



FALL/WINTER 2005

### Calendar of Events

- Friday, November 18, 2005  
Board meeting 2:30-4:00  
COPH 5231
- Tuesday, March 21st, 2005  
Spring Meeting—  
Julie's Restaurant on  
Shackleford 5:30 – 8:00 pm
- Sunday, May 7, 2005,  
Membership Induction  
Ceremony. St. Vincents  
Auditorium 2:00- 3:30 pm

\$

### CONGRATULATIONS

TO

**Sunghee H Tak, Ph.D., RN**

Recently funded and  
published articles

Tak, S. (PI). Cognitively Stimulating  
Computer Activities for People with  
Mild Dementia. UAMS Medical  
Research Endowment Awards—  
Murphy Oil Corporation Research  
Award. 2005-2006.

Tak, S. & Hong, S.H. (2005). Use of  
the Internet for health information by  
older adults with arthritis. *Orthopaedic  
Nursing*, 24(2), 134-138.

Tak, S. & Beck, C. (2005). Computer-  
assisted stimulating activity for persons  
with dementia: abstract.  
*Gerontechnology*, 3(4),188.

# PROFILES

## Message from the President

Hello and Welcome,

I want to welcome all of you to Gamma Xi your local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. You are a member of an international honorary nursing society which is in 90 countries and has over 340,000 members worldwide-120,000 who are active: 61% with a masters/doctorate, 48% are clinicians, 21% are administration, and 20% are in education and research. Our Mission statement encourages us to provide leadership and scholarship in practice, education and research for the purpose of enhancing the health of all people. Changing our world whether next door or overseas asks all of us to respond to this call. All those you reach out to as a professional nurse are affected by how you practice. As a member of STTI we are called to excellence in our nursing profession.

In order to continue to promote the health of all people it is important to participate in your local chapter. Many of you are already active in our chapter and some of you are wondering how you can be a part. I hope many more of you will choose to take part in Gamma Xi, your local chapter. Our Calendar of Events provides each of you opportunities to participate and by doing so foster your own professional and personal relationships. Gamma Xi's website address is <http://www.nursing.uams.edu/gammaxi>. Sigma Theta Tau International also has a web site where you can access numerous member benefits related to your future career in Nursing.

<http://www.nursingsociety.org/membership>

The next event will be the Camp Quality Christmas Party Friday December 9th.



**Sharon Coon PhD, RN, AOCN**

Current president Gamma Xi Chapter of STTI



## **FREE COURSE !!**

Sigma Theta Tau International offers the following free CE course:

### **Disaster Preparedness and Response for Nurses**

Contact Hours = 2

#### **Purpose/Goal:**

To provide nurses with an overview of their role in responding to a weapons of mass destruction/terrorism (WMD/T) event or other disaster

Found at the following web site:  
[www.nursingsociety.org/education/case\\_studies/cases/SP0004.html](http://www.nursingsociety.org/education/case_studies/cases/SP0004.html)

## **Do you want to publish??**

### **Becoming a Published Nurse Author: Professional Writing for Nurses Through Mentoring**

Learners will be guided through the publishing process from idea development through document production and submission to a publisher. The course is structured to be completed over 6-9 months as your schedule allows. Go to:

<http://www.nursingknowledge.org/Portal/Main.aspx?pageid=36&SKU=41859>



## **Consider attending a conference around the USA!**

### **27 January 2006—Atlanta, Georgia, USA**

**“Critical Thinking at Its Best: In Pursuit of Clinical Excellence,”** Fifth Annual Medical Surgical Conference. Sponsor: Piedmont Hospital. Contact: Piedmont Hospital. Phone: +1.404.605.4120. E-mail: [cantina.chestercooper@piedmont.org](mailto:cantina.chestercooper@piedmont.org).

### **7-8 February 2006—Seattle, Washington, USA**

**Critical Linkages: Nurse Staffing, Patient Safety and Transforming Care at the Bedside.** Sponsors: Joint Commission Resources, Institute for Healthcare Improvement. Contact: Joint Commission Resources. Phone: 1.877.223.6866; Web: [www.jcrinc.com](http://www.jcrinc.com).

### **7-9 April 2006—Orlando, Florida, USA**

**“The Magic of Pediatric Nursing.”** Sponsor: Society of Pediatric Nurses. Contact: Anita Cormier. Phone: 1.800.723.2902 or +1.850.494.9467; E-mail: [spn@puetzamc.com](mailto:spn@puetzamc.com); Web: [www.pedsnurses.org](http://www.pedsnurses.org).

### **20-22 April 2006—Cherry Hill, New Jersey, USA**

**“New Momentum for Nursing Research: Multidisciplinary Alliances,”** 18th Annual Scientific Sessions of the Eastern Nursing Research Society (ENRS). Sponsor: ENRS. Contact: ENRS, 100 N. 20th St., 4th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Phone: +1.215.599.6700; Fax: +1.215.545.8108; E-mail: [enrs.info@rmpinc.com](mailto:enrs.info@rmpinc.com); Web: [www.enrs-go.org](http://www.enrs-go.org).

## **MORE ONLINE CE COURSES**

**Take advantage of our high-quality, low-priced continuing education courses on evidence based practice. Our online educational courses are now distributed exclusively through Nursing Knowledge International (NKI). After selecting a course, you will link to NKI to complete your payment transaction before taking the course. Membership discounts will automatically be generated when you register and provide your member. GO TO:**

**[www.nursingsociety.org/education/ceonline.html](http://www.nursingsociety.org/education/ceonline.html)**



**Christmas is coming.....and so is the**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Camp Quality Christmas Party!**

**WANT TO MAKE 40 KID'S CHRISTMAS EXTRA SPECIAL?**  
**HERE'S HOW...**

For those of you that are new to the CON, the faculty and staff have helped sponsor a Christmas party for the central Arkansas Camp Quality Kids & their families for the past 4 years. These are kids with cancer and this party is a very big part of their Christmas for them!

We put on a full feast of turkey, dressing, ham, potatoes, salad, veggies, desserts, etc. for them, then we have singing and Santa arrives and gives every kid there a stocking full of toys and candy & a wrapped gift.

This year the Camp Quality Christmas Party will be held at:

- Grace Lutheran Church (corner of Kavanaugh & Hillcrest)
- Friday, December 9, 2005
  - Party begins at approximately 5:30 pm, but we will be there all afternoon setting up.

**THIS IS AN ANNUAL GAMMA XI COMMUNITY ACTIVITY**

Here is how you can help:

- ⚡ Contribute **\$\$\$\$\$** toward buying the gifts for the kids (we try to standardize the gifts so that each child gets the same sort of item...so we collect money & go purchase these once we have a list of kids attending) I will place an envelope at Ms. Pat's desk to take cash or checks (made out to Donna Middaugh). I'll be happy to give you a receipt, if you will email me. We will need to have all gifts purchased by December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ⚡ Help with wrapping the gifts and decorating the Fellowship Hall the afternoon of Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ⚡ Spread the word to everyone in the CON to come & help with this wonderful event!

For more information, just contact me anytime!

Donna Middaugh

[middaughdonnaj@uams.edu](mailto:middaughdonnaj@uams.edu)

Ph# 686-8349

---