Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society

Greetings from the President

Wow! This has been a busy spring for our chapter and volunteers, with our educational opportunities, annual business meeting, induction ceremony, installation of officers, chapter award presentations, and upcoming community events. Our chapter has been blessed with the many members who volunteer their time and talents to make all these events and opportunities happen for our chapter members and community.

One of the many struggles chapters across the society face is member retention. How do you keep your chapter members involved? What do your chapter members want from their membership? These questions have been discussed at the national level and efforts have been made to address these issues. Our national headquarters has forwarded to us a “Dial a Member Campaign” which provides us an opportunity to speak with our inactive members, update their demographic information, and encourage them to renew their membership into Sigma Theta Tau International. So, for those members who are inactive, you will be receiving a phone call from one of the Board Members of our chapter to inquire about membership renewal. Our Board feels that this campaign will strengthen our relationship with you and work toward our chapter’s vitality.

Summer is just right around the corner allowing our chapter volunteers and Board to take a rest for about 10 weeks before we start back up in the fall. This upcoming year, we are looking to focus on education, research, and establishing a community focal point. This summer will also bring about learning the opportunities that are offered from the national headquarters to make communication with our chapter’s members more timely and meaningful.

In this newsletter you will find information on our induction ceremony, award recipients, new officers of the Board and upcoming events. In closing, I would like to thank all the chapter members and Board for all their hard work in making this past year a success. Your commitment to the profession of nursing and chapter is outstanding. Thank you and have a great summer!

Nancy Vitko, President

2005-7 Newly Installed Officers

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Local Nurses Recognized For Their Achievements In Nursing

Leadership, scholarship, and research make up the cornerstones of the foundation of the Honor Society of Nursing. These individuals create a spirit in the profession of nursing revitalizing social effects of shared knowledge, learning and the joyfulness of service, and truly deserve to be recognized for the achievements.

The Omicron Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing awarded the following individuals awards for their achievements in nursing.

Linda Haider, RN, MSN, was awarded the Orchid Award which recognizes an individual who has promoted the development of the chapter's functions and activities through her commitment to promoting the image of nursing, demonstrating active involvement in chapter activities with outstanding leadership and is an inspiration role model for volunteerism and leadership.

Linda Wright, RN, BSN, was awarded the Best Practice In Leadership Award which recognizes a nurse who has performed in an exemplary fashion with patients, families and groups. Linda has been instrumental in developing a school nurse program in the public school system.

Bonnie Ler, RN, FNP, was awarded the Best Practice in Advanced Clinical Practice Role Award which recognizes an advanced practice nurse who has demonstrated excellent work for the health of individuals, families, and groups.

Important Reminders

Keep us up to date on You!
To change your contact info go to www.nursingsociety.org, log into the member community, click on E-Profile, and update your information!

Scholarship Opportunities are Available at
http://www.nursingsociety/careers/scholarships_opps.html

For sale: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives: The Stories of Nurses by Carolyn Smeltzer & Frances R. Vlasses. The nurses in this book tell us stories of how they reconcile extraordinary work and life experiences. They tell us the story of living life as a nurse. $35.00 plus shipping. Order by email to omicrontau@minotstateu.edu or by contacting Nancy Vitko at 701.838.0843.
4th Annual Wine & Cheese Tasting a Success

Our chapter, along with several Minot businesses sponsored our 4th Annual Wine & Cheese Tasting reception that celebrates the profession of nursing during Nurses Week. This event welcomes all nurses in the community to celebrate nursing as a profession and nurses as individuals promoting the health and well-being of the people in our community. We had over 100 nurses come celebrate with us and gave away over 20 door prizes. We also had a raffle for some excellent prizes including a spa package, designer jewelry, and an Italian basket full of great products.

Congratulations Winners!

Katie Schaefer – spa package including facial, pedicure, manicure, and more valued at over $250
Alyce Killmer – sterling silver necklace with three pendants designed by Joseph Esposito valued at over $300
Bonnie Ler – Tuscany Basket full of Italian products and pizza oven valued at over $350.

Thank You to Diane Freiberg and Nancy Vitko for co-chairing this event, along with Donna Hegle, Sandy Boschee, Diane Sjol, and Teresa Seright for all their help in making this event successful!

Omicron Tau Summer Events

Please Mark Your Calendars for Summer Events:
June 4 – Run for the Health Of It (1.5 mi walk, 5k/10k run), Oak Park, 9:00 registration, 10:00 race start
June 7 – Leadership Transition Meeting, 6:00 pm, 115 12th Ave. SW (Vitko’s)
Outgoing and Incoming Board Members
Volunteers Needed for Run for the Health of It – contact Dorcas Kunkel 837-5380 or dekunkel@min.midco.net or Nancy Vitko at 838-0843 or vitkos@srt.com
The following nurse leaders and nursing students were inducted into the Omicron Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing on April 14, 2004.

Sarah Aadnes  Lori Haman  Susan Nelson  Amy Sullivan
Trisha Carlson  Leah Harper  Jane Olson  Carie Voges
Jenny Engh  Elisa Holt  Sara Ranum  Leone Walter
Terry Evers  Mindy Ledene  Abby Smith  Deb Wibe-Vincent
Margie Hair  Renee Molina  Lanae Strand  Angel Winchell

Our Vision
The vision of the Nursing Honor Society, Sigma Theta Tau International, is to create a global community of nurses who lead using scholarship, knowledge and technology to improve the health of the world’s people.

Sigma Theta Tau has over 340,000 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.