



Presidents Message

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Hello to everyone, and I trust that you are all safe and well. On a personal note I frankly find the cold weather very uncomfortable and it reinforces the reason why I no longer live in Canada. I think we can consider ourselves lucky that we do not have to deal with the snow as well as the cold. As for the chapter, we are moving forward on many positive fronts. First I would like to say that none of the chapters activities would be successful without the help of many members and I wish to express my thanks for all those who continue to commit their time and energy to the success of Alpha Xi.

The Chapter has established the Past Presidents counsel, and currently participating on the counsel are Nydia Harter, Joan Creed, Sue Haddock, Jeanne Cavanaugh, and Andrea Marshall, their combined talents is immeasurable and I wish to thank them for their commitment to Alpha Xi. The chapter is actively working with the Center for Nursing Leadership in the presentation of the Mary Ann Parson’s Lectureship. The title of the lectureship is “Improving Patient Care Through Nursing Research”. We have an exciting day planned and a group of notable speakers. The day will also include the presentation of applicable nursing research endeavors. The Mary Ann Parson’s Lectureship is scheduled for February the 11th and it is to be held in the Columbia Conference Center. Further information will be forthcoming and we are hopeful that you can take the time to participate in this wonderful program.

Our upcoming schedule consists of our annual induction ceremony to take place on Sunday February 20th. We anticipate that the induction ceremony will take place within the College of Nursing in our large auditorium. Additionally our annual visit of advanced practice nursing students from the Netherlands is scheduled to occur the week of March 19th through the 26th. Their visit will coincide with the Nursing Summit, again to be held at the Columbia Conference Center on March 25th.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members who participated in the South Carolina Nurse’s Foundation Walk this past month. Although it was a little brisk an enthusiastic crowd made it a resounding success.

As we broach the end of the year, I would you all to take in a big breath of life, exhale and ponder the wonders of life. Throughout the festive season be happy, be safe and manage your stress.

David.

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Dean's Message

Peggy O. Hewlett, PhD, RN, FAAN
Dean and Professor



Colleagues – I have just returned from the very exciting IOM/RWJF implementation meeting in Washington, DC. This was an invitational meeting and Dr. Marilyn Schaffner (CNO at the MUSC medical center in Charleston) and I represented our state. It was almost surreal to see the synergy of 500 national nursing leaders in the same room as Donna Schalala (Former Sect. of Health and Human Services under President Clinton, Chair of the IOM Committee and President of the University of Miami) and Don Berwick (Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services – CMS) - who presented their enthusiastic support for the IOM's Report on the Future of Nursing. Our own Cockcroft Fellows faculty member, Dr. Michael Bleich, served on the IOM Committee and is doing an unbelievable job in making national presentations on the implications for our profession. This is an incredibly exciting and challenging time for nursing leaders – and of course, you are among those leaders whose work is expected to take on the implementation of those recommendations!

I am including links for the full report and for two smaller documents with good synopses of the recommendations. Take time to review the two briefs, at least. The entire report is worth the read (600 pages if you read all of the appendices, but not nearly so daunting if you just read the report!).

The One Voice One Plan Consortium steering committee has asked me to let you know that the OVOP Consortium, in cooperation with the SC Center for Nursing Leadership (CNL) and the Office of Healthcare Workforce Research for Nursing (OHWRN), is undertaking a statewide initiative to seek implementation strategies for the Institute of Medicine (IOM) report on the Future of Nursing. During the IOM meeting this week, Dr. Marilyn Schaffner and I were quickly and enthusiastically involved in the planning of how nursing leaders might take the national plan down to the state and local levels – and with our OVOP work underway for several years now, our state is in great position to lead some of this work in the Southeast. With tool kits in hand from the IOM meeting, I have been asked by the OVOP consortium to establish a task force to get this project in motion and have asked several of our colleagues to serve on a very short-term group dubbed the SC Future of Nursing Task Force.

It is critical that our Alpha Xi chapter members are kept abreast of how this work will evolve –as we don't want anyone to feel excluded nor to be confused about what is taking place. Our primary goal is to rally nursing leaders from all corners of the state and to develop what we think will be a model "succession plan" for nursing workforce in this time of the IOM's challenging recommendations! To accomplish this, we will be sending invitations to all Cockcroft Fellow alums, and to all of our STT members in the state before the holidays, asking interested individuals to consider joining one of four state-level task forces which will mirror the IOM implementation plan. The turn-around on responses will be quick, as we hope to have the work groups and their leaders up and running shortly after the first of the year. Each group will be provided with support from the CNL and the OHWRN and will

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work to develop an implementation plan for their assigned areas of IOM recommendation.

We will be holding the SC Leadership Summit on March 25, 2011 at the SC Hospital Association building (pencil in 9-3 for now). The OVOP Consortium and other registered participants will convene for the unveiling of SC's implementation plan. This is an exciting time for all nurses.

IOM Website:

<http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2010/The-Future-of-Nursing-Leading-Change-Advancing-Health.aspx>

Report Brief:

<http://www.iom.edu/~media/Files/Report%20Files/2010/The-Future-of-Nursing/Future%20of%20Nursing%202010%20Report%20Brief%20v2.pdf>

Report Recommendations:

<http://www.iom.edu/~media/Files/Report%20Files/2010/The-Future-of-Nursing/Future%20of%20Nursing%202010%20Recommendations.pdf>

News from the Center for Nursing Leadership

Eileene Shake, DNP

Associate Director for the Center



The Center for Nursing Leadership in the College of Nursing at the University of South Carolina is going through a transformational change that includes restructuring to meet the needs of future nurse leaders being led by Interim Director Dean Peggy Hewlett and the Associate Director Dr. Eileene Shake. Our hope is to promote the very successful Amy V. Cockcroft fellowship program at the regional and national levels and we are also re-designing the leadership classes that are offered through the Center. A new four tier leadership model is currently under development. Online leadership classes will provide learning opportunities for all levels of nurse leaders - ranging from novice to the executive. Nurse leaders will be able to get a certificate once they have completed a specified number of classes.

On November 5, 2010 the Center for Nursing Leadership sponsored the Viana McCown Lectureship with a focus on transforming the health care experience and environment. As a nation and in the profession of nursing we are being asked to re-think how we provide health care, where we provide care, and how we educate providers. Nurse leaders will play a key role in facilitating these changes and one of the goals for the Center is to serve as a catalyst for change. The center staff will accomplish this by working with nurse leaders across South Carolina and the country to establish taskforces to address the future demand for highly qualified nurse leaders. The Center for Nursing Leadership will also offer cutting edge educational classes to develop our future leaders so they have the knowledge necessary to lead the way.

As always, we continue to explore innovative ways to advance leadership and to remain the cutting edge resource for emerging healthcare issues and initiatives. Your feedback and ideas are encouraged and welcomed. Please contact us if your organization would like to bring any of these programs to your organization and visit our website for additional information. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Center for Nursing Leadership appreciates all your support.

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SCNF Making A Difference In Nursing



What is the South Carolina Nurses Foundation (SCNF)?

The SCNF was established in 1974 as a nonprofit organization (501 (c)(3) public charity) for which all contributions are tax deductible. Our mission is to promote high standards of health care by facilitating the advancement of nursing through awards, grants and scholarships. The original charter states that the Foundation

was established for charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes. We are affiliated with the South Carolina Nurses Association (SCNA) in that the Board of Directors of SCNA and the Board of Trustees of SCNF comprise the Membership of SCNF. We are governed by an **all volunteer** Board of Trustees comprised of nurse and non-nurse leaders from around South Carolina with 98% of the budget committed to the advancement of nursing through research awards and scholarship distribution.

What do we do?

1. Award scholarships and research grants - in 2009 various awards amounted to \$34,500.
2. Manage funds from the Nurses Care license plate initiative. In 2010 five graduate and 10 undergraduate scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded.
3. Manage two Nurse Faculty Development Grants to fund Masters (\$20,000) and Doctoral (\$40,000) level students in South Carolina graduate nurse education programs at Clemson University, University of South Carolina, and the Medical University of South Carolina.
4. Oversee the Palmetto Gold Gala and Scholarship program. Since 2002, the Palmetto Gold Gala has recognized over 900 nurses for their excellence in nursing and awarded over 200 scholarships to South Carolina nursing students as well as creating an endowment (over \$100,000) for the future.
5. In 2009, SCNF successfully held the First Annual Nurses Care Walk in Columbia.

The 2nd Annual Nurses Care Walk was held on Saturday, November 6 in Columbia, SC at the historic Riverfront Park as well as in Charleston, SC.

There were approximately 250 walkers between the 2 venues this year. With a total income of approximately \$13,000. In 2009, the inaugural year for the event, approximately \$8500 was raised. This year's walk was a success despite not meeting fundraising goal of \$15,000. The Alpha Xi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau was but one of many financial supporters of this event and were well represented at the 2nd Annual Nurses Care Walk as many members and student nurses were active participants.

The **2010 SCNF Annual Campaign** initiative "EVERY single DOLLAR YOU DONATE HELPS SOMEONE LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE" is now in progress.

Please visit our web site for more information at www.scnursesfoundation.org and the Palmetto Gold web site at www.scpalmettogold.org.



Whitney Reece - Nursing Student
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Vianna McCown Lectureship 2010 David S Hodson Ed.D. MS. APRN.BC

This year's Viana McCown lectureship was very well received by the more than 88 participants who attended. This year's topics included the following subject areas."Transforming the Healthcare Experience Through Art", presented by Dr Sandra Walsh."Redesigning the Health care Environment", presented by Pan Sprague. "Art in Health care", presented Trish Taylor and the "Healing Power of Story" presented by Dr. Sue Heiney. Not only were these presentations thought provoking, they were stimulating and refreshing.

Throughout the venue were various forms of art work and the presentation of music to sooth the soul and revitalize the spirit. This was truly a wonderful day and a departure from our hectic lives.

Mary Ann Parsons Lecture 2011

Sigma Theta Tau Alpha Xi Chapter & College Of Nursing Research Council



Announces

Mary Ann Parsons Lecture 2011

“Improving Patient Safety through Nursing Research”

February 11, 2011

Alpha Xi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau and the Center for Nursing Leadership announces a call for abstracts for podium and poster presentations at the Mary Ann Parsons Lecture 2011 on February 11, 2011 (Columbia Conference Center). Abstracts are sought which report on a completed research study; research study in progress; research utilization projects; evidence based practice projects; and projects that demonstrate innovative changes in clinical practice, education or leadership. We are planning an exciting program focusing on improving patient safety through nursing research. This is a wonderful opportunity to share with your colleagues work you may be doing to improve patient safety or nursing practice. Help all of us improve our practice by sharing your work.

The Mary Ann Parsons Lecture is an ideal forum for researchers, staff nurses, educators, nursing leaders and students to showcase the work they are doing to move nursing into the future.

Abstracts are due **JANUARY 10, 2011**. Presenters will be notified by **January 24, 2011**. Presenters are expected to register for the full day of the conference. All accepted abstracts will be displayed on the Alpha Xi Website for one year following the presentation. Submission of abstract is considered permission for website display. For more information or to submit abstracts via e-mail, please contact:

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Vianna McCown Lectureship Photos - 2010



Artwork for Sale



Class of 1970



Conference Speakers



Conference Attendees



2011 Calendar

Date	Subject of Meeting
January 20	Speaker Meeting * Restaurant TBD
January 31	Cockcroft Scholarship deadline
February 5	Geriatric Symposium
February 11	Mary Ann Parson Lecture
February 17	Board Meeting
February 20	Induction Ceremony/Reception
March 18	Board Meeting
March 19-26	InHolland Student visit
March 25	Annual Nursing Summit, Columbia Conference Center
March 31	SC Nursing Excellence Conference
April 1	Election - Ballot Mailing / Leadership Intern Applications due
April 21	Speaker Meeting * Restaurant TBD
April 23	Palmetto Gold - 10th Anniversary
May 13-14	Carolina Alumni Weekend
May 19	Annual Business Meeting
June 16	Transition Board Meeting

*Please refer to the calendar for location of **Alpha Xi Board meetings**.

They will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM at
Palmetto Health Richland in Classroom 1B of the main hospital

Reminders will be sent 1 week prior to the meeting.