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Congratulations to 2007 New RHO Chapter Members!

INDUCTED OCTOBER 28, 2007



Sixty-one new members were inducted into Rho Chapter on Sunday, October 28, 2007 at the Michigan League Ballroom. Family members, sponsors, friends, and faculty enjoyed an afternoon reception honoring our newest colleagues. Chapter President Norma Sarkar, MPH, RN, served as mistress of ceremonies. Undergraduate Director, Bonnie Hagerty, PhD, RN, CS, welcomed the new members, and Director of Nursing at the University of Michigan Health System, Marge Calarco, PhD, RN, also offered her congratulations.



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The President's Column

By Norma J. Sarkar MPH, RN

President, Rho Chapter

As the weather turns cooler, the change seems to invite reflection. As I complete my second term as Rho president, my thoughts are on beginnings and the future.

Sixty-one new nurses and future nurses are beginning their membership in our organization. It is hard to find the words to describe our pride during the Sigma Theta Tau Induction Ceremony held on Sunday, October 28, 2007. It was my privilege to announce our inductees and describe their accomplishments and goals. Every inductee planned to complete a masters degree in an area of interest. All of these individuals demonstrate the mission of STTI: "...leadership and scholarship in practice, education and research to enhance the health of all people."

As proud as we are of our newest members, we are concerned about the future of Rho chapter. In spite of many months of searching by our hardworking Leadership Succession Committee, no one was willing to accept nomination as Chapter President-elect or Chapter Vice-President. I am serving my second term as president and per the bylaws, will complete my service as President on June 30, 2008.

Rho chapter needs strong leadership so I am pleading with each of you to consider stepping forward to serve as either president-elect or vice-president or strongly encouraging a fellow chapter member to step forward. Many of our members are nearing retirement. Can you spare a few hours to serve your chapter? Rho Chapter was the sixteenth STTI chapter chartered in 1959. We have a long and notable past, but we need your help to build our future. Please contact Susan Clemen-Stone, Chairperson, (scstone@umich.edu) or myself (nsarkar@umich.edu) to let us know that you want to see our chapter sustained.



RHO CHAPTER OFFICERS

President:

Norma Sarkar, MPH, RN (nsarkar@umich.edu)

Vice-President:

[Currently Vacant]

Treasurer:

Susan Cares (scares734@comcast.net)

Recording Secretary:

Nancy Rolston MS, RN (nrolston@umich.edu)

Faculty Advisor:

Rebecca Bowen MS, RN (rbowen@umich.edu)

Faculty Advisor-Elect:

Judy Wismont, PhD, RN (wismont@umich.edu)

COMMITTEES

Excellence in Nursing Awards

Mary Sue Webb BSN, RN (mswebb@umich.edu)

Governance Committee (Membership & Bylaws)

Chairperson: Rebecca Bowen MS, RN
(rbowen@umich.edu)

Faculty Advisor Elect: Judy Wismont, PhD, RN,
(wismont@umich.edu)

Member: Sandy Merkel, (sandym@med.umich.edu)

Member: Michelle Aebersold, MS, RN
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Newsletter/Publicity

Ann Kruszewski, PhD, RN, Chair
(annkrusz@umich.edu)

Leadership Succession Committee

Chairperson: Susan Clemen-Stone MPH, RN
(scstone@umich.edu)

Member: Jan Smith, MS, RN (jws@netrek.net)

Member: Judy Heath, MS, RN (jmheath@umich.edu)

Research/Special Projects

Jane Anderson, PhD, RN, Chair (janea@umich.edu)

STTI MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

Take advantage of these opportunities! All of these services can be accessed readily from the STTI website, located at <http://www.nursingsociety.org>.

FREE CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Disaster Preparedness and Response for Nurses by the American Red Cross and STTI (Go to the STTI home page and click on Nursing Knowledge International to access this free program).

REFLECTIONS IS NOW ONLINE

Be sure to read "You'll Know You're a Nurse When..." A wonderful article by nurse written after her first few years of practice. (Go to the STTI home page and click on Reflections).

THE VIRGINIA HENDERSON INTERNATIONAL NURSING LIBRARY

Access to nursing information and nursing data sources to help nurses advance patient care (Go to www.nursinglibrary.org).

CAREERXEL

Utilize this site to explore your nursing career possibilities. (Go to the STTI home page and click on CareerXel).



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Research/Special Projects Grants: **Due January 15, 2008**
- Evidence Based Practice 2008 Bridging the Research-Practice Gap: **March 13, 2008**
- Spring Awards Ceremony: **Sunday, March 30, 2008 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens**
- Sigma Theta Tau International Conference: **July 9-12 in Singapore**

Rho Chapter Induction Ceremony: October 28, 2007

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Please look over our list of new inductees and make a point of offering congratulations and a "Rho Chapter welcome" to anyone you know.

A special thanks to Chapter Secretary, Nancy Rolston, our major organizer, and Faculty Advisor, Rebecca Bowen, who assisted with this event.

Community Leaders

Rebecca Eggleston
Shawn Murphy
Annette Schork



Doctoral and Masters Students

MiSook Jung
Marilyn Lawrence



Undergraduate Nursing Students

RN Studies Students

Therese Adamowski, Lisa Beckman, Mary Bonner, Karie Curtis, Charlotte Dietrich, Mary Endres, Ellen English, Dana Hebner, Trese Kampmueller, Kimberly Kurzeja, Amanda Missel, Jannet Provost, Jessica Quigley, Jonathan Reed, Kelly Schultz, Karen Tweedy, Michelle VanderMeer, Crystal Williams



Senior Nursing Students

Sarah Borgstadt, Mitchell Bradley, Christine Catalan, Christine Cha, Jacqueline Dufek, Renee Forma, Melissa Lea Foster Rietz, Lacey Garbo, Katherine Garcia, Lynn Garofalo, Ashley Garrett, Megan Gerlinger, Deborah Glazer, Kristi Her-shiser, Heather Hoffner, Bridget Holtz, Sarah Jarvis, YounHee (Stella) Jee, Amanda Jones, Katy Kerrigan, Emily Klump, Julie Krumb, Diana Krankurs, Leah McLaughlin, Patricia Oppenheim, Amy Riebe, Sarah Schietinger, Andrea Semaan, Renee Shelton, Kathryn Sibbold, Karen Simon, Jessica Smith, Lindsey Smith, Ashley Strotbaum, Tami Szuba, Kirsten Thulin, Lauren Underwood, Courtney Van Essen



WELCOME

*Rho Chapter Awards Ceremony:
April 1, 2007*



Rho Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International, proudly honored seven recipients in the annual Awards Ceremony on Sunday, April 1, 2007 at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens.



Special thanks to Awards Ceremony Chair, Mary Sue Webb, BSN, RN



Rho President
Norma Sarkar, MPH, RN



Dean Kate Potempa, DNSc, RN, FAAN, (left) and Director of Operating Rooms UMHS, Shawn Murphy, MSN, RN, (right) give greetings at the Awards Ceremony



Awards recipients for 2007 are:

Excellence in Research:

Lisa Kane Low PhD, CNM, FACNM
University of Michigan School of Nursing



Lisa Kane Low
Excellence in Research

Excellence in Education:

Desiree Denise Blake, MPH, RN
University of Michigan Health System



Desiree Denise Blake (left),
Excellence in Education
(with President Norma Sarkar)

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*Rho Chapter Awards Ceremony:
April 1, 2007*

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Excellence in Nursing Practice:

Sheila Hay, BSN, RN
*Arbor Hospice
(not pictured)*

Excellence in Nursing Leadership:

Barbara Brush, PhD, ANP-C, FAAN
University of Michigan School of Nursing

Mentorship Award:

Barbara Nevins-Soong, BSN, RN
Arbor Hospice



Barbara Brush (left),
Excellence in Nursing Leadership
(with President Norma Sarkar)



Barbara Nevins-Soong,
Mentorship

Student Leadership Award:

Renee Havey
Senior Student, U of M School of Nursing

Sharon Warner
Senior Student, U of M School of Nursing



Renee Havey (left),
Student Leadership
(with President Norma Sarkar)



Sharon Warner,
Student Leadership



Congratulations



Awards Ceremony recipients (left to right): Barbara Nevins-Soong,
Desiree Denise Blake, Lisa Kane Low, Renee Havey, Barbara Brush,
Sharon Warner (not pictured: Sheila Hay)

Rho Chapter News

Upcoming Conference

Evidence Based Practice 2008 Bridging the Research–Practice Gap

March 13, 2008

Kensington Court Hotel, Ann Arbor

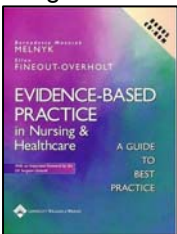
(supported by Rho Chapter and Eta Rho Chapter)

Keynote Speaker: Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, PhD, RN, FAAN

Dr. Melnyk is currently Dean, College of Nursing, Arizona State University. Dr. Melnyk is internationally recognized for her expertise in evidence-based practice. She is co-author of *Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing and Healthcare: A Guide to Best Practice* (Lippincott, 2005), the first book on EBP written by American nurses. A nurse practitioner, she chaired a national Summit, funded by AHRQ, to launch the National Consortium for Pediatric and Adolescent Evidence-Based Practice (NCPAEP).



Registration available in January.



Contact: (734) 763-5283

Or register on the web:

www.med.umich.edu/esn/programs/ebp/

Upcoming Conference

Sigma Theta Tau International Conference

19th International Nursing Research Congress Focusing on Evidence-Based Practice:

Globalization of Research through Technology
July 9-12, 2008, Singapore

For more information, visit the STTI website:

www.nursingsociety.org



Rho Chapter Spring Awards Ceremony

Sunday, March 30, 2008, 2pm to 4pm

Matthaei Botanical Gardens



The Sigma Theta Tau International Rho Chapter Awards Ceremony is a time for you to acknowledge your fellow members of Sigma Theta Tau for their hard work, guidance, leadership, and excellence as members of the nursing profession.

Please nominate a deserving Rho chapter member. Anyone can make a nomination! (Except for the Student Leadership, Friend of Nursing, and Institutional Excellence Awards, all nominees must be Rho Chapter members.)

Award categories include: Excellence in Research, Excellence in Education, Excellence in Nursing Practice, Excellence in Leadership, Rising Star (for a nurse who is young in her career), Distinguished Service, Student Leadership, Mentorship, Friend of Nursing, Institutional/Organizational Leadership.

Please send your nominations to Mary Sue Webb, Awards Ceremony Chair, mswebb@med.umich.edu.

Nominations for Sigma Theta Tau President and Vice-President

Nominations Needed IMMEDIATELY!

The future of our chapter is in YOUR hands!!

Are you a new member? A recently retired member? A student? A working professional? Looking for an opportunity to network? The Leadership Succession Committee is seeking candidates for Chapter President and Chapter Vice-President. WE STILL NEED THE HELP OF OUR MEMBERS! We promise that the work will be fun and the workload reasonable. The Chapter provides secretarial support for all officers. Please nominate yourself or a fellow member for these offices. Each officer serves a two year term.

- **President** (provides chapter leadership)
- **Vice President** (assists president and develops ideas for programs)

Nominate a member today!

Contact Susan Clemen-Stone, Chairperson (scstone@umich.edu), or Norma Sarkar, President (nsarkar@umich.edu).



Meet the RHO Chapter Board

New officers and Committee chairs and members of Rho Chapter were elected in spring 2007. New members include: Treasurer, Susan Cares; Faculty Advisor, Judy Wismont; Governance Committee members, Sandy Merkel and Judy Wismont; Leadership Succession Committee members Jan Smith and Judy Heath. Read the introductions below to meet your Rho Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs who are proudly serving you, our members:



Chapter Officers:

-President: Norma Sarkar, MPH, RN

Norma is graciously continuing as our energetic president. She is currently a Lecturer at the School of Nursing teaching 2nd Career and traditional undergraduate students in the Community Health Nursing class. She also teaches Leadership & Management to undergraduate nursing students and Health Behavior for Individuals and Families to RN students.

-Secretary: Nancy Rolston, MS, RN

Nancy is Lecturer in SON for the past 5 years with experience in Community Health Nursing for 12 years. She teaches clinical courses in Community Health Nursing for undergraduate, RN Studies, and 2nd Career programs. She has been involved with STTI for 12 years, served on board for 6 years with another chapter as Program Director and Director-at-Large..

-Treasurer: Susan Cares, MS, RN

Susan is currently working part-time at Arbor Hospice admitting new patients to the Ann Arbor Residence. She is part of the Access Unit which provides intake functions for all three branch offices (Ann Arbor, Northville and Down River) in addition to The Residence.

-Faculty Advisor: Rebecca Bowen, MS, APRN-BC, FNP

Becky is a Lecturer II in the School of Nursing, teaching in the 2nd Career and traditional Undergraduate nursing programs.

-Faculty Advisor-Elect: Judy Wismont, PhD, RN

Judy, a Lecturer in the School of Nursing, teaches the OB/Reproductive Health course in the traditional undergradu-

ate nursing program. She has taught at the University of Michigan for 20 years and during that time, has served in a variety of roles.

Chapter Committees:

-Excellence Awards Committee: This committee oversees the Nursing Excellence Awards and the annual awards ceremony held in March.

Chair: Mary Sue Webb, BSN, RN

Mary Sue is a Clinical Nurse II at the Briarwood Family Medicine Clinic. She provides nursing leadership as a member of the Ambulatory Care Professional Practice Council, a member Task Force to develop Diabetes Case Management and is actively involved in protocol development, case management, and clinic processes.

-Research/Special Projects Committee: This committee oversees the grants awarded semi-annually to support members' research and scholarly projects.

Chair: Jane Anderson, PhD, RN

Jane is an Educational Nurse Specialist, in the UMHS Educational Services for Nursing department, University Hospitals and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing

-Governance Committee: This committee oversees new membership and bylaws.

In addition to the chair, Faculty Advisor, Becky Bowen is Chairperson.

-Leadership Succession Committee Chairperson: This committee is responsible for selection of members to serve in chapter leadership positions, and handles officer elections.

Chair: Sue Clemen-Stone, MPH, RN

Sue is an Assistant Professor, Community Health Nursing, at the School of Nursing.

-Newsletter/Publicity: This committee handles publicity for Rho Chapter events, manages the website and publishes the chapter newsletter.

Chair: Ann Kruszewski, PhD, RN

Ann is an Assistant Professor at the School of Nursing. She currently teaches in the RN to BSN Completion program and the 2nd Career Program with a focus on evidence-based practice skills for clinical nurses.

Rho Newsletter, supported by member dues, is published two times a year: Fall and Winter. **We welcome your comments and news about STT Rho members' activities.** Send your contributions via email or disk by the 15th of March and November, to: Newsletter Editor, Rho Chapter, STTI, c/o Ann Kruszewski, University of Michigan, 400 N. Ingalls, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0482, (734) 763-9436, <annkrusz@umich.edu>.

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Research and Special Projects Grants:

Applications due January 15, 2008

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:

<http://www.nursing.umich.edu/stti/grants/apply.html>

