Hello Everyone.

I am excited about Induction this year. Ellen Buckner from UAB (and our STTI Regional Coordinator) will be our guest speaker for our Induction ceremony. We have some extraordinary inductees again this spring. It’s wonderful to be able to recognize the leadership, scholarship, and service of our incoming honorees. I also wanted to share with you that in November, several members gathered at the Gateway Rescue Mission’s Distribution Center for our chapter’s first service/mission project. We are hoping this avenue will speak to a cadre of our members and we will see our chapter’s involvement in service grow.

We have enjoyed several excellent programs this fall at our chapter meetings and have two more scheduled this spring. We would love to have you come share this time with us.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Induction Ceremony and celebration in April. Thank you. Teresa

Message from the President

Spotlight on Members

In November of 2008, Tina Magers went to Anniston, AL for a one week course in the Fundamentals of Healthcare Emergency Management by the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Center for Domestic Preparedness. Tina stated, "I felt like I was a MC student again in the dorms that we stayed in." She also stated, "The course was very interesting and applicable to my role on the Disaster Planning Committee at MS Baptist Medical Center." Elizabeth Twiner spoke at the Gulf Coast Women’s Medical Association on "The Ethics of Genetic Testing" this fall. Additionally she has been the primary presenter at the Public Health Academy this year. Deb Welch has revised the chapter Bone Mineralization and Metabolic Disorders in Clinical Handbook of Pediatric Endocrinology (2nd edition), due to be released in 2009, and has been selected to speak on Genetics 101: Building Blocks Leading to Endocrine Dysfunction at the 2009 Annual PENS Convention in Newport RI in April. In her position as Chair of the Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society Education Committee, Deb is working with her committee to make select material available for continuing education credits on-line. Teresa Jarnagin presented her research on “The Meaning of the Experience of Doctoral Course for Midlife Nursing Faculty” at the Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Conference in Birmingham. Her article “MRSA: A Review for the Practicing Nurse” has been accepted for publication in American Nurse Today. Dean Mary Jean Padgett has been honored as one of Mississippi’s 50 Leading Business Women for 2008 by The Mississippi Business Journal. Each year the Business Journal selects & profiles 50 dynamic women who are making a difference for their companies and their communities.

Program Dates for Sp09

- Feb 09 5:30: Presentation from Leadership Academy & chapter business meeting
- Mar 09 5:30: "A Christian Perspective on Stem Cell Research"
- Mar 13-22: Spring Break
- April 7 6:00: Induction & Dinner

Message from the Dean

2009!!! How did we get here so quickly?

It seems just yesterday that we were worrying about the millennium and now it 9 years later.

I hope you are an active member in Omicron Lambda. If so, we appreciate you and your participation and hope you will continue to be actively involved. If not, I hope you will consider becoming active and joining us for meetings and working on a committee.

I also would suggest that you consider attending the Biennial Convention to be held in Indianapolis October 31 – November 4, 2009. I guarantee that STTI Convention holds something for everyone – with many professional offerings, lots of networking and visiting with other professionals, keynote speakers that are energizing, and luncheons and dinners to introduce and recognize our outstanding nurses. It will meet all of your C.E. requirements for the year, with offerings to meet the interests of everyone in scientific, clinical, leadership and evidence-based practice sessions. Several of us are planning to attend, and I hope you will join us in Indianapolis.
Sigma Theta Tau Induction Guest Speaker  4/7/2009
Ellen B. Buckner DSN, RN


Experience: Dr. Buckner has over 30 years experience as a nurse educator at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). She coordinates the Honors in Nursing program at the baccalaureate level. She has more than 20 published articles in peer-reviewed journals and numerous national, international, state and local presentations. Her recent research studies have been done with adolescents with chronic illness in community-based settings. She is a member of the UAB Honors Council. At the national level, she is a member of Board of Directors of the National Collegiate Honors Council and the Association of Camp Nurses. She is a Fellow in the Roy Adaptation Association and a member of Phi Kappa Phi. In 2005 she was awarded the Ellen Gregg Ingalls/UAB National Alumni Society Award for Lifetime Achievement in Teaching. She is President of Nu Chapter and Region 8 Coordinator of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International.