

## Member of the Month: Rachel Doran



**Question:** Why did you become a nurse?

**Answer:** Having come from 3 generations of doctors and a grandmother who was a nurse, I actually rebelled when I was younger and got a master in film and photography, after earning an undergraduate degree in English. Then, within a few years, as an experiment, I started a job as an LNA on a surgery floor of a teaching hospital in upstate NY. I liked working with the nurses. It was team nursing then, and we really had some good times along with the hard work. They all came to my wedding. I stayed home with my two children for several years and then began to think about becoming a nurse, something which I had avoided for a long time. In 1989 I decided to apply to nursing school, and the rest is history...! I became a nurse because I wanted to serve and because I have a talent for it.

**Question:** Why did you join STTI?

**Answer:** I was honored to be asked to join STTI in my Junior year, I believe it was, at UVM nursing school. I knew several teachers, whom I admired, were members, and so it was logical for me to join. I have never regretted it.

**Question:** What do you think makes our chapter so special?

**Answer:** The people in this chapter make it special. It's that simple.

**Question:** What are some of the chapter events you like to go to and why?

**Answer:** I like to go every year to the annual meeting, and when my schedule allows, I try to go to research night, and the Heart of Leadership dinners. I also like to volunteer for the research awards committee.

**Question:** Anything we can do to make our chapter better?

**Answer:** I think the chapter is fine the way it is. I hope it continues to grow and to support nursing students, and research like it has.