SPRING INDUCTION AND AWARDS CEREMONY 2012

Rho Chapter’s New Members: 2012 Inductees

This year, Rho Chapter transformed the new member induction and chapter awards ceremonies with a combined event. The event was held on Sunday April 1, at the Michigan League Ballroom. Rho officers were excited to present our newest members to our “experienced” (not old!) members and offer our new members an opportunity to meet and network with our outstanding award recipients. The Chapter was pleased to induct 63 new members. Rho Chapter also recognized seven outstanding nurses and future nurses during the awards program and presented research grants to two chapter members. Dr. Marge Calarco welcomed the inductees and awardees on behalf of the School of Nursing and the Health System. Chapter President, Sharon Smith, introduced our new members and presented the Chapter awards. In keeping with our strategic plan, Rho Chapter supported the Delonis Shelter with gifts of socks and toiletries donated by attendees. Donations from our guests allowed us to also contribute over $200 to the Delonis Center—thank you to all for your generosity.

The chapter is grateful for the many hours spent working on membership by our Faculty Counselor, Deb Price. Sincere thanks also goes to Chapter President, Sharon Smith, Vice-President Melina Roberts, Past-President Norma Sarkar, Awards Chairperson Mary Sue Webb, and many other helpers, for providing a wonderful celebration for our inductees and awardees.
And…Congratulations to our awardees and research grant recipients:

- Excellence in Education: Elizabeth Brough, PhD, RN, Clinical Instructor, School of Nursing
- Distinguished Service: Shaké Ketefian, EdD, RN, FAAN, Professor Emerita, School of Nursing
- Excellence in Nursing Leadership, Dr. Marge Calarco, PhD, RN, Senior Associate Director – Patient Care Services and Chief of Nursing, University of Michigan Health System and Adjunct Professor, School of Nursing
- Excellence in Practice: Mary A. Bonner, BSN, RNC-NIC, Clinical Nurse, Neonatal ICU, Munson Medical Center
- Excellence in Research: Mary A. Nies, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAAHB, Carol Grotnes Belk Endowed Chair in Nursing and Professor; Adjunct Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences, College of Health and Human Services, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- Student Leadership: Jennifer Wood and Gina Greco, senior nursing students, BSN program
- Nursing Research Grant recipients: Cynthia Arslanian-Engoren PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FAHA and Michelle Munro, MS, CNM, FNP-BC

A photo show of the event is available on the Rho chapter website. Go to www.nursing.umich.edu and type “Rho chapter events” in the search box. Click on “News and Events,” then scroll down to the Annual Rho Chapter Awards Ceremony listing.
PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

Sharon Smith, PhD, RN

It has been a busy, often jam-packed nine months since I began my service as your Chapter President. I am happy to report that Rho Chapter has many accomplishments toward its strategic plan. Last year, the Rho Chapter board identified three areas of emphasis: 1) membership, including focused recruitment of new members from the School of Nursing faculty, and the three local health systems (UMHS, VAMC, SJMH); 2) communication among members particularly younger members, including enhancing our current website and developing a Facebook site; and 3) enhancing Rho member benefits, specifically education and support for members.

On April 1, 2012 Rho Chapter proudly welcomed 63 new members, recognized the work of seven members by presenting them with our Chapter’s awards for excellence and honored two members who received chapter research grants. These nurses and future nurses exemplify STTI’s vision of nurses who lead in using knowledge, scholarship, service and learning to improve the health of the world’s people. The Chapter also co-sponsored or supported five educational and research conferences during 2011-2012 including the annual Evidence-Based Practice conference and the Region 10 conference on focused diversity and civility in nursing. The Chapter will be inaugurating its website on the Circle, a web platform sponsored by STTI which features enhanced social networking opportunities, and a Rho Chapter Facebook page. Please help us learn your needs by responding to the communication survey, located on page 9 in this newsletter, and also available online.

Along with all of Rho Chapter, I am grateful for donations from the following members. Your generous support helps our chapter to continue support for educational and scholarly opportunities for our members:

- Ann Cook
- Jane Wilson Coon
- Laura H. Craig
- Kathleen DeGrazia
- Elaine Fellows
- Judy M. Judd
- Aimee LaBelle
- Carol Loveland-Cherry
- Judith Lutz
- Julianne Shea
- Lillian Simms
- An anonymous donor

Thank you for your donations!

I invite you to take full advantage of your membership--Connect with Rho Chapter, stay active, use the organization to meet your career goals, reach out to other members, and connect with our resources and services. As always, we want to hear from our members. Please contact me with your ideas (email: slsmith@umich.edu).

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CONFERENCE SUMMARY: EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE—TRANSFORMING CLINICAL PRACTICE

The annual Evidence-Based Practice conference, co-sponsored by University of Michigan, St. Joseph Mercy, and the VA Health Systems, was held on March 16 2012. Rho Chapter, along with Eta Rho Chapter, provided support for this event. The keynote speaker was Dr. Anna Gawlinski, Director of Research and Evidence-Based Practice at the UCLA Medical Center. Dr. Gawlinski presented creative ideas for transforming traditional policy and procedure committees to clinical practice councils that support and disseminate evidence-based practice guidelines and supporting innovative clinical practices.

Breakout sessions at the conference focused on a wide range of evidence-based initiatives and issues including suicide risk reduction, strategies for reducing central line infections, alternative pain therapies, and interventions for addressing obesity in ambulatory care settings.

Watch for information for the 2013 session in our Fall Newsletter.

CONFERENCE SUMMARY: REGION 10 CONFERENCE

In its second year, the conference again featured outstanding speakers and opportunities to network with colleagues across Michigan’s state and international borders. Dr. Phyllis Kritek, Dr. Sally Decker, and Dr. Josephine Etowa provided thought-provoking ideas about understanding civility and diversity through aesthetic knowing, the relationship between civility and patient outcomes, and strategies for helping a diverse workforce feel secure while providing patient care. Rho Chapter provided financial support for the conference and welcome letters to attendees who were visiting our great little college town.

Dr. Steven Strobbe recently published his research, which was partially funded by a Rho chapter Research and Special Projects grant. Congratulations to Dr. Strobbe. Rho Chapter is proud to have supported your work!


Rho chapter assisted the fundraiser by donating an iPad2 to the raffle. This donation was very successful in generating raffle ticket sales and we are thrilled to announce the iPad winner: junior nursing student, Shana Walker. We salute the SNA for their great work in generating $4000 for the Hope for Haiti Foundation!

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RHO CHAPTER SUPPORTS HOPE FOR HAITI CELEBRATION

The University of Michigan Student Nurses’ Association (SNA) hosted their annual fundraiser, Hope for Haiti, at the School of Nursing on March 29, 2012. This charitable event supports the Haiti Nursing Foundation which funds nursing education through the Faculté des Sciences Infirmières de l’Université Episcopale d’Haiti (Faculty of Nursing Science of the Episcopal University of Haiti or FSIL), located in Léogâne, Haiti.

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NOMINATE A NURSE FOR COMMUNITY LEADER MEMBERSHIP

Do you know a nurse who displays leadership, creative work, support for professional standards and commitment to scholarly should become a member of Sigma Theta Tau! The “Community Leader” membership category is for practicing nurses who hold at least a bachelor’s degree, and whose professional work exemplifies the purposes of Sigma Theta Tau International.

To nominate a nurse for membership, please see the nomination form on page 8 of the newsletter OR visit the Rho chapter website, and download the membership form by going to www.nursing.umich.edu and typing “Rho Chapter Membership” in the search box.

The applicant will be asked to provide an application and a C.V. Nominations are due September 15, 2012

Please send your nominations to:
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URGENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The Chapter newsletter is going digital! Starting in Fall 2012, the newsletter will be distributed to members by email, and will no longer be mailed. This change will free up chapter funds to support scholarship and education. As a courtesy, we will continue to mail newsletters to members who were inducted prior to 1970, and to other members who request a mailed copy. To request a mailed copy of your newsletter, contact: Ann Kruszewski (email: annkrusz@umich.edu or by phone at 734-764-8152). As in the past, chapter newsletters are also available on the Rho Chapter website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rho Chapter Events:
- Community Leader nominations:
  Due September 15, 2012
- Research/Special Projects Grants:
  Due September 30, 2012

Rho Chapter Supported Events:
UMHS Nursing Poster Session 2012
September 17 & 18, 2012
Rho chapter events are also found on the web on the School of Nursing calendar. Go to www.nursing.umich.edu and click on “Events Calendar.”

Sigma Theta Tau International Events:
Innovations in Nursing Education Research
15-16 June, 2012
Indianapolis, Indiana
Learn the latest in nursing education research. Registration is open now!

23rd International Nursing Research Congress
30 July to 3 August, 2012
Brisbane, Australia
Exchange evidence-based practices and solutions with nurse leaders. Registration is open now!

Sigma Theta Tau Leadership Forum:
20-21 September 2012
Indianapolis, Indiana
Topics include IOM recommendations, simulation, technology and more. For more information, visit www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents, e-mail LeadershipEvent@stti.org or call +1.888.634.7575

STTI MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS
Take advantage of these opportunities! All of these services can be accessed readily from the STTI website, located at www.nursingsociety.org

Have you started networking in The Circle?
Log in to The Circle, STTI's professional networking site, to find other members via the member directory, network with those who share the same specialty and stay active with your chapter through chapter websites. You will use your e-mail address and seven-digit member number to sign in. Visit http://thecircle.nursingsociety.org and read the "10 Easy Steps to Get Started" to ensure you create the most connections!

Learn more about the Edith Anderson Membership Subsidy
Can't afford membership because you recently graduated from school, are in-between jobs or at home for other reasons? The Edith Anderson Subsidy fund can help you. This fund may subsidize your membership dues up to 75%. Learn more at http://www.nursingsociety.org/Chapters/Pages/subsidy.aspx

Find nursing jobs you didn't know existed
STTI has teamed up with Monster to offer career and recruitment resources. Learn more about STTI and Monster by visiting www.nursingsociety.org/Membership/Benefits/Pages/getcareer.aspx.

Have you read RNL lately?
Reflections on Nursing Leadership (RNL) is STTI's e-magazine that features informative articles, biographic profiles, personal narratives and more. The content is updated virtually every day! Visit www.reflectionsonnursingleadership.org to read some of the latest articles.
Discover new content and new look at the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library.


RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANTS:

Applications due September 30, 2012
Do you need support for your research or scholarly projects? Rho Chapter provides grants to support research and special projects such as patient education programs, media projects, etc. Masters and doctoral students, faculty, and community members who are Sigma Theta Tau members are eligible. Please see the application process on our website.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR RHO CHAPTER LEADERS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN RHO CHAPTER?

Here is an opportunity to actively participate on our leadership team. New officers will be elected this summer for next fall. Leadership opportunities available are:

- Chapter Vice-President
- Chapter Secretary
- Faculty Counselor-Elect (must be a member of School of Nursing faculty)
- Governance Committee (1 member)
- Leadership Succession Committee (2 members)

We are a fun-loving but goal-focused group that values service and supports leadership and scholarship. We are especially interested in members who have fresh, new ideas for our chapter. Consider nominating yourself or a colleague.

For more information about the positions please contact: Kathy Petrie (kfeig@umich.edu)

DON’T MISS IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS — SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO STTI:

Rho Chapter is using email to notify members about programs, upcoming events, and other news. You may be missing important events! Please update your member information at the STTI website. Go to www.nursingsociety.org/Membership/ and click on “My Membership” to add or update your email address. Or contact member support services by phone at 888-634-7575.

PUBLICATION INFORMATION:

Rho Newsletter, supported by member dues, is published two times a year: Fall and Spring. We welcome your comments and news about STTI Rho members’ activities.

Send your contributions via email or electronic media by the 15th of April and November, to:

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OR via email to: annkrusz@umich.edu.

Thanks!

To find out more information about our chapter, please visit our website @ www.nursing.umich.edu/information/current-students/clubs-organizations/sigma-theta-tau/
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Nomination for Community Leader

As a member of the Rho Chapter, you are encouraged to nominate RN community leaders for membership. A community leader is defined as an individual who has demonstrated leadership, creative work, support for professional standards and commitment to scholarly nursing. Please confer with your nominee(s) to be certain that he or she wishes to become a member of Sigma Theta Tau. Please refer to the Rho Chapter web site for specific information about criteria and examples of what constitutes achievement. Go to [www.nursing.umich.edu](http://www.nursing.umich.edu) -- Type “Rho Chapter Community Leader” in search box.

NOMINEE:

Name: ________________________________

Address: ___________________ City: ___________ State: _________ Zip: ________

Employer: ________________________ Work Phone: ______________

Email Address: ______________________ Home Phone: ______________

NOMINATED BY:

Rho Chapter Member Name: ________________________________

Address: ___________________ City: ___________ State: _________ Zip: ________

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The Membership Committee will contact the nominee for additional information.

Please return completed form by September 15 to:

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COMMUNICATION SURVEY

Rho Chapter is exploring new ways of communicating with members and events to meet your needs. Please answer this survey to help us know your preferences. An online version of this survey will also be sent to you by email. Reply to either method—we want to hear your ideas!

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6. If Rho Chapter developed a Facebook site, what features would make it useful for you? (Circle all that apply.)

   ____Announcement of News and Events
   ____Member discussion forum
   ____Photos of events
   ____Other (Please describe) ____________________________________________

7. Please rank order the importance of each benefit to you by using the numbers 1 through 7 in the space provided (most important = #1; least important = #7).

   ____Networking for jobs
   ____Networking for career questions
   ____Mentorship from experienced nurses
   ____Opportunities to mentor younger members
   ____Events & conferences for professional development
   ____Social events
   ____Opportunities for community service

8. List any other comments about communication and your membership needs here:

Return survey by July 1, 2012 to:
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