You’re Stars!
The following members were given chapter awards on April 30, 2009:

- **LuAnn Henning**—Nurse Practice Greater than 10 years
- **Christine Nelson**—Nurse Practice Less than 10 Years
- **Linda Schaefer**—Orchid Award

Great Job Ladies! You are to be commended for your professionalism, years of service, and commitment to the profession of nursing!!

Welcome Aboard
Please welcome the following people who were recently inducted into Omicron Tau!!


Raffle ticket winners for Annual Nurse Day Celebration at the Taube on May 7, 2009:
Belinda Moen: Spa basket, Debbie Hunter: Digital Camera; GPS: Betty Buxa

Update on Omicron Tau Chapter’s Global Health Service Project to Tanzania:
Planning continues for the global health service project with the Foundation for Hospices in Sub-Saharan Africa (FHSSA). Rhoda Owens, Laurie Dimler, and four nursing students (including two newly inducted members) will be traveling to Moshi, Tanzania Dec. 30, 2009 – Jan. 11, 2010 to visit and work in hospices, hospitals, and clinics associated with FHSSA. There will be fund raising opportunities to assist participants with the costs of the trip (see page 3 for the first opportunity to help). Our global health outreach project for this year will include a medical supply drive to collect supplies that will be taken with and distributed while the team is in Africa. This medical supply drive will be held early fall 2009. Watch for further details. Any questions regarding the project, please call Rhoda Owens (720-1588 or 839-8536) or Laurie Dimler (701-337-6093).
Do you want to become more active in Omicron Tau Chapter activities while meeting and networking with other members? We are looking for new members on all our committees. Why not become a member of one of our several committees? Members will be contacted over the next 3 months to determine interest. If interested, contact Rhoda Owens 720-1588 or owensfam@Min.midco.net

The Community/Global Outreach Committee shall identify opportunities for local, national and global outreach projects that promote health care and present suggestions to the board of directors. The committee will develop and implement an action plan for member participation/involvement in board approved projects.

The Awards Committee shall oversee the chapter awards selection process and recommend to the Board of Directors recipients for the chapter awards.

The Education Committee shall be responsible for the educational programs of the chapter, including at least two scholarly programs annually.

The Scholarship and Research Committee shall be responsible for the acceptance, review and judging of the chapter’s research and scholarship applications.

The Finance Committee shall oversee the chapter’s financial procedures and status, monitors the budget performance, participates in the audit process and assists the treasurer as needed with financial management functions.

The Nurse Day Celebration/Raffle Committee is responsible for organizing and planning this Omicron Tau Chapter’s sponsored yearly celebration and event in May during National Nurses Week.

Omicron Tau Chapter’s Strategic Plan
2009-2010

- Hold two scholarly activities each year
- Encourage member involvement in specific projects and/or committee work
- Invite community nurse leaders and nursing students for induction
- Involve students in chapter processes
- Provide mentor opportunities for student members
- Attain financial support through membership fees and fund raising
- Support two delegates to the biennial convention
- Support 1 active member as an officer to attend the Leadership Academy
- Recognize outstanding performance and service through awards and public relations
- Hold regular board meetings and an annual meeting
- Facilitate meetings between members
- Publish newsletter three times a year and send to all active members
- Maintain chapter web-site to provide information and communication among members
- Develop internal resources
- Participate in at least one community and one global outreach project annually
Welcome our New Board Members!

Please welcome our newly elected board of director members who take office on July 1, 2009. Thank you for your willingness to serve. We look forward to serving with you!!

1. Becky Brodell: Vice President
2. Linda Pettersen: Treasurer
3. Chantel Tester: Board Member
4. Rita Meyer: Governance Committee
5. Leadership Succession Committee: Dianne Plesuk, Lisa Endresen, Tammie Braaflat, Ashley DeMakis.

A very special thank you to Margie Hair, Donna Hegle, Linda Pettersen, Jane Olson, LuAnn Henning for serving on the board of directors over the last 2 years. Your time, effort, and expertise have been greatly appreciated!!!

The 8th Annual Northwest Region North Dakota Collaborative Educational Conference will be held on April 10, 2010 at the Grand International Inn. Planning continues with a focus on evidence-based topics involving medical, surgical, and critical care nursing practice.

More details to follow in the next newsletter.

Grab your checkbook and bring a friend

Tanzania trip participants will be holding a garage sale on July 10 and 11 from 8:00am – 5:00pm at 2218 Academy Road.

Proceeds will be used to assist with the expenses of the trip.

Please stop by and shop to support the trip participants.
Omicron Tau Chapter
Scholarship and Research Program

Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), Omicron Tau Chapter Scholarship and Research program exists to enable nurses to advance their knowledge in the areas chosen by the individual nurse, including but not limited to nursing research and current issues in nursing. The purpose of this program is to facilitate scholarship and research opportunities for our chapter members through a grant application process.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2009 Scholarship and Research Program Awards. The amount of an award will be determined by the amount of funds requested, the number of requests and the availability of monies in the chapter scholarship/research program fund. The maximum amount to be awarded per applicant is $500.00. The grant recipients will be notified by September 15, 2009.

Criteria for Awarding Scholarship and Research Program Awards:

1. Applicant Criteria:
   - Active STTI member who is in good standing with Omicron Tau.
   - Registered nurse with a minimum of a Baccalaureate degree in nursing.
   - Nursing student enrolled in a higher degree program in nursing.

2. Application:
   - Submit an application (see attached from) and a written statement of personal and professional goals in nursing.
   - Signed formal agreement (see attached form) for money usage and public report of findings.

   Attachments:
   - If a student:
     Transcript of undergraduate records and graduate work completed.
     Letters of recommendation from two faculty members and one professional associate
   - Omicron Tau Chapter members:
     Vitae or portfolio of nursing practice experience (publications, professional organization involvement, presentations, leadership and practice experience.)

3. Applicant must be a current Sigma Theta Tau International member and belong to Omicron Tau Chapter.

4. Competitive basis for fund allocation:
   - Quality of written goals
   - Contribution or potential contribution to nursing knowledge and public benefit
   - Proposal budget

   Award fund budget and number of proposals submitted.

Applications are due September 1, 2009 to the Scholarship and Research Committee and are to be mailed to the committee’s chair, Linda Pettersen PhD, RN. Please contact regarding any questions with the application process.

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Sigma Theta Tau Member: ___ Yes ___ No  Year Inducted: ___________________

Omicron Tau Chapter Member: ___ Yes ___ No

Co-leader signature(s): __________________________________________________________

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Have you applied for or are you now receiving support for this study?    ___ Yes   ___ No

If yes, list agency: _____________________ Amount requested/received: ______________

If other support is received, please notify Omicron Tau Chapter’s Scholarship and Research Committee Chair.

Complete if a student:

Degree sought: _______________ Expected Date: ______________________

Specify the amount of the program completed to date: ______________________

University: _____________________ Major: ______________________________
Total amount of budget requested in US dollars: $________________

Monies approved will be awarded as follows: one half awarded up front with the remainder awarded upon completion of the project.

Please check the materials accompanying this application:
  Grant Agreement
  Grant Proposal
  Other _____________________________________________

Signature: ___________________________________        Date: ______________________

This section below is to be completed by the Chapter.

A. Approval date: ____________________________
B. Award granted: $__________________________
Chapter Scholarship and Research Committee Chair Signature: ___________________
Chapter Treasurer Signature: ______________________________________________
C. Progress Reports:
   Date: _____________________________
   Date: _____________________________
   Date: _____________________________
   Date: _____________________________

Study completed (date): _______________________
Monies used: _______________________________
Monies returned: ____________________________
Final report date: ____________________________
Omicron Tau Chapter
Sigma Theta Tau International
Scholarship and Research Grant
Agreement Form

If my proposal is approved for funding, I agree to:
Accept responsibility for the professional conduct of this study.
Expend the funds as described in the proposal, and return unused funds to the treasurer of the Omicron Tau chapter.
Submit a progress report (semi-annually) until the study is complete.
Send a written final copy of the report to the Scholarship and Research Committee.
Acknowledge the grant support of Omicron Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International in the publication or presentation of the findings.
Publish or present the findings of the report in a program sponsored by Omicron Tau Chapter, if invited to do so.

Title of Study: ________________________________________________________________

Date signed: _______________ Expected date of final report: _______________

Principal Leader signature: ______________________________________________________

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Our 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.

Our Mission

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 make a difference in health worldwide.

Sigma Theta Tau has over 450,000 nurses in 90 countries working to improve health worldwide. Omicron Tau Chapter, chartered in 1998, is located within the Department of Nursing at Minot State University.