

Knowledge of Our Past

Dorothy Charlotte Ford Buschmann, 1895-1953

Dorothy Charlotte Ford Buschmann, a seventh founder to many, played a major role in founding, sustaining, and growing the organization that we now call Sigma Theta Tau International, The Honor Society of Nursing. Dorothy Ford Bushmann graduated in 1919 from the Indiana Training School for Nurses (Hamilton, 1996). Only a few years older than the Society's six student founders, she was called upon to become their mentor, supporter, and friend. Often the young nurses met in the Buschmann's apartment to discuss their conceptualization of an organization that recognized academic and professional excellence (Hamilton, 1996). Based on those discussions, Dorothy Buschmann's husband, Severin C. Buschmann, an attorney, crafted the Society's bylaws and constitution without cost to the students (STTI, 1997). On October 4, 1922, the Indiana Secretary of State officially approved the bylaws and constitution and chartered the organization as Sigma Theta Tau Fraternity (STTI, 1997). Thus, current chapters traditionally hold their annual Founder's Day program in the month of October.

On October 16, 1922, in the Buschmann apartment and by candlelight, Dorothy Buschmann conducted the first "initiation" (i.e., induction) ceremony (Hamilton, 1996). As the six young founders and succeeding student members graduated and dispersed to other locations, Dorothy Buschmann remained in Indianapolis as the organization's overseer and nurturer. In 1927, she became the first President of Sigma Theta Tau as a national organization (Hamilton, 1996). In 1929, she organized the first Sigma Theta Tau National Convention which was held in Indianapolis, IN (Hamilton, 1996). She worked tirelessly to "grow" the organization nationally and under her seven-year presidency (1927-1934), five chapters were added: (a) Beta (Washington University in St. Louis), (b) Gamma (University of Iowa), (c) Delta (University of Kansas), (d) Epsilon (Ohio State University), and (e) Zeta (University of Minnesota) (Hamilton, 1966).

Dorothy Ford Buschmann's contributions to the organization are too numerous to delineate in this brief historical sketch. Importantly, she is viewed by many as the seventh founder and depicted as such by an article published by Hamilton (1996) in the Journal of Nursing Scholarship. Today, Dorothy Ford Buschmann's portrait is located in the Founder's Room at the International Center for Nursing Scholarship in Indianapolis, Indiana and an international award is named in her honor. The Dorothy Ford Buschmann Presidential Award, established in 1997, is bestowed by the international president at each Biennial Convention to recognize those who have made exceptional contributions to nursing (STTI, 2007).

Information was based on:

Hamilton, D. B. (1996). The seventh star: Dorothy Ford Buschmann and the founding of Sigma Theta Tau. *Image: Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, 28, 177-180.

Sigma Theta Tau International (1997). *Vision of 75 years: An anniversary celebration*. Indianapolis, IN: Author.

Sigma Theta Tau International (2007). 2007 International award recipient biographies. <http://www.nursingsociety.org/Awards/Documents/Bios%20for%20Web.pdf>.

Beverly Reigle



Knowledge in the Making

At the May 31, 2009 Celebration of Nurse Scholars, two research grants were awarded.

Kelly Beischel, MSN, MEd, RN \$3500 Grant

Proposed Study: Anxiety as a Mediating Variable to Learning Outcomes in a Human Patient Simulation Experience: A Mixed Methods Study

Jean Anthony, PhD, RN \$500 Grant

Proposed Study: African American Clergy and Depression: What They Know; What They Want to Know



Call for Poster Abstracts

The Southern Ohio Northern Kentucky (SONK) Consortium Annual Conference Planning Committee invites abstracts of "in progress" or completed research or evidence-based practice projects for poster presentation that address the topic, disasters and pandemics. The 2010 Annual SONK Conference features Dr. Elizabeth Weiner who will address Disasters and Pandemics: The Nurses' Pivotal Roles. Abstracts must be submitted electronically by October 23, 2009 to Marge Ryan at ryanma@fuse.net. Abstract guidelines are available at the following URL: http://nursing.uc.edu/d3v/rede-sign_v2/centers/stti/events.aspx

Knowledge Sharing

SONK Consortium 2010 Annual Conference

Disasters & Pandemics: The Nurses' Pivotal Roles

February 19, 2010. 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Sharonville Convention Center
Keynote: Betsy Weiner, PhD, RN- BC, FAAN

Betsy Weiner is the Senior Associate Dean for Informatics at the Vanderbilt School of Nursing. She is the Centennial Independence Professor of Nursing and Professor of Biomedical Informatics in the School of Medicine. Prior to joining Vanderbilt in 2000, she served 21 years at the University of Cincinnati, 10 as director for a university wide faculty technology center, and four years as director of university academic computing. Considered a pioneer in multimedia development (with over 30 years of experience in the health sciences), she is responsible for the distance learning programs in nursing, and the informatics tools that help to tie together the research, practice, and academic arenas. She also serves as Associate Director for the Nursing Emergency Preparedness Education Coalition (NEPEC). Dr. Weiner publishes and speaks nationally and internationally on both informatics and emergency planning and response, and has served as an international consultant for the World Health Organization.



Nurse Researcher

Dr. Joy Dienger

In 2005, Dr. M. Joyce Dienger's proposed study, *Learning Pharmacology in BSN Programs*, was funded by Beta Iota Chapter for \$1800. The abstract of Dr. Dienger's completed study follows:



Learning Pharmacology in a Baccalaureate Nursing Program: Evaluation and Comparison of On-Line and Classroom Methods M. Joyce Dienger, PhD, RN, Associate Professor of Clinical Nursing

It is essential to examine learning outcomes related to new teaching methods. The number of on-line courses offered in post-secondary degree granting institutions has increased tremendously. However, results of studies evaluating learning during on-line courses are limited. New teaching methods should result in better or at least equivalent learning outcomes as current methods. The purpose of this descriptive study was to compare the learning outcome, acquired general knowledge of pharmacology, and satisfaction of students who completed a pharmacology course in a traditional classroom setting (N=80) versus on-line (N= 67) during the sophomore year of a baccalaureate nursing program. Students completed the course in the classroom or on-line based upon the type of course offering available during their sophomore year. Data collection included grades earned on the course comprehensive final examination, results of student course evaluations and grades earned on the NLN Pharmacology in Clinical Nursing Achievement Test administered during the first quarter of the senior year. Findings indicate that students who took the course in the traditional classroom setting scored significantly higher on both the course final examination (t=3.715, p=0.000) and the NLN Clinical Nursing Achievement test (t=4.182, p=0.000). Moreover, students who completed the course in the traditional classroom setting were more satisfied with learning and their interaction with faculty and students than students who completed the course on-line. Students in both groups viewed the course as challenging. However, the students in the on-line course overwhelmingly (91.5%) indicated on course evaluations that they did not like taking the course online. Study results suggest that significant changes need to be made if this course is to be offered in an on-line format again and that on-line learning needs to be a student preference. One could also question if undergraduate pharmacology course is appropriate for on-line learning.



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More Information to Follow

Founder's Day
October 28, 2009, 6:30 PM

SONK Annual Conference
February 19, 2010, 8:30 AM

Nurse Scholars Achieving Excellence
March 31, 2010, 6:30 PM

Celebration of Nurse Scholars
May 23, 2010, 2:00 PM

President's Proclamation

2009-2011 Call to Action: ANSWERING the CALL

It is a pleasure to welcome each of you to participation in the Beta Iota Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International! In July 2009, I proudly assumed my new role as Beta Iota President. The next two years represent not only an opportunity for my own personal and professional growth, but yours as well. I invite each of you to accompany me on this journey as we work to create a vibrant chapter that reflects our mutual passion for excellence in our beloved profession of nursing.

As we move forward into the 2009-2010 term, the Board's plans for Beta Iota are ambitious, centering on the need to plan for and embrace change, within our organization, our profession, and our society. One thing is certain, if we are to achieve our goals, we need to count on your contribution to the effort. Therefore, the theme for my two-part 2009-2011 Presidential Call to Action is "Answering the Call!"

The first part of the 2009-2011 Presidential Call to Action asks that each of you "answer the call" to pursue and celebrate excellence. Opportunities to pursue excellence may be found through your research, practice, education, service, and leadership. In the pursuit of excellence, it is important that we recognize and celebrate the multiple pathways to excellence given our diverse roles as nurse leaders, scholars, practitioners, educators, and students. Finally, I ask you to celebrate the multiple settings for excellence represented within our membership, including hospitals, agencies, communities, and academic institutions.

The second part of the 2009-2011 Presidential Call to Action asks that each of you "answer the call" to become more involved, through active participation in our Beta Iota chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International, and your community – both local and global. In recognition of your individual achievements of nursing excellence, you have each been inducted into membership into our organization. However, with this great privilege comes an even greater responsibility for action.

In closing, I ask that you take a moment and imagine what heights an organization founded in excellence can achieve if each member takes the time to "answer the call." Coming together in a spirit of excellence and building upon our diverse talents, anything is possible!

Borrowing from the words of Gandhi, I call upon each of you to "be the change you wish to see in Beta Iota" as you "answer the call" to pursue excellence, celebrate excellence and become involved!

Rebecca C. Lee, PhD, RN, PHCNS-BC, CTN-A
President, Beta Iota Chapter



The Baton is Passed!

I am happy to pass the baton on to Rebecca Lee, the incoming president of Beta Iota for 2009-2011. Becky brings enthusiasm and energy to the board. She has been an invaluable president-elect during the last two years and has supported the membership of our chapter. Even though I happily pass this on to Becky, I am also saddened. My hopes for chapter revival have been dampened. As I wrote in my opening remarks as president, one of my goals was renewal and revival of our chapter. We saw minimal rise in numbers of members taking advantage of the programs offered twice yearly, a decrease in those attending consortium programs and as always, difficulty in filling committee and task force positions. The chapter is dependent on member active participation in all chapter activities. We can make a difference in our profession and our community. Please think about how you can make a difference in our chapter, whether it be as a mentor to our newest inductees, committee member or as a future board member. As past-president, I will continue to remain as an active committee member for Beta Iota. As I pass the baton to Becky to lead our chapter, I am offering the baton to all members of Beta Iota to increase the viability, visibility and activity and become an outstanding chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, The Honor Society for Nursing.

Nancy Batchelor



Nurse Scholars Achieving Excellence

At the May 31, 2009 Celebration of Nurse Scholars ceremony, 98 undergraduate, graduate, and nurse leader were inducted into The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International. The ceremony was held at the Marriott Kingsgate Conference Center with Susan Wallace, University Hospital staff, as keynote speaker. The names of the new nurse scholars follow:

Juniors

Melissa Bandenburg
Stephanie Brindle
Amelia Craig
Ann Feighery
Anna Hicks
Jessica Leedy
Laura Lintz

Seniors

Cathy Alldred
Ashley Andes
Julie Awick
Catherine Behrle
Megan Birt
Myka Bowen
Katie Bresler
Amanda Casada
Christy Ford
Jessica Grosheim
Tiffany Hempill
Connie Hutley
Rebecca Litchholt
Katherine Lohbeck
Jaime Long
Molly McCaughey
Kristen McDonald
Norma O'Brien
Brittany Paepke
John Procas
Kathryn Sargent
Bethany Schemmel
Sarah Seyfried
Kristen Shaw
Christy Wagner
Christine Weber
Kaitlin Young

RN-BSN

Lynn Brayton
Katy Cole
Vanessa Clark
Cherry Cousins
Sheena Fant
Connie Jo Janka
Kostendena Krondilou
Elizabeth Ofori-Attah
Delzie Osborne
Alice Rolsen
Jonathan Ruedisueli
Meagan Sawyer
Tara Seaman
Amy Slusher
Thomas Tierney
James Weber
Diana Wilson

Accelerated

Katrina Adkins
Sarah Belna
Erin Clancy
Reta Gibbons
Louise Herman
Abby Hess
Laura Huss
Michelle Platt
Zhudlyz Tayidi
James Thompson
Anthony Zaya

Graduate

Allison Banerji
Amy Barton
Diane Busch-James
Robin Breig
Shawana Burnette
Susan Cheek
Sarah Coleman
Charlene de la Torre
Michelle Edwards
Lori Gauthier
Sandra Greer
Michelle Harmon
Edie Hill
Carman Howard
Linda Johnson
Sarah Lucas
Becky Martin
Alisha Morgan
Susan Murphy
Lisa Paxton
Beth Pierce
Julie Pool
Rebecca Reay
Michelle Rivera-Santiago
William Ruggles
Courtney Scott
Courtney Sherman
Melanie Spegal
Melanie Stallkamp
Colleen Summers
Dana Tucker
Ronald Lee Tyson
Virginia Warner
Melissa Wilson
Jennifer Zeer

Nurse Leader

Barbara Henry



Julie Holt, MSN, RN

2009 Excellence in Nursing Leadership

Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer of the West Chester Medical Center, former Clinical Executive and Chief Nursing Officer for Drake Center, served as Treasurer of the Greater Cincinnati Nurse Executives, and honored as the 2004 Business Courier's Health Care Hero and the 2002 YWCA Greater Cincinnati Rising Star.



Vicki L. Smith, BSN, RN

2009 Excellence in Clinical Practice

Manager of Clinical Education at Mercy Hospital Clermont, former case manager and unit based ICU educator, primary designer of the Mercy Hospital Clermont Critical Care Internship Program, and instrumental in the implementation of the Admin-Rx medication administration system which links the correct medication, dosage, time, and patient.



Linda Baas, PhD, RN, ACNP

2009 Excellence in Clinical Research

Director of Nursing Research at Christ Hospital, former Professor of Nursing and Director of the Adult Acute Care Graduate Program at University of Cincinnati, Fellow of the American Heart Association, and nationally recognized nurse researcher in cardiac care particularly, quality of life in patients with heart failure and heart transplants.



Anita Finkelman, MSN, RN

2009 Excellence in Nursing Education

Dean of Online Education at Galen College, former graduate faculty at the University of Oklahoma, 2008 College of Mount St. Joseph Nurse Educator Award recipient, author of the award winning book, Teaching the IOM: Implications of the IOM Reports for Nursing Education, and co-author of Professional Nursing Concepts: Competencies for Quality Leadership.



Susan Wallace (RN-BSN UC graduate) induction speaker and Rebecca Lee (new Beta Iota President)



Top: Current UC Nursing seniors (inducted last Spring as juniors)

Bottom: Accelerated students inducted last Spring and now graduated

Nurse Scholars in the Lead

The 40th Biennial Sigma Theta Tau International Convention entitled, *I am a Nurse...and I am a Member of a Global Nursing Community*, will be held in Indianapolis Indiana at the Indiana Convention Center, October 31 through November 4, 2009. After a challenging and exciting two-year term, Dr. Carol Huston, current Society President, will transfer the gavel to the incoming President, Dr. Karen Morin.

Candidates within our geographic region who are running for international or regional positions are: Dr. Donna Miles-Curry for Region 9 Coordinator and Dr. Beverly Reigle (pictured at right) for a second term as Secretary of the STTI Board of Directors.

Rebecca Lee, President, and Claudia Mitchell, President-Elect, are the 2009-2011 delegates who will represent Beta Iota Chapter at the 40th Biennial Convention House of Delegates.

News Bulletin

Call for Nurse Leaders

Beta Iota active members are encouraged to identify and nominate nurse leaders in the community who are potential candidates for membership in Sigma Theta Tau International. To be considered for membership as a nurse leader, the registered nurse must have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree and demonstrated achievement in nursing in at least one of the following areas: education, research, practice, administration, or publication. If you would like to nominate an individual who meets the nurse leader criteria, please contact Deborah Schwytzer, Counselor and Governance Committee Chair, at deborah.schwytzer@uc.edu.

Commitment to Service

For the past four years, the Beta Iota Nurse Scholars for the Cure team has participated in the Greater Cincinnati Komen Race for the Cure to support funding for breast cancer research. This year's event was held at the Cincinnati Great American Ballpark on September 12, 2009. Four Beta Iota members and one friend of Beta Iota participated in the race, Jane Christianson, Rebecca Lee, Beverly Reigle, and Patricia Woellert. Our team members raised \$440 of our \$500 monetary goal. Members and friends who donated to the cause were: Judy Belle, Zhanna Fish, Claudia Mitchell, Kim O'Toole, Beverly Reigle, Dan Reigle, Donna Shambley-Ebron, Ann Schlinkert, and Cathy Leahy. Zhanna Fish donated funds in honor of her mother, Simona Fish, a breast cancer survivor.

Kristina Grimm, Class of 2008 and former Co-Chair of the Beta Iota Race for the Cure, ranked #4 among 100 of the top runners in the 5K race. Her time was 21:45.

For 2010, we encourage you to become a member of the Beta Iota Nurse Scholars for the Cure team and help us raise research dollars to eradicate this disease. Too many of our friends, family, and colleagues have been directly touched by breast cancer. Make your commitment now to join us in 2010!



Beta Iota Chapter

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Mission

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

Vision

The mission 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 & learning to improve the health of the world's people.

