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Impressions of a Nurse Theorist

Lois Lowry, PhD

We are pleased to extend an invitation to you to attend our Fall event featuring Dr. Madeleine Leininger! .

Professor Leininger is the founder and leader of the academic field of transcultural nursing which focuses on comparative cultural care theory, research and practice.

In the early 1950's Dr. Leininger foresaw the need to formally prepare nurses in a new field she called transcultural nursing. Accordingly, she conceived and established the field and the Transcultural Nursing Society which holds meetings annually and includes a process for certification of transcultural nurses.

During her career she has served as Dean at the Universities of Washington, Utah and Wayne State University, and was the Director of the first

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Sigma Notes:

A Message from the President

Suzanne Boswell, RN, MSN, CRA

Greetings! As we wrap up our year and head into a wonderful new season, please let me wish you all a happy and safe summer! This newsletter is loaded with information on our events for this past year and will also highlight activities that our organization has planned for the 2005-2006 year. If you were unable to join us for any of this year's events, we hope that this will certainly not be the case in the coming year! Epsilon Sigma has so much to offer you and we truly want you to take part in all the activities that you can!

Our Board is pleased to welcome several new officers that were installed on May 12, 2005 at the House of Ribs! These officers are: Amy Reeves, Masoud Ghaffari, Sharon Dills, and Teresa Martin. Please join me in thanking them for serving on the Board of Directors of our Honor Society Chapter! These new members of the board and those already serving on the Board will meet June 23, 2005 to plan for more events and activities for the coming year.

We have made strides in establishing liaison relationships with several of our members at MSHA and Wellmont. They are assisting in our efforts to seek community members within their respective organizations by communicating the qualifications necessary for nurse leader nominations. Currently we are seeking nominations for community members for membership in our chapter from all local organizations! If you would like to honor an exceptional nurse leader from your organization by nominating them for membership, please contact me at sboswell@ctmsinc.com or 423-367-3462 and I will assist you with this process. You may also contact our counselor Rhonda Brodrick, at brodrickl@yahoo.com.

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Nurse Scientist program in the United States at the University of Colorado. Dr. Leininger has authored over 30 books and 350 articles. She has been a distinguished lecturer within and without the U.S.

We welcome such a distinguished guest to East Tennessee!

Dates:

Thursday evening: October 6, 2005

6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Millenium Center

Dinner Meeting and book signing

Friday, October 7, 2005

8:30 to 10:00 a.m. - Baccalaureate Students

11:00 to 1:00 p.m. - Master's/Doctoral Students



Where Are You?

A Call for Members to Update Addresses

The board of Epsilon Sigma Chapter is asking that all members, current and past, take the first step to renewing a reciprocally beneficial relationship with Sigma Theta Tau by sending updated personal information to the local chapter. Please include name, address, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses. This information will be entered into the membership

database. By updating your personal profile you will insure you continue to receive newsletters and other information at the local level.

<http://www.etsu.edu/nursing/conpages/sigma.asp>

Our board meetings, which are open to anyone to attend, are on the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm. We have been meeting in the conference room #109 of the Nursing Home Care Unit (NHCU), Building 162 on the VA grounds. For a map:

http://www.va.gov/621quillen/visitors/h_map.htm

for driving directions:

<http://www1.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=93&dnum=ALL&map=1>

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Patricia Hayes who received an award for excellence in nursing research and Rhonda Brodrick, awarded for excellence in nursing education! These individuals were recognized for their achievements at the 2005 Tennessee Nurses Association Nurses Week Celebration! Watch the newsletter for your opportunity to nominate a chapter member to be honored next year!

Do you know what the Vision and Mission of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing is? If not, please take a moment to read them!

A Vision to Lead:

To create a global community of nurses who lead in using scholarship, knowledge and technology to improve the health of the world's people.

A Mission to Serve, Support and Improve:

Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society of Nursing provides leadership and scholarship in practice, education and research to enhance the health of all people.

We support the learning and professional development of our members,

who strive to improve nursing care worldwide.

With the Vision and Mission of our organization in mind, can you recommend programs that would be helpful for you in your nursing career? It is our goal to provide you with the tools that you need to be the best in nursing! If you have a program or event recommendation that would assist us in meeting our goal, we would love to hear from YOU! You may contact me at the e-mail address above or contact any board member to share your idea.

Finally, let me encourage you to plan to attend the 38th Biennial Convention entitled *Create the Future Through Renewal* to be held November 12-16 in Indianapolis! You may register on-line at <http://www.nursingsociety.org/convention/reginfoHigh.html>.

I hope that we will see you there!

Have a great summer!

Suzanne



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING

ROOM 109 AT THE VA

THURSDAY, MAY 5TH AT 5:30

– INTRODUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS

OFFICER INSTALLATION AT HOUSE OF RIBS

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2005 AT 6PM

AUGUST 1, 2005

DEADLINE TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR INDUCTION OF
COMMUNITY MEMBERS

OCTOBER 6, 2005: LENNINGER MEETING

MILLENNIUM CENTER

6:15 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

OCTOBER 21-23: TNA ANNUAL CONVENTION

THE PEABODY, MEMPHIS

NOVEMBER 10, 2005: SIGMA THETA TAU INDUCTION

JONESBOROUGH VISITOR'S CENTER

5:30-7:30 PM

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS. PUNCH AND HORS D'OUVRES

38TH BIENNIAL SIGMA THETA TAU CONVENTION

CREATE THE FUTURE THROUGH RENEWAL

12-16 NOVEMBER 2005

INDIANAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA USA

New Member Induction

Sigma Theta Tau Epsilon Sigma Chapter

It's that time again. All new members will officially be inducted in the Honor Society on Thursday evening, November 10, 2005. This special program will once again be held at the Jonesborough Visitor's Center from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Hors d'oeuvres and punch will be served beginning at 5:30 followed by the induction ceremony.

All family members, friends, and supporters are encouraged to attend. Mark your calendars today!

Upcoming local CME

June 29 – Conference for Women

Location: Holiday Inn, Springbrook Drive, Johnson City

800-873-7545 or www.skillpath.com

July 27 – Asthma/Allergic Disease

Location: Centre at Millenium Park

August 6-7 – 21st Southwest Virginia Peds Conference

Location: Martha Washington Inn

September 10 – 2nd Annual Primary Care Research Day

Location: Stanton-Gerber Hall, #178, VAMC

Topic: PC health care issues

ACLS/PALS – contact Lisa Lewis (423) 431-6699

http://com.etsu.edu/?V_DOC_ID=849

Research Opportunities

Sigma Theta Tau has a multitude of research opportunities from within the organization as well as through partnership grants. These are listed on the website, but calls for abstracts are summarized below to save you time. There are a multitude of national and international conferences available. Follow the research page under conferences.

Additionally, the society has needs for reviewers.

Applications for collateral reviewers are being accepted now for 2 year terms.

Deadline: 30 June 2005

PAPER, POSTER—“Healthier Life With Nursing Leadership,” Fifth International Nursing Conference, 19-21 October 2005, Seoul, Korea.

Deadline: 15 January 2006

PAPER, POSTER, PANEL—23rd Annual History of Nursing Conference, 29 September-1 October 2006, Rochester, Minnesota

Deadline: 31 January 2006

PAPER, POSTER—14th International Conference on Cancer Nursing, 27 September – 1 October 2006, Toronto, Canada. Sponsors: International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care