

**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

- Next General meeting—
September 17th
- Applications for new
members accepted
through September
28th
- Leading at All Levels—
Oct 2nd
- Jewelry Party—October
23rd
- Induction Ceremony—
November 16th

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TAU TAU NEWS

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Message from Tau Tau President

Welcome to the latest edition of our Tau Tau Chapter Newsletter.

Inside, you will find interesting information about your Sigma Theta Tau International chapter as well as ideas for how you can become more actively involved. We are a dynamic group focused on the mission of our organization: The mission of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International is to support the learning, knowledge and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide. I know this sounds a bit lofty, but the goals of our individual chapter are to honor this mission through our actions at the local, community level.

We support learning and professional development by offering or supporting several nursing educational programs each year

that cover a variety of topics that are of interest to nurses today. Our next event, held in conjunction with the fall General Meeting of our chapter, will be on **Sept. 17**. The topic is Value-based purchasing, which touches nurses whether we are practicing at the bedside or in a leadership role. Knowledge of this topic prepares nurses to lead the charge for efficient healthcare. Please plan to attend, as we feature local nursing leaders as speakers!

Tau Tau Chapter has a strong commitment to scholarship related to nursing students in our community. Realizing that the future of healthcare, both locally and globally, is dependent on quality nursing care and nursing leadership, we strive to help foster new nurses, develop nurse leaders and



**Tau Tau President Chris
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MSN, RN**

empower all nurses. We are committed to building an endowment fund, created through strong fundraising efforts, so that we may begin to offer academic scholarships to future nurses. We are currently offering scholarships to cover expenses associated with induction to the Tau Tau Chapter, while we “grow” our academic scholarship



**Tau Tau
Endowment fund**

Update from Finance Committee

In August 2012, an Endowment was created through the NMH Foundation. This fund was established to support Tau Tau Chapter activities related to Research, Scholarships & Service. The monies for this trust account are established through fundraising efforts and

donations. Distributions will not be available from our endowment until January, 2014 at which time 5% will be available for distribution on an annual basis.

We currently have a balance of \$3,401.97 available in our Tau Tau Foundation account

which is available for disbursement at any time.

All new gifts and fundraising efforts can either benefit our endowment or the current foundation fund.

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Update from Fundraising Committee

In May we sent out a letter to all active and inactive members asking for a donation to the Tau Tau Fund and we received \$460.

In August the Tau Tau Fundraising Committee held a 3-Day Used Book Sale and we made \$703. What a great event and thanks to all who donated books, assisted with the sale and to those who bought books. We are well over our goal for the year of \$1000.

October 23rd we will have a Jewelry Party

and all proceeds will go to the Tau Tau Fundraising account. Please plan to attend.

On November 16th in conjunction with the Induction Ceremony we will hold a Silent Auction. Please feel free to donate gifts to auction off or attend and plan to purchase some great items. Who knows, Christmas is coming up and you could get your shopping started!

The fundraising committee has been in full swing now for 3 years.

We set out to raise \$1,000 per year and have far exceeded that goal which gave us the opportunity to start an endowment fund through Methodist Foundation. This is great and exciting news for our Chapter. This could not have happened without generous donations and assistance with events. I thank each and every one of you who have made this Committee successful!

Membership renewal! It's that time of year...remember to go to the STTI website and get your membership renewed today!

<http://www.nursingsociety.org/default.aspx>

Tau Tau hosts national speaker!

On June 7, Tau Tau Chapter was honored to have Elaine Tagliareni as a guest speaker for our summer event. M. Elaine Tagliareni is the Chief Program Officer at the National League for Nursing, effective January 2010. Currently Elaine is the Principal Investigator for a grant, Phase II: Fostering Gerontology in Pre-licensure Nursing Education, a partnership between the National League for Nursing and Community College of Philadelphia. The purpose of the project is to increase faculty awareness of existing resources in gerontology and to provide faculty with a framework to guide the teaching of nursing students to provide compe-

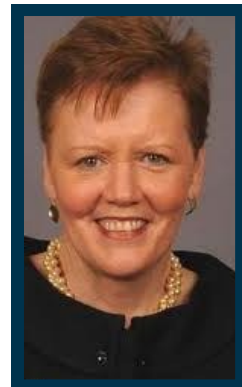
tent, individualized, and holistic care to older adults.

Elaine served as President of the National League for Nursing from 2007 to 2009, and was a member of the NLN Board of Governors from 2004-2009. As President, Elaine advocated for excellence in nursing education through pedagogical research and promoted dialogue about successful strategies to prepare a diverse nursing workforce. Elaine has been an invited member of the IOM panel on the Future of Nursing (2010).

She spoke about key issues from the IOM report and addressed the need for changing how we educate nurses to better pre-

pare them for practice. She helped us explore how we might better envision the future and not be afraid of change. We discussed the need for new pedagogical approaches to learning, to new faculty/student/service partnerships, interdisciplinary education, and changing nursing roles. She emphasized working toward a vision that may not yet be seen but believing that we can get to where we need to be.

It was an inspiring and thought-provoking message and has fueled on-going discussions among those who were fortunate to hear her. For those of you who missed it, we are hoping to bring her back again in 2013, so watch for more information!



Message from Tau Tau President (continued from front page)

fund. We are able to offer future nurse leaders of our chapter the opportunity to attend the Biennial Convention every other year, as well as the Leadership Forum, taking place this month. Because we recognize the importance

to leadership development that these events offer, we cover the expenses of attendance for 2 members each year.

Finally, we strive to develop each other in the profession of nursing. Through our "Newbie"

group, we mentor new inductees to Tau Tau Chapter by offering activities and meeting opportunities that introduce them to STTI and engage them in our mission. We encourage networking with all members through social gatherings and various community service opportunities. Watch our Calendar of Events for opportunities to get involved or reach out to any Chapter Leader. We have been waiting for you!

Service Projects & Partnerships



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Tau Tau Chapter has a history of philanthropy and service to the community. We want to share with the membership some of the work going on and partnerships we have. One group we partner with is the WCA. Formerly the YWCA, the Women's Center for Advancement's mission is to help women and their families build lives of strength, growth and self sufficiency.

Currently, the agency is best known for its crisis and safety net services. Their Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (DVSA) Program provides a full range of services for victims including a 24-hour hotline, advocacy, counseling and legal services

for safety and healing to clients in their time of greatest need. The Bridges to Opportunity Program takes a multi-agency, individualized approach to assist our clients in their efforts to remove the barriers to self-sufficiency. This program is a fully collaborative effort of seven community agencies, with the WCA serving as lead agency, to provide comprehensive services in the following self-sufficiency domains: income, employment, housing, food, childcare, adult education, legal, healthcare, life skills, mental health, substance abuse, community involvement and support. The partners have successfully

teamed together to provide an array of support services based on individual severity of need, as each client progresses from economic and social vulnerability to self-sufficiency.

Among other service projects, Tau Tau Chapter has donated career clothing to assist clients as they prepare for entering employment and going to job interviews. We were fortunate to have Lynn Pollitt from the WCA as our guest speaker last February. We will be working more with this group in the future, so if you are interested, please contact Nellie Johnson or one of the board members.



BLING!

Premier Jewelry Open House

We will be having a Premier Jewelry Open House to fund raise for nursing scholarships on **October 23** from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Embassy Park Apt Clubhouse on 91st and Burt.

Come show your support for Tau Tau and get some really great bling! ALL PROFITS GO Toward Tau Tau Scholarships!!

STTI Leadership Forum in Indy

Sigma Theta Tau International was founded in Indianapolis, and the international headquarters remains in that city. On September 20–22, the group will host a Leadership Forum in Indianapolis covering a wide variety of topics with concurrent sessions tailored to meet the needs of students, clinical nurses, academic nurses, and nurses interested in volunteering and service.

The Leadership Event provides 10.5 Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) contact hours. Topics include Lifelong Leadership, Taking a Stand: Steps to Stop Incivility in the Academic Setting, and The Future of Nursing: Implications for Transforming

the Nursing Workforce which addresses how IOM recommendations are transforming nursing practice.

The Chapter Leadership Event focuses on issues that aim to help each chapter to grow and thrive. Courses include Innovative Ideas for Generating Chapter Funds, Technology-based Tools to Deliver Quality Programs, and Retention Intervention: Tips for Re-energizing Members—featuring a presentation on our Newbie group by Tau Tau member Janet Syslo. Also in attendance from Tau Tau will be Kathy Marquardt, both members who are themselves part of the Newbie group!

Keynote Speakers over the

three days will be: Suzanne Prevost, PhD, RN, COI who will discuss Giving Back to Move Forward as a Nurse Leader; Loretta Sweet Jemmott, PhD, FAAN, RN who will talk about The Voice of Nursing: Leading the Charge; and Patricia E. Thompson, EdD, RN, FAAN who will address Membership: An Honor and a Responsibility.

We look forward to hearing all about this inspiring event when Kathy and Janet return!



CE Event from STTI Nebraska Collaborative & Tau Tau

Tau Tau Chapter and the Nebraska STTI Collaborative would like to invite you to our annual fall program, Leading at All Levels. We are excited to share this

event with you and know that you will find it to be a wonderful opportunity.

The attached flyer has all the details and a link for registering.

The program is October 2 at UNMC Center for College of Nursing Sciences and Rosanna Morris, Chief Nursing Officer at the Nebraska Medical Center is our keynote speaker.

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INTERNATIONAL**

**Tau Tau Chapter,
Nebraska Methodist
College**

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Sigma Theta Tau International
Honor Society of Nursing

Upcoming Events!

September 17

**Fall General Meeting &
Program**

Healthcare Reform:
What it means locally for
nurses and hospitals -
Marie Kozel and Bev
Johnson will discuss why
Meaningful Use and
Value Based Purchasing
matter to the health sys-
tem and why you need
to know about it.

The program is from 6 to
7:15 with meeting to fol-
low at 7:15

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR**



**Help recruit NEW
members! Direct
people to
[jean.farnham@
methodistcollege.edu](mailto:jean.farnham@methodistcollege.edu)!!**

November 16

**New Member
Induction Ceremony
and Reception**

4:30 to 6:00 @ Clark
3218

Come and welcome our
new members and
catch up with current
members.

Plans include a silent
auction fundraiser in
support of our goal of
awarding nursing schol-
arships.