November, 2006 and March, 2007. Review the criteria and submission requirements for each award at [http://stti.awards.confex.com/stti\\_awards/intl2007/index.html](http://stti.awards.confex.com/stti_awards/intl2007/index.html).

39th Biennial Convention, November 3-7, 2007 in Baltimore Maryland. Begin planning for this great event that provides clinical, scientific and leadership sessions; promotes networking; creates excitement for nursing scholarship, and motivates everyone to be productive scholars.



Carol Picard, PhD, RN,  
President of STTI

