



Sigma Theta Tau International
Beta Sigma Chapter Newsletter

School of Nursing « The Pennsylvania State University » Fall 2006

**BETA SIGMA CHAPTER
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***WELCOME*
 New, Incoming Officers**



Suzanne Kuhn

Suzanne received a BSN from St Francis University, a MS from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and in the process of completing her dissertation at Duquesne University. She is currently a senior instructor in nursing and the Coordinator of the AD and RN/BS programs at the Altoona College, with recent certification as a Nurse Educator. Her research interest is parental bereavement.



Kathryn Terlinsky

Kathi is the director of education at Altoona Regional. She is an active member of Beta Sigma (served as corresponding secretary twice). She is an ACLS, PALS, and BLS instructor; ATCN instructor.



Dean Dieter

Dean graduated from The Pennsylvania State University with a BS in Forest Science in 1970 and an MS in Wildlife Management in 1976. He completed his Doctor of Nursing (ND) degree from Case Western Reserve University in 1988. He has worked as a staff nurse in the coronary care unit and the emergency department and as an instructor of nursing at CWRU. Currently Dean is an assistant professor in The Pennsylvania State University, School of Nursing.



Darlene Clark

Darlene received her BSN and MS from The Pennsylvania State University. She is currently Senior Lecturer in Nursing. As a member of Beta Sigma chapter, she has served in the past as Recording Secretary and served as a Delegate to the 2001 Biennial Convention. Her research interests include the current nursing shortage, collective bargaining in nursing and nursing emigration.



Marla Patterson

Marla is a 2003 graduate from The Pennsylvania State University with her BSN. She was inducted into the Beta Chapter in Spring 2003. She is currently working full-time as an RN in the Emergency Dept. at Mount Nittany Medical Center. She recently returned to The Pennsylvania State University to pursue her MSN, FNP studies.



Mary Anne Ventura

Mary Anne received a BSN and a M.Ed. from Seton Hall University. After several years in acute care, she was Director of Inservice and Patient Education and later became DON in the long term care setting. While raising her family, she served as relief staff in rehabilitative and critical care settings and finally as a full-time school nurse. In January 2004, Mary Anne became a P/T clinical instructor at the University Park campus, and in September began as a F/T instructor.



President's Corner

Sharon Koval Falkenstern,
PhD, CRNP, PNP-C

Hello to all Beta Sigma members! During our officer transition meeting on June 14, 2006, I presented Dr. Rae Brown with a Past President pin guard to wear with her Sigma Theta Tau membership pin. As I did this, I thought Dr. Brown is a hard act

to follow! I can only hope to lead this organization with her help and guidance. Lucky for me, the immediate Past President now continues to serve on our Board!

I hope to meet as many members as possible at our Beta Sigma events. First, let me introduce myself. I began my career as a volunteer candy striper in high school, then took nurse's aide training at the DuBois Hospital from very strict and exacting nursing instructors who were nuns. I earned a BS in nursing from Case Western Reserve University and worked on a surgical unit and a burn unit for infants and toddlers at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. That experience was heart wrenching and inspired me to go back to school at CWRU to earn an MS in nursing as a pediatric clinical nurse specialist and a pediatric nurse practitioner. I returned to Pennsylvania to work in a variety of rural private pediatric practices and to teach at Penn State School of Nursing. While my husband and I raised our four children, I worked part time in teaching and clinical practice and took yet more courses. I finally earned a PhD in Nursing from Penn State in 2003, probably holding the record for length of time as a part time student! Which brings me to an important point: As nurses, we all need to encourage each other to pursue our goals in practice, education, and research. I doubt I would have finished a doctoral degree if I had not been encouraged by my peers, teachers, and family. I now coordinate the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at the Penn State School of Nursing. We are a Penn State family; all of us are either Penn State alums or attend or work at Penn State.

As President of Beta Sigma, I have two main goals. The first is to increase the visibility of Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing, in your workplace. Our honor society has a presence in schools of nursing, but not usually in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and other places that nurses work. I want to communicate to clinical nurses the value of being recognized in the only honor society for nursing. Membership is available to all graduated nurses with a bachelor's degree as a community leader, and our chapter looks forward to being more inclusive of excellent nurses who did not have prior opportunities to join STTI. My second goal is an off shoot of the first: to launch spring community service projects involving present members and our newly inducted fall members. For example, a working service day at Centre Crest or completing busy boxes for hospital patients will benefit those recipients and will increase our visibility as a philanthropic organization. These goals are consistent with the mission of Sigma Theta Tau International.

We have some exciting events planned. I encourage each of you to attend and bring to our Fall Meeting on Saturday evening, November 4th at 7 pm. Dr. Linda Caputi, well known author and lecturer on critical thinking, will present *Humor in the Workplace*.

The next day, Dr. Caputi will serve as the keynote speaker for our Fall Induction Ceremony at the Nittany Lion Inn. Plan to contribute to our December service project that benefits clients from the Women's Resource Center, and then treat yourself by attending our Holiday Celebration on Thursday, December 7th from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Hintz Alumni Family Center, University Park Campus, given jointly with Dr. Paula Milone-Nuzzo and the Penn State School of Nursing. I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting many new friends at these events.

Sharon

OUTGOING PRESIDENT HONORED AT BETA SIGMA TRANSITION MEETING



Sharon Falkenstern presented Rae Brown with a Past President's pin and STTI coffee mug at the annual Board of Directors Transition Meeting as a thank you for her two year contribution as President of Beta Sigma chapter.



FALL 2006 INDUCTION

***"Celebrating our Leaders
of Tomorrow"***

Linda Caputi, RN, MSN, EdD, CNE

Professor of Nursing at College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn,
Illinois

Beta Sigma spring induction will be held at the Nittany Lion Inn at 9:00 AM on Sunday, November 5, 2006. Our keynote speaker will be Linda Caputi who has been awarded a BSN from Northern Illinois University and an MSN from Loyola University. She holds a Doctor of Education in Instructional Technology. She is certified as a Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) from the National League for Nursing.

Dr. Caputi has authored over 25 educational multimedia programs, several nursing education books, produced and developed videotapes, and published book chapters and journal articles. She has presented her work nationally for over 15 years. Her work has won six awards from Sigma Theta Tau, two from American Journal of Nursing Company, and one from The Association for Educational Communication and Technology.

Fall 2006 Induction cont...

Dr. Caputi was acknowledged for teaching excellence in the 1998, 2002, and 2005 editions of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. She is on the editorial staff for *Advance for Nurses* and serves on the Board of Governors for the National League for Nursing. She is a Professor of Nursing at College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

NURSING CAREER CAMP RECEIVES SHOWCASE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Penn State Nursing Career Camp received the Showcase of Excellence Award for Region 11 at Chapter Leader Academy, Indianapolis, Indiana, on September 29, 2006. Beta Sigma representatives at Chapter Leader Academy, Mary Ellen Yonushonis, Lisa Kitko, and Dean Dieter hosted a luncheon roundtable to share the implementation of three Nursing Career Camps at Penn State's University Park and Altoona campuses.



Photo left to right: Barbara Traver, Reg. 11 Coordinator, Mary Ellen Yonushonis, Lisa Kitko and Dean Dieter

Beta Sigma Chapter, the Nursing Alumni Society, and the School of Nursing have sponsored Nursing Career Camp since its inception in 2003. Penn State faculty, staff, graduate students and undergraduate students volunteered along with Mount Nittany Medical Center and Altoona Regional Medical Center nurses and staff to make the camp a success.

Beta Sigma members Sharon Falkenstern and Hollie Kratzer implemented the first camp at University Park. Lisa Salvato and Jennifer Harris, Beta Sigma student interns, organized the second camp at Altoona. Cindy Faith and Suzanne Kuhn, Beta Sigma members, recruited Nickie McIntire and Jared Pufka to help with the third camp at Altoona. Future camps are planned to introduce youth to the many different career paths available in nursing.

Please contact Sharon Falkenstern at sxf2@psu.edu if you are interested in volunteering for future Nursing Career Camps.

KIM GEDNEY-GUZIK AWARD

The Kim Gedney-Guzik Undergraduate Nursing Award was given to Paul Navarro at our School of Nursing convocation. This award is given yearly to an outstanding academic student who functions as a team player and possesses leadership qualities while functioning as a clinical critical thinker. Paul received \$200.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY



Beta Sigma Chapter will once again sponsor a "Christmas Family" through the Women's Resource Center. If you would like to make a donation to support a family, please contact Susan Lingle at 814-865-3510, quw2@psu.edu or mail a check written to *Beta Sigma Chapter* to Penn State School of Nursing, Attn: Sues Lingle, 210-B HH Dev-E, University Park, PA 16802.

MINORITY ADVANCED CAREERS IN NURSING

This summer the Penn State School of Nursing hosted six undergraduate nursing students for a research intensive summer program called the Minority Advanced Careers in Nursing (MACaN). The MACaN Program is supported by the School of Nursing and a grant from the Equal Opportunity Planning Committee at Penn State. The program is part of the school's ongoing commitment to attract outstanding diverse students to the program. The Beta Sigma Chapter also supported the program by sponsoring the Penn State School of Nursing tote presented to the students.



STTI INTRODUCTION for FRESHMAN STUDENTS

Diane Jankura, Academic Advisor for the School of Nursing, in her advising role includes an introduction to Sigma Theta Tau for incoming freshman students as they begin their education at Penn State.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Welcome to **ERIC DOERFLER** who recently transferred his membership from York College Eta Eta to Beta Sigma. He joins Penn State as the Program Coordinator at Penn State Harrisburg.

LEADERSHIP INTERNS

Our 2006-2007 Leadership Interns are Andrea Yevchek and Suzanne Madden. They will be assisting the Chapter with various projects throughout the year.

BETA SIGMA SUPPORTS AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR AT THE RESEARCH CONGRESS

Beta Chapter agreed to support Hongwei Wan's presentation at the Research Congress in Montreal in the amount of \$250. A small write-up about her experience as an international scholar will be shared in the Spring 2007 newsletter.

SPRING 2006 BETA SIGMA CHAPTER SPRING INDUCTION

Beta Sigma Chapter's Spring Induction was held on Saturday, April 8, 2006 at the Days Inn Penn State in State College, PA. The guest speaker was Karen Morin, DSN, RN, Professor of Nursing at Western Michigan University, and member, STTI Board of Directors. Dr. Morin spoke on the topic "Advancing Sigma Theta Tau International's Agenda Through Mentorship."

The inductees consisted of 6 nurse leaders, 4 graduate student members, and 31 undergraduate student members.

Undergraduate Students

Kristen Anderson	Sharon Guertler	Rebecca Price
Cynthia Bittner	Katherine Hay	Capri Rothgaber
Nicole Boron	Meredith Heim	Sarah Skillman
Aimee Cesarino	Amanda Katch	Dina Sorensen
Niharika Chaurdia	Sara Lacue	Amy Staub
Jennifer Conroy	Kristen Lawson	Caitlyn Stoehr
Adrienne David	Aimee McMillen	Jane Votral
Jill Estell	Colleen Monahan	Jenelle Weber
Erin Fisher	Joanna Mulligan	Elizabeth Williams
Alexis Fleck	Rachel Onorato	
Rebecca Geary	Casey Pinto	

Graduate Students

Leah Abraham	Susan Ososkie
James Fenush, Jr.	Helen Seidel

Nurse Leaders

Tracy Ewing, BS, RN
Director of Patient Care Services, Lewistown Hospital

Catherine Griel, BS, RN, SAFE-A
Coordinator for Sexual Assault Training/Assault Nurse Examiner/Clinical Coordinator, Mount Nittany Medical Center, State College, PA

Karen Macauley, RN, MED
Trauma Prevention and Outreach Director,
St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Philadelphia, PA

Karen Napikoski, BS, RN
Patient Care Director, Lewistown Hospital

Hongwei Wan, RN, MS
Associate Professor at Shanghai Second Medical University, China and Visiting Scholar

Linda Wilson, BS, RN, CSN
Certified School Nurse of Mifflin County School District

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Beta Sigma Fall Dinner Meeting

Saturday, November 4, 2006 at 7:00 pm
102 HH Dev-E / University Park Campus

The Pennsylvania State University School of Nursing Career Fair

Monday, November 6, 2006 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
HUB Alumni Hall / University Park Campus

The 39th Biennial Convention "Vision to Action: Global Health Through Collaboration"

November 2-7, 2007 / Baltimore, Maryland USA

Holiday Celebration

In conjunction with Penn State School of Nursing, our Holiday party will be held on **Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006** at the Robb Hall, Hintz Alumni Family Center, Penn State University Park Campus, from 4:00-7:00 pm.

Research Grant Proposals

The Beta Sigma Chapter is accepting proposals for small research grants to be awarded in Fall 2007. Sigma Theta Tau members, Penn State School of Nursing faculty and nursing students are encouraged to submit proposals. The purpose of the research grant award is to facilitate research by providing funds to qualified applicants who are conducting research to advance knowledge in nursing and related disciplines. The awards range from \$250-\$750. Research proposal guidelines and application forms may be obtained by visiting the Beta Sigma web site or by contacting Susan Lingle at Penn State School of Nursing, (814) 865-3510 or quw2@psu.edu.

Fall Induction

A fall induction will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2006 at the Nittany Lion Inn from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm. If you would like to attend this induction, please find at the end of this newsletter, a reservation coupon to complete. **This form is only for NON-inductees and their families since they will be registering through STT International via on-line.**

New Beta Sigma Web Site

COMING SOON!

Watch for our new and improved Beta Sigma web site coming very soon!

<http://www.hhdev.psu.edu/nurs/betasigmastt/>



MEMBER'S CORNER

Cindy Stroup Keith, RN, BS
Certified Dementia Practitioner

Nationally Known Speaker
on Dementia Care

Cindy Keith, Penn State BS, Beta Sigma, 1995 has had extensive experience working with Alzheimer's and dementia clients in many different settings throughout her 21 year nursing career. As an LPN, she worked as nurse and office manager in a geriatric medical practice and assisted in setting up a comprehensive geriatric assessment center. After earning her BS in Nursing in 1995 she worked as a dialysis nurse and a nursing supervisor in a skilled nursing facility. She moved on to Alterra Healthcare system, a dementia dedicated assisted living facility, working as the Health Care Coordinator, and nurse educator responsible for staff dementia training where she was honored by Alterra with their prestigious Nurse Quality Award.

In 2004, Cindy recognized the need for personalized, professional counseling for families dealing with loved ones with dementia as well as the need for dementia and Alzheimer's training for staff in facilities dealing with dementia and/or Alzheimer clients. Moving In Nurturing Directions (M.I.N.D.) in Memory Care was developed to fill that need. Cindy provides family in-home or telephone consultations, as well as facility staff in-service training. She is a nationally known speaker through Cross Country Educators and travels throughout the U.S. giving day-long seminars on dementia and Alzheimer's.

Cindy was recently also hired at Centre Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM- a clinic in Centre County serving the uninsured) as a clinic nurse after having previously volunteered there. In August, she served for a week, through the Office of Aging, as a volunteer nurse in Biloxi, Mississippi completing door-to-door dementia assessments in the elderly as part of the post-Katrina effort. Cindy recently released a video called "Bringing Nurturing To Memory Care" for use in long term care, home care and for the caregiver. For details and price, log onto her website. Her homepage can be viewed at www.mindinmemorycare.com.

Member Accomplishments

Kathleen Mastrian

Dr. Kathleen Mastrian and several colleagues presented at the 17th International Research Congress in Montreal on July 21st sponsored by Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. The presentation was a report of a pilot study on the use of heuristic inquiry and knowledge structuring software to explore differential approaches of a researcher and a clinician to the management of sundowning in Alzheimer's patients. Dr. Mastrian is an Associate Professor and the Program Coordinator for Nursing at Penn State Shenango. She serves as secretary of the UPMC Horizon Foundation Board and is a member of the Medical Equipment Recycling Committee of that Board. She is also the Vice President of the Arc Foundation of Mercer County.

Raymonde Brown

Publication:

Brown, R. (2006). Gauging cardiovascular risk with the PLAC test. *Nursing* 2006,36(8), 17.

Lauren Grattan

Lauren Grattan is working as a midwife. She qualified with distinction in September 2005 and has been working in the National Maternity Hospital in Dublin the last 3 1/2 years.

Ronna Gersh

Ronna Gersh (2002) passed the Acute Care NP (from U Penn) and CCRN exam. She works both as a nurse and a nurse practitioner, as well as a facilitator with the new graduates at the Hospital of UPenn. She also completed their CNS program.

Darlene Clark

2006: Facilitated discussion on RN employment issues. Council on Healthcare HR. Seyfarth Shaw LLP, New York City. September.

2006: Federal Mediation Conciliation Services (FMCS). National Healthcare Issues. Mississippi Labor-Management Conference. July. Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Samantha Reid

Samantha Reid, MSN, CRNP (1999) completed the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program at the University of Pittsburgh in May 2005. She currently is working at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in the Diabetes and Endocrine center.

Member Accomplishments cont...

Joan Yatsonsky

Joan Yatsonsky (2002) CNOR, CRNFA, CSN has been working as a long term substitute job (1 year) at the Career Technology Center in Lackawanna County, in the city of Scranton. It is sort of high school meets industry, as they teach the children how to work in the job force: automotive, collision repair, masonry, electrical, heating and plumbing, Nursing Aide, Licensed Practical Nursing. She recently finished working the summer at a camp run by the Salvation Army, Camp Ladore in Waymart, PA running the Health Lodge there for the summer.

Janet Fogg

Poster presentation at Pediatric Research Day at Hershey Medical Center in June, 2006:

Fogg, J., Haidet, K., & Winger, M. (2006). "Needs assessment and evaluation of a parent support group in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU)".

Susan Loeb

Publications:

Loeb, S. J. (2006). African American older adults coping with chronic health conditions. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*, 17(2), 129-147.

Presentations:

Loeb, S. J., & Steffensmeier, D. "Older Male Prisoners' Health: Status, Beliefs, and Behaviors." Peer reviewed paper presented at the 18th Annual Scientific Sessions of the Eastern Nursing Research Society, New Momentum for Nursing Research: Multidisciplinary Alliances. Cherry Hill, NJ, April 20-22, 2006.

Loeb, S. J., & Haidet, K. K. "Forging New Alliances: Comparing the Health Status, Beliefs, and Behaviors of Older Men in Prison and the Community." Peer reviewed paper (part of larger symposium) presented at the 18th Annual Scientific Sessions of the Eastern Nursing Research Society, New Momentum for Nursing Research: Multidisciplinary Alliances. Cherry Hill, NJ, April 20-22, 2006.

Loeb, S. J., & Yevchak, A. "Coping and Living with Chronic Illness." Invited speaker for the Geriatric Interest Network's 4th Annual Caregivers' Conference - Living with Chronic Conditions/Partnering with Your Healthcare Provider. May 5, 2006.

Lisa Kitko

The MACaN (Minority Advanced Careers in Nursing) Program was completed this summer with six participants; 3 rising seniors and 2 rising juniors. The great news is that all three of the rising seniors are in the process of preparing applications to our grad school and one of the juniors plan to come back next summer.

Lisa Kitko successfully completed candidacy in August 2006 from Penn State's School of Nursing.

Janice Penrod

Dr. Janice Penrod, Assistant Professor of Nursing and Humanities in the College of Medicine, has taken on the responsibility as Professor-in-Charge of the Graduate Programs in the Penn State School of Nursing.

Madeline Mattern

Madeline Mattern has assumed the responsibility as Coordinator for Outreach in the Penn State School of Nursing. The outreach office is responsible for our World Campus RN to BS initiative, our continuing education, our community service and the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association CEU awards.

Member Accomplishments cont...

Donna Fick

Dr. Donna Fick (UP) continues to make significant contributions to the literature related to the inappropriate use of medications in the elderly. Of the 50 top read articles in the Archives of Internal Medicine, Dr Fick's article entitled "Updating the Beers Criteria for Potentially Inappropriate Medication Use in Older Adults: Results of a US Consensus Panel of Experts," is ranked No 2.

Sandy O'Sullivan

Sandy O'Sullivan (Hershey) received a recognition award from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses for 30 years as a critical care registered nurse (CCRN). There are only 41 nurses in the United States that hold that distinction.

Kim Kopenhaver Haidet

Dr. Kim Kopenhaver Haidet (UP) has received two intramural grants to further her research to psychobiological responses to stress in newborns, one from Johnson and Johnson and one from the Children's Miracle Network. Dr. Haidet also spent 8 weeks of this past summer participating in the Summer Genetics Institute (SGI) at the National Institute for Nursing Research. She attended a course entitled "Molecular Genetics in Research, Health and Society" offered through SGI.

Judith Hupcey

Dr. Judy Hupcey received funding from the American Heart Association for a study entitled "The Investigation of Palliative Care Needs of Elderly Heart Failure Patients and their Spousal Caregivers". Dr. Janice Penrod is the Co-Investigator on this study.

Kathryn Terlinsky

Kathi Terlinsky was selected to serve on the American Association of Critical Care Nurses Continuing Education Review Panel.

Elizabeth Cutezo

Elizabeth Cutezo has completed 25 years of service as a nursing instructor at Penn State University. She was awarded her "25 Year Chair" and given a plaque honoring her years of service.

Diane Daddario

Diane Daddario is a staff nurse at Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg, PA since 1990. She is certified as a Medical-Surgical nurse by both American Nurses Credentialing Center and the Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board. She served as a staff nurse representative on the 9-member ANCC Magnet Commission 2001-2007. She has represented ANCC/Magnet Program at eight hospital celebrations throughout the country in their honor for being awarded Magnet Recognition. She presented the CEU program "Magnet Nursing – Taking the Journey" both locally and nationally. She is expected to graduate from Bloomsburg University with an MSN in 2006 with CNS in Adult Health & Illness and 2008 as an Adult Nurse Practitioner.

Carol Amann

Carol Amann was selected for a poster presentation at the American Organization of Nurse Executives annual conference in Orlando, FL in April 2006 regarding Political Involvement of Registered Nurse Leaders Belonging to a Professional Leadership Organization (her thesis).

Member Accomplishments cont...



Dee McGonigle
PhD, RNC, FACCE

The American Academy of Nursing announced that 55 nurse leaders will be inducted as Fellows during the Academy's 33rd Annual Meeting & Conference, on November 11, 2006, in Miami, Florida.

"The Academy is comprised of many of the nation's top nursing executives, policy makers, scholars, researchers, and practitioners," said Academy President, Linda Burnes Bolton, DrPH, RN, FAAN. "Induction into the Academy represents an esteemed honor and recognition of outstanding achievement."

Selection criteria include evidence of significant contributions to nursing and health care. Each nominee must be sponsored by two current Academy Fellows. Selection is based, in part, on the extent to which nominees' nursing careers influence health policies for the benefit of all Americans, since the mission of the Academy is to serve the public and nursing profession by advancing health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge. Beta Sigma member Dee McGonigle will be among those inducted.

Dee McGonigle, Associate Professor Nursing and Information Sciences and Technology received her baccalaureate degree in nursing from Penn State University, a master's degree in nursing from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and her doctorate in Foundations of Education from the University of Pittsburgh. She is the President of Educational Advancement Associates and an Associate Professor of Nursing and Information Sciences & Technology at Penn State University. She is actively involved in integrating active and collaborative learning strategies into traditional as well as on-line courses. Dr. McGonigle is interested in the educational impact of the human-technology interface. She is committed to the insightful analysis of ethical dilemmas brought on by this volatile information age. Dr. McGonigle's current area of interest is in the ethical implementation of the care management process and healthcare informatics.

Dr. McGonigle is also Editor-in-Chief of the Online Journal of Nursing Informatics (OJNI).

Accepted:

Lead Author, Dr. Dee McGonigle, Exploring the gap between research and practice, 17th International Nursing Research Congress, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), Montreal, Canada (Presenters: Dr. Lee Bach, Dr. Kathleen Mastrian and Jo Anne Carrick)

2 refereed workbooks:

McGonigle, D. (2006). Obstetric Emergencies (Part I). Brockton, MA: Western Schools.

McGonigle, D. (2006). Gynecologic Emergencies (Part II). Brockton, MA: Western Schools

2 refereed book chapters:

McGonigle, D. & Mastrian, K. (2006). Information systems in case management. In Powell, S & Tahan, H. (Eds), CMSA Core Curriculum for Case Managers (2nd ed.).

McGonigle, D., Mastrian, K. & Pyke, R. (2006). Telehealth and telenursing in case management. In Powell, S & Tahan, H. (Eds), CMSA Core Curriculum for Case Managers (2nd ed.).

RESERVATION FORM FOR BETA SIGMA CHAPTER INDUCTION CEREMONY

Date: Sunday, November 5, 2006

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Nittany Lion Inn

200 West Park Avenue

State College, PA

<http://www.pshs.psu.edu/nittanylioninn/nlhome.asp>

This reservation form is **ONLY** for those wanting to attend the induction who are **not** an inductee and/or a guest of an inductee. Inductees register themselves, as well as their guests, on-line through Sigma Theta Tau International.

ATTENDEE NAME(S): _____

AMOUNT DUE:

◆ Reception Fee:

Number of Attendees _____ Number of Children under age 6 _____

- Reception Cost: \$15.00/adult
- *Please contact Susan Lingle directly if you plan to bring any children between the ages of 6-12*
- Children under age 6 eat FREE

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:

\$ _____

(Please make check or money order to Beta Sigma Chapter)

Please remit Reservation Form and Amount Due **no later than Monday, October 27, 2006** to:

Susan Lingle
Beta Sigma Chapter
Penn State University
School of Nursing
210-B Health & Human Dev East
University Park, PA 16802

*Any questions or require additional information, please contact Susan Lingle at quw2@psu.edu or (814) 865-3510.