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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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST RHO CHAPTER MEMBERS!!!

Jenna Allen	Adriana Collins	Brianna Freedman	Emily O'Connor	Jamie Lee Vanderhoff
Kimberly Baroch	Lori Crawford	Anastasia Gale	Hanna Olsen	Monica Wagner
Erika Beelen	Rachael Crowe	Nicole Gillis	Stephanie Poindexter	Rachel Wickham
Stephanie Benjamin	Julie Damery	Gina Greco	Jennifer Reid	Abby Wittenberg
Frankie Bonner	Marissa DeMartino	Laura Gultekin	Christine Renke	Jennifer Wood
Kyle Brown	Erin DeVor	Heather Harroun	Moneesha Roy	Quinn Wulf
Stefanie Burdalas	Danielle Douglas	Andrew Humes	Natalie Runson	
William Byers	Kari Durbin	Kelly Johnson	Kyoko Sasahara	
Kristina Caris	Brynt Ellis	Anastasia Kannellopoulos	Meghan Shaffer	
Kristin Carter	Shannon Fearday	Alison Martineau	Kathryn Shanks	
Vicki Chang	Julie Fielder	Andrea McClain	Eliabeth Shea	
Amanda Chiti	Kristina Fleming	Carolyn Mergos	Jeanette Stark	
Sally Clement	Aimee Flood	Mallory Missad	Eleanor Stewart	
Lauren Cohen	Natalie Fluent	Danielle Mruzek	Aimee Surma	

And...Congratulations to our awardees and research grant recipients:



Rho Chapter Excellence in Nursing Awards & Grants Recipients
(Left to right) Elizabeth Brough, Cynthia Arslanian-Engoren, Gina Greco, Jennifer Wood, Margaret Calarco, Shaké Ketefian.
(Not pictured) Mary Nies and Mary Bonner

- Excellence in Education: Elizabeth Brough, PhD, RN, Clinical Instructor, School of Nursing
- Distinguished Service: Shake 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



Dr. Ketefian with international scholars

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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Chapter News!!!

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.



Dr. Anna Gawlinski

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

Region 10 hosted its second annual leadership conference, “*Diversity and Civility in Nursing*” in Ann Arbor on Friday and Saturday, April 20-21, 2012. Our region of STTI encompasses chapters in Ontario, Ohio, and southeast Michigan.

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. Phyllis Kritek

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! Strobbe, S., & Kurtz, E. (2012). Narratives for recovery: Personal stories in the 'Big Book' of Alcoholics Anonymous. *Journal of Groups in Addiction & Recovery*, 7(1), 29-52.

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'Haïti (Faculty of Nursing Science of the Episcopal University of Haiti or FSIL), located in Léogâne, Haiti.



SNA Officers and Haiti Nurses Foundation

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!



Shana Walker



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:

Judy Wismont PhD, RN
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Division 2
400 N. Ingalls
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0482
email: wismont@umich.edu



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.

Visit the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library to read complimentary full-text articles from CINAHL on topics that rotate each month. The articles for December focus on autism. Read articles at <http://www.nursinglibrary.org/portal/main.aspx>.



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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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/

Sigma Theta Tau International — Rho Chapter**Honor Society of Nursing****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--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: _____

Employer: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

The Membership Committee will contact the nominee for additional information.

Please return completed form by September 15 to:

Rho Chapter Faculty Counselor: Judy Wismont

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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!

How likely are you to use these communication mechanisms for Chapter information?

	Very Likely to Use	Somewhat Likely to Use	Not Likely to Use
1. Email messages about Chapter news and events			
2. Chapter website on School of Nursing website			
3. Chapter Facebook site (proposed)			
4. Chapter Newsletter			
5. The Circle website (STTI social networking web platform)			

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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