Welcome chapter members Happy New Year. I want to thank the executive board members for their commitment and diligence as they have volunteered their time to support our Kappa Delta Chapter. If you are interested in volunteering your time a few hours a month we would love to have you join a committee.

We have been very busy over the last few months working on a strategic plan that will benefit all members of this chapter. One of the most important elements involved in our plan is member communication between the local chapter and the national office; we have been working toward a new and improved website which is almost completed. We have access to the newest technologies available such as Facebook and chapter e-mail; our Facebook account is Kappa Delta Chapter of STTI and our e-mail address is kappadeltachapterstti@yahoo.com. Please join us and contact us with any concerns.

Over the last few months we have reached out to the membership via these methods along with Evites for member events. In the future, local and national member events will be posted on our Facebook page. Look forward to communication via e-mail every four to six weeks. Messages have been sent to e-mail accounts listed with the national office. We value your input and would like to hear from you.

Weask that you visit the international website frequently; there are new benefits of membership cited, such as grants, educational opportunities, and upcoming events, www.nursingsociety.org. The international website has also been updated over the last few months.

Make the most of your career and calling.

Sigma Theta Tau International connections are wide and diverse. In May 2009 I had the opportunity to join 39 other United States nursing professionals along with our past STTI President as delegation leader, Nancy A. Dickenson-Hazard, RN, MSN, FAAN, with People to People International US to Egypt. We spent one week meeting with nurses and nursing students; discussions involved academic concerns, licensure, patient safety, and staffing issues. We visited Dar El Fouad Hospital, the only hospital in Egypt that is accredited by The Joint Commission, Qasr El-Aini Teaching Hospital, and an affiliate of Cairo University Faculty of Medicine. Our visit included the School of Nursing at Cairo University. During our visit in Cairo, we connected with other nurses and acknowledged we were more the same than different in caring for our patients, offering our best with what we are given.

Vanessa Smith-Doughty, MSN, RN
President, Kappa Delta Chapter
Message from the Dean

I sincerely appreciate the support and recommendations that the members and officers of Kappa Delta Chapter of STTI and Anne Muller, MSN, RN, Region 12 Coordinator and La Salle graduate, gave for my nomination to the Melanie C. Dreher Dean's Award for Chapter Support. The fact that I received this international award still seems unreal but the support of those colleagues in attendance of the 40th STTI Biennial Meeting on November 1, 2009 was heartfelt. Kristin Heigold, Karen Rossi, Anne Muller, Patti Zuzelo, Vanessa Smith-Doughty, Mary Wilby, Ana Catanzaro, Anne Muller, Diane Breckenridge, and Joan Frizzell attended a luncheon when we celebrated along with University of Pennsylvania faculty, students, and Dr. Jane Sumner from Louisiana State University Health Sciences, New Orleans.

Thanks to Dr. Patti Zuzelo and Chapter leaders, there is a framed picture memorializing the award in the fourth floor hall, St. Benilde Tower, West Campus of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. Please stop by to share my appreciation for this gift to the School.

Vanessa Smith-Doughty, MSN, RN, Chapter President, and I were panel members the afternoon of November 1, 2009 and shared perspectives on chapter success. We reemphasized the need for joint projects between the Nursing Programs and Chapter on serving the underserved and uninsured. It is essential to work on community outreach together. We also thanked Dr. Joann Erb, former Chapter President, and Anne Muller for the leadership and care devoted to bringing the Chapter forward. We hoped that our calendars would continue to be scheduled together so that scholarly activities benefiting both entities would be conveniently planned. At the same time, we acknowledged that little “things” do count over time to bring Kappa Delta Chapter to greater success and stressed the importance of scholarship in practice, education, and leadership.

Some of the little “things” that count include:

1. The availability of the Dean’s secretary in support of the Chapter newsletter’ editing and production;
2. A suggestion to inaugurate a poster session for NUR 408: Nursing Research student posters on their research proposals as a student scholarly activity award for an outstanding poster jointly sponsored by the Undergraduate Nursing Program and Kappa Delta Chapter;
3. Availability of the Dean’s credit card with the School of Nursing and Health Sciences; 
4. Purchase of a display board to highlight the Chapter’s presence in the School to be installed on the first floor, St. Benilde Tower;
5. The potential of joint research projects between Chapter officers and members and Nursing faculty;
6. An invitation to the Provost for Kappa Delta Chapter induction ceremonies;
7. The benefits of sharing the strategic plans of the Nursing Programs and the Chapter;
8. Inaugurating a NUR 414: Nursing Leadership and Management, Concepts and Practice course project award;
9. Securing Chapter archives and files in St. Benilde 3005 when the School moved to the Germantown Hospital renovated space; 
10. Using School meeting rooms and facilities, no boundaries, just the need to schedule;
11. Purchasing a Kappa Delta Chapter glass display case;
12. Providing wall space to display Chapter posters displayed at biennial meetings;
13. Editing the Chapter newsletter; and

Medium size “things” that count include:

• Setting up posters at the Nursing Programs’ Distinguished Lectureships each year;
• Cosponsoring the Nursing Programs Distinguished Lectureship;
• Providing Contact hours through the Nursing Programs’ Pennsylvania State Nurses Continuing Education provider status;
• Planning and cosponsoring other scholarly events for Chapter workshops, etc.; and
• Conducting joint research projects.

Large size “things” that count include:

• Partnering with Abington Memorial Hospital, Pennsylvania Hospital, and Albert Einstein Healthcare Network on Magnet initiatives;
• Encouraging applications for the Key Award;
• Reaching out to nurses in different countries for joint research projects;
• Encouraging community service projects in Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing courses such as the Legs Against Arms walk/run against violence; and Volunteering to provide public health nursing services currently provided by the La Salle Neighborhood Nursing Center for the migrant workers at the Philadelphia Racetrack.
• Planning and cosponsoring other scholarly events for Chapter workshops, etc.; and
• Conducting joint research projects.
• Encouraging community service projects in Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing courses such as the Legs Against Arms walk/run against violence; and
• Volunteering to provide public health nursing services currently provided by the La Salle Neighborhood Nursing Center for the migrant workers at the Philadelphia Racetrack.

I would like to invite Chapter members to return to active involvement in Chapter initiatives. We need your support and energy. There are many benefits for your career that come with STTI programs and services.

Zane Robinson Wolf, PhD, RN, FAAN
Dean and Professor
School of Nursing and Health Sciences
Kappa Delta Chapter, STTI
Vice President Report

It is a pleasure and honor to represent La Salle University School of Nursing and Health Sciences - Sigma Theta Tau - Kappa Delta Chapter as incoming Vice President Fall 2009. After meeting the board of directors of the Kappa Delta at La Salle University School of Nursing and Health Sciences in St. Benilde Tower it was clear to me the Kappa Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International was and is in good hands. Kappa Delta at La Salle University SONHS has a board of dedicated and responsive nurses who are willing to be creative in keeping the Kappa Delta Chapter connected with past inductees and to honor those who have kept the chapter going for the past twenty years.

The first order of business is to congratulate Dean Zane Robinson Wolf on receiving the prestigious 2009 Melanie C. Dreher Outstanding Dean Award. This award comes as no surprise to the Kappa Delta Chapter members and former nursing students. Dean Zane Wolf has been the common thread to encouraging students to join the only National Honor Society for Nurses – Sigma Theta Tau-Kappa Delta Chapter at La Salle University.

In 1988 the first induction of Sigma Theta Tau - Kappa Delta Chapter was bestowed on nursing students who signed the Kappa Delta Charter on stage. Dean Zane Wolf has been the common thread to encouraging students to join the only National Honor Society for Nurses – Sigma Theta Tau-Kappa Delta Chapter at La Salle University. We, along with others, take pride we were among the first to begin this journey of nursing scholarship being recognized by Sigma Theta Tau. The journey began with Kappa Delta Chapter coming on campus to honor nursing students in their educational endeavors in 1988 and the next 20 years looking onward to the future.

Dean Wolf has been a cornerstone at La Salle to build nursing knowledge and to encourage other nursing students to stand on the shoulders of nurses who have gone before them. Zane, as nursing faculty and nursing students in undergraduate research courses informally speak about nursing, is the nurse to emulate when it comes to persistence and being an advocate for nursing.

It is a challenge to always be on the alert for changes in nursing, research, and the health care system. One thing remains the constant and that is Dean Wolf. Dr. Wolf has been a force to advocate for the School of Nursing and Health Sciences and Kappa Delta Chapter since the beginning and continues to be a part of Kappa Delta board meetings.

Given all the time commitments of a full time Dean of School of Nursing and Health Sciences, Dr. Zane Wolf continues to inspire undergraduate and graduate students to aim for excellence in nursing studies at La Salle University. Dean Wolf has been active in enhancing the Kappa Delta membership with educational opportunities, distinguished speakers lecture series. Zane has also taken time to send articles to the Kappa Delta Chapter newsletter and lend support whenever Kappa Delta needs faculty representatives to serve as juniors and senior Kappa Delta counselors.

On November 1, 2009 the Melanie C. Dreher Outstanding Dean Award was presented to Dean Wolf at the Sigma Theta Tau – Biennium Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. Zane was surrounded by Kappa Delta members and the Kappa Delta President, Vanessa Smith-Doughty, MSN, RN, Kappa Delta Treasurer, Karen Rossi, MSN, RN, and nursing faculty. A special mention goes out to Anne Mueller who expertly drafted and submitted the 2009 Outstanding Dean’s Award nomination document to Sigma Theta Tau International.

This presentation was an excellent format to recognize Dean Zane Robinson Wolf among the nursing leaders stage at the Sigma Theta Tau International conference. This award speaks to Dean Wolf character that has been integral to maintaining and supporting the Kappa Delta Chapter at La Salle University in Philadelphia, PA. Please join us in congratulating Dean Wolf on this prestigious Sigma Theta Tau International 2009 Melanie C. Dreher Outstanding Dean Award.

Dr. Wolf has been involved in the Chapter since the beginning and continues to be a part of Kappa Delta board meetings. Given all the time commitments of a full time Dean of School of Nursing and Health Sciences, Dr. Zane Wolf continues to inspire undergraduate and graduate students to aim for excellence in nursing studies at La Salle University. She has been active in enhancing the Kappa Delta membership with educational opportunities including distinguished speakers lecture series. Zane has also taken time to send articles to the Kappa Delta Chapter newsletter and lend support whenever Kappa Delta needs faculty representatives to serve as juniors and senior Kappa Delta counselors.

Rose Elliott, Med, BSN, RN, Vice President
Sigma Theta Tau – Kappa Delta Chapter
La Salle University School of Nursing &

Glimpse of 40th Biennium

Attending the 2009 Sigma Theta Tau International Biennial Convention for my first time was an unforgettable experience. It was inspiring to attend the conference in Indianapolis with such intelligent and dedicated nursing professionals. Having the chance to network and exchange thoughts in an international atmosphere was a wonderful opportunity. Throughout the conference, I attended various Evidence-Based Clinical project presentations of my interest along with leadership initiative presentations. These sessions allowed nursing professionals to disseminate their research findings and receive constructive feedback. I also attended a focus group where STTI members discussed retention and involvement of new members in their local chapters. This topic is very interesting to me because improving these factors is a part of Kappa Delta’s strategic plan for this year. Another element of the conference was the recognition of nursing excellence. Dean Wolf received the Melanie C. Dreher Outstanding Dean Award. Being there for this celebration with various members of La Salle Nursing faculty was wonderful. This was my first STTI Biennial Convention, and I hope it is not my last. Becoming aware of the global world of nursing is inspiring and motivating as a new nurse recently entering the field. As the slogan of the conference stated… “I am a nurse…I am a member of the global nursing community” (STTI, 2009).

Kristin Heigold, BSN 2009 Inductee
Calendar of Events

February 2010
2010 Kappa Delta Induction
Friday February 26, 2010
La Salle University
Dan Rodden Theatre and Union Ballroom
Dinner Cost Members $35.00
Send Payments to:
Mary Callanan, BSN, RN
646 Leverington Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19128

March 2010
Sunday March 21, 2010, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
CEU Brunch In honor of the Year of the Nurse
Presenter Marian Turkel RN, PhD, NEABC
Topic: Caring Theory to Nursing Practice
Director of Professional Nursing Practice
Albert Einstein Healthcare Network
No Cost to Kappa Delta Members, RSVP Required by Friday March 12, 2010
Evites to follow, RSVP to kappadeltachapterstti@yahoo.com

April 2010
The Annual Distinguished Lecture is on Tuesday, 4/13/10 at 7P.
La Salle University Dan Rodden Theatre
Distinguished Lecturer Cynthia Clark, PhD, RN
Professor, Department of Nursing
Boise State University
"Why Civility Matters: Fostering Regard in Nursing Education Practice"

Upcoming International and Region 12 Events, More info to Follow
www.nursingsociety.org

4/7-4/10/10: International Congress on Women’s Health; University of Pennsylvania
4/23-4/24/10: Leadership Summit: Atlanta Georgia
4/29/10: EBP and Research, York College, Eta Eta Chapter
7/12-7/16/10: Research Congress: Orlando Florida
10/17/10: TriState Consortium Brunch, speaker Karen Morin, RN, DSN, ANEF
The Sigma Theta Tau coat-of-arms represents the Honor Society’s ideals.

The eye represents wisdom and discernment.

The stars are in recognition of its six founders who first created the honor society in 1922.

The founders chose the name from the Greek words Storgé, Tharos, and Timé meaning love, courage, and honor - written on a scroll representing learning.

The pillars of stone at the right and left denote service, professional endeavor, and strength of leadership.

The lamp represents the lamp of knowledge.

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Kappa Delta Key Award: Share Your Accomplishments

At the next Biennial Convention of Sigma Theta Tau International, La Salle University’s chapter of Sigma Theta Tau would like to compete for the prestigious Key Award. Points are given to the chapter for various activities and member involvement as well as scholarly and professional activities of the members. We are aware that our members are very professionally developed, and have contributed much to the profession. Now is the time to show other schools and chapters how wonderful we are as a chapter.

More Information to follow

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Congratulations to the 2009 Chapter Inductees!

Patricia Bicknell  Eileen Baunghan  Mary Lou Kurilla
Mary Ann Dugan  Keara Kathleen Bradley  Michelle Lesnov
Judy Lynne Austin  Francesca Je’nel Carvalho  Margaret Lougherty
Denise Nagle Bailey  Bincey Chacko  Jennifer Jeane Malloy
Denise Bradley  Kelli Curcio  Christopher Quinn Massa
Ronald Covento  Casey Lynn Davidson  Christina Ream Matteo
Daria Kane Canale  Rachel Marie Davis  Moira Elaine McCarthy
Tanniel Davis  Danielle Marie Discherl  Colleen Brigid McKelvey
Amy Marie Doughearty  Katherine Francis Droible  Stephanie Merenda
Jacqueline Fellenz  David Gooden  Angela Nicole Miller
Cynthia Grosik  Chasia Ann Dufresne  Elesha Lynn Mills
Barbara Grosshauser  Katie Marie Dykes  Kathleen Ann O’Brien
Saundra Hyman  Margaret Ann Elderton  Ashley O’Brian
Patricia Geary  MelDanielle issa Ann Ford  Mary Eva Orfao
Angelique Kelso  Galanowsky  Kelly Christina Parrptt
Anne Marie Kinsey  Nadia Gerban  Gail Philips
Alicia MacLennon  Kristin Nicole Gilgen  Jamie Lynn Riley
MaryChristine Markunas  Kristina Golding  Marlene Rossman
Chalise Mason  Kristin Heigold  Diana Nicole Santangelo
Tasha McCaskell-Long  Julia Howard  Ameera Sabazz
Kristine M. Meagher  Loraine Hunt  Katelyn Leigh Shultz
Sara Metzger  Lillie Jackson  Julie Stein
Pinki Patel  Tammi Lynn Jones  Tracey Strohmeier
Catherine Razzi  Stephen Katona  Natalya Tkach
Ana Salapong  Siobhan Knox  Kelly Ann Travis
Valerie Schimpf  Patricia Koba  Thien Huong Vu
Christopher Villamanor  Gail Philips  Sarah Vanessa Warrington
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Kristin Heigold

2010 Officer Elections Information to Follow
Think about volunteering your time to create our Chapter as one of the best