Message from President Juli Maxworthy

As my term as President of Nu Xi At Large comes to a close, I would like to thank the many people who have been supportive and played important roles in continuing the stellar work of our chapter.

Many thanks to Dr. Fay Bower for her mentoring and friendship; Dr. Anna Mullins for her willingness to provide great support; Dr. Abby Heydman and Bobbie Richards for their fabulous work to provide a top-notch newsletter time after time. Also thanks to their efforts in making the chapter “greener” by transitioning the newsletter to an electronic distribution format.

Bonnie Holmes has been most helpful in paying our bills and assisting in many ways. Dr. Diana Jennings, Dr. Fay Bower and Dr. Denise Liu have done a wonderful job in getting all potential inductees signed up as new members. Dr. Kimberly Kim, Dr. Marcia Canton and Dr. Paulina Van worked diligently to ensure that our programs were of the highest quality. Also Dr. Marcia Canton and Dr. Paulina Van did a tremendous job in leading the efforts for successful induction events as well as Dr. Enna Travathan for her philanthropic efforts on behalf of the chapter.

Sharon Swain has done an amazing job as Secretary. She has moved the chapter to a new age by setting up both Twitter and Facebook accounts which we are utilizing to improve communication with our members. Shirley Dostal did a wonderful job organizing and putting on the Hall of Fame event. Thanks to Dr. KT Waxman and Wacherra Davis who assisted in putting together our slate of candidates each year. Nancy Gibbs has been helpful as the Governance Chair as well as the Region One Coordinator. Donna Irwin has been an asset to the chapter in her role on the Retention Committee. Appreciation goes out to Mileva Saulo-Lewis for her efforts as our Research Chairperson. Denise Scholz has come on board this year as a leadership intern and I can tell she will be a valuable member of the chapter. I would finally like to thank my husband Gary and my children, Becka, Trevor and Kaiti for their support.

Nu Xi At Large is fortunate to have Dr. Anna Mullins leading us in the next biennium.

—Juli Maxworthy, DNP, MSN, MBA, RN, CNL, CPH, President

Message from Anna Mullins, President-Elect

As one can tell from this picture, it takes many hands working together to make an organization successful. We are fortunate to have such talented, committed hands in our Nu Xi Chapter. A very special thank you goes to Juli Maxworthy for her leadership as President for the past two years. Juli, your energy, guidance, and dedication are deeply appreciated.

We welcome the new board and officers: Anna C. Mullins, President; Nancy Haugen, Treasurer; Kevin Reilly, Vice President for SMU; Liz Sibson Tuan and Tamara Valenta, Faculty Counselors for SMU. Continuing Board Members include: Sharon Swain, Secretary; Marcia Canton, Vice President for HNU; Kimberly Kim, Vice President for CSUEB; KT Waxman, Succession Committee, Fay Bower, Mentoring Committee Chair; Donna Irwin, Retention Committee, and Abby Heydman and Bobbie Richards, Newsletter Editors. Vacant positions will be filled this summer or early fall by special election or appointment. Members interested in serving in the following roles are urged to contact me: Research Committee members, Succession Committee member, Awards Committee members, and Philanthropy Committee Chair and members.

I am honored to serve as your incoming President of Nu Xi At Large Chapter and look forward to working with the board and members to help our organization to grow even stronger as we look to the future.

—Anna Mullins, DNSc, RN amullins29@comcast.net
NU XI AT-LARGE CHAPTER

FALL 2011 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday, October 11, 2011, 5:00-6:30 PM
Holy Names University, Bay Vista Room
Founders Hall

Board of Directors Meeting to Follow 6:30-7:00

One Contact Hour of Continuing Education Credit
Program free to members and invited guests.

NU XI AT-LARGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011–2012

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Induction 2011

On Saturday, April 30, 2011, Nu Xi At Large Chapter celebrated its 18th Induction Ceremony at the Health Education Center at Samuel Merritt University. Two hundred and sixty-three new members, students from California State University East Bay, Holy Names University, and Samuel Merritt along with community nurse leaders were welcomed into the chapter by President Juli Maxworthy. Catherine Waters, R.N., Ph.D. Professor at the University of California San Francisco gave the keynote address, “Nurses Leading Change to Advance Health through Public Service”. New officers were installed and will assume their roles on July 1. Vice Presidents Paulina Van and Marcia Canton planned the event. A reception followed the ceremony and featured a beautiful ice sculpture with the Sigma Theta Tau logo (see photo).
NU XI at Large Goes to the Net!

Nu Xi at Large is going to the web in a big way. The first step was taken in Fall 2010 with the publication of the Nu Xi Newsletter online. This step saved the Chapter a good deal of money and enabled us to use more photos and to print in color. To date the reception has been very positive.

The second step, which has occurred thanks to Sharon Swain, Nu Xi’s Secretary, was the establishment of a Facebook site to enhance chapter communication. Numerous photos of the Hall of Fame and Induction Events have been put up on the Facebook site. For access, go to: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Nu-Xi-Chapter-At-Large-Sigma-Theta-Tau/104323149637891

A new Nu Xi website has also been incorporated in The Circle, the new Sigma Theta Tau social networking resource site. You can access the new website at: http://nuxi.nursingsociety.org/NURSINGSOCIETY/NuXiChapter/Home/

Also, follow us on Twitter @ @STTINuXi

Spring Meeting: Organ Transplantation

Sharon Swain, MSN, RN, Clinical Nurse Educator, California Donor Transplant Network (CDTN), was the keynote speaker for the March 8, 2011, Spring General Membership meeting at CSUEB Hayward campus. Sharon, a former critical care nurse, is a BSN graduate of SMU, and an MSN graduate from HNU. CTDN is a federally designated Organ Procurement Organization (OPO), a Donate Life Organization, an accredited member of the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO) and a member of the United Network Organ Sharing System (UNOS), the only national organ transplant service for the United States.

2011 STTI Research Grants Available

Numerous STTI research grant awards are available in the coming months, including those noted below. Members are encouraged to get more information on the STTI website.

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<td>Sigma Theta Tau International/The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science</td>
<td>To encourage qualified nurses to improve the health of the world's people through research. Proposals for clinical, educational or historical research, including plans for broadly disseminating research findings, may be submitted for the grant.</td>
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<td>Sigma Theta Tau International/Hill-Rom Environment of Elder Care Nursing Research Grant</td>
<td>Will advance the science of nursing through research focused on critical aspects of elder care including clear lungs, no falls, safe skin, patient comfort and ease-of-use. Applications from novice researchers who have received no other national research funds are encouraged.</td>
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<td>Sigma Theta Tau International/Hill-Rom Quality Improvement/Patient Safety Nursing Research Grant</td>
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<td>Sigma Theta Tau International/METI Simulation in Nursing Research Grant</td>
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<td>Sigma Theta Tau International/National Gerontological Nursing Association Research Grant</td>
<td>To support nursing research that will help improve health care for older adults.</td>
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of Organ Sharing (UNOS). The organization is dedicated to providing services to hospitals, transplant centers and the public in Northern/Central California as well as Northern Nevada. CTDN provides services to the public, including donor families, to hospitals, and to health professionals. CTDN’s mission is to save and improve lives through organ and tissue donation.

Sharon presented a compelling report, “The Power of One: How You Can Make A Difference”, in which she discussed the need to educate nurses on identifying potential organ donors in a timely fashion. She also discussed the current gap between the numbers of people on the waitlist versus the number of organs available for transplant. At the time of her presentation there were over 110,000 people on the waitlist for organs and over 80% of those are waiting for a kidney transplant. She highlighted the critical role of the nurse in notifying the OPO when a potential donor is identified, indicating that CTDN staff are experts who are trained to work with the family and hospitals involved. CTDN believes every family should be fully informed about organ donation and should have the opportunity to be offered the option of donation if possible. Many people falsely believe they are not candidates for organ donation, but in fact often qualify. Increasing the number of donors through early identification is essential to reducing the number of people on the waiting list. Raising awareness about signing up to be an organ donor is also one of the essential components of CTDN’s community outreach. Members concluded the presentation with a lively question and answer session as well as a commitment to work to increase the number of organ donors on the registry in California and to help raise awareness of organ donation in curriculum and the workplace.

To sign up to be an organ and tissue donor visit www.donatelifecalifornia.org/teamchad

Research Grants Awarded by Nu Xi at Large

Two grants to support the research activities of Nu Xi At Large Chapter members have been approved by the Research Committee chaired by Dr. Mileva Saulo Lewis, and members Dr. Loretta Camerano, both of SMU, San Mateo, and Dr. Michelle Hampton, SMU, Oakland. A $2,500 grant was awarded to Roberta Durham, PhD, RN, Professor, and Lynn Von Hofwegen, DNP, RN, Associate Professor, both from CSUEB, for their project, Improving Health Outcomes for Families in Rural Panama. Families in rural Panama experience high infant mortality, lack prenatal care, live in extreme poverty, and are malnourished. They have limited access to health care to alleviate these problems. The purpose of this study is to identify family needs that might have an impact on these health outcomes in future research.

A second research award for $1,000 was made to principal investigator Dr. Kim Stiles, Professor, Ohlone College for her project: The Nurse’s Lived Experience of Becoming an Interdisciplinary Leader. The purpose of this study is to enhance the understanding of the lived experience of nurses becoming interdisciplinary leaders through interviewing nurses who have served on successful interdisciplinary teams and listening to their stories of leadership. The researchers aim to identify the practices involved in expanding one’s capacity to lead from within one’s profession to an interprofessional capacity, and to identify best practices that can be used to prepare interdisciplinary nurse leaders of the future. Other researchers participating in this study include: Catherine Anne Andrews, PhD, R.N., Professor, Edgewood College, and Sara Horton-Deutsch, DNSc, Associate Professor, Indiana University School of Nursing.

Fay Bower Receives President’s Medal at HNU

Fay Bower, DNSc, FAAN, RN, Professor and Faculty Counselor for Nu Xi at Large Chapter at Holy Names University, former President of both Nu Xi At Large, and Sigma Theta Tau International, was honored by President William Hynes with the President’s Medal at Holy Names University for her contributions to the University at Commencement on May 16, 2011. The President’s medal is awarded to a person who has brought value to Holy Names University or made an outstanding contribution to the growth and development of the University and its mission by means of academic, financial, or other contributions. Fay is the first faculty member or administrator to receive this honor at the University. In giving the award, Dr. Hynes acknowledged that Dr. Bower’s leadership has been responsible for the growth and development of the Department of Nursing, significantly enhancing the University’s financial health and well being. HNU has named Dr. Bower as Special Counsel to the Department of Nursing as she continues to teach, recruit students, and develop new programs.

STTI 22nd International Nursing Research Congress

The 22nd International Nursing Research Congress will be held in sunny Cancun, Mexico, July 11-15, 2011 at the Moon Palace Golf and Spa Resort. While in Cancun, you will learn
about clinical innovations, cutting-edge research projects and leadership initiatives.

This year’s theme is “Leading the Global Practice-Research Interface in the New Millennium.” At congress, you can review more than 525 abstracts submitted by nurse researchers from 29 countries. Additionally, plan to take part in the new simulation workshop and learn how simulation can help improve your research.

Learn more about these events at www.nursingsociety.org.

Parking Lot Delivery; Nursing Students Simulation Training

For eight nursing students in the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program from the San Mateo Learning Center of Samuel Merritt University, Sunday, December 5, 2010 is a day they will never forget.

“It was six-thirty in the morning, we were in the cafeteria at Kaiser Permanente Hayward Hospital waiting for our supervisor to give us our assignments for the day when we heard this loud scream come from the parking lot,” said Angie Rayzor, ABSN student. “At first we thought it was a drill.”

The group ran outside towards the screams and what they saw when they arrived seemed out of a film or TV show. “The father, along with three small kids, was in a panic running around the van. And there was a woman standing outside the van door, leaning against a transport wheelchair, struggling with pain,” said Kim Davies, ABSN student. “As we got closer she pulled her pants down and we could see the baby’s head was crowning.”

As the mother was screaming out, ‘the baby’s coming, the baby’s coming,’ Davies instincts took over. The nursing student fell down to her knees, hitting the cold hard pavement just in time to catch the baby girl!

“I saw the woman and though she looked very scared, she was relieved that we caught the baby,” said Jeannette De Dios, ABSN student. Then like clockwork the team of nursing students quickly began evaluating the baby. Rayzor was the first to yell, ‘skin-to-skin.’

“We learned in simulation that a premature delivery, or in a precipitous birth, you put the baby directly on the mom’s belly to keep it warm,” explained Rayzor. “She wasn’t crying much, which worried me. I knew I had to do something immediately so that the baby would not lose any more warmth.”

The SMU students continued to evaluate the baby, assessing her breathing and pulse. De Dios and Davies started vigorously massaging the baby’s face and nose to remove any secretions or blockages to promote breathing. “It was hard to tell if the baby was breathing or not because it was so cold,” said Rayzor. “She still looked so blue, but once the baby started to cough and cry, we all felt better.”

At that precise time Ray Monge, ABSN student, arrived with two nurses from the hospital’s Labor and Delivery (L&D) Department. “When everyone else ran outside, I ran inside to find help. Once I explained there was a woman having a baby in the parking lot we all ran downstairs but not before I grabbed some gloves for my classmates. I thought ‘just in case they needed additional pair of hands’ we are now prepared!”

For the San Mateo nursing group their only labor preparation was through simulation training they did two weeks prior. “I was just amazed at how each of us contributed,” said De Dios. “Kim caught the baby, Angie yelled ‘skin to skin’ and then others yelled ‘baby’s not breathing -- stimulate!’ And we just learned how to do all this! It was definitely a team effort.”

“I felt that I burned a lot of calories in those few minutes,” laughs Monge. “I am grateful for the simulation we had. It helped us to respond in the right way at the right time. As students we have some limitations in handling patients, but the scenarios our instructors gave us in class taught us to stay focused and calm.”

The team cites the program and their professor, Laurie Rosa, MS, RN, Assistant Professor, for everything they learned. “It’s definitely attributed to the staff and the school,” said Rayzor. “I don’t know if I would have responded the same had I not had that simulation class. Simulation training is crucial.”

“Our program teaches us two things, theory and practice,” explains Tamra Hollenbeck, ABSN student. “But the theory is nothing until you’re actually putting it into practice. So that’s what I think is the beauty of the ABSN program. It’s not theoretical, it’s hands on, and to me that’s the more important piece.”

“It is so strangely miraculous that these dedicated and mature nursing students, who just started their intense 12-month program this semester and took a simulation course in labor and delivery just a couple of weeks ago, would be helping this family by delivering their baby,” said Rosa. “It is a testament to our University preparing nurses to not simply succeed academically but to critically and practically apply the knowledge, theory, and skills of nursing practice.”

As for the mother and child, according to hospital staff, after the shock wore down, everyone was happy and relieved. Later that same day the husband’s mother went in search of the person who ‘caught’ her granddaughter. “When she asked if I was a nurse and when I said, ‘No, I’m a student nurse,’ and explained how me and my fellow nursing students all helped bring this baby into the world she was shocked. But then she couldn’t stop congratulating us. She was very thankful for our collaboration and our skills as nursing students.”

(Article from SMU ENews)
Country Joe McDonald Nominated for Honorary Membership

Nu Xi At Large Chapter has nominated musician, songwriter, and political activist, Country Joe McDonald for Honorary Membership in Sigma Theta Tau to honor his long term advocacy for nurses and nursing. If approved by the STTI Board of Directors, the award would be given at the 2011 Biennial Convention. Country Joe, an icon of the 1960’s musical Woodstock era, has studied the life of Florence Nightingale since the 1980’s and has become an expert on her life and experiences. He maintains an historical website to assist students and nurses who want accurate information about Florence and her life. In addition, Country Joe has written songs about nurses and has been an advocate for military nurses. He performed on the SMU campus during Nurses Week in 2009 and has developed a 50 minute tribute to Florence Nightingale that has been performed at colleges around the country. See Joe’s website for more information: www.countryjoe.com

Ruth Ann Terry Joins HNU Family

Ruth Ann Terry, MPH, RN has joined the Holy Names University family as Interim Chair for the Department of Nursing. Ruth was formerly the longtime Executive Officer of the California Board of Registered Nursing. In that capacity, she came to know all of the California Nursing curricula and most of the registered nurses in the state.

Faculty Work on Textbook Collaboration

Dr. Fay Bower and Dr. Anna Mullins are writing a chapter for a book entitled “Finance and Business Management for DNPs” to be published by Springer. The editor for the book is Dr. KT Waxman, also a Nu Xi member. Dr. Bower and Dr. Mullins are writing a chapter entitled “Teaching Financial Management in Practice and Academia and Program Development.”
Fay Bower Assumes New Position

After ten very successful years as Chair of the Department of Nursing, Dr. Fay L. Bower will be assuming a new position as Professor and Senior Counsel for Nursing at Holy Names University. In this position, she will recruit for our existing nursing programs, develop new ventures, and develop funding proposals. She will also continue to be the director of the LVN/BSN program and teach in the graduate programs, the RN/BSN and LVN/BSN programs.

It is hard to put into words the impact Fay has had on HNU’s Department of Nursing. As Chair, Fay has rebuilt the department, launched a half dozen new programs, and dramatically increased enrollments. We are looking forward to more of her energy being focused on new ideas and fundraising. As Fay brings her talents and energies to this new position, we are very hopeful that even greater benefits will result for nursing and HNU. Posted on April 27, 2011 by Holy Names News

Visiting Professor Studies Mentorship Programs

Dr. Anna Mullins had a visiting professor from St. Luke’s College of Nursing in Tokyo spend a six weeks internship with her to learn about mentor programs. Minako Ito, RN, MSN, PHN, had read an article written by Anna and her colleague, Joyce Mills, regarding their research and demonstration projects on mentor and preceptor programs. Ms. Ito teaches nursing fundamentals and also wanted to learn about simulation-based learning while in the Bay Area. To do that she made site visits to the simulation laboratories at Samuel Merritt University and Washington Hospital in Fremont, CA. Ms. Ito recently informed Anna that she will be giving a presentation about the mentorship program developed by Anna and the staff of the California Nurses Foundation at the St. Luke’s Society for Nursing Research Annual Conference in Tokyo, Japan.

COMMISSION ON COLLEGIATE NURSING EDUCATION

CCNE Accreditation

Dean Audrey Berman announced that the School of Nursing has received notification that the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education fall visit resulted in full ten years continued accreditation for the MSN and BSN programs (effective date 10/11/10-6/30/21). All four accreditation standards were met and there were no compliance concerns with any of the elements.

Commencement 2011

Samuel Merritt University's 2011 Commencement ceremonies took place on Friday, May 27, 2011 at the historic Paramount Theatre in downtown Oakland. A 2:00 PM ceremony was held for graduates of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing programs. Dr. Norweeta Milburn, Associate Research Psychologist in the Department of Psychiatry at UCLA, delivered the 2011 Commencement address. Dr. Milburn’s research is focused on the areas of mental health and drug abuse, and has most often centered on racial/ethnic minority populations and marginalized groups, includ-
ing homeless people. She has consistently drawn upon her expertise in conducting applied research in community settings, using collaborative community participation in research designs, and working with racial/ethnic minority groups, primarily African Americans.

Dean Berman Contributes to Speaker Series

The annual Betty Irene Moore Speaker Series was held on April 19, 2011 at the Mission Bay Conference Center at UCSF. The 2011 program featured Patricia Benner, PhD, RN, FAAN, Director of the Carnegie Foundation’s Study of Nursing Education, as an Endowed Professor at UCSF School of Nursing, and an internationally known researcher and lecturer, and Audrey Berman, PhD, RN, Dean, Samuel Merritt University School of Nursing. The Series is designed to allow current and aspiring Bay Area registered nurses to interact with nationally and locally recognized nursing leaders and learn from these leaders’ exceptional experiences and perspectives. This popular event helps to support the work of the Betty Irene Moore Nursing Initiative by inspiring nurses of all levels to work towards positive transformations in their healthcare systems and become leaders within the bay area healthcare community. Dr. Benner discussed the future of nursing in an interview-style conversation led by Dr. Berman. The Top Ten Tips on Leadership presented in summary by Drs. Benner and Berman included:

1. Lead from in-depth knowledge of your own and other nurses’ front-line knowledge and experience.
2. Give language and visibility to knowledge and meanings embedded in practice communities.
3. Strive to always be critically self-reflective.
4. Pick your battles - focus on what you can do rather than on what you cannot.
5. Be attuned to changes that create new opportunities and challenges.
6. Recognize that your work is never complete.
7. Remember that nursing is a team sport.
8. Become very clear on the difference between equity and equality.
9. Look for Positive Deviance and extend it.
10. Lead for excellence while understanding links between means and outcomes.

Michelle Hampton appointed to Professorial Chair

Associate Professor Michelle Hampton has been named the Paul C. Samson Clinical Nursing Professorial Chair for the period 2011-2013. This Chair was established to acknowledge a faculty member in nursing for excellence in teaching, and secondarily, for exemplary service to the University and affiliating agencies in professional and scholarly activities. The Chair designation carries with it a substantial cash award in recognition of past work and institutional contribution. Michelle’s contributions to her profession and to the university over the past six years have been executed quietly and with grace. In her teaching, Dr. Hampton teaches pre-licensure psychiatric/mental health nursing, health assessment, graduate research methods, and has just completed teaching evidence-based research to the inaugural DNP students. Dr. Hampton’s service to SMU has included chairing the School of Nursing Evaluation Committee, co-chairing the Faculty Organization Research Committee, and serving on the diversity curriculum task force, the assessment committee, and several university search committees. She chairs the Faculty Diversity Committee. Michelle excels in scholarship, having completed a post-doctoral case control study to examine substance use of severely mentally ill adults with diagnoses of HIV or Hepatitis C virus compared with non-diagnosed subjects. In addition to her previous publications and presentations, she has already had two additional manuscripts accepted for publication in 2011. (Article adapted from email announcement by Sharon Diaz, President on May 14, 2011.)

Scott Beamer Community Service Award winners for 2011

The Scott Beamer Endowed Memorial Fund was established by Mrs. Scott Beamer, along with friends and family members. The purpose of the Fund is to stimulate and support faculty, staff and student involvement in community service. This year approximately $10,000 will be awarded in small grants for all projects. Recipients agree to solicit a small portion of matching funds for their projects. Funds were awarded to the following nursing faculty or students:

- East Bay Transgender and Support Group Dr. Cecily Cosby, Professor, Nursing
- CSPM and FNP San Ysidro Medical Mission Valerie Dzubur, EdD, RN, Associate Professor-Nursing with Drs. Peter Barboza, Tim Dutra
- Himalayan Healthcare Project Dr. Valerie Dzubur, Associate Professor, Nursing
- Genetic Counseling and Testing Outreach, Reena Haymond, Nursing Faculty and DNP Student Davis Street Clinic

Grant Funds Received

The SMU School of Nursing was awarded a total of $62,500 from the East Bay Community Foundation and Kaiser Permanente for the Transition to Practice program and $50,000 from Kaiser Permanente to continue the Kaiser Student Teaching Assistant program. These funds pay pre-licensure students $20/hour as teaching assistants in campus-based nursing skills labs.
Aara Amidi-Nouri, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU, has been awarded a Health Careers Training Program Mini-Grant of $9,000 from the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, under the Health Career Exploration award category for Samuel Merritt University, School of Nursing. The project title is: Bridging the gap: a simulation-based program for high school students. Aara has also been awarded $100,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for ten $10,000 scholarships to be awarded to students from underrepresented and/or disadvantaged backgrounds in the BSN program. Aara was recently notified that the University will receive an additional $150,000 from the same funding source.

Suzanne August-Schwartz, DNP, FNP, Assistant Professor, SMU, has been awarded $41,000 from the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development for the FNP/PA Davis Street project. De Rosa, M. & August-Schwartz, S. Alliances for global health education: learning from south-south collaboration. development of Master in Global Health Initiatives program at Samuel Merritt University. Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública, Guernavaca, Mexico. April, 2010.

Joan Bard, D.Ed., RN, Associate Professor, SMU School of Nursing, along with Dr. Sylvia Fox, also a faculty member at SMU, was awarded a Faculty Research Grant of $2,500 from the Office of Academic Affairs to study the relationship between the shyness of nurses and the quality and safety of patient care.

Audrey Berman, PhD, RN, Dean & Professor, SMU, led the interview style conversation with keynote speaker, Patricia Benner, PhD, RN, FAAN, at the annual Betty Irene Moore Speaker Series held April 19, 2011 at the Mission Bay Conference Center at UCSF. Dr. Benner was the Director of the Carnegie Foundation’s Study of Nursing Education, and until her recent retirement held Endowed Professor Chair at UCSF School of Nursing.

Patricia Brennan, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU, was selected as Faculty Member of the Year by the students of SMU. Trish was also recently interviewed about her work as a Faculty Genetics/Genomics Champion in the Newsletter of the Genetics/Genomics Competency Center for Education. (Issue 5, Volume 3) Dr. Brennan applied and was awarded an internal grant to fund a genetic/genomic faculty development initiative and composed an advisory group made up of nursing professors from a variety of specialties, nurse practitioners, educators, and undergraduate students to disseminate and integrate this content. Due to grant monies available she was able to offer access to an online course “Applying Genomics to Nursing Practice” (AGNP), a 5-week program offering teacher facilitated online courses with weekly assignments. Dr. Brennan created a repository site on Blackboard with resources and content available to integrate into nursing curriculum. The article notes that these efforts proved to encompass especially positive outcomes. Recently, Dr. Brennan was awarded $1,600 from the Office of Academic Affairs to study the integration of sepsis simulation in healthcare curriculum. In December 2010, Dr. Brennan gave a podium presentation, Genetic and genomic education integration project, at the Global Alliance for Leadership in Nursing and Science.

Candace Campbell, MSN-HCSM, RN. Lecturer, CSUEB, wrote an article about Nurses’ Week which was picked up by Reuters and PR News and carried in 500 media outlets. She had a book signing at the CSUEB Pioneer Bookstores for her book; My Mom is A Nurse, on May 12. In addition, Candace spoke on radio on behalf of ANA and March of Dimes: MOD March for Babies in Santa Rosa and Nurses’ Week on Sun FM The Morning Show on May 9th;

Marcia Canton, PhD, RN, Faculty Advisor 2+2 program, has been reelected to the Vice President-Holy Names University position for Nu Xi At Large Board.


Margaret Early, PhD, RN, Associate Professor and Chair, BSN Program, SMU, was awarded a Faculty Research Grant of $2,500 from the Research Committee and $2,500 from the Office of Academic Affairs and the School of Nursing for SMILE: an inter-disciplinary information literacy online education module for health professions students. Margaret has also collaborated with Karen Wolf on a presentation: Wolf, K. & Early, M. Use of the clinical teaching knowledge test in faculty development. American Association of Colleges of Nursing Baccalaureate Education Conference. Orlando, FL November, 2010. In addition, Margaret presented her work, SMILE: An inter-disciplinary information literacy online education module for health professions students, at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Baccalaureate Education Conference. Orlando, FL November, 2010.
MIRIAM EISENHARDT, MPH, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU, along with Marjorie Hammer was awarded the Daisy Award from the Daisy Foundation. The Daisy Award is awarded to “extraordinary nursing faculty for exceptional impact on students and inspirational influence on their future” for work in developing and implementing the “Spirit Seminars” in the ELMSN program, a curriculum which integrates cultural competency throughout their pre-licensure experience. Miriam and Marjorie have presented their work at two conferences. (Please refer to item under Marjorie Hammer for details.)

LESLIE FLYNN, DNP, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU, has completed requirements for the Doctor of Nursing Practice, at the University of San Francisco. The title of her doctoral project is: Improving evidence based practice in rural hospital settings: collaborative education.

SYLVIA FOX, PhD, CNS, Associate Professor, SMU, was awarded along with Dr. Joan Bard a Faculty Research Grant of $2,500 from the Office of Academic Affairs to study the relationship between the shyness of nurses and the quality and safety of patient care.

SANDRA GALURA, MSN, RN, Adjunct Assistant Professor, SMU, working with Nancy Haugen produced the following publication: Haugen, N. & Galura, S. (2011). Ulrich and Canale’s care planning guides: prioritization, delegation, and critical thinking. St. Louis: Mosby.

SUSAN GEARHART, PhD, RN, Adjunct Assistant Professor, SMU along with colleagues recently published the following article: Blegen, M.A., Sehgal, N.L., Allredge, B.K., Gearhart, S., Auerbach, A.A. & Wachter, R.M. (2010). Improving safety culture on adult medical units through multidisciplinary teamwork and communication interventions: the TOPS Project. Qual Saf Health Care, 19(4): 346-50.

NANCY GIBBS, MSN, RN, Nurse Educator, John Muir Medical Center, has completed her term as the Region One Coordinator for Sigma Theta Tau International and will be assuming the role of President-elect of Nu Xi At Large Chapter in July.


MICHELLE HAMPTON, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, SMU, has had two articles recently accepted for publication: Hampton, MD (2011). Constructivism applied to psychiatric-mental health nursing: An alternative to supplement traditional clinical education, International Journal of Mental Health Nursing, accepted for publication 4/2011, and Hampton, MD, Chafetz, L, & Portillo C (2011). Differences in substance-related risk behavior between dual and triple diagnosed severely mentally ill adults. Mental Health and Substance Use, accepted for publication 3/2011.

NANCY HAUGEN, PhD, RN, Chairperson, Accelerated BSN Program SMU, has been elected Treasurer of the Nu Xi At Large. Nancy has had a recent publication: Haugen, N. & Galura, S. (2011). Ulrich and Canale's care planning guides: prioritization, delegation, and critical thinking. St. Louis: Mosby.

ABBY HEYDMAN, PhD, RN, Professor Emeritus, SMU, has been appointed to the Working Group on Graduate Education for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The group is charged with proposing new accreditation criteria for accreditation of graduate programs. Abby served on the Chapter Global Community Building Award Judging Committee 2011 for Sigma Theta Tau International and is a candidate for the Region One Coordinator position at the Biennial Convention.

KIMBERLY KIM, RN, PH D, Associate Professor and Barbara Maerz, RN, MSN, Simulation Lab Coordinator presented the research entitled, “Transition Experiences of New Graduate Nurses in the Residency Program at the 2011 CSU East Bay Faculty Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Poster Exhibit on May 25, 2011. Kimberly, Residency Program Director, and Song Brown Program Director at CSU East Bay has also been awarded a Capitation grant of a $144,000 from Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to educate additional pre-licensure nursing students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

FUSAE KONDO ABBOTT, DNSC, RN, Associate Professor and Director, Case Management and MSN Online Programs, SMU has had a recent publication with colleagues: Yukawa, K., Yamazaki, Y., Yonekura, Y., Yotogi, T., Abbott, F., Homma, M., Park, M. & Kagawa, Y. (2010). Effectiveness of chronic disease self-management program in Japan: preliminary report of a longitudinal study. Nursing and Health Sciences, 12, 456-463.

LINDSAY MCCREA, FNP-BC, PhD, RN, CWOCN, Associate Professor, CSUEB, will receive the Research Manuscript Award from the Journal of Wound Os-

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Anna Mullins, DNSc, RN, Director of the California Nurses Foundation, and lecturer at Holy Names University, will assume the role of President of Nu Xi At Large Chapter on July 1, 2011. Anna has served as President-elect for two years and will succeed Juli Maxworthy in the Presidential role.

Dr. Mullins also has had an article accepted for publication by the American Journal of Nursing. The title of the article is “Mentoring for New Graduate Registered Nurses”. The article is written in collaboration with staff from the Northern California Regional Office of Kaiser Permanente and describes the implementation and results of the implementation of the mentor program developed by Anna and the staff of the California Nurses Foundation.

Kevin Reilly, MSN, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU, has been elected to the position of Vice President-SMU for Nu Xi At Large.

Bobbie Richards, MA, RN, Assistant Professor & Preceptorship Coordinator—Prelicensure Programs, SMU, served on the 2011 Sigma Theta Tau International Award judging committee for the Dorothy Garrigus Adams Award for Excellence in Fostering Professional Standards.

Janet Rowland, MSN, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU, has been named to the Nursing Case Management Content Expert Panel of the American Nurses Credentialing Center. This panel writes the examination for national certification in case management.

Mileva Saulo Lewis, EdD, RN, Associate Professor and Managing Director San Mateo Learning Center, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Sacred Dying. This foundation through presence seeks to create a setting in which death is experienced with “honor, respect and sacredness”. It trains people to vigil with the dying and is part of an international movement called “No One Dies Alone” (NODA). Dr. Lewis has assisted the foundation with developing training videos as well as their approval as a BRN CE Provider. Mileva has also been awarded a sabbatical leave from SMU for Fall 2011.

Liz Sibson-Tuan, MSN, RN, Assistant Professor & Bay Area Clinical Coordinator - Prelicensure Programs- SMU, has been elected to the position of Faculty Counselor –SMU for Nu Xi At Large Chapter.

Kim Stiles, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, CNE, Professor, Ohlone College Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology, published “Advancing Nursing Knowledge through Complex Holism” in Advances in Nursing Science, (34)1, 39-50, Jan-Mar 2011.

Tamera Valenta, MSN, RN, Assistant Professor, has been elected to the position of Faculty Counselor-SMU for Nu Xi at Large Chapter.

Paulina Van, PhD, RN, faculty member at SMU School of Nursing has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. Paulina, outgoing Vice President of Nu Xi At Large Chapter for SMU, has had a publication and a presentation in recent months. These include: Van, P. & Meleis, A. (2010). Factors influencing grief intensity among African American women after pregnancy loss. The Journal of the National Black Nurses Association, 1(2), 1-8, and Van, P, The African American experience after pregnancy loss: influencing factors. First Annual Florence Stroud Black History Month Conference Series. San Francisco, CA. February, 2011.

Karen Anne Wolf, PhD, RN, faculty member at SMU School of Nursing has been promoted to the rank of Professor. Karen has recently been accepted for the Stanford Geriatric Education Center Faculty Development Program in Ethnogeriatrics. In November, 2010, with colleague Marjorie Early, Dr. Wolf presented a paper, Use of the clinical teaching knowledge test in faculty development, at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Baccalaureate Education Conference. Orlando, FL.
2011 Annual Fund Summary Report

Sixteen donors contributed $1,915.00 to the scholarship and research grant fund through personal contributions to the Nu Xi Annual Fund Drive. The Board of Directors is grateful to each member who made an effort to assist with raising funds this year. Although the number of donors remained nearly the same as last year, the amount of funds contributed increased slightly. Over its six year history, members have contributed $13,794 to the Annual Fund. Please see the honor roll of members who were donors in 2011.

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