

**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

- New Member Orientation—January 31st
- Next General meeting—February 4th
- NNA Nurses Day at the Legislature—February 13th
- Nursing Research Day—April 3rd

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TAU TAU NEWS

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Message from Tau Tau President

Welcome to the winter 2012 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. While this may sound a bit lofty, 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. Upcoming events include the New Member Orientation on **January 31** and the spring General Meeting of our chapter on **February 4**.

Opportunities for networking with other nurses and nurse leaders in our chapter through socializing and service are being planned. We would love any input from all our members as we put events together!

Something else all members should become aware of is the essential resource that the Sigma Theta Tau International website can be. Please log on to STTI's site and explore all of the opportunities available to you as a member. On the home page alone there are a



**Tau Tau Chapter
President Chris
Hoebelheinrich,
BA, MSN, RN**

dozen areas to check out—links to articles to read or use for research and connections to follow. You will find that you have the ability to access scholarly works by other STTI members covering a wide variety of topics of great interest to nurses for both professional and personal use. And there

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Update from Fundraising Committee

“THANKS TO ALL
WHO DONATED
ITEMS, AND
ALSO TO ALL
THE
SUCCESSFUL
BIDDERS!”

The Tau Tau Fundraising Committee has been very busy making money for the scholarship fund since our last newsletter in September. We held a Premier Design Jewelry Party on **October 23rd**, and the hostess of the party agreed to donate her proceeds to the Tau Tau fund—we made **\$271.00** from this event! Many thanks to all who attended and made purchases.

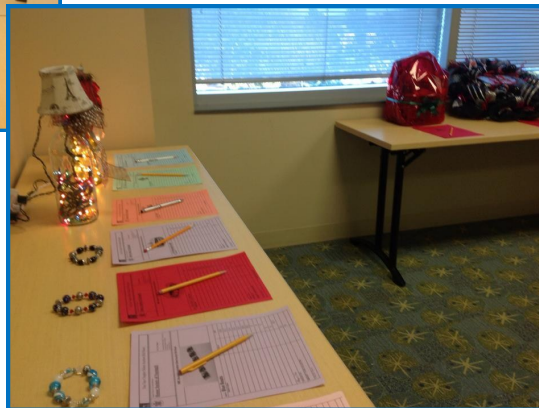
In conjunction with the **November 16th** Induction Ceremony, a Silent Auction was held featuring items do-

nated by members of the organization. We had items ranging from food and wine baskets to sporting event tickets to a super popular Husker Christmas wreath. Bidding was generous, and a total of **\$357.00** was made on the items. Thanks to all who donated items, and also to all you successful bidders!

We continue to brainstorm for interesting fundraising ideas, so if you are aware of or have participated in something of this na-

ture that has been a success, please let your fundraising committee know!

The chair position for the Fundraising Committee will be up for re-election in June. If you have an interest in being nominated, please make your desire known to the board. It is very rewarding to know that you have helped to earn funds that will assist future nurses!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

2012 STTI Leadership Forum

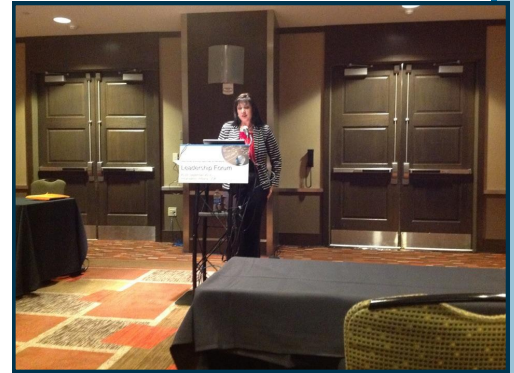
The 2012 Sigma Theta Tau Leadership Forum was held on September 20th, 21st, & 22nd in Indianapolis, Indiana at the downtown Hyatt Regency. Our Tau Tau chapter was able to send 2 representatives: Kathy Marquardt and Janet Syslo. The theme of this year's forum was "Nursing Leadership: Impact at Every Level." There were a wide variety of engaging presentations that discussed leading by example no matter what level of experience or professional position.

The event opened with STTI President Suzanne Prevost talking about "Giving Back to Move Forward as a Nurse Leader". Her inspiring session then led to Leadership breakout sessions that focused either on Student, Academic, Clinical, or Service Learning/Volunteer tracks depending on which area the attendee might have

an interest in. The first day's lunch offered an opportunity to network with other members via assigned tables and topics of discussion with moderators—lively conversations followed.

Day 2 again offered Leadership breakout sessions, with one presentation by President-Elect Hester Klopper from South Africa focused on the UN's Millennium Development Goals. The highlight of the day was lunchtime keynote speaker Loretta Sweet Jemmott, who was full of energy and a great inspiration. "Nurses these days have so many ways to use their talents" because nursing has so many different avenues of pursuit. She reminded attendees to pursue our interests with passion and to use our collective voice to improve healthcare across the globe.

President-Elect Hester Klopper



The final day of the forum focused on Chapter Leadership, including Technology and Engagement opportunities. The penultimate afternoon session offered "Retention Intervention: Tips for Re-Energizing Members" which featured a presentation by Janet Syslo on the Tau Tau Newbies group.

The event was all-in-all motivating and highly recommended to all members who might consider an STTI event in the future.

Message from Tau Tau President (continued from front page)

are opportunities to connect with members throughout the world (we're international!) who share interests similar to yours! You can read the latest information on leading health care topics and the impact they may have on nursing.

[Sigma Theta Tau International website](#)

Check out our Calendar of Events for opportunities to get involved or reach out to any Chapter Leader. We have been waiting for you!



2012 Induction Ceremony

“AN
INVOCATION
FROM DAN
JOHNSTON WAS
FOLLOWED BY
THE KEYNOTE
PRESENTATION
FROM DR. LIN
HUGHES”

The afternoon of November 16th saw the induction of the newest members of the Tau Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International at Nebraska Methodist College. President Chris Hoebelheinrich welcomed everyone and spoke of the honor society and the experience of membership. An invocation from Dan Johnston was followed by the Keynote Presentation from member Dr. Lin Hughes, Dean of Nursing at NMC. Faculty Counselor Jean Farnham read the names as each of the

Jean Farnham setting up sign in table



49 new members crossed the stage to be pinned by Gail Boston and then step down to sign the membership book and receive a lovely lavender carnation. Members were congratulated by board members and family and friends. Photos were taken by all, and the silent

President Chris Hoebelheinrich



auction set up in the periphery was wrapped up to great success. Snacks and beverages were consumed as the event wound down and our excited inductees left with enthusiasm for the opportunities now open to them as Tau Tau chapter members.

Dr Lin Hughes



New inductee Jennifer Moseley being congratulated by President

Silent Auction



2012 Tau Tau Inductees



RN to BSN Graduates

Melanie Jamison
Mary J Grieder

Undergraduates

Jamie J Anderson
Lindsey M Anderson
Joseph Anthone
Megan M Bowman
Katherine J Buehler
Amber Carlson
Benjamin R Cummings
Nichole D Dempsey
Amber Lynn DeRosa
Shannon Rene Docken
Tiffany D Felder
Rinda J Gammon
Alisha A Gau
Laura M Gorsche
Jed R Hansen
Emily M Hipsher
Timothy E Hoarty
Kelsey Ann Keilman

Patricia A Kelly
Sarah Larson
Christine L Malfait
Maya Manjarrez
Katie L McKernan
Evelyn M Merkel
Jennifer L Moseley
Stacia Olsen
Shayla M Oseka
Christine Pierce
Kendryl R Reibold
Lynsey A Rinehart
Haley E Schwartz
Heather Scott
Brittani Seagren
Kacie Sharp
Jill Sheffield
Chelse Caye Smetter
Audrey M Smith
Macy L Smoyer
Kathryn P Sok
Barbara J Sullivan

Areial F S Thompson
Ashley J Tonniges
Kerry J Wedel
Aaron M Williams
Nicole Wolf

Nurse Leaders

Karen Huston
Hilary Spurgeon

New inductees! If you have not yet picked up your honor cord (in white and orchid to wear at graduation), please contact Jean Farnham by email (jean.farnham@methodistcollege.edu) or stop by her office at Leinart 2035.

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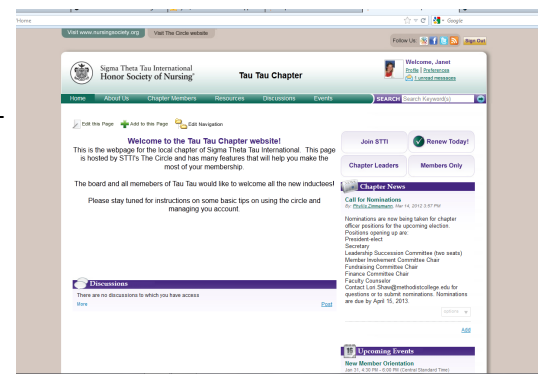
Tau Tau on the Internet

If you are looking for information about your Tau Tau chapter, there are several ways to find us out on the inter-tubes.

Facebook dominates social media, and Tau Tau has a new page! Look for **Tau Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau** and you can see chapter photos of events and members.

Sigma Theta Tau International has its own website, and each chapter has a page on their site. Go to the STTI website and check out [The Circle](#). Each member has access to The Circle—your sign-in is your email address on record with STTI and your password is initially your seven-digit member

number (which you can change). Once you are logged in, click on the Chapters link found in the menu bar and then scroll down to find Tau Tau (it's a ways down there!) You will find information about your chapter and be able to also look at information about other chapters to see what they have going on.



Methodist Nursing Research Day

Save the Date for the 2013
Methodist Nursing Research Day!

April 3rd from 8 am to 12:30 pm in
the Methodist Cancer Center
Auditorium.



Due to events including Cerner changes and implementation of Meaningful Use, etc, the decision was made to scale back the program so that we could keep this important activity but in a way that considers everything else going on.

There will be an increased emphasis on poster presentations.

Additionally, the STAR award presentation will be at this event rather than the evening before.

Edith Anderson Subsidy

Sigma Theta Tau offers an opportunity for assistance with member dues for those who might need it. There is an online form on the STTI website ([click here](#)) available for 10 chapter members each year covering 75% of your annual dues. For those members who might have to make a tough decision and let their membership lapse in favor of honoring other obligations, this is an excellent way to be able to maintain your Tau Tau connection.



NNA Nurses Day

Save the Date—February 13, 2013!

NNA Nurses' Day with the Legislature in Lincoln at the Cornhusker Hotel, lunch at noon with State Senators (\$35/person with lunch, \$25 students, \$15 students with no lunch).

Keynote Speaker Stephanie Moore, Regional Director from KC Federal Health & Human Services who will present on the Affordable Health Care Act. The program will include a presenter with personal experience testifying on a bill and how to get a bill passed. Additionally the program will include an overview of current legislation and which bills the NNA supports and opposes. A great day for nurses! Registration opens after Jan 1st, more info to come...

MEMBER NEWS!

Of the 99 nurses across Nebraska and southwest Iowa that were nominated for the 2012 March of Dimes Excellence in Nursing Awards, 16 were from Nebraska Methodist Hospital System. Of the 26 awarded, several were from Methodist, including Tau Tau member **Jean Adair** who works in the Learning Center. Congratulations Jean! Also recognized at the banquet was **Dr Meg Blair**, faculty at NMC.

Congratulations also to **Amy (Strain) Matthews** who was awarded her CCRN certification in April 2012! Amy will also begin her MSN for Leadership at UNMC in January. Best of luck Amy, we know you will do well!

Jean Farnham & Jean Adair have taken their capstone project from grad school and pursued the subject for many presentations since. On September 27, 2012 they presented at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney on "Lateral Violence and Conflict Resolution in the Nursing Practice Environment". The all-day workshops were attended by 120 people who learned about the effects of lateral violence and techniques for managing group conflict to reach consensus. Another example of Tau Tau members being leaders and helping nurses to become more informed!

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Nebraska Methodist
College**

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Sigma Theta Tau International
Honor Society of Nursing

Upcoming Events!

January 31

**New Member
Orientation**

4:30 @ Alumni Center

Informal gathering to
give new members gen-
eral chapter info—pizza
and soda will be served!

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR**



**Help recruit NEW
members!**

**Direct interested
future members to
jean.farnham@
methodistcollege.edu !!**

February 4

**General Meeting and
Program**

6:00 @ Clark 3218

Optional dinner (\$10,
\$5 students)

Program @ 6:45-7:45

Moral Distress in the
ICU (research study at
NMH) by Lilia Hansen,
Service Leader in
Methodist Critical Care