

Theta Tau Scholar



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Congratulations Theta Tau Inductees!

April 14, 2002

Theta Tau Induction Ceremony was held on April 14, 2002 at GC&SU. The guest speaker was Maribeth Smith, RN, MSN, Assistant Chief Officer of Nursing for Coliseum Medical Center.

The following new members were inducted:

Undergraduate Students: David Beall, Susan Bunch, Audie Davis, Sondie Fiegal, Karen Goldman, Jessica Grayson, Steven Jones, Latachia Kinslow-Hunt, Tonya Mays, Amy Mobley, Mandy Ray, Wanda Register, Jessica Savage, and Marni Tyre

RN-BSN Students: Autumn Perry and Pam Price

Graduate Student: Karen Thompson-Snipes

Community Members: Connie Mullis and Mary Ann Smith

During the ceremony appreciation was extended to Frankie Holder, RN, Ed.D., Pamela Levi, RN, Ed.D, and Janet Osborne, RN, MSN for their tireless efforts toward the advancement of our chapter. We wish each of them well in their retirement from GC&SU, School of Health Sciences.

New Theta Tau Officers and Committee Chairs

New officers and committee chairs were elected/appointed recently for 2002-2003.

The newly elected officers are as follows:

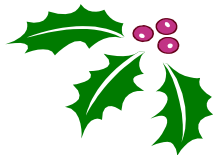
President: Margie Johnson
Vice-President: Sandra Copeland
President-Elect: Dean Baker
Secretary: Pamela O'Neal
Treasurer: Alice Loper

The new committee chairs are as follows:

Nominating Committee: Pamela Levi
Counselor: Victoria Brown
Research: Maribeth Smith
Membership Involvement: Carol Sapp
Archivist: Maidana Nunn

New officers were installed during the December 5th meeting. These chapter leaders need the support of members to carry on the responsibilities of these committees. Please make plans to volunteer your time and energy in one of these committees to help make our organization successful.

Happy
Holidays!



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Next meeting: January 16, 2003; 6:00 PM; Olive Garden in Macon. Make plans to attend!!!

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• **The 14th International Nursing Research Congress: Celebrating Global Diversity in Research, Education and Practice** is scheduled for July 10-12, 2003 in St. Thomas, U.S Virgin Islands. Submission deadline is November 5, 2002. A special two-part symposium, in collaboration with the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC), will be featured.

• See suggested topics and submission guidelines or submit abstracts online at:
http://www.nursingsociety.org/events/INRC_call.html

• Also submit abstracts for the International Evidence-Based Practice Preconference "Evidence-Based Practice: Strategies and Successes in Clinical Implementation" on July 9, 2003.
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President's Message

Welcome to a new year for Theta Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International! As we begin to plan for our upcoming activities, we need each of you to come to our meetings, email ideas and suggestions, place items in the chapter newsletter, and serve on a committee that holds special interests for you. Our committees include Heritage/Archives, Research, Program, Nominating, Publicity/Newsletter, By-laws, and Mentoring/Member Involvement. There is a place for you!!!

An exciting aspect of being a member is attending the international conventions as a delegate. Each chapter sends two delegates or one delegate who carries the chapter's two votes in the House of Delegates. This is an opportunity to network with members throughout the world AND to learn more about the many facets of Sigma Theta Tau International. The next convention will be in Toronto, Canada.

Each of us has many competing obligations for our time and energy. Please make a place for Theta Tau. You were chosen for membership in this honor society because of your outstanding leadership and academic capabilities. Our chapter needs you to invest these towards making our chapter grow. We are planning several receptions for prospective new members during spring semester. Join us at these receptions and welcome these outstanding students and community individuals seeking membership.

Many thanks to those who were elected to serve as the chapter's officers for the coming two years. We are committed to working with you and guiding our chapter to a successful year.

❖ Sincerely, Margie Johnson, President Theta Tau

Associate Dean's Corner

Georgia College & State University's professional nursing programs bided a reluctant farewell to three outstanding faculty and program leaders in 2002: Dean Pamela C. Levi, Assistant Dean Frankie Holder, and RN-BSN and Clinical Coordinator Janet Osborne. These extraordinary women leave a profound legacy!

Dean Levi was a visionary dean who worked diligently during her 18-year tenure at the University to promote nursing education that was educationally and clinically sound and to achieve visibility for the programs. Her success in those endeavors has placed us well in going forward with a new administrative model. On July 1, Dr. Jimmy H. Ishee, became the second Dean of the School of Health Sciences. His background is physical education and kinesiology and he brings rich experiences in mentoring faculty and students in research, publication, and other forms of scholarship. To meet the Georgia Board of Nursing

and NLNAC expectation that a professional nurse assume responsibility for managing nursing programs, I became Associate Dean for the School and Director of the Nursing Programs. Please know that Theta Tau Chapter will continue to have full support of the professional programs in nursing and will also enjoy the support of the Dean, who clearly values the kind of scholarship this organization embraces.

As part of the administrative changes, Dr. Karen Frith recently assumed the role of Graduate Coordinator for Health Sciences and Mrs. Rebecca Corvey became the new RN-BSN Coordinator.

The new RN-MSN program enrolled its first three students this summer. Students in this option, whether diploma or ADN graduates, can specialize in Adult Health or Nursing Administration at the graduate level, having completed selected BSN-level courses and the RN-MSN "bridge courses." Another new program option is a Nursing Education Certification program (post-BSN) which involves 14 semester hours of coursework.

❖ Sincerely, Cheryl P. Kish, EdD, RNC, WHNP

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Tragedy at the University of Arizona in Tucson

On October 28th, a senseless shooting spree at the University of Arizona in Tucson claimed the lives of three Sigma Theta Tau International members and nurse educators. In a recent email to Chapter Presidents, Nancy Dickenson-Hazard, CEO of STTI commented on Professors Cheryl McGaffic, Barbara Monroe, and Robin Rogers as dedication to a profession founded on caring, improving the health of communities, and reaching beyond individual needs for the benefit of others. The students, fellow faculty and members of STTI will truly miss these professors. In addition to encouraging members to visit the STTI web site to express your feelings and thoughts, she provided information below about a fund being established in their honor.

Margie Johnson, President of Theta Tau, sent our condolences to Elaine Jones, President of Beta Mu Chapter, University of Arizona in Tucson. Ms. Jones acknowledged their comfort by the support and caring of fellow colleagues, near and far.

For those interested, contributions may be made to the Nursing Faculty Memorial Fund/UAF, Office of Development, P. O. Box 245018, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85750-5018. For additional information, contact Lisa Fahey @ 520-626-7766 or by email: Lfahey@U.arizona.edu

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If you have a change in your name or address, please notify Sigma Theta Tau International. This can be done on-line at www.nursingsociety.org Also notify Margie Johnson via e-mail at mjohnson@mail.gcsu.edu or Pam O'Neal at POneal@mail.MaconState.edu

WOULD YOU LIKE TO...

- ❖ Nominate someone as the "Outstanding Theta Tau Member" for this year? Contact: Sandra Copeland: sandradawg@aol.com
- ❖ Nominate someone as a community member for membership in the Theta Tau Chapter? Contact Counselors: Lynn Waits: lwaits@mail.gcsu.edu or Vickie Brown: vbrown@mail.gcsu.edu
- ❖ Join a committee? Contact Margie Johnson: mjohnson@mail.gcsu.edu

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and Maidana Nunn, RNC, CS, DNSc

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

QUARTERLY THETA TAU MEETINGS

OLIVE GARDEN IN MACON
LAST MONTH OF QUARTER; 1ST THURSDAY AT 6:00 PM
SPECIAL MEETING: JANUARY 16, 2003; 6:00 PM; OLIVE GARDEN IN MACON

37TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA
NOVEMBER 1-5, 2003

"RUNNING WITH WOLVES & SWIMMING WITH SHARKS" A MENTAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES SYMPOSIUM AND OPEN HOUSE

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL; CENTRAL CHAPEL
FEBRUARY 26, 2003 AT 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

2003 CHAPTER LEADER ACADEMY

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
MARCH 21-22, 2003

THETA TAU CHAPTER INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED
MARCH 29, 2003 AT 2:00 PM

14TH INTERNATIONAL NURSING RESEARCH CONGRESS

ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
JULY 10-12, 2003

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