



Kappa Tau Chapter

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Welcome to the 1st edition
of the Kappa Tau newsletter!



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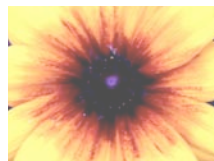
Letter from the President

“No wonder the time flew by so fast.....I feel very grateful for belonging to such a great chapter and having such a wonderful board.”



Julie DeBoer Jones

Dear Members:



I can not believe I have been President of Kappa Tau for a whole year. The time has flown by so quickly! It seems like we

have made great strides for the chapter over the year. We could not have done this without our hard working Board Members! So if you happen to see any of the board members, please thank them for all their hard work! Here is the list of our dedicated Board:

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Our accomplishments over the past year have been:

1. Awarded the Regional Excellence Award for our 20th Anniversary celebration at the Annual Meeting.
2. Sent out member survey for which we had a 23% response rate!
3. We have increased our programming for our chapter by 50%. The programs that we offered for 2008-2009 are:
 - ↪ Induction 2008
 - ↪ Research Night
 - ↪ Heart of Leadership Dinner
 - ↪ Global Leadership Night **(New!)**
 - ↪ Annual Meeting
 - ↪ Barbeque: look for upcoming details this summer! **(New)**
 - ↪ Mentoring Workshop: September 22, 2009 6-7pm in Rowell 107 **(New)**
 - ↪ Induction 2009 (Date: TBD)
 - ↪ Research Symposium: Dec 4, 2009 Poster Presentation, Dec. 5, Evolution of Nursing Knowledge: Evidence And How We Use It. This is a full day of nursing research and evidence based practice! **(New)**
 - ↪ Annual Meeting date set for 2010: **May 12, 2010.** President Carol Huston will be speaking.
4. We have applied for the International Award for Chapter Communications.

(President, cont'd)



5. We will be placing our application for the Chapter Key Award this July. This is a prestigious award that is given to chapters that excel at chapter-related activities.
6. We have been working diligently to get our program planned well in advance to communicate to the rest of the nursing population of our upcoming events.
7. This year I have worked at increasing communication with Region 15, by serving as Region 15 Communications director. I also help to develop a Region 15 technology taskforce, which will assess the technology within our region (which includes VT, NH, RI, CT, MA, Plattsburgh, Nova Scotia, Sweden, Netherlands, Wales, and South Africa). This will help to

provide programming from one place to the whole region.

8. To better understand the International Award Process, I volunteer to review the Nursing Media Awards for Sigma Theta Tau International.

No wonder the time flew by so fast. As always, my door is always open if you want to share any concerns, suggestions, or tell us what we are doing right.

I feel very grateful for belonging to such a great chapter and having a wonderful board.

Julie

Cultural Competence

Excerpts from "The View"



April 23 2008, by Jennifer Nachbur

Meredith Holmberg, a senior nursing student from Charlotte, Vt. learned this semester that she and her fellow nursing students have more commonalities with Bangladeshi people than differences. It wasn't a text book, novel or a film that taught her this, but a January trip with associate professor Hendrika

Maltby's Community Public Health Nursing service-learning course to the southern Asian nation.

"I have traveled internationally before, but this was the first time I had the opportunity to sit and interview families in rural villages with interpreters," Holmberg says. "It was a true immersion experience that cannot be simulated in a classroom. Spending time in another culture opens your eyes to the world beyond the U.S."

Maltby, one of five UVM nursing and medicine professors to receive a 2006 Frymoyer Scholarship for global health education and training, first traveled to Bangladesh in May 2007 to explore opportunities for student learning. She began collaboration with

Bangladesh, 2008



Lucy Patterson (photo)

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) to bring the 2008 trip to fruition.

The goal of this type of educational approach, explains Maltby, is to prepare nurses to provide safe, culturally competent, and high-quality care to individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. By living where they are learning,

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Kappa Tau e-Calendar



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Access the Kappa Tau calendar [here](#)

When the calendar is fully functional, you will be able to

- Sync with your PDA
- Sync with your desktop calendar
- View offline version anytime
- Edit (board members)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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(Bangladesh, cont'd)

students face many of the same challenges that the country's citizens face, and gain a deeper awareness of the personal beliefs, values, practices and behaviors that influence how they provide nursing care.

Maltby, who plans to return to Bangladesh on a regular basis, is currently writing a research grant in collaboration with IUB faculty and Dr. Omar Khan, a clinical assistant professor of family medicine at UVM. The grant focuses on maternal/child health and seeks to explore the potential benefits to maternal/infant outcomes from teaching high school girls about health and caring for children, an initiative in alignment with the United Nations Millennium Development Goals of reducing child mortality and improving maternal health. She is currently working with the group that went to Bangladesh to set up a plan for the next group of nursing students.

Clearly passionate about public health nursing and cultural health care, Maltby believes the students reaped immeasurable value from studying and living in Bangladesh. "There are a lot of reasons why we should care about developing countries," she explains. "For me, it is because we have so much and are not always aware or grateful for what we have. Visiting developing countries puts life in perspective."

Kappa Tau Annual Meeting 2009 Agenda

Thanks to our sponsors: Fletcher Allen Health Care and University of Vermont



*Karin Morin, RN DSN
Keynote Speaker*

5:00-6:00 PM: Social Hour

6:00-6:05 PM: Welcome Speech and Introduction of Karen Morin - Julie Jones

6:05-7:00 PM: Keynote Speech - Karen Morin

7:00-8:00 PM: Dinner and Silent Auction

8:00-9:00 PM: Business Meeting - Julie Jones

Business Meeting:

- Induction of New Members
- Recognition of Honor Day Award Recipients: Vicki Torsch
 - Project
 - Graduate Student Award
 - Undergraduate Student Award
- Nursing Excellence and Folta Deck Awards: Pat Donehower
- Kappa Tau Chapter Award
 - Regional Excellence Award
 - International Award Application for Chapter Communications
 - Chapter Key Award Application
- Ballot Results: Annie Parker
- Recognition and Instillation of Officers: Annie Parker
- Annual Reports and Chapter Updates: Julie Jones
- Treasurer's Report: Susan Jacques

Kappa Tau Newsletter



This is your newsletter!

Submit your photos, articles, and ideas to the editor at any time.

Upcoming editions to include:

Research Corner

Legislative Updates

Feature Article

Member Updates

"I have an almost complete disregard of precedent,
and a faith in the possibility of something better.
It irritates me to be told how things have always been done.

I defy the tyranny of precedent.

I go for anything new that might improve the past."

-- Clara Barton