

# Zeta Theta Scholar

## Zeta Theta Chapter-at-Large



University of Toledo, Lourdes College  
Bowling Green University, Mercy College

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### Spring Presidents Message

I encourage everyone to attend these upcoming meetings. Please register early!  
**Sunday, April 5, 2009 General Meeting:** New Member & Leadership Induction Ceremony - Our speaker is Catherine Walker- Region Ten STTI Coordinator  
**Tuesday May 12, 2009** The Annual General Meeting Scholarship Awards and Research program is scheduled to take place at Sylvania Country Club.

The Board and members have been working diligently this year on the 2009 STTI Key Award initiative and will be submitting the application in June of this year. The Key Award is presented to chapters for overall excellence in chapter-related activities such as professional and leadership development, membership recruitment and retention, programming, and collaboration. I am confident Zeta Theta at Large will be receiving the 2009 Chapter Key Award at the 40<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention in Indianapolis Indiana in November.

Our chapter is committed to working with our members and our colleagues across other chapters both nationally and internationally. To this end, plans are well underway for the Region 10 Regional Conference scheduled to take place in April 2010 in Ann Arbor Michigan. Many chapters in Canada, Michigan and Ohio are involved and have sent support dollars.

Since this is my last newsletter as president, I want to thank the entire Board for their hard work and collaborative spirit over the last two years. It has been an honor to work with you and I have very fond memories of all of you. We all are looking forward to working with the new president Norma Tomlinson. Norma brings with her years of clinical and administrative experience that will ensure our success. **Please remember to vote!!!**

I will close with a poem by Maya Angelou.

Warmest regards,

**Deborah Mattin, RN, MSN, MBA**  
President, Zeta Theta Chapter-at-Large

#### Passing Time

Your skin like dawn  
Mine like musk

One paints the beginning  
of a certain end.

The other, the end of a  
sure beginning.

## Board decision Highlights December–February 2009

1. Approved 230 students and 3 community members for induction on April 5, 2009
2. Approved Cathie Walker, Region 10 STTI Coordinator as Keynote Speaker for the Induction Ceremony
3. Approved at Tea on February 28th to which Board Members would invite new inductees from last year to be mentored for active roles in the organization such as committees and Board positions.
4. Approved purchase of Microsoft Publisher 2007 for Jane Evans to use in preparation of newsletters and postcards on the chapter laptop computer.
5. Discussed the concerns about possible infractions of FERPA regulations and instructed Deb Mattin to discuss with Cathie Walker and send on to STTI headquarters.



## Heritage Update

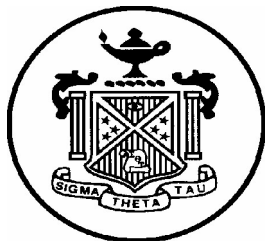
By Bernie Butler

**Wanted: Your Help!!** I know everyone has been working hard on making contributions to the professional body of nursing knowledge. Please send us a copy of all of your published articles, book chapters, presentation topics or abstracts to me, the Heritage Chairperson. It is especially important for you to send them early this year, as we are applying for a **Chapter Key Award** and **your activities will help us win this prestigious award.**

Send your material to:

**Bernadette Butler, Ed.D, RNC, Professor Emerita  
C/O Deborah Mattin, MSN, MBA, RN  
University of Toledo College of Nursing  
3015 Arlington Avenue  
Toledo, Ohio 43614**

Many thanks, Bernie



# Zeta Theta Chapter at Large Induction Ceremony

**Date:** Sunday, April 5, 2009

**Time:** 12:30p.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Place:** Lourdes College  
Franciscan Center  
6832 Convent Boulevard  
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

**Guest Speaker:** Catherine Walker- Region Ten Coordinator of Sigma Theta Tau

**Inductees:** Cost of meal included with annual fees

**Members:** \$20.00 per person

**Guests:** \$20.00 per person

**Menu:** Brunch

**Make Check payable to:** Zeta Theta Chapter at Large

**Cut along dotted line and return your registration to:**

Jane Evans  
9104 Orchard Lake  
Holland, Ohio 43528

**Please send payment and reservations by: March 27, 2009**

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## Zeta Theta Annual Induction Ceremony

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# Zeta Theta Chapter at Large Annual Award and Scholarship Dinner

**Date:** **Tuesday May 12, 2009**

**Time:** 5 p.m. - 7:30p.m.

**Place:** Sylvania Country Club  
5201 Corey Rd.  
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

**Dinner Menu Selections:** Prime Rib  
Salmon  
Chicken

**Cost:** \$ 31.00

**Make Check payable to:** Zeta Theta Chapter

**Cut along dotted line and return your registration to:**

Jane Evans  
9104 Orchard Lake  
Holland, Ohio 43528

**Please send payment and reservations by: May 1, 2009**

**Reminder:**

**Zeta Theta Community Service Committee requests that everyone bring scrubs and/or socks to this event to help sponsor both international (scrubs for nurses) and local outreaches (socks for homeless).**

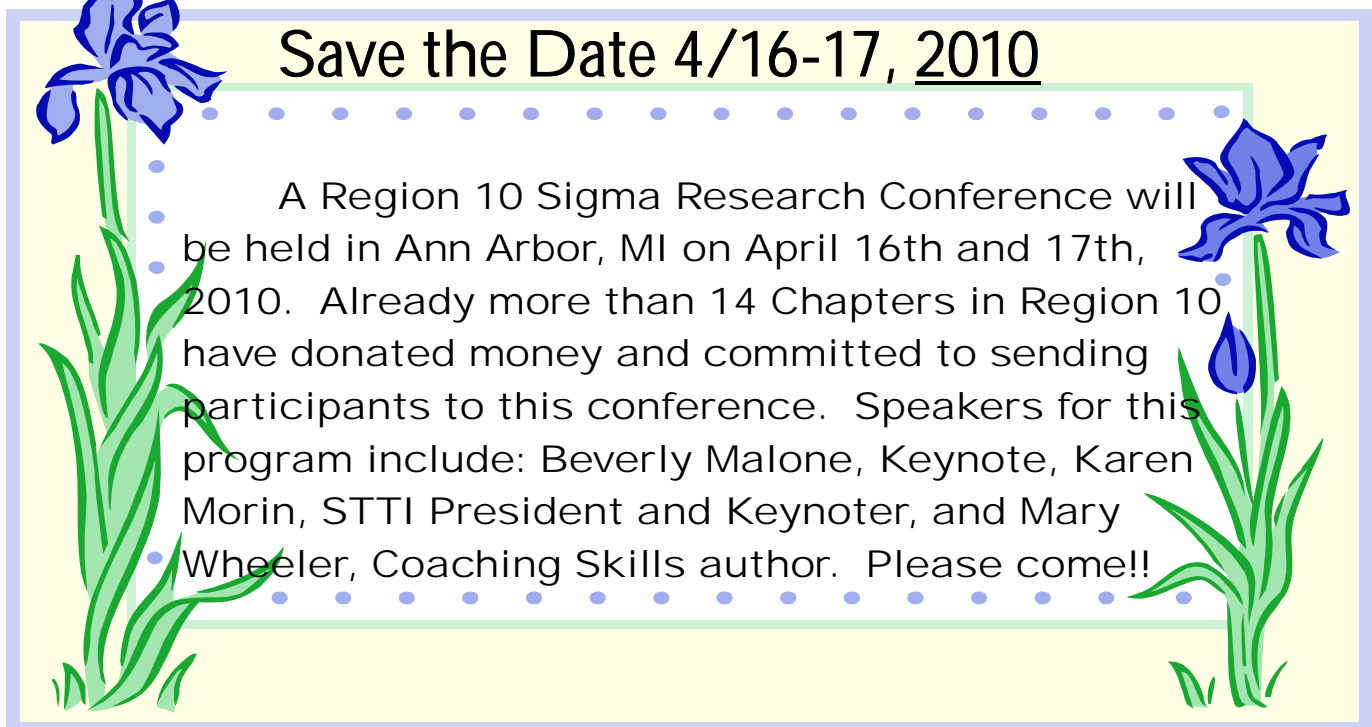
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**Zeta Theta Annual Award and Scholarship Dinner**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Selection: Salmon \_\_\_\_\_  
Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Save the Date 4/16-17, 2010

A Region 10 Sigma Research Conference will be held in Ann Arbor, MI on April 16th and 17th, 2010. Already more than 14 Chapters in Region 10 have donated money and committed to sending participants to this conference. Speakers for this program include: Beverly Malone, Keynote, Karen Morin, STTI President and Keynoter, and Mary Wheeler, Coaching Skills author. Please come!!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**College of Nursing Research Day**  
**Monday, April 27, 2009**

Please save the date, April 27, 2009, and join us for The University of Toledo College of Nursing Research Day from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Dana Conference Center on the Health Science Campus of The University of Toledo.

Please contact Dr. Jane Ransom at 419-383-5844 for more information.

Please contact The University of Toledo Center of Continuing Nursing Education at 419-383-5833 for additional contact hour information.



## **2009 BIO Information on Candidates for Office**

### **President Elect**

#### **Deborah Vargo, PhD(c), RN, CNE**

I have held previous Board positions in Zeta Theta (president-elect, president, counselor and chair of a variety committees). I have enjoyed the work required of each not only to meet the mission of the organization, but to interact with the many nurses in this chapter. We are blessed to have members who give time and talent to meet the goals of this organization. I believe the strength of the organization lies in the strong foundation of the three colleges that have united with a common theme of promoting nursing research, leadership and scholarship in Northwest Ohio. As President-elect and then President, I would strive to continue the success of this chapter and encourage those individuals who have been recently inducted to give time and talent to the growth of Zeta

### **Vice President**

#### **Lori Doll-Speck, RN, MSN, PhD**

I have been a member of Sigma Theta Tau for 20 years and I have been a vice president of Sigma Theta Tau for the last five years. I have enjoyed playing an active role in the organization. I have experience in planning educational and dinner programs for Sigma Theta Tau (including obtaining nursing CEU's for the programs). I am currently an associate professor at Mercy College of Northwest Ohio, where I have taught Maternal/Newborn, Pediatric, and Gender-Oriented Nursing for 15 years.

### **Counselors**

#### **Judy A. Didion, Ph D, RN**

I have been involved in the Zeta Theta Chapter for over 25 years. During that time I served as Secretary, President-Elect, President and Counselor. As a counselor for Lourdes College, I have learned about the current systems required for new candidate review and nomination. These experiences have provided me the knowledge required to promote Sigma to potential membership candidates. My interest is to continue my involvement in the local chapter's quest to achieve the Key Award and to promote the honor society to our professional community. It would be a pleasure to continue as a counselor and Zeta Theta board member.

#### **Lynne Zajac, MSN, RN**

I have been a member of Sigma Theta Tau since 1994 having been inducted into the Alpha Mu Chapter of Case Western University. I transferred to the Zeta Theta Chapter several years later. I have attended dinner presentations and induction ceremonies but have not been able to participate in a leadership capacity due to time constraints and personal circumstances. I am excited that I now have the opportunity to run for the office of counselor. This position is vital to the future of Zeta Theta as well as to the International Organization. I will be diligent in seeking eligible and qualified candidates for induction into our organization. I am committed to excellence, have compassion for students, am competent in organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills, and am respected by my peers. My experience in nursing includes practice in a variety of settings as well as twenty years in nursing education. I hope that you will give me the opportunity to serve in the capacity of faculty counselor. Thank- you.

### **Leadership Succession Committee**

#### **Tracie R. Braylock, RN, BSN**

As Perioperative Educator at the University of Toledo Medical Center, each day I strive to carry out the mission of Sigma Theta Tau by supporting learning, knowledge, and professional development of the nurses and students with whom I interact. Graduating this spring with a MSN in Nursing Education and serving as a member of several local and national organizations, I aim to lead by example in my personal and professional life. Being a member of Sigma Theta Tau was one of my many professional goals, and I would be honored to serve as a member of the Leadership Succession Committee.

#### **Debra Crowl, BSN, BS**

My qualifications and interest for running for this position are multiple years of experience in clinical and education settings. My current position is Nursing Student Advisor. My duties include overseeing course completion of both ADN and BSN students. My interest in this position lies in the building leadership within our membership and those members we seek to recruit. Also, I look forward to individual growth through exposure to and collaboration with fellow nursing colleagues.

#### **Sharmeta Gibbon, MSN, RN**

My qualifications include my experience as an educator at Mercy College. I have a Master's degree in Nursing Education. I am passionate about maintaining nursing excellence where ever I practice. In addition to my role as a Nurse Educator I help advise students in NSNA at Mercy College. Currently we are helping our students prepare for the annual convention, which consist of fund raising and making travel arrangements. These tasks demand that I be organized and willing to lead. I feel that these qualities are important in a committee member. My interest for running for a position on the Leadership Succession committee is simple I want to become an active member in Sigma Theta Tau and this committee can assist me in my goal. I have a strong desire for service and working hard and if appointed to this committee you will see these qualities. Thank you in your interest in my application.



**Ballot Enclosed  
Please Vote for New Officers**

**Zeta Theta Chapter-At-Large**  
Sigma Theta Tau International

**Fall 2009 Research Conference**

**Call for Abstracts**

**Date of Program:** Wednesday, October 21, 2009  
**Time** 5:00-8:30 PM  
**Location:** Lourdes College Campus  
Franciscan Center

**Purpose:** To promote research, scholarship and collaboration among members of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Zeta Theta Chapter-At-Large.

**DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS JUNE 1, 2009**

**(See Directions For Submission of Abstract on Website: [zetatheta.org](http://zetatheta.org)).**

**Mail Abstract to:** Eileen Walsh, PhD, RN  
Scholarship Committee Chairperson  
Sigma Theta Tau International  
Zeta Theta Chapter-At-Large  
2232 Heatherview Drive  
Maumee, Ohio 43537-1173

**Notification of abstract acceptance for paper or poster presentation will be by regular mail during or before the week of July 20, 2008. Presenters who accept the conditions of presentation must notify the Scholarship Committee Chairperson by August 1, 2009.**

# Call for 2009 Research Grant And Scholarship Applications

## **Call for Applications for Research Grant Awards (2009) And Scholarship Awards (2009)**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this research award is to provide financial support for nurses conducting research or program projects, and the purpose of the Scholarship award is to assist members with graduate study costs. The grant is given to facilitate original projects that have the potential for receiving funds from other sources. It is not to be used for travel or capital improvements.

**Maximum Amount of Award: \$1,000**

Funding could be less than \$1,000 but not more. Selection is based on merit.

**Deadline for Submission of Application: June 1, 2009**

**Presentation of Award: October 14, 2009 Chapter Research Conference  
Lourdes College Franciscan Center**

Please see our website: [zetatheta.org](http://zetatheta.org) for information on selection criteria and directions for submissions.

<b>ZETA THETA CHAPTER AT LARGE MEETING SCHEDULE 2009</b>		
<p><b>APRIL 5, 2009</b>  <b>GENERAL MEETING</b>  <b>NEW MEMBER &amp; LEADERSHIP</b>  <b>INDUCTION</b>                      Time: 12:30 to 2 PM                      Location: Franciscan Center                      Lourdes College                      Contact: Anna Jaso  <i>Register early!</i></p>	<p><b>MAY 12, 2009</b>  <b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>  <b>SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS</b>  <b>RESEARCH PROGRAM</b>                      Sylvania Country Club                      Tue 5/12/09                      5:00-7:30                      Contact: Eileen Walsh  <i>Register early!</i></p>	<p><b>JUNE 9, 2008</b>  <b>JOINT BOARD MEETING</b>  <b>CHANGING OF THE GUARD</b>                      Tue 6/9/09                      5:30-7:30                      UT CON 4<sup>th</sup> Floor                      Conference Room 4304                      ¶ 6/9 Committee Annual                      Reports Due</p>

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