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Chapter President's Message—Dr. Pam Newland

Welcome!

The theme for this year will be “mentorship and collaboration”. It is the intent of this president to garner support and enthusiasm from all of our members, as well as encourage more membership involvement! As part of the mission of Sigma Theta Tau, the president-elect and myself will attend the Leadership conference in Indianapolis in September.

This year - 2010 - is the International Year of the Nurse as it is the 100th year anniversary of the death of Florence Nightingale. Many events have taken place, along with nursing tributes.

Our chapter, sadly, had the loss of another great nurse, our colleague, Dr. Gladys Mabunda. A very special memorial is being held for her on August 27, 2010 at the SIUE Center for Spirituality and Sustainability, formerly the Religious Center. Please see inside for details.

The spring/summer has been very hot and busy for this chapter! Last spring, we had our 30th Joint Anniversary Celebration with Delta Lambda. In April, our chapter had the good fortune to gain new members to our board! Shelia Pietroburgo, Vice President Melisa Berendsen, Leadership Succession. I look forward to another year of serving this chapter.

Pam Newland, RN, PhD, CMSRN

Epsilon Eta Annual Fall Induction

Epsilon Eta Chapter of STTI invites you to its
Annual Induction of New Members
Friday, October 15, 2010 2008, from 2:00-4:00 PM,
in the Morris University Center Conference Center,
at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL.

The speaker will be Ronnie Kister, a graduate of the SIUE Traditional Nursing Program in May 2010. Mr. Kister will speak on “Poster Presentations - A Student Perspective”.

Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

Please RSVP to Annette Musenbrock at 618-650-6959 by October 1, 2010.

STTI—An Honor to Join, A Benefit to Belong

Celebration—30 Years of Epsilon Eta Chapter



On March 25, 2010, the Epsilon Eta Chapter of STTI and Delta Lambda Chapters of SLU hosted their Joint 30th Anniversary Celebration, at Kemoll's Restaurant, St Louis, MO. Keynote speaker, Dr. Patricia Benner, R.N., Ph.D., FAAN, spoke in regards to "Nursing as a Caring Practice". There were over 93 nursing faculty, alumni, and community leaders in attendance. Evaluations of the event revealed attendees were highly satisfied with the evening and format. Thanks to the planning committee consisting of SIUE SON faculty and SLU SON faculty members from both chapters.

STTI— and the International Scene

"STTI seeks to make a difference in the lives of others through our service and professional networks."

Leadership Summit, September 24-25, 2010 Indianapolis, IN

With the theme "Leadership and Career Enhancement in Challenging Economic Times" the Summit promises to stimulate young and seasoned careers alike. Three keynote speakers promise to spark enthusiasm, including

- Karin Morin, Ph.D., RN, 2009-2011 President of STTI and Director of Graduate Programs at UW—Milwaukee. Her topic is "Personal Leadership—Starting Your Journey"
- Angela Barron McBride, RN, PhD, FAAN will present on "Nursing Leadership, Needed Now More Than Ever Before!" Dr. McBride is the distinguished professor and University Dean Emerita from Indiana University School of Nursing, Indianapolis.
- Patricia Thompson, RN, EdD, FAAN and current CEO of STTI will discuss "STTI— Opportunities and Initiatives."

President Newland and President-Elect Diane Siburt will be representing Epsilon Eta Chapter. All members of STTI are welcome to attend.

Visit online at :

<http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents/LeadershipSummit>

22nd STTI International Research Congress, July 11-14, 2011
in conjunction with the
2nd WANS International Nursing Research Conference for the
World Academy of Science, July 14-15, 2011
in Cancun, Mexico.

Abstract submission for both events is due December 8, 2010. For details read online:

<http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEVENTS/RESEARCHCONGRESS/>

Help Identify Nurse Leader Candidates

As Epsilon Eta begins to review SIUE traditional and accelerated undergraduate and graduate student nurses for the upcoming induction ceremony in October 2010, the Eligibility Counselors traditionally look to you, the membership to nominate nursing faculty members or other nurse leaders in the local nursing community. In addition, interested, professional, nurses may ask for consideration on their own.

Do you know of a nurse leader in your own agency? If so, nominate him or her!

What a great way to show your appreciation for other nurses!

Nurse Leader Candidates must:

- Be legally recognized to practice nursing in his/her country;
- Have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent in any field;
- Have demonstrated achievement in nursing.

Send the name of your colleague who fits this description to the Eligibility committee members.

Contact:

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Honor Society:
A group established that recognizes colleagues' academic or/or professional achievements

Epsilon Eta Member Awards

The following awards will be conferred at the Fall induction ceremony:

- A New Scholarship—***The Dr. Gladys Mabunda Nontraditional Nursing Student Award***. *The amount of the award is yet to be determined.*
- Betty Temple Mills Award - \$100
- Undergraduate Student Excellence in Clinical Nursing Practice Award – \$100 (current chapter member)
- Graduate Student Merit Award –\$100 (chapter member who is in the graduate program)
- Writing for Publication Award- \$100 (all members eligible)

Applications will be accepted until September 24, 2010. Application forms are listed below or you may obtain copies from Annette Musenbrock, SIUE School of Nursing, Campus Box 1066, Edwardsville, IL 62026; Completed application forms and supporting materials should be sent to:

Dr. Ann Popkess, SIUE, School of Nursing, Campus Box 1066, Edwardsville, and IL 62026

For more information check the School of Nursing webpage, specifically the section for Sigma Theta Tau International, Epsilon Eta at:

<http://www.siue.edu/nursing/organizations/stt/index.shtml>

SAVE THE DATE!

March 16, 2011 12-4 pm

Martha Welch Research Day

Applying Evidence Based Nursing: Local & Global

Key Note Speaker: Dr Suzanne Prevost,

President Elect Sigma Theta Tau International

Associate Dean for Practice, University of Kentucky

Annual Business Meeting

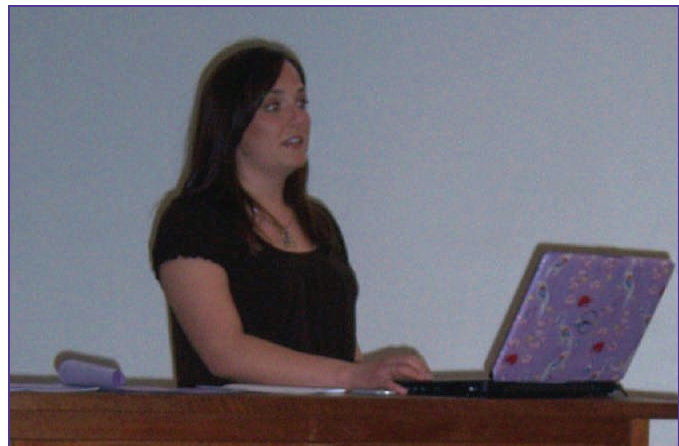
The Annual Business Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 5:30 in the evening at the G.C. Cuisine and Deli in Edwardsville, IL. Two student posters were available for viewing: Erika R. Hildebrand - *Childhood Obesity: It's bigger than you realize*, and John R. Nichols— *Description of symptom Clusters in Persons with Multiple Sclerosis: An Innovation Approach*.

Two speakers shared their most recent research: Ann Popkess, Ph.D., RN provided an overview of her dissertation research titled, *The Relationship between Student Engagement and Active Learning in the Classroom*. Brianna Closen, BSN, URCA Associate presented on *Student Beliefs related to Complementary Alternative Medicine (CAM) and Holistic Health (HH)*. Her presentation included highlights of her student travels to China in 2009.

The Phd/DNP Doctoral Research Award was given to Amelia Perez, Ph.D. (C) , RN. The title of Amelia's research is: *"Acculturation and illness perceptions of hypertension among Hispanic adults."* The purpose of the award is to help Epsilon Eta members complete doctoral research or projects.



Amelia Perez (center) received the PhD/DNP Doctoral Research Award. Also pictured are Dr. Pam Newland (left) and Dr. Gladys Mabunda (right), Chair of the Awards Committee.



Brianna Closen, BSN presents her Undergraduate Research Academy Project

Did you know that there are Continuing Education opportunities on the STTI website? Some of the newest opportunities cover disaster preparedness and response, everyday ethics in nursing practice, and an evidence based practice course. Some programs require a nominal fee, while others are free! Check them out at :
www.nursingsociety.org/EDUCATION/PROFESSIONALDEVELOPMENT

Nursing Scholarship through Research and Presentations

Congratulations to the following members who were successful in pursuits for nursing scholarship. Note that some accomplishments are in the form of publications to nursing journals, others are presentations or posters.

Baier, M. (2010). Insight in schizophrenia: A review. *Current Psychiatry Reports*, 12, 356-361.

Comrie, R. (March, 2010). Moral Distress Among Undergraduate Nursing Students. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Nursing Research Society, Kansas City, MO.

Dr. Kathy Ketchum became the Assistant Dean for the Graduate Nursing Program as of July 1, 2010.

Harrison, R. SIUE, STEP Grant, \$14,252, "Guideline Adherence for Managing Hypoglycemia"; Co-Principal Investigator, 2010-2011

Lyerla, Frank and Harrison, Roberta. (2010) AMSN (Academy of Medical-Surgical Nursing), Research Grant (\$5000), Study Title: "Guideline Adherence for Managing Hypoglycemia"

Newland, P., Riley, M., Fearing, A., & Neath, A. (2010). Pain in Women with Relapsing-Remitting Multiple Sclerosis: Relationship to Demographic Variables. *MEDSURG Nursing*, 19 (3), 177-182.

Newland, P. Riley, M. (2010) AMSN Research Grant of \$5,000. Study Title: *Symptom Clusters in Persons with Multiple Sclerosis (MS): A Qualitative Approach*

Pam Newland. (2010) Ruth Kirshstein Postdoctoral Award for work in Multiple sclerosis

Popkess, A. (March, 2010). *The Relationship between Undergraduate, Baccalaureate Nursing Student Engagement and Use of Active Learning Strategies in the Classroom*. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Nursing Research Society, Kansas City, MO.

Schmidt, C. (March, 2010). *Parental involvement with adolescents' type 1 diabetes care management: Perceptions of Parents and Adolescents*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Nursing Research Society, Kansas City, MO.

Dr. Cindy Schmidt was promoted to Professor during the Spring 2010 Semester.

Thimsen, K. (2010). Community Nursing Centers: Future Opportunities - So Don't Miss the Bus, STTI, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR. Paper Presentation.

Thimsen, K. (2010). Elder Abuse and Ageism in Health Care Providers...yes...YOU! Philippine Nursing Society of Chicago OASIS and Home Health Nursing Opportunities. Paper presentation.

Scholarly Accomplishments includes information submitted by faculty at SIUE School of Nursing. *All members* are invited to submit information for future newsletters. Send your information *now* to Diane Siburt, President-elect and editor of the newsletter. E-mail to dsiburt@siue.edu

Highlights of the 21st STT International Nursing Research Congress, July 12-16, 2010 Orlando, Florida

The most recent research congress focused on Global Diversity through Research, Education, and Evidence-Based Practice. A highlighted study is summarized here:

Transforming Care at the Bedside: Before and after—A nurse's job satisfaction can affect his or her ability to administer care. When a Transforming Care at the Bedside program was inaugurated in a critical-care unit in a Bangkok, Thailand hospital, research was conducted to analyze its impact on satisfaction of staff nurses and the nursing error rate. The result? Significant increase in job satisfaction for the nurses, significant decrease in the nursing error rate, and redesigned ICU nursing care that fosters team collaboration and gives the care manager more time to spend with patients and families. **Nitorn Washirasawass**, RN, presented the study, titled "Effects of Transforming Care at the Bedside program on job satisfaction of staff nurses and nursing error rate at critical-care unit of Samitivej Sukhumvit Hospital.



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