

Spring 2011

Chapter
Newsletter

OMICRON LAMBDA CHAPTER



Sigma Theta Tau International
Honor Society of Nursing

Message from the President



It is amazing to me how time flies. We had a wonderful fall. Heather Mangum did a great job with Hepatitis C Update in November. The Region 8 conference in Hattiesburg went well. We were well represented with Lenora

Houston presenting her

research as well as Lacy Carpenter closing with her World War Two nurse reenactment. The Leadership Summit in Arlington, TX was well done. Rick and I were able to get some ideas that will help our chapter.

Elections were held on Tuesday, February 7, 2011. Elected for First Vice President was Lacy Carpenter. Our Treasurer beginning in June will be Bryan Williamson. Our new Faculty Advisor is Allison Hayes, and our next Leadership Suc-

cession Chair is Charlotte Wood with Katie Hall and Landa Strum as her committee members. Induction will be held on March 29, 2011 in Anderson Hall. Dr. Barbara Rogers will be our guest speaker for this event. Please join us and show the new inductees your support. We will have a silent auction at the event with many interesting items to auction. More information will be sent to you within the near future regarding induction.

Have a pleasant and fruitful spring. Deb

Upcoming Events

Watch website for more information

The 22nd International Research Congress will be in Cancun, Mexico July 11 to July 14, 2011.

The 41st Biennial Convention will be in Grapevine, TX from October 29th to November 2, 2011.

Make plans now to attend.

As we begin a new year, I hope you will take time to think about your commit-

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

ment to Sigma Theta Tau and if not actively involved, will make the decision to get involved. We want and need you to join with us as we continue to celebrate the scholarship of nursing through our presentations at meetings. We need each one of you to help us become a more active chapter, and to share what you are doing to improve your evidence based practice.



The School of Nursing is slowly progressing toward a “new look”. We have completed most of the central administration areas, and are closing in on completion of two new classrooms and a Dean’s office on the north side of our building. If you have ever been involved in building, it is a much slower process than you would wish – but we anticipate that we will be in the new part by the end of February. I hope you will come to one of our STTI meetings and take a look around – I think you will be pleasantly surprised by the changes that have occurred. It provides us much needed classroom space, and will free up our Learning Lab for practice of skills. I hope to see you soon.

Our website: <http://www.mc.edu/academics/nursing/stt/>



Induction Celebration

6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Barbara Rogers. Dr. Rogers began her nursing career graduating from Gilfoyle School of Nursing with a Diploma in Nursing. She received a BSN from University of Mississippi Medical center; a M. N. in Nursing from Montana State University; a M.S. in Pathology from Colorado State University and a Ph.D. in Nursing from University of Arizona. She additionally has completed a Postdoctoral fellowship in Wound Healing at University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX. A member of Theta Beta Chapter, Dr. Rogers has worked as a staff nurse, camp nurse, professor, interim dean, and researcher and consultant at several locations across the United States. Her awards include Doctoral Faculty of the Year, and Graduate Faculty of the Year. Dr. Rogers will speak to our inductees on "Scholarship in Practice Disciplines".

Please join us for our Induction of New Members on Tuesday, **March 29, 2011** at

NEW!!! WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT OUR PROGRESS! Beginning with Fall 2011 the Omicron Lambda Newsletter will be available to our membership primarily via electronic format. Please go to the international website at http://www.nursingsociety.org/Membership/MyMembership/Pages/my_membership.aspx to update your contact information and make sure we have your email address. If you need a hard copy, you will need to let Deb Welch, President, know in writing, including your name and address. dwelch@mc.edu



Member Spotlight: Lacy Carpenter

Lacy McMullan Carpenter is a 2009 graduate of Mississippi College School of Nursing. She began her nursing career in 1995 with an Associate Degree in Nursing from Hinds Community college. Lacy has worked in critical care, home health and is currently working in telemetry cardiac catheterization.

Lacy and her husband James "Don" have one daughter, Ashley Carpenter, who is 20 years old and wants to be a nurse. If Ashley does become a nurse, she would make the third generation of nurses in the family.



Lacy has a unique hobby. Her hobby is to salute and honor the World War 2 Nurses. This war was the first time the nurses actually saw combat, which increased the survival rate of the wounded soldier to 90% if they could reach the nurses. She does a one-act play informing the audience of the role of a nurse. At the beginning of the play, she wears a white nurse's dress with a blue cape and a nursing cap speaking about nurses' life before Pearl Harbor. As the play continues, she wears a World War 2 army uniform and boots and describes life as a combat nurse. An inspiring experience, Lacy has presented her "hobby" to the Omicron Lambda Chapter membership and was a closing speaker for the Region 8 Regional Conference that was held in Hattiesburg, MS, October, 2010.

New Officers: Omicron Lambda Chapter



Lacy Carpenter
First Vice President



Charlotte Wood
Leadership Succession
Chair



Allison Hayes
Faculty Advisor

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Bryan Williamson
Treasurer

What have you been dreaming of...
a little coffee shop?
a restaurant?
art?
a new Bag?
one of a kind custom
jewelry?



Your dreams may be answered at our **Silent Auction** which will be held in conjunction with the 2011 Induction Ceremony. The Silent Auction will begin at **5:00 pm and end at 6:00 pm** at the beginning of the Induction Ceremony. Winners will be announced at the end of the Induction Ceremony. Please be a part of the Silent Auction. If you have any items you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, please contact our Fund Raising Chair, Heather Mangum at hman gum75@gmail.com.

