



Par Excellence!

Spring 2011

President's Message



About this time each year, we collect information on the activities of our chapter. I want to take a minute to reflect and applaud all that has taken place so far this year. During the fall, under our leadership intern Katie Hanner's direction, several community service activities were completed. Blankets for our neighbors is a project that was started by Laura Pabich and Katie has carried it on. Fleece was purchased or donated, nurses and nursing students gathered and assembled the blankets and Katie donated them to the Shelter House and to the Hope House. Shelter House is a temporary residence for homeless people and Hope House is housing for families of adult patients at UIHC who are receiving treatment for cancer or other severe chronic diseases. People in either of these situations could use some comfort and support. These blankets not only provide warmth but show the caring our members extend to people in need in our community. Katie also led a drive to recruit bone marrow donors called "Be the Match" and has continued the scarf sales to raise funds. The fundraising efforts have been dedicated to the Girl Child Fund. This foundation supports the education of the orphan daughters of nurses.

In addition to community service, we have invested in the professional development of our members. In the fall, we had Founder's Day where we celebrated the inception of STTI and shared the opportunities presented by being a member of this selective honor society. In January, we had "Gamma Goes Global" Members presented their work in service, education and/or research in many parts of the world. For example, Casey Panko and Christy Vitzhum described their work in Haiti providing earthquake relief. The care they provided ranged from resuscitating neonates to providing immunizations, clean drinking water and shelter. Hospice care in India is very different from the US and Jo Eland described the service learning activity in which she teaches. Sandra Daack-Hirsch discussed the research that she has done in genetics and how other cultures view the research process. These are only a few of the examples of the great work in which our members are involved. Participants at the January event got a chance to interact with these members to learn not only about their work but also about how an interested person could get involved. On March 1, we held Progressive Nursing Day which is led by a student board and co-sponsored by Gamma Chapter. The program this year centered on alternative therapies and it was a fascinating day of discussion of topics such as Reiki, therapeutic touch and music therapy.

We are all looking forward spring! Starting to see green patches instead of snow and the tips of flowers poking through the ground are such hopeful, energizing sign. We have Gamma Chapter events to look forward to as well. In April, Gamma Chapter is a sponsor for the Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Conference. This nationally recognized event brings in scholars and clinicians who share the exciting ways they are using evidence to guide and improve practice. Also in April, we have the pleasure of having induction. Our honored guests will be the inductees who have accepted the invitation to join the honor society and the featured speaker will be our own Laura Pabich.

We cherish our active members and welcome any member who has not been as involved to reconnect and recommit. Please watch the Gamma Chapter website for news and opportunities to get involved.

Sincerely,

Ellen Cram

President, Gamma Chapter, STTI



STTI Member Spotlight

Diane Huber, PhD, RN, FAAN, NEA-BC



The College of Nursing is excited to announce that Professor Diane Huber was awarded the Certified Advanced Nurse Award by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). The ANCC presented Dr. Huber with the award at their National Magnet Conference on October 14th, 2010.

Dr. Huber began her career as a nurse educator in 1982 and is currently a Professor at the College of Nursing and the College of Public Health at the University of Iowa. She was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 1997 and has been certified by ANCC in Nursing Administration, Advanced (now Nurse Executive Advanced Board Certification) since 1997.

The elite award recognizes Dr. Huber’s national contributions in nursing education and her professional experience with innovation, consultation, leadership and professional risk-taking. She has excelled in developing effective methods for teaching her students to use evidence and implement complex theories in nursing practice. The success of her pioneering textbook “Leadership and Nursing Care Management” proved that nursing students would embrace evidence-based research. The comprehensive text filled a void in nursing education and set the standard for using evidence-based research in future materials for nursing education. Across the nation, she has been sought out as a curriculum consultant for nursing administration and case management.



Gamma members honored as 100 great Iowa Nurses

Sharon Baumler	University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics
Deborah Bohlken	University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics
Laura Cullen	University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics
Janie Knipper	University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics
Grace Matthews	University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics
Mary McCarthy	Mercy Hospital, Iowa City
Kathleen Osterman	Sibley-Ocheyedan Community School District
Mary Jeanne Perino Phillips	University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics
Jamie Williams	Mercy Medical Center, Mason City
Ann Williamson	University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics

Amy Leitch, MBA, MSN, ARNP has been selected
has Secretary of STTI-Congratulations Amy!



Meet the New Board Members

Bylaws and Eligibility

Nicola Jane Prater, ARNP, NP-C, MSN

Lecturer/Coordinator for HouseCalls- University of Iowa College of Nursing

Education:

1981 ADN Parkland Community College
1986 BSN Sangamon State University
2000 MSN University of Iowa
2005 Post-master's Certificate, ARNP, University of Iowa

Past positions:

1981 Staff Nurse, Mercy Hospital Champaign, Illinois
1983 Staff Nurse, Memorial Medical Center Springfield, Illinois
1987 Nurse Manager, St. Francis Medical Center
1989 Nurse Manager, University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics
2000 Staff Nurse, Mercy Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa
2010 Nurse Practitioner, Bowman Woods Family Practice, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Secretary

Lisa L. Wiebenga, RN, BSN

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Bays 2-5

Education:

2010 BSN University of Iowa

Past Positions:

Research Assistant, Cardiomyopathy treatment Program
Board Member, Progressive Nursing Day, University of Iowa College of Nursing
Treasurer, Hall Association Working for Quadrangle Dormitory.

Vice President/Program Task Force

Jessie Alex, BSN, MSN, HP(ASCP)

Nursing Instructor, Kirkwood Community College

Education:

2002 BSN University of Iowa College of Nursing
2006 MSN University of Iowa College of Nursing
2008 HP Hemapheresis Practitioner Certification, ASCP Board of Registry

Past Positions:

2007-2009 Supervisor, DeGowin Blood Center, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
2004-2007 Staff Nurse, DeGowin Blood Center, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
2003-2004 Staff Nurse, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology & Bone Marrow Transplant Unit
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics



Meet the New Board Members

Betty Means Award

Todd Ingram, MSN

Assistant Professor College of Nursing-University of Iowa

Education:

1994 Master of Arts in Nursing, The University of Iowa

1980 Bachelor of Science in Nursing, The University of Iowa

1974 Bachelor of Arts. Majoring in English Literature, The University of Iowa

Past Positions:

1995 Lecturer, University of Iowa College of Nursing

2001 Care Manager, Homesafe

1997 Advanced Practice Nurse, University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics

1996 Staff Nurse, University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics

1981 Assistant Nurse Manager, University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics

1980 Staff Nurse, University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics

Adjunct Appointments:

2006 Center for Nursing Classification and Clinical Effectiveness
The University of Iowa College of Nursing

2006 Manager/Reviewer, Geriatric Nursing



Gamma Goes Global

An exciting STTI Gamma Global Health Event showcased research, service and study abroad experiences of several STTI members on Monday, January 24th .

Country / Presenters:

Education/ Clinical Experience

Mexico - Connie Trowbridge, MA, BSN, RN

India - Jo Eland, PhD, RN, FAAN, FNAP

Haiti - Casey Panko BSN, RN & Christy Berte Vitzthum, BSN, RN

Jamaica - Nicki Markovetz, MS, ARNP, CNM

St. Lucia, West Indies and South Africa - Lisa Skemp Kelly, PhD, RN, MA

Liberia - Jill Scott Cawiezell, PhD, RN, FAAN

Service/Leadership

Italy - Mary Berg, DNP, RN, ARNP

AONE - Carol Watson, PhD, RN, CENP

Zambia - Jackie Heinle, RN, BSN

Research

Philippines - Sandra Daack-Hirsch, PhD, RN

Brazil - Ann Marie McCarthy, PhD, RN, PNP, FAAN





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Gamma Chapter Sigma Theta Tau International

Calendar: 2010–2011

Web site: <http://www.sttigamma.com/>

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Date	Event	Remarks
May 12, 2010 (Wednesday)	Transition Meeting	Brunch @ River City Beefstro/State Room @ 8:30; meeting to follow until approximately 11:00.
August 5, 2010 (Thursday)	Board Meeting	8:30-10:30 a.m. @ River City Beefstro State Room
September 2, 2010 (Thursday)	Board Meeting	8:30-10:30 a.m. @River City Beefstro/ State Room
September 24 & 25 (Fri/Sat)	Leadership Summit	Indianapolis, Indiana
September 28, 2010 (Tuesday)	Fall Meeting	7 p.m. Coralville Public Library, Meeting Rooms A and B
October 7, 2010 (Thursday)	Board Meeting	8:30-10:30 am@ River City Beefstro/ State Room
October 10, 2010 (Sunday)	Breast Cancer Walk	8 am Cedar Rapids
November 8, 2010 (Monday)	Founder's Day Cake in the Well & Blood Drive	CON well area – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
November 11, 2010 (Thursday)	Board Meeting	8:30–10:30 a.m. @ River City Beefstro/ State Room
December 2, 2010 (Thursday)	Board Meeting	8:30–10:30 a.m. @ River City Beefstro/ State Room
January 4, 2011 (Tuesday)	Committee chairs post information on scholarships, CPIA, and Betty Means Awards on website	8:30–10:30 a.m. @ River City Beefstro/ State Room
January 5, 2011 (Wednesday)	Board Meeting	Cancelled
January 24, 2011 (Monday)	Gamma Global Event & Brief Business Meeting	5-7 p.m. in the Well at the CON
February 2, 2011 (Wednesday)	Spring voting on Inductees	101M NB
February 2, 2011 (Wednesday)	Board Meeting	Cancelled
February 28, 2011 (Monday)	PND Planning Committee Dinner	Linn Street Café @ 5:30p.m.
March 1, 2011 (Tuesday)	Progressive Nursing Day	Iowa Memorial Union 7:30am-3:00pm
March 2, 2011 (Wednesday)	Voting meeting for Officers	electronic
March 2, 2011 (Wednesday)	Applications due for research, scholarship, CPIA, and Betty Means awards	
March 3, 2011 (Thursday)	Annual chapter certification of renewal fees due Board Meeting	Cancelled
March 14, 2011 (Monday)	Intern application due	
April 1, 2011 (Friday)	Decision regarding Interns	
April 4, 2011 (Monday)	Board Meeting	8:30 – 10:30 a.m. @ River City Beefstro/ State Room
April 23, 2011 (Saturday)	Spring Induction	Holiday Inn Convention Center, Coralville, Iowa 9:30 AM-12 noon
May 11, 2011 (Wednesday)	Transition Meeting	8:30 – 10:30 a.m. @ River City Beefstro/ State Room breakfast and hand-off between old and new officers