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*Beta Rho Chapter*  
*Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing*

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### STTI 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention Report

The 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial convention was held in Grapevine, Texas October 29-November 2. Thirty-three countries were represented with more than 1800 nurses in attendance. Beth Kelsey, Beta Rho President and Adrienne Fisher, Leadership Succession Committee Chair represented Beta Rho Chapter in the House of Delegates. The House of Delegates voted on international officers and committee members for 2011-2013 as well as bylaws changes and resolutions.

See Dr. Prevest's profile at the STTI Website.



Suzanne Prevest, STTI President for 2011 – 2013 gave her Presidential Call to Action at the House of Delegates meeting. She encourages all of us to “**Give back to move forward**”. Dr. Prevest asks each member to:

**Create your legacy.** Make a commitment to your passion, share your strengths, encourage others to excel and demonstrate a spirit of giving. Express the joy and honor of being a professional nurse. Be a preceptor or mentor and show appreciation to your own mentors and colleagues.

**Engage in collaboration** with the global community of nurse leaders. Dr. Prevest emphasized that it is through collaboration that we can bridge the gap between research and practice, share our wisdom across generations, and interact with like-minded organizations to address critical health care issues. Opportunities for collaboration through STTI include:

Joining the International Academic Nursing Alliance for faculty members  
<http://iana.nursingsociety.org>.

Creating your *VIProfile* to connect with opportunities that relate to your professional expertise and interests

Presenting your research findings at STTI conferences and events

**Respond to vulnerable populations.** STTI is an official non-governmental organization (NGO) of the United Nations and supports the U.N.'s Millennium Development Goals that include reducing child deaths, improving maternal health, and combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other major diseases. Learn how nurses are partnering with the U.N. to achieve these goals. <http://www.nursingsociety.org/GlobalAction/UnitedNations>

**Embrace technology.** Use it effectively to improve the health of the world's people. Use social media such as The Circle, <http://thecircle.nursingsociety.org> to expand your network. Post your abstracts in the electronic Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library. Adopt and implement technologies to improve patient care.

## More News about the Biennial Convention.....



Hester Klopper is the newly elected President-Elect for STTI. Dr. Klopper is the Director of the School of Nursing Science at North-West University South Africa. Her work focuses on leadership development, research capacity building, and work environments. Dr. Klopper was a founding member of the Africa Honor Society of Nursing in 2001. She has served on the STTI Governance Committee and has been on the Board of Directors from 2007-2011. She is the first STTI member from Africa to be elected to the Board of Directors. For more information about Dr. Klopper go to [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org).



Kim Bouldin-Jones, the Founder and Executive Director of KBJ Consulting Inc. and Medical Facility Aid gave a heart-felt and inspiring presentation at one plenary session. Ms. Bouldin-Jones work in global disease prevention and education has taken her from South America to Africa where she works with both government and non-government organizations to combat many health related issues, including HIV, malaria and TB. In her presentation, "Healthcare and Medical Infrastructure in the Developing World", she told convention attendees that people in the developing world do not go to the doctor unless they are dying. In one hospital in Ethiopia, there are only 225 beds, 17 full-time doctors and 80 nurses, far short of what is needed for the 500,000 patients the facility presently serves annually. Her organization focuses on supporting the infrastructure of hospitals rather than on providing supplies or equipment. For more information about her organization visit her website at [www.medicalfacilityaid.org](http://www.medicalfacilityaid.org).



Beta Rho Chapter member, Dr. Beth Johnson, presented on the study, International Nursing Partnership for Care of an Aging Population, Simulation and Clinical Judgment Development. Dr. Johnson and her colleagues from Ball State University, all Beta Rho members, Dr. Linda Siktberg, Dr. Kay Hodson Carlton, Dr. Nancy Dillard; Dr. Kathie Lasater and Dr. Stephanie Sideras from Oregon Health and Science University, and Ron Meechen, RN, MSc., University of Worcester, England collaborated on this study that was funded in part by a National League of Nursing Educational Grant.

For more information about the convention including links to all poster abstracts and slides from presentations go to [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org).

*The 42<sup>nd</sup> STTI Biennial Convention will be held in Indianapolis, IN on November 16-20, 2013.*

## A Truly Global Organization

One of STTI's strategic priorities for Vision 2020 is to become a truly global organization. Over the past 2 years, the Board of Directors established new global regions patterned on the United Nation's global regional structure. These regions are Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin/South America and the Caribbean, North America, and Oceania. The North America region will continue to encompass 15 regions within the United States and Canada. Each global region and each region within North America now has its own elected regional coordinator.

Prior to this change, chapters outside of North America were distributed throughout the 15 regions within the U.S. and Canada. Mexico was part of our Region 9. Beta Rho along with other chapters in Region 9 donated money to help two of our colleagues from this country to attend the convention this year. Adrienne Fisher, one of our chapter delegates, was able to meet these nurses at a reception and to congratulate them on now having their own region representative of Latin/South America and the Caribbean.



## Beta Rho Chapter Research Grant Award Fall 2011

*Dr. Beth Johnson* was awarded a research grant for \$750.00 from Beta Rho Chapter for her study "Working Family Caregivers: Feasibility of Technological Support". Dr. Johnson is an Assistant Professor at Ball State University teaching undergraduate adult health. She has participated in other caregiver-related research and served as project manager for the pilot study, family caregiver intervention, the Telephone Assessment and Skill-Building Kit (TASK) for caregivers of stroke survivors. She has co-authored and presented on the TASK program and on family caregiving for patients with heart failure. The research for which she is being funded by our chapter will be conducted with co-investigator, Dr. Cathy Segrist, Interim and Associate Director, Fisher Institute for Wellness and Gerontology, Ball State University.

Thank you to the Beta Rho Chapter Research Committee members for their work in reviewing grant applications for fall 2011- Dr. Debra Siela (co-chair), Dr. Renee Twibell (co-chair), Lavertta Miller (member).

Research Grant Applications for Spring 2012 are due by January 20, 2012. See our Website for information on the application process and the application form.

## Help Our Students to Become Leaders

Do you have a knack or special interest in fundraising for a good cause? If the answer is yes, Beta Rho Chapter needs you!

We would like to be able to send outstanding nursing students to two events in 2012 and 2013.

The **STTI Leadership Summit** will be in Indianapolis, Indiana, fall of 2012. The Leadership Summit provides students and nurses with strategies for developing their personal nursing leadership journeys, developing and enhancing their professional career paths, and learning about best practices for chapter operations and growth.

The **42<sup>nd</sup> STTI Biennial Convention** will be in Indianapolis in November, 2013. The convention provides a phenomenal opportunity for nursing students to learn about leadership, research, and professional practice.

Contact Beth Kelsey at [bkelsey@bsu.edu](mailto:bkelsey@bsu.edu) if you would like to help with fundraising to send students to these events.



### Call for Chapter Recognition Award Nominations

We all know outstanding nurses. If you know one, nominate her or him for a Chapter Recognition Award.

The nominee must be a member of Beta Rho Chapter unless being nominated for an outstanding student award. Nominations must be submitted by January 30, 2012. Awardees will be recognized at the March 2012 Induction and Awards Ceremony.

The nomination form and additional information are available at the Beta Rho Website or by contacting Beth Kelsey at [bkelsey@bsu.edu](mailto:bkelsey@bsu.edu). *Award Categories include:*

**Excellence in Research** – conducts, encourages, and communicates research findings through presentations and publications.

**Excellence in Education** – demonstrates excellence in teaching and promotes an evidence based nursing curricula and practice.

**Excellence in Nursing** – demonstrates clinical expertise, advances the scope and practice of nursing, and enhances the image of nursing.

**Excellence in Leadership** – recognized as a nursing leader in education, practice, administration, and/or research, uses innovative approaches to leadership, and participates in development of nursing leaders.

**Outstanding Student Performance** – may include clinical, academic, creativity, research, leadership.

## Call for Officer and Committee Member Nominations 2012-2014

Are you interested in running for a Beta Rho Chapter office or committee? Contact Adrienne Fisher, Leadership Succession Committee Chair at [aleverhart@hotmail.com](mailto:aleverhart@hotmail.com) for information on the nomination and election process. Visit the Beta Rho Website at [www.bsu.edu/nursing](http://www.bsu.edu/nursing) for information on officer and committee member roles.

The nomination deadline is January 30, 2012. New officers and committee members will be presented at the March 2012 Induction and Awards Ceremony.

### Positions open for election for 2012 -2014:

*President*

*Treasurer*

*Secretary*

*Counselor (2 faculty positions)*

*Leadership Succession Committee (2 positions)*

## Beta Rho Chapter Officers and Committee Members

President:	Beth Kelsey	2 <sup>nd</sup> term ends June 2012
Vice President:	Roberta Allen	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term starts July 2012
Treasurer:	Mona Powell	2 <sup>nd</sup> term ends June 2012
Secretary	Cindy Thomas	1 <sup>st</sup> term ends June 2012
Counselor:	Phyllis Chapin	1 <sup>st</sup> term ends June 2012
Counselor:	Sharon Van Hove	1 <sup>st</sup> term ends June 2012
Leadership Succession Committee:	Adrienne Fisher (Chair)	2 <sup>nd</sup> term ends June 2012
	Erin Wyatt	2 <sup>nd</sup> term ends June 2012
	Jessica Sallee	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term starts July 2012

### **Appointed Committees**

Governance Committee: Angi Lyon (Chair)  
Ted Whitmer  
Jane Edwards  
Sharon Van Hove (Counselor)

Research Committee: Deb Siela (Co-Chair)  
Renee Twibell (Co-Chair)  
Lavertha Miller

## Beta Rho Chapter Calendar of Events 2011-2012

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
January 20, 2012	Beta Rho Chapter Research Grant Application due	
January 30, 2012	Deadline for submission of nominations for officers and for recognition awards	
March 15, 2012 5:15 P.M.	New Member Induction and Recognition Awards Ceremony	BSU Alumni Center
June TBA, 2012	Evidence-Based Practice for Wound Care Annual Meeting (more details to come)	TBA

### Stay Connected

Join us on Face Book BSU Beta Rho Chapter.

We are on the Web at [www.bsu.edu/nursing](http://www.bsu.edu/nursing).

Be sure your email address is up to date at STTI headquarters  
[www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org).