Kappa Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society of Nursing is pleased to invite ALL nursing colleagues to our Annual Meeting.

**Thursday, May 8th 5-9 PM**
Hampton Inn, 42 Lower Mountain View Dr, Colchester VT 05446 (802) 655-6177

Awards Given by Kappa Tau Chapter at the Annual Meeting: Nursing Excellence Awards- honoring leadership and scholarship in nursing practice, administration, education. Folta-Deck Award- for research in nursing. Research Grant Award- either for completed research, research in progress, or proposal in development. Friend of Nursing Award: recognizes an individual or organization that is not eligible for regular membership but has impacted the chapter, the local nursing or health care community, and/or the health of people in a significant way. For more information: [http://bit.ly/1ddhhQg](http://bit.ly/1ddhhQg)
Betty Rambur, Ph.D., RN will be speaking on “Finding your place at the table: Nursing leadership in state health reform”. Dr. Betty Rambur is a professor of nursing and health policy at the University of Vermont (UVM). From 2000-2009 she served as an academic dean at UVM, where she led the merger of the School of Nursing and School of Health Sciences to establish the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. These experiences build on Dr. Rambur’s substantive leadership history in health policy and finance. From 1991-1995 she led the statewide health financing reform effort in North Dakota. A registered nurse, Dr. Rambur received her Ph.D. in nursing from Rush University in Chicago, IL. She maintains an active research program focused on health services, quality, workforce, and ethics. She has led or participated in research, education, and public service grants exceeding $2 million and is author of about 40 published articles and numerous invited presentations on her research, health care economics and policy, and leadership development. In 2007, her research was honored by Sigma Theta Tau International. Dr. Rambur is also an accomplished teacher in both classroom and online venues. In May of 2013 she received the UVM Graduate Student Senate Excellence in Teaching Award and in November 2013 she received the prestigious Sloan Consortium Excellence in Online Teaching and Learning Award. Her teaching expertise includes the organization, finance and policy of health care and evidence-based practice. Dr. Rambur is currently writing a textbook designed to explain health care finance, economics, and policy in an easy-to-understand, reader-friendly manner. Dr. Rambur was appointed to Vermont’s Green Mountain Care Board by Governor Shumlin in August 2013. The five member Green Mountain Care Board oversees Vermont’s transition to a single payer as well as payment and delivery reform and holds broad regulatory, innovation, and evaluative authority.

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**KAPPA TAU’S 2014 ANNUAL MEETING**

**Thursday, May 8, 2014**

5-6 pm Social hour (cash bar), networking, Browse “Silent Auction” items to benefit Kappa Tau’s Grants and Awards.

6-7 pm Betty Rambur, Ph.D., RN will be speaking on “Finding your place at the table: Nursing leadership in state health reform”.

7-8 pm Buffet DINNER

8-9 pm Business Meeting

◊ Chapter information & progress
◊ Accomplishments & plans
◊ Ballot results
◊ Awards Presentation
◊ Installation of Officers

◊ Silent Auction high bids

**Ballot:** Vote electronically for your new board. Please complete by April 14th by going to: [http://bit.ly/1fE9pq3](http://bit.ly/1fE9pq3)

**Silent Auctions:** We are once again amidst planning for our dynamic annual silent auction to raise funds for providing financial assistance to nurses who are engaged in professional activities related to academic scholarship and research. Thank you for your individual donations last year. Please email Karen McKenny at karen.mckenny@vtmednet.org with details of your items.

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**Registration for Annual Meeting**

Please RSVP by April 26, 2014.

$40 for members

$45 for non-members

$20 FOR STUDENTS- First two students will be able to attend for this price. Any student after that will be $25.


Registration is online and you can pay either by check: (made payable to Kappa Tau) & mail to Karen McKenny 10 Mill Pond Lane, South Burlington, VT 05403

Or with PayPal, by using your credit or debit card.

The Annual meeting is an important event in the life of Kappa Tau Chapter. It is a time to come together to re-new the vitality of our commitment to Sigma Theta Tau International’s mission to promote nursing excellence, scholarship, and leadership. It is also a time to review the accomplishments of the Chapter for the past year and to plan for the year ahead.