

Beta Beta Bylines



President's Message

As I complete my final year serving as our chapter president, I would like to thank our Chapter's Board Members and involved members for their continued service and membership. It is our mission to provide you with high quality scholarly programs, meaningful community service projects, and opportunities to network with colleagues and friends. Sigma Theta Tau is a wonderful avenue to pursue professional development, enhance skills, exchange ideas, connect or reconnect and develop networks. I would like to thank you for your continued interest and involvement in the Beta Beta – Dallas/Denton Chapter.

During our recent induction ceremony, we recognized Dr. Oneida Hughes, Ph.D, RN for her devoted service to our chapter over her many years of membership. Dr. Hughes was not present during the original ceremony, so we provided her with the STTI necklace gift during our recent September Chapter Meeting. Even in her retirement, we are appreciative of the dedication and service of Dr. Hughes as she continues to serve our current Board Member as our Chapter's Awards/Scholarship/Research Chair.

We intend to continue our support for the philanthropic causes into the coming years through your generous contributions of volunteerism and financial sponsorship. We have continued our support for the international mission's in India (Rebekka Ann Naylor School of Nursing) where we provide two nursing uniforms to the new graduate nurses and to Haiti (Grace Children's Hospital and Haiti National School of Nursing) where we have supported financially and educationally for various programs.

We recently held our Founder's Day event October 3rd, 2011. The keynote for the event was Dr. Alain Suris, PhD, who is a Clinical Psychologist at the Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System and an Associate Professor for the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center with the Clinical Scholars Track. She is an esteemed psychologist who spoke on the topic Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The presentation was terrific and well received with an interactive audience.

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As we celebrate the 2011 STTI Biennium in our host city of Grapevine, Texas, we look forward to several members speaking or presenting posters during the event. The upcoming Biennium is slated for October 29 through November 2nd, 2011. We look forward to seeing you at the STTI Biennium in our Texas host city.

Several activities await us for the coming year.

- STTI Biennium
- VA Health Fair
- TWU National Student Nurses Association Health Fair
- TWU Holiday Gift Program
- Winter Scholarly Program/General Membership Meeting
- Research and Scholarship Awards
- Spring Induction Ceremony
- Continued Chapter Website updates and The Circle websites
- Interaction with Facebook, for the our chapter—to share events and your updates

Thank you for your ongoing membership in Beta Beta- Dallas/Denton. Remember, success is a journey and not a destination. Your support and contributions through your volunteer efforts to STTI and Beta Beta Dallas/Denton make a difference and permit us to achieve our chapter goals. Please remember to include us in your passion and consider participating in the activities for the coming year. One day, one month, one semester/season, or one year can make all the difference in our chapter's successes. Please visit our website for at www.betabeta-d.org for upcoming activities and events. I am looking forward to seeing you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Tanya Schlemmer,
DNP, MSN, MHA,
RN-BC, CCRN-CMC, FNP-C
Chapter President

Spring 2011 Sigma Theta Tau Induction

The Beta Beta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau held their annual induction ceremony on April 15th, 2011 at the A.W. Harris Faculty Club- UTSW. The key note speaker was June Marshall, RN, MS, NEA-BC, a STTI member, and the Director of Advancing Professional Nursing Practice at Texas Health Presbyterian Dallas. New chapter officers were inducted as follows: President-Elect, D. Tapler; Vice President, S. Alexander; Secretary, C. Bailey; Leadership Succession Committee, V. Marsh; Governance Committee, V. Zeigler; Membership Involvement, M. Tietze. Chapter awards were presented to the following members: Research/Scholarship Award to Shanila Noorani; and Member of the Year Award to Tanya Schlemmer, current president of the Beta Beta Chapter. Five nurse leaders were inducted into STTI Beta Beta.

Korean Student Nurses Expected to Visit in 2012

Submitted by Deborah Tapler PhD RN CNE

The collaboration between Texas Woman's University, College of Nursing and Daejeon Health Sciences College in Daejeon, Korea is expected to continue in 2012. Last year, eleven Korean student nurses came to TWU in Dallas, Texas from December 2010 to January 2011 to participate in an immersion program that had several goals. The students improved their English proficiency, enhanced their knowledge of cardiovascular nursing, and were introduced to the latest educational technologies. The students visited area hospitals and participated in patient rounds. This winter, more students from Korea are anticipated to attend this innovative immersion program.

Sigma Theta Tau, Beta Beta Chapter, sponsored a luncheon for the students before their departure last January. The chapter is interested in continuing this special relationship with the foreign students when they arrive this coming winter. This unique partnership between the countries hopes to enhance the health care of people in other parts of the world.



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They were honored for their dedication to nursing practice. They were Wilma Ayala, Karen George, Susan Gordon, Barbara Robinson, and Manjula Shrivastava. Beta Beta Chapter was pleased to induct 23 graduate students and 79 undergraduate students into Sigma Theta Tau International. The inductees enjoyed an evening of outstanding distinction with their family, peers, faculty, and other Beta Beta members. Congratulations to all of the new STTI inductees and future STTI leaders.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy McMenemy, MS RN CNE
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Bless the Children African Mission (BTCAM) is a non-profit organization working in northeastern Tanzania to provide basic healthcare to remote agricultural villages who have no significant access to medical services. There is no running water or electricity, and most of the roads are dirt or grass and are passable only 48% of the year. Bariadi District has a population of over 500,000 with a mean income of just over \$1.00/day. These people are gentle peacemakers who are gracious and hospitable in the face of extreme poverty and need. Misi village is in the Bariadi District and is the focus of the mission as these people have had no healthcare prior to BTCAM's first visit in 2009. Since that time, Grace Humana Maternity Clinic/Hospital construction has begun under the direction of BTCAM and the foundation for St. Monica's Elementary School has been dug. There is a passion within BTCAM to continue this work and teach the villagers to be self-sufficient and health conscious. This is part of our professional global responsibility as nurses and hopefully will be our legacy.

Prior to this year, the American team has consisted of two women. Nola Schrum, a full time Assistant Professor of Nursing at Texas Woman's University (TWU) and Kim Freeman, a dentist in Garland. In the summer of 2011, five TWU nursing students and one faculty member joined the team along with an elementary education student from North Texas. The students were an integral part of the team as they worked packaging medications, screening people for reading glasses, assisting the dentist with extractions, and most importantly, as they conducted the first health promotion education these people have ever had. One student accompanied a very ill infant to the hospital in the team car and observed the patient receiving care in an African hospital. She later stated, "I have found my passion. I want to continue to do this kind of work." All of the students demonstrated professionalism and efficiency in the face of culture shock and lack of customary Western conveniences. There were moments of laughter and moments of tears and yet they maintained a positive and inquisitive posture throughout the trip. Positive comments regarding this mission being not only life changing personally but professionally as well were offered by all who went on the trip. If you would like to know more about BTCAM, please visit www.btcam.com or call Nola Schrum at 972 839-3773 or email at Nschrum@twu.edu.

Respectfully submitted by Nola Schrum.



**41st Sigma Theta Tau Biennial Convention
Gaylord Texan
Grapevine, TX
October 29 to November 2, 2011**

TWU doctoral student, recent graduates, and faculty PAPER presentations:

Name	Presentation Title	Session
Saturday, October 29, 2011		
Zweighthaft, E., and Willson, P.	National Standardize Specialty Exams Improve Predictive Exit Exam Scores and NCLEX-RN® Success	Podium 3:15 PM Session A-8 Testing, Exams and Transition to Practice
Young, A. & Langford, R.	Repeat Testing with the HESI Exit Examination: Performance of ADN and BSN Nursing Students	Podium 3:15 PM Session A-8 Testing, Exams and Transition to Practice
Kirksey, K., Sefcik, E., Hamilton, MJ, and Brown, A	Predictors of Body Fat Redistribution in Persons Living with HIV/AIDS	Podium 3:15 PM Session A-9 Perspectives on Sexual Health
Sunday, October 30, 2011		
Toms, Robin	Conversation with the Candidates	Session B-2 11 AM
Anderson, J. and Willson, P	Evaluation of Video Teleconferencing Technology to Provide Chronic Disease Self-Management Access for Rural Veterans	Podium 11 AM Session B-3 Technology Alternatives in Practice
Throckmorton, T	Twelve Step Food Addictions Support Group: Utilization with Women after Bariatric Surgery	Podium 11 AM Session B-10 Health Issues of Obese Patients
Wiggs, Carol	The Woman's Self: A Multigenerational and Transcultural View of Lifespan Development in Women	Podium 11 AM Session B-12 Research Related to Women's Health Care Issues
Pape, T., & Walsh, J. Et al	Two Hospitals Collaborate to Reduce Medication Errors Using Human Factors Approaches	Podium 2:45 PM Session C-4 Quality Improvement Initiatives
Hutchinson, S Maharaj, T. Non-nursing faculty: Hersch, OTR, Davidson, OTR, Wilson, C	Testing an Occupation-Based Cultural Heritage Intervention to facilitate adaptation of newly admitted African American and Caucasian residents to long-term care: Evidence-based research	Podium 2:45 PM Session C-11 Chronic Health Conditions
Monday, October 31, 2011		
Pancheri, K. Nurse, R. & Nelson, L.	Transcending Boundaries in Nursing Education: Evidence-based Research on the Efficacy of Three Online Technologies	Symposium 10:00 AM Session D-7 Transcending Boundaries in Nursing Education: Evidence-Based Research on the Efficacy of Three Online Technologies
Yi-Jen Huang and Asphodel Yang	Continuous Versus Intermittent Nasogastric Feeding for Patients on Mechanical Ventilation: Impacts on Gastric Emptying and Pulmonary Aspiration-A Comprehensive Systematic Review	Podium 10:00 AM Session D-10 Acute Care Outcomes Measurements

Ridosh, M., Roux, G., Sawin, K., Braun, P., & Bellin, M.	The Experience of Transition to Adulthood for Youth with Neurological Conditions	Podium 10 AM Session D-11 Adolescent Health Concerns Across the Continuum
Marshall, L., & Toms, R	SPECIAL SESSION: Research Abstracts, Proposals and Grant Writing: Basics from Start to Finish	SPECIAL SESSION: 10 AM Session D-14 Research Abstracts, Proposals and Grant Writing: Basics from Start to Finish
Houston, Susan, Leveille, Marygrace Luquire, Rosemary and Fike, Angela	Comparison of Decisional Involvement Scores Among Magnet, Pre- Magnet and Non-Magnet Facilities in a Large Healthcare System	Podium 10 AM Session D-21 Creating Satisfying Workplace Environments
Grassley, Jane S. Spencer, Becky Bryson, Deborah	Psychometric Testing of the Supportive Needs of Adolescents Questionnaire: Breastfeeding	Podium 1:45 PM Session E-4 Health Promotion for Vulnerable Populations
Sauls, Donna and Grassley, Jane S.	Evaluation of the Supportive Needs of Adolescents During Childbirth (SNAC©) Intervention	Podium 1:45 PM Session E-6 Clinical Innovations for Evaluating and Improving Mental Health
Lehna, Carlee R. Richard, Cleo Monsivais, Diane B. Hermanns, Melinda Engbretson, Joan	Through the Stigma Lens: Culture and Chronic Conditions	Symposium 1:45 PM Session E-12 Through the Stigma Lens: Culture and Chronic Conditions
Dawkins, Vivian	Developing Bedside Leadership Skills in a Culture of Safety	Podium 1:45 PM Session E-20 Diverse Strategies in Developing Nurse Leaders
Toms, Robin	Conversation with the Candidates	Session F-2 3:15 PM
Lewis, Patricia Malecha, Ann	Impact of Workplace Incivility on Staff Nurses including Productivity and Financial Consequences	Podium 3:15 PM Session F-10 Professional Nurses: Roles, Models, & Issues
Ayers, C., Lyon, K., Binder, B., Koci, A., Jennings, C., Montgomery, D Foster W	Simulated Hospital The Simulated Hospital Environment: Using Space Industry Techniques for Global Transformation of Nursing Education.	Symposium 3:15 PM Session F-17 Simulated Hospital The Simulated Hospital Environment: Using Space Industry Techniques for Global Transformation of Nursing Education.
Gonzales, L. Koci, A. Gee, R.	Making Key Clinical Assessment Tools Accessible for Global Nursing Practice	Podium 3:15 PM Session F-18 Global Leadership: Various Issues

Anderson, J., & Tapler, D.	Impacting Cardiovascular Recovery after a MI: The Study of Predictors of Health Promoting Behaviors and Health Related Quality of Life in the post MI Population.	Podium 8:30 AM Session G-3 Health Promotion Strategies for the Adult Population
Cho, Ho Soon Michelle Davis, Gail Fedric, T., Yousef, M., Et Al	Preventing Lymphedema for the Post-Mastectomy Patient with Papilla Gown and Education	Podium 8:30 AM Session G-4 Clinical Models for Women's Health Care
Toms, Robin	Reiki: A Complementary Biofield Therapy for Management of Postoperative Pain	Podium 8:30 AM Session G-9 Alternative Techniques in Providing Health Care
Liu, Fuqin	Policy Analysis Untangles Preconception Health and Care Definitions: The Innovative Use of Policies, and Women's and Providers' Voices from Rural Zhejiang China	Podium 8:30 AM Session G-10 Public Policy for Diverse Populations
Nava, M de Trimble, D. & McFarlane, J.	HIV-Infected Women and Intimate Partner Violence: CD4 Counts, Opportunistic Infections, Viral Replication, and Adherence to Antiretroviral Medication	Podium 10:00 AM Session H-8 HIV/AIDS Guidelines and Initiatives
Pine, Rosemary Langford, Rae Malecha, Ann Ayers, Constance	Should I Stay or Should I Go: Predicting the Departure of Baccalaureate Prepared GNs Participating in a 12-Month Nurse Residency Program	10:00AM Session H-19 Models for Leadership Development

TWU doctoral student, recent graduates, and faculty POSTER presentations:

Poster Session I and II

Name	Presentation Title	Poster Session
Bailey, C., & Tapler, D.	A Systematic Approach to Analyzing Simulation Experiences.	Poster Session I Mon. 10/31 10 AM to 4:30 PM Tues.11/1 8:30-11:15 AM
Benham Hutchins, M.	Content and Methods of Clinical Information Exchange during Nursing Handoff	Poster Session I Mon. 10/31 10 AM to 4:30 PM Tues.11/1 8:30-11:15 AM
Broxson, Anita	Survivorship: A Concept Analysis to Promote Healthy Outcomes in Cancer Survivors	Poster Session I Mon. 10/31 10 AM to 4:30 PM Tues.11/1 8:30-11:15 AM
Cesario, S.	Development of a Self-Report Instrument to Evaluate the Cumulative Effect of Documented Risks, Triggers, and Protective Factors in Ovarian Cancer Expression	Poster Session I Mon. 10/31 10 AM to 4:30 PM Tues.11/1 8:30-11:15 AM

Cho, M. Tapler, D. Bailey, C. Cho, Mee Peters, M.	Coming to America: Korean Nursing Students Experience an Immersion Curriculum	Poster Session I Mon. 10/31 10 AM to 4:30 PM Tues. 11/1 8:30-11:15 AM
Foster, Jan	Impacting the Global Problem of Delirium in Critically Ill Adults	Poster Session I Mon. 10/31 10 AM to 4:30 PM Tues. 11/1 8:30-11:15 AM
Haley, S.	Educational Intervention to Reduce Breast Cancer Disparities: the Dallas Cancer Disparities Community Research Coalition	Poster Session I Mon. 10/31 10 AM to 4:30 PM Tues. 11/1 8:30-11:15 AM
Mauricio, R. Cesario, S. Symes, L. Binder, B.	Adolescents with Metastatic Cancer: A Pilot Study	Poster Session I Mon. 10/31 10 AM to 4:30 PM Tues. 11/1 8:30-11:15 AM
Restrepo, E.	Neonatal Morbidity and Mortality Related to Induction of Labor Prior to 39 Weeks Gestation	Poster Session I Mon. 10/31 10 AM to 4:30 PM Tues. 11/1 8:30-11:15 AM

Creative Art Presentations

Name	Title of Research Presentation	Date & Time
Wiggs, Carol	Presentation The Red Flag: The cost of menarche	Creative Arts Poster

Rising Star Doctoral Student Posters

Barton, Lisette (Houston PhD)	The Experience of Nursing School Failure	Rising Star Doctoral Student Poster
Courville, Katheryn (Denton PhD)	More than just charity: Volunteer medical groups can help resource-poor/developing countries collect health care data	Rising Star Doctoral Student Poster
Lucas, Rebecca (Dallas DNP)	Acculturation of Mexican Americans and Parental Use of Over-the- Counter Cough and Cold Medicines	Rising Star Doctoral Student Poster
McFadden, Barbara (Houston PhD)	Oral Colonization in the Preterm Neonate: Effect of Oral Care	Rising Star Doctoral Student Poster
Sanders Hunter, Teressa (Denton PhD)	Process used to negotiate condom use among African-American women: A Grounded Theory Study	Rising Star Doctoral Student Poster
Thompson, Lori (Dallas DNP)	Parents' Knowledge and Behaviors Related to the Use of Over-The- Counter Cough and Cold Medications	Rising Star Doctoral Student Poster

Date	Event	Place	Speaker/Participants
October 28 – November 3, 2011 Fri - Wed	Biennial Convention	Gaylord Texan	All STTI members
November 14, 2011 5:00 p.m 2nd Monday	Chapter Meeting		Board & Interested Members
November - December	Volunteer Project Health Fair Holiday Project	VA TWU	Board & Interested Members
December 5 , 2011 5:00 p.m. 1st Monday	Chapter Meeting		Board & Interested Members
February 6 , 2012 6:00 p.m. 1st Monday	Winter Scholarly Event/ General Membership Meeting. (Voting for New members; Election of New Officers)	TWU	All members Interested non- members
March 5, 2012	Deadline: Research/ Award/Scholarship applications		Research Committee
March 5, 2012 5:00 p.m. 1st Monday	Chapter Meeting		Board & Interested Members
April 13, 2012 6:00 p.m. – 10 p.m. 3rd Friday	Induction Ceremony		Board & Interested Members Inductees and Guests
May 7, 2012 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. 1st Monday	Transition Meeting		Board Members -- Outgoing and Incoming Interested members

CALENDAR

**Research Awards
Scholarship Awards
Excellence in Nursing Awards**

Applications and Criteria at: www.betabeta-d.org

Deadline: March 5, 2012

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