

Beta Beta Bylines



President's Message

Dear Beta Beta-Dallas Member,

I hope that this message finds you well. On behalf of the Beta Beta Board Members, I would like to thank you for being part of Beta Beta-Dallas Chapter. You are part of a fast-growing and dynamic professional organization. As part of Sigma Theta Tau International-Beta Beta Chapter, you have joined an international community of more than 130,000 active members who share scholarly achievement, research, clinical, and professional experiences, as well as personal insight and integrity through a network of chapters located on 469 college and university campuses located in 86 countries. We appreciate your dedication to nursing and your willingness to be an active volunteer. Becoming a volunteer means you are willing to become part of the solution. We hope you find your Beta Beta experience to be fulfilling.

As 2011 begins, we look forward to upcoming activities and celebrate our recent chapter accomplishments. In 2010, I attended the Leadership Summit held at UT Arlington on September 15th and 16th and thoroughly enjoyed the Billye Browne 85th Birthday Celebration, keynote address, educational sessions, and networking opportunities.

In October, Beta Beta co-sponsored the 18th National Nursing Research Conference with the Veterans Administration of North Texas, held on October 1, 2010. This event had a superb showing of research and attendance. This was an extravagant event and once again, Dr. Verdell Marsh demonstrated exemplary standards for event hosting. We held our recruitment tea on October 11th and wish to thank the Governance Counselors (Dr. Debbie Tapler, Nancy McMenemy, Laurie Galatas) as well as the on-site faculty and Beta Beta Chapter members for their time, energy, and effort in making this event successful.

In November, TWU's Health Fair was held November 8th and Beta Beta Chapter participated with blood pressure screening. Dr. Oneida Hughes, Virginia "Sissy" Fleet, and I were participants in this event. We celebrated the International Year of the Nurse with a Region 6 Consortium which was held on November 19th. We would like to thank Virginia "Sissy" Fleet and Debby Nolan for their dedicated volunteer time towards the fundraising activities for this event. This event raised \$11,000 and the proceeds went towards the international mission of Haiti (National School of Nursing, Grace Children's Hospital) and the Rebekka Ann Naylor School of Nursing, Bangalore, India.

In December, Spearheaded by Dr. Debbie Tapler and Nancy McMenemy, Beta Beta Chapter participated in this annual Holiday Gift Giving project in conjunction with the TWU Holiday Gift program. We were able to fulfill the holiday spirit with this event as we provided gifts for two families.

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In January, the new building for the TWU campus was ready to move into. We transitioned into this new building adjacent to the old building and wish to thank Stephanie Kessler for her dedication to re-establishing the STTI-Beta Beta display case for us to showcase our chapter history and achievements. On January 14th we sponsored the luncheon for the Korean Nursing Students, in conjunction with TWU Pilot Global Nursing Program. This luncheon was held in the new TWU campus building at the end of the student immersion program.

In February, Beta Beta Chapter provided a continuing educational/scholarly activity held on February 8, 2011 entitled Winter Symposium: Women's Health, in conjunction with the General Membership Meeting. The Podium speakers were Dr. Sherry Carter (The Pelvic Exam and Cervix Visualization: Does Sequence Matter?) and Julie Hawkins, (Weight Loss Strategies for Obese with Diabetes and/or Hypertension: An algorithm) and both presentations were well received.

In March, we will be reviewing nominations for the Awards in Clinical and Teaching Excellence, Scholarship and Research. We are accepting nominations for Chapter Board positions (President-Elect, Membership Involvement Chair, and Awards Chair) and encourage members to volunteer their service. Making a difference in the community we serve begins with providing solutions to the problems. We know excellent nurses make differences every day and would like you to share your skills in our community. In April, we anticipate another successful induction ceremony and look forward to new members becoming involved in STTI and our chapter.

The new website for the chapter is being established by Graciela Salinas, and we hope this website will be up and running in the coming month(s) to better our visibility and transparency as a chapter. There is also a new chapter website established through international via "The Circle" and we encourage everyone to visit this site, participate in the blogs, and update your profile there. In addition, we would like to thank Kaitlin O'Hearn and Virginia "Sissy" Fleet for their assistance in setting-up and establishing our Chapter's Facebook page. Come visit us on Facebook at Sigma Theta Tau, Beta Beta Chapter. I would also like to thank the newsletter editor, Patrick Harden, for his volunteered time and dedication to this chapter.

Save the date as we look forward to the upcoming 41st Biennial Convention being held in Grapevine, TX on October 29 through November 2, 2011.

Thank you again for being a part of the Beta Beta-Dallas Chapter and we look forward to providing you with a positive experience that will help build your professional career. Please consider us when you have ideas for philanthropy or when you are interested in being a volunteer. Active membership is crucial to the survivability of our chapter. We hope to engage you in your learning endeavors, knowledge, and professional development as part of our mission with STTI and our commitment to making a difference in health worldwide.

Sincerely,

Tanya Schlemmer, DNP, RN-BC, CCRN-CMC, FNP-C

Beta Beta-Dallas Chapter President

Region 6 North Texas Liaison

Website Editor

2010 International Year of the Nurse

Region 6 Consortium

Held November 19th (Friday), 2010

Thank you to all who sponsored, supported, and attended the event.

The sponsorship proceeds go to the International Missions:

International Council of Nurses (ICN) Library for the Haiti National School of Nursing
 Haiti National School of Nursing
 Haiti Grace Children's Hospital
 Rebekka Ann Naylor School of Nursing--Bangalore, India



*Keynote Speaker
Sharon Weinstein*

This celebration recognized individual nurses making a difference in nursing. The Keynote speaker was Sharon Weinstein, MS, RN, CRNI, FACW, FAAN, author of "Nursing without Borders" and "B is for Balance", who spoke on "Partnering for Success--Creating global relationships". The author had a book signing as well.

The event was held at the University of Texas at Arlington Rio Grande Ballroom. A dinner buffet and continuing education credits were included. On-site exhibitors included Nurse Oncology Education Program, Allison West/Premier Designs Jewelry, Majors Books, STTI Beta Beta Dallas Chapter, and STTI Iota Nu Chapters. There was a slide show presentation displaying various chapter activities (mission trips, chapter activities through the years) with a DVD gift for those in attendance. The raffle and silent auction were successful. Two \$500 "Excellence in Nursing Scholarships" awards were given to recipients Tracey Johnson and Grace Harrison.

The silent auction items included an assortment of vintage nursing items and memorabilia, artwork, and collectible items, as well as other items of interest. Some items included: a Florence Nightingale Doll, Civil War Nurse Barbie, a Reference Handbook for Nurses, an American Red Cross First Aid Textbook, "Nursing in Texas: A Pictorial History", several framed prints, a Compassion and Kindness Music Box, a Framed 1961 Student Nurse stamp with nurse leader quotes, and a Framed Florence Nightingale stamp with her quotes.

Event sponsorship included: Tanya Schlemmer, Beta Beta-- Dallas, Delta Theta, Iota Nu, Alpha Delta, XI PSI, Kappa Psi, Tau Epsilon, Gamma Xi, Epsilon Theta, Tau Chi, Zeta Pi, Epsilon Theta, Susan Brown, Katydid, Allison West, Dorothy Otto, Major Medical, and the Nurse Oncology Education Program (NOEP).

Haiti Library sponsors included: Xi Iota, XI PSI, Kappa Psi, Beta Beta-Dallas, Epsilon Omicron, Epsilon Theta, Zeta Pi, and Tau Epsilon with \$3702.64 collected for the Haiti International School of Nursing Library.



Grace Harrison



Ellen Palmer, Delta Theta President, updating on the situation in Haiti since the earthquake.



Tracey Johnson

Region 6 Consortium



Texas Woman's University Health Fair

Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), Beta Beta-Dallas Chapter participated in an interactive Community Health and Wellness Fair at the TWU Health Science Center. This event was held November 8, 2010 at the TWU-Dallas/Parkland center. This event provided an opportunity to make a positive difference in the health and well-being in the lives of the TWU-Dallas participants and the community it serves. STTI, Beta Beta-Dallas Chapter performed blood pressure screening and shared with interested participants how STTI and Beta Beta engage in community service and support the education and professional goals of students and faculty through the honor society vision. The vision of the Honor Society of Nursing Sigma Theta Tau International is to create a global community of nurses who lead in using knowledge, scholarship, service, and learning to improve the health of the world's people.

Research Awards Scholarship Awards Excellence in Nursing Awards

Applications and Criteria at: www.betabeta-d.org
Deadline: March 7, 2011

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Winter Symposium: Women's Health

The Winter Symposium: Women's Health was held on February 8, 2011 inside the new building on the TWU Dallas campus. Dinner was catered by the Olive Garden, and one nursing contact hour was provided by the Veterans Administration of North Texas. The podium presentations were conducted by Sherry Carter, PhD, WHNP, RN, who spoke on her research entitled "The Pelvic Exam and Cervix Visualization: Does Sequence Matter?"; one contact hour was awarded for this presentation. Julie Hawkins, RN, BSN presented a poster and spoke on "Weight Loss Strategies for Obese with Diabetes and/or Hypertension: An algorithm". Both of these presentations were well received and provided interesting discussions for possible follow-up research opportunities. We wish to thank Dr. Verdell Marsh for her time and dedication to providing these nursing contact hours to us. We also wish to thank Dr. Catherine Bailey for her time and dedication to the coordination of this event. We look forward to future events in the new TWU Dallas campus building.

Mark Your Calendars

Beta Beta Chapter will induct new members and install new chapter officers on April 15, 2011. The event will take place at the A.W. Harris Faculty Center at UT Southwestern Medical School.

Coming to America: Korean Nursing Students Experience an Immersion Curriculum

Ho Soon Michelle Cho PhD RN, Deborah Tapler PhD RN, Catherine Bailey PhD RN,
Mee Kyung Cho PhD RN, Margaret Peters MS RN

The purpose of the Pilot TWU Global Nursing Program is to propose a strategy to initiate a global partnership with the goal to share knowledge and technology that benefits the education of nursing students around the world. Collaborations between International and American universities are encouraged to enhance the health care of people around the world. TWU in Dallas joined with Daejeon Health Science College in Daejeon, Korea to initiate a learning partnership. The global connection began with an invitation for a Korean nursing professor to reside in Dallas as a visiting scholar from January 2010 to January 2011 and learn the latest technology used in nursing.

After the Korean professor had studied at TWU for one year, eleven nursing students from her college in Korea came to Dallas and participated in a month-long immersion curriculum entitled the Different Ways of Knowing Program. The visiting students were required to have a TOFLE over 550, a GPA over 3.8, an excellent community service record, and be in their final year of study. The curriculum began with an intensive two-week session of studying English from December 15 to December 30, 2010. The last two weeks focused on the study of cardiovascular disorders, pharmacology, and evidenced-informed treatments from January 4 to January 14, 2011.

TWU nursing faculty (all STTI, Beta Beta-Dallas Chapter Members) educated the students in English using various teaching modalities which are not available in Korea. Through the use of computer-based interactive case studies, the use of MicroSim and Simulation scenarios, and the application of high-level skills, the students were presented with opportunities to demonstrate clinical judgment to increase nursing knowledge. In addition, the students made rounds in five acute care hospitals, participated in a multicultural exchange day with TWU undergraduate students, and visited local cultural destinations. The students reported that they experienced a growth of nursing knowledge and skills due to the technology-enriched program. They felt a connection with TWU students and faculty who demonstrated innovative ways of knowing. They also reported that their immersion experience would benefit their patients in Korea because they would now be able to deliver more competent nursing care.

TWU hosted and STTI, Beta Beta-Dallas Chapter sponsored a luncheon celebrating the two-week journey and culmination of the events. This luncheon provided an opportunity to recognize the students' efforts and provide them with their certificates of completion. Awards were distributed for the students who excelled in the didactic component, as well as in the skills lab. The participating faculty attended the luncheon and the student's celebration.



CALENDAR

March 7, 2011 - Deadline for Awards

March 7, 2011 - Membership Meeting

March 28, 2011 - Notification of Awards

April 15, 2011 - Induction

June 18, 2011 - Transition Meeting

Save the Date:

**Oct. 28-Nov. 2, 2011 - 41st Biennial Conference @ The Gaylord in
Grapevine, Texas**

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