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Dear Alpha Chi members:



Susan Chase,  
President

## The week of September 11,

I was giving a guest lecture to a group of new nursing students. My topic was the nursing process, which presented something of a challenge. It is often hard to “sell” the concept of nursing process to new students who are more eager to learn the “content” of nursing: procedures, diseases, skills. I started by asking them to notice which people were seen as essential enough to disaster relief to be allowed through the tight security in lower Manhattan. These included the police and firemen, construction workers and disaster relief personnel, mainly nurses. It is not because nurses are nice people that they were deemed essential; it was because they had necessary skills to make decisions and offer essential care under circumstances they had never seen before. A friend of mine was on one of the response teams that was mobilized to go to ground zero. Sadly, all the care they delivered was to the rescue workers themselves. My friend noted that workers would come to the tent just to be in the presence of the humanity that the team represented. After a time, they were restored and could return to their horrible task of recovering bodies. Nursing is a profession that offers health and healing to humans in all circumstances. Our

presence ennobles the human soul. My wish for all of you is that the approaching holiday season reminds us of the values that brought us to nursing.

I just returned yesterday from the Sigma Theta Tau International Convention. I hope you will each have a chance to attend a convention at some time in the future. I am still excited about participating as one of your delegates. First of all, as usual, Alpha Chi and its members are recognized for their many achievements. Please thoroughly read the article in this Newsletter on the Biennial Convention to see the well-deserved attainments of your Chapter colleagues as elected officers and award recipients.

The Strategic Plan 2005 for the International society, introduced by newly-elected president, May Wykle, includes seven goals: Membership Development, Chapter Development, Global Linkages, Leadership Agenda, Research Support, Scholarship Development and Financial Health. What is exciting to me about this agenda is that there is truly a place for all of us in the future of Sigma Theta Tau International. We can participate by both giving and receiving. We can give by writing articles, bringing the message of nursing leadership to the public, and offering our philanthropy. We can receive by attending programming, applying for

research grants, and reading and absorbing the many publications. This will be an exciting time for nursing and for Sigma Theta Tau. Think about how you can become more involved!

What I bring home is that we need to be sure that the policy setters and decision makers locally and nation-wide recognize the results of our practice and our research. Publishing in our own journals is not enough. The good that nursing offers the world must be shown to that world. Let’s think together how we can accomplish this and work together to do so.

*Susan K. Chase  
Alpha Chi President  
December, 2001*

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Nancy Hanrahan, chapter secretary, has convened a Membership Development Committee to increase member activity in Alpha Chi. This year, their focus is finding and re-connecting with "lost" members as well as encouraging new member induction. Here are some suggestions that may be helpful to you:

## focus on MEMBERSHIP

### Change of Address: It's so easy!

In order to continue to receive the ongoing benefits of membership, be sure you change your address with Sigma Theta Tau, International when you move. To change your address, go to the Sigma Theta Tau website:

<http://www.nursingsociety.org/chapters/>  
On the "Membership" page click on the icon titled "Moved: Let us Know". Enter your old and new addresses on the form. It is very simple and takes little time. Current addresses are essential for you to receive notice of Chapter activities and this Newsletter in a timely fashion.

### Renewing Lapsed Membership

A common misconception among Sigma Theta Tau members is that they must undergo re-induction if they allow an active membership in the Society to lapse. This is not true. Once you are inducted into the International Honor Society of Nursing, you are always a member. No matter when you were inducted into the Society - whether as a student or a community nurse leader - you remain an active member by paying annual international and chapter

fees. If you let your membership lapse, you are considered an inactive member until you again pay the international and chapter fees. It is easy for you to reinstate your active membership. One way is to go to the Sigma Theta Tau website: <http://www.nursingsociety.org/chapters/> Click on "Membership", then click on "How do I reinstate my membership." You can pay your dues online by VISA or Master Card. Another way to activate your membership is to phone Sigma Theta Tau at 888.634.7575 (US/Canada) and ask to receive a membership form. You can fax or mail the form or e-mail it to the membership division at [memserv@stti.iupui.edu](mailto:memserv@stti.iupui.edu). You will need to supply your 7-digit member number, which appears on your membership card, magazine address labels, and on your membership renewal form. If you cannot find your member number, you can contact Sigma Tau International, as above, and provide them with the year and chapter of your induction, and they will give you your number.

### Encourage Your Colleagues to Become Members

Attending meetings and being active in Alpha Chi is much more enjoyable if your colleagues are members as well. Why not take this opportunity to encourage your

colleagues to join Sigma Theta Tau, International by offering to sponsor their nurse leader applications. Membership criteria and eligibility requirements can be found at the website:

<http://www.nursingsociety.org/chapters/> and include the following:

- be a registered nurse,
- hold at least a baccalaureate degree in nursing or another field,
- and have demonstrated achievement in nursing in any of the areas of practice, education, research, administration or publication.

Sigma Theta Tau International has a membership of more than 300,000 members in more than 90 countries. Forty five percent the society's members are clinicians, 20% are administrators or supervisors, and 19% are educators. While over half of all Sigma Theta Tau members hold masters and/or doctoral degrees, advanced degrees are not required for eligibility as a nurse leader. Who do you know who exemplifies excellence in nursing and would make a good candidate for Alpha Chi membership? Alpha Chi membership applications can be found at:

[http://www.bc.edu/bc\\_org/avp/son/sigma/CommunityLeader-Packet.pdf](http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/son/sigma/CommunityLeader-Packet.pdf)

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<http://www.bc.edu/sigma>

You can find information of particular value to members:

- Annual Reports
- Committee Lists and Chairpersons
- Newsletters
- Calendar of Events
- Application Forms for Scholarships and Awards and more

# global consciousness:

## IMPLICATIONS for NURSING,

## IMPLICATIONS for MANKIND

*Rev. Edward J. Gorman Lecture  
by Karen Teeley*



"Shifts in Global Consciousness: Implications for Nursing, Implications for Mankind" was the topic of this year's Rev. Edward J. Gorman Lecture.

Karen Teeley, nurse recruiter and trainer for Bayada Nurses and doctoral candidate in nursing at the University of Rhode Island, directed her words to nurses and the people they care for in the aftermath of the September 11th attack. Ms. Teeley described how the World Trade Center attack had changed American values around the concept of caring as embodied in alternative modalities. She used examples from quantum physics and chaos theory, deChardin's spiritual writings, literature, and movies, specifically "The Celestine Prophecy," and "Pay It Forward," to describe a paradigm shift in our society. She also described an increasing acceptance of holistic practices to increase optimism, achieve transformation and, indeed, move to a "higher order." Her slides illustrated her message and the intentions of alternative and complementary modalities of caring with apt symbols. Ms. Teeley said that nursing's opportunities for an expanded scope of practice in many holistic health areas were grounded in long-standing professional philosophies aimed at meeting the needs of society, making the world better, affirming individual worth, and valuing human life.

Ms. Teeley engaged the audience in a discussion of their views on the impact of September 11 on nursing and societal needs. Audience perspectives included the recognition of "hidden" victims of the attack, including nurses themselves, and a perceived increase in domestic violence.

Homebound elderly were thought to be at risk for trauma because they have few outlets other than watching television and the repeated images of the disaster. On a more positive note, audience members described nurses who served as the "healers" for patients, neighbors and family. Participants also commented on the very noticeable public health resource gaps made visible by both the building collapse and anthrax threats and highlighted the need for better infrastructure in this neglected aspect of health care. Attendees thanked Ms. Teeley for the opportunity to integrate their personal reactions to the September events with their professional responsibilities and opportunities.

The October 24, 2001, annual Rev. Edward J. Gorman Lecture was co-sponsored by Regis College's Pi Epsilon Chapter and held at Regis College. Prior to the program, the chapters conducted separate business meetings. President Susan Chase, Alpha Chi Chapter, updated

members on efforts to solicit new inductees for the chapter on Founders' Night and provided a follow up of past international candidates. She reviewed speakers planned for the 2001-2 year's programs and the assignment of the leadership mentee task, which will be to prepare data for the next Key Award. Plans for the November Biennial Convention and proposed changes in by-laws and membership criteria to garner member input for delegate voting at the Convention were also discussed.

After the business meetings, attendees regrouped for a buffet supper, which was followed by greetings and introductions by Angie Patenaude, president of Pi Epsilon Chapter; Amy Anderson, Regis Nursing Department Chairperson; and Susan Chase, Alpha Chi president. Amy Anderson introduced Sister Catherine Gorman, C.S.J. and Margaret Gorman, respectively the sister and sister-in-law of Fr. Gorman, and thanked them for their continued interest in this lasting memorial to Rev. Edward J. Gorman.

### 2002 competition for the MARY PEKARSKI MEMORAL AWARD

Eligibility: Undergraduate and graduate student members of Alpha Chi Chapter.

Criteria for Selection: A 500 word essay describing how you see yourself at a time in the future to be determined by you. From the perspective of that future time, describe how you exemplify excellence in nursing.

Criteria by which essays will be judged:  
1. Creative thought

2. Originality
3. Presentation
4. General writing style

Award Amount: **\$200-1,000**  
Deadline: **April 10, 2002**

Submit the above to: Christina Smith Stille, 510 Washington Street, Holliston MA 01746

The Committee reserves the right not to recommend the award if an acceptable entry is not received.

# and leading



# GLOBALLY

*The thirty-sixth Biennial Convention of Sigma Theta Tau International, entitled "Learning and Leading Globally," was held in Indianapolis November 10 through 14, 2001. Over eighteen hundred members attended the conference and Alpha Chi was well represented. President Susan Chase and President-Elect Joan Agretelis served as official delegates. Other members participating in events, many of whom received recognition, were Ann Marie Barron, Maureen Curtis Cooper, Diane Haleem, Laura Mylott, Ellen Long Middleton, Catherine Murphy, Jean O'Neil, Carol Picard, and Mary Margaret Segraves.*

Jean O'Neill represented Boston College with a display of School of Nursing programs. The School was also a Gold Medal sponsor of the Founders' Awards Banquet held on November 12th, which provided very positive publicity for the Chapter as well as the School. At the Banquet this year, the organization was honored to have former first lady Rosalyn Carter in attendance. The Founders' Award Banquet was also the venue for the Chapter being honored

with its fifth Key Award for chapter excellence. Delegates Susan Chase and Joan Agretelis accepted the award for the Chapter, which is featured in a separate article. Carol Picard co-chaired the Silent Auction, which supports Sigma's Research Fund and provides awards to nurse researchers through the Small Grants Program.

Two chapter members were successful candidates for election: Carol Picard was re-elected for her second term as Vice President of SSTI. Carol was previously the Region 5 Coordinator and is a nurse educator at MGH Institute. Maureen Curtis Cooper, a staff nurse at Boston Medical Center, was elected Regional Coordinator of our newly formed Region 15. In this role, she will be all the regional chapters' link to international activities and will assist them to develop programming and to increase their effectiveness. Maureen has held a number of offices in Alpha Chi Chapter, including as Chapter president, and has been active on the International level as well. We are also proud of members Karen Aroian who ran for the Research Committee, and Theresa Schaefer who ran for Secretary. Other leadership of the society for the next Biennium will

include Daniel Pesut, President Elect, Heather Clarke as Secretary, and Linda Q. Everett as Treasurer.

A number of Alpha Chi Chapter members received recognition at the Convention.

- Catherine Murphy won the International Media Award for her CD-ROM on "End of Life Care."
- Laurel Eisenhauer, Angelica Orb and a third co-author won the Journal of Nursing Scholarship Profession and Society Award for their article "Ethics in Qualitative Research." Jean O'Neil accepted the award on their behalf.
- Anne Marie Barron's poster on "Life meanings and the experiences of cancer: Application of Newman's research method and phenomenological analysis" was featured as one of the "Rising Stars of Scholarship and Research."
- Diane Haleem received one of the first Innovations in Clinical Excellence Awards, presented jointly by Sigma Theta Tau International and Nursing Spectrum for her development of a model service for college students with alcohol problems.



Carol Picard is sworn in as International Vice President by outgoing President Patricia Thompson



Alpha Chi members accept awards: (from left) Catherine Murphy with her International Media Award, Susan Chase with the Chapter Key Award, and Jean O'Neil accepting Laurel Eisenhauer's Journal Award

# receives its *fifth* key award

## MENTEE to ASSIST for NEXT BIENNIUM

- Members who gave presentations as part of the Scientific Sessions were Ellen Long Middleton on “HIV risk reduction behaviors in adolescent females: The influence of mastery and self esteem;” Laura Mylott on “Weaning patterns in mechanically ventilated patients with acute myocardial infarction;” Mary Margaret Segraves “Riding the waves: Midlife women’s narratives of living alone;” and Anne Marie Barron (as noted above).

Action taken at the delegate assembly included amendments to several by-laws. If any Chapter Bylaws need modification as a result of these changes, a vote will be taken at the Winter Business Meeting that precedes the Clinical Innovations Program on January 23, 2002. Delegate voting also defeated proposed chapter fees increases. After long discussion, no substantive change was made regarding membership eligibility requirements. Chapter delegates were pleased with this result, since the proposed changes were felt to be detrimental to Alpha Chi's recruitment efforts.

The scientific session, the plenary speakers, and the open discussion about bylaws and restructuring were great opportunities to see Sigma Theta Tau in action. Networking opportunities were numerous, and the social events were enjoyed by all. The attending Chapter members encourage participation in future Biennial Conventions for any member who aspires to leadership in the profession.



Maureen Curtis Cooper discussing her Regional Coordinator campaign positions and qualifications

**Exciting News!** Alpha Chi was presented with the Key Award at the Biennial Sigma Theta Tau International Convention in Indianapolis yet again. Susan Chase, president of Alpha Chi, accepting for the Chapter, sent thanks especially to Louisa Dichard, Maureen Curtis Cooper, Jean O'Neil, and Barbara Madden, as well as to all the Committee chairs and others who combed through their data so that the Chapter's activities would be well-presented. Congratulations also go to all the other Chapter members who work so hard and make Alpha Chi what it is. What a wonderful tribute to our 35th year as a Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International! We are one of only four chapters who are five-time recipients of the Key Award. In addition to the actual key, receipt of five Key Awards warrants a new Chapter banner, which was also presented. The new banner and key will be available for viewing at the next Chapter event, the Clinical Innovations dinner and program.

Key Awards are based on “points” generated for submitted documentation of Chapter activities over a two-year period in a variety of areas: international efforts,

program and member publicity, recruitment and retention, collaborative programs, research support, outreach efforts, among others. Alpha Chi was able to identify and document activities in every one of these areas.

Annually, Alpha Chi selects a leadership mentee, an active member who wants increased opportunity for leadership skills development. This mentee works with the Chapter president on special projects. The President and Executive Board decided that development of the Key Award submission would provide a special project for the selected mentee. This project would not only contribute to future recognition of the Chapter, but also provide opportunity for the mentee to become well-acquainted with capable Board members and chairs of committees who exemplify the leadership skills to be developed. The Board is presently considering members for this post.



Alpha Chi members accepting the Chapter's new banner for the fifth Key award: (from left) Jean O'Neil, Mary Margaret Segraves, Susan Chase, STTI President Patricia Thompson, Maureen Curtis Cooper, Joan Agretelis

# of Nursing

## to be RE-NAMED



*The Boston College School of Nursing* will be named in honor of William Connell, a former member of the Board of Trustees who donated ten million dollars to the school in his will. Mr. Connell, a product of Catholic elementary and high school education, was a 1959 graduate of the Boston College Carroll School of Management. He went on to build the Connell Limited Partnership and was named to the Forbes 400 list of richest Americans. In Boston, he was noted for keeping the Patriots in Foxboro and in prodding the merger of Fleet and BankBoston. He had six children, all of whom graduated from his alma mater, including Lisa T. (Connell) McNamara, who received her degree from the School of Nursing in 1989.

Mr. Connell died at home on August 22, 2001. He wanted his gift to recognize and support the school and to honor the work of nurses as exemplified by the excellent care he had received at Massachusetts General Hospital. He was quoted in the Boston Globe after his death as having said, "People are rich when you have what you need in the world. A nice family, a good education, to participate in the community. . . That is rich." In this sense, Mr. Connell was a rich man, who has enriched the School of Nursing community.

Alpha Chi Chapter delegates and other chapter members attending the Sigma Theta Tau Biennial Convention in Indianapolis had extended opportunities to network with other International members in attendance. As a result of some of these discussions, an informational meeting with other Greater Boston chapter representatives will be hosted at Boston College on January 16, 2002 at 6 p.m. to discuss the possibilities of forming a consortium of local chapters. Currently there are nine Massachusetts chapters within the I-495 belt, including the most

consortium

### EXPLORATION

recent one, Framingham State College, which was inducted at the Biennial Convention just held. Long-term members may recall that a Boston consortium was briefly formed in the 1980's for the purpose of co-hosting a Biennial Convention, which was carried out quite successfully. If you have any ideas around opportunities for chapter cooperation that could result from such a consortium, please forward them to President Susan Chase or any other member of the Executive Board prior to this meeting.



**Using nursing knowledge** (theory and research) to advance clinical practice is a goal to which all nurses aspire. Infusing practice environments with nursing knowledge offers an opportunity to improve patient care, promote evidenced-based practice and stimulate scientific inquiry. Nursing's ability to integrate disciplinary knowledge into clinical practice enhances nursing's contributions to patient care and helps clinicians and consumers appreciate the unique perspective a nurse brings to each clinical encounter. Linking nursing knowledge to practice can be used

# knowledge

to refine the science, identify gaps in knowledge, expand theoretical understandings, articulate the uniqueness of the human experience and describe the essence of practice embedded within the nurse-patient/client relationship. "It follows then that theory-guided practice, beyond helping to determine what is, also assists the individual nurse in deciding appropriate courses of action for ethical practice in a variety of diverse situations." (Grace, 2002, p 63).

## The Clinical Scholar

The ability to link disciplinary knowledge to practice is the mark of the nurse scholar. The role of nurse scholar is an evolutionary one. Over the years, the Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) often assumed responsibility for linking nursing knowledge to practice and stimulating research initiatives. With the growth of doctorally-prepared nurses, many of whom are assuming roles within clinical practice, the role of the clinical scholar is changing and expanding. The clinical scholar can be viewed as a nurse who has the knowledge and expertise to use scientific knowledge in practice, seek new opportunities for scientific inquiry and create an environment of care that is sensitive to the consumer while fostering growth and development for the nurse and the client. The clinical scholar possesses the knowledge and understanding of various theoretical perspectives developed by nurse leaders to guide and direct patient care. The clinical scholar/ scientist continues to advance knowledge by initiating or overseeing clinical studies that employ a variety of methodologies (qualitative, quantitative) to investigate questions raised by clinician's across health care settings.

In today's health care arena, opportunities abound for nurses to improve not only the delivery but also the overall quality of care given to all patients. This includes developing and refining knowledge for practice, developing and testing nursing language,

using nursing theory to guide and expand practice models of care and developing, implementing and evaluating practice innovations that will inform practice and generate and expand disciplinary knowledge. The clinical scholar is in a position to provide the leadership and direction needed to formulate new strategies that will enhance the delivery of client-focused care while discovering the uniqueness of human experience and the role nursing plays in the discovery.

## The Current Challenges

The current health care environment is fast-paced and continually changing. Nurses working in a variety of settings are coping with poor staffing and little time to

nursing's unique contributions to quality, cost-effective, client-sensitive outcomes.

## A New Feature

"As our clients demand greater and greater accountability, we as professionals are increasingly being challenged to meet rising expectations. How might we do that better?" (Prevost, 2001, pp. 6). To address this concern and to make visible how nurse scholars are developing, using, and evaluating nursing knowledge to improve clinical practice, Alpha Chi Chapter will introduce a new feature in each Newsletter. The goal of this new feature is to offer the readership successful exemplars linking disciplinary knowledge to practice in an effort to inspire, increase the dialogue among nurses,

# FOR PRACTICE



CONTRIBUTED BY  
Dorothy Jones

spend with patients or to grow professionally. Consumers are reacting to the consequences of shorter hospital stay and recovery "on their own" at home, seeking more information from providers while making clear their expectations about care delivery. While nurses are sensitive to these issues, they are equally challenged by a health care system that may not share the same goals.

Because of the unique perspective nurses bring to each clinical encounter, it is essential that nursing's lens on patient care be researched and articulated. Working within the constraints of today's health care challenges, many nurses are moving to reshape practice environments that will enable them to know their patients and have the time needed to establish an effective nurse-patient relationship. Practice innovations grounded in nursing science are being introduced into the clinical setting and research is being instituted that will providing the data needed to effectively articulate

stimulate change, make visible disciplinary contributions, and promote replication and/or expansion of a particular effort. This will not only serve to expand nursing science but also enhance the personal growth of the Chapter membership.

As the 21st century evolves, we as a society will be confronted with new challenges and opportunities. Nursing is in a position to use its disciplinary focus to improve the lives of all through health promotion, lifestyle management, and creative responses to illness care grounded in nursing science. The ability of nurses to continue to demonstrate ways in which nursing knowledge informs practice will enable the clinician to grow professionally and enhance the delivery of quality health care for all at the local, national and global levels.

## Editor's note:

If you have an exemplar that might assist other Chapter members to improve their practice and enhance their professional growth, please contact editor Barbara Madden at [bmadden@mediaone](mailto:bmadden@mediaone) for possible inclusion in this new feature.

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The Nursing Knowledge Impact Conference 2001 was held in Newton, MA from October 25th through 27th. This was the fifth in a cycle of conferences that have brought together nurse scholar-practitioners from the Northeastern United States, other regions of the USA, and at least 15 other countries. The conferences have focused on the nature of nursing knowledge and explored the linkages between nursing knowledge development and clinical practice. Sr. Callista Roy and Dorothy Jones served once again as the conference Co Chairs. They were supported by contributions from Boston College School of Nursing, Alpha Chi Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International, the MGH Department of Nursing Center for Clinical and Professional Development, the University of

*Knowledge Conference 2001 ... continued to enhance our focus on the nature of nursing knowledge and its impact on clinical practice*

A Value-Based Position Paper Linking Nursing Knowledge and Practice Outcomes, was signed by ninety attendees and addressed the ontology of person and nursing, nursing theory and nursing practice. The document offers a guide to knowledge development and its impact on nursing education, practice and research. To increase the opportunity for additional feedback, the position paper was placed on the World Wide Web and became the stimulus for discussion at a larger conference.

In 2000, the Boston Circle for Emerging Nursing Knowledge and Boston College School of Nursing, in collaboration with Sigma Theta Tau International, Alpha Chi Chapter, the School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Dublin, Ireland and the Institute of Nursing Science, University of Oslo, Norway

# kNOWLEDGE *Impact* CONFERENCE 2001

Rhode Island College of Nursing, the College of Nursing at University of Massachusetts: Dartmouth, and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Los Angeles Province. Two quotes from conference attendees capture the success of the meeting ... "Cutting edge content ... the openness and thinking is awesome," and "Examples from practice were extraordinary."

## Knowledge Conference History

Knowledge Conference 2001 built upon the rich heritage of conferences held over the past two decades and continued to enhance our focus on the nature of nursing knowledge and its impact on clinical practice. Over the years, Conference series held at Boston University, University of Rhode Island and Boston College have created a forum for nurse scholar-practitioners to discuss, present and debate the links of philosophy, theory and research to clinical practice.

The focus of the Boston College discussions have been on comparing and contrasting various philosophical perspectives on the nature of nursing knowledge, with exploration of the related theoretical perspectives about clinical and ethical reasoning and application of this knowledge to practice with the use of case studies. Over the years, the conferences have offered participants an opportunity to actively engage in dialogue that has helped to expand the thinking of all in attendance. In 1998, the process and spirit of participant involvement culminated in the development of a position paper linking nursing knowledge and practice. The paper, known as the Consensus Statement on Emerging Nursing Knowledge:

came together to discuss knowledge development at the Emerging Nursing Knowledge International Conference, 2000. During this meeting over 140 participants from fifteen countries discussed the 1998 Consensus Statement on Emerging Nursing Knowledge and added cultural and ethical perspectives to a global discussion on the values and beliefs of nursing.

## Conference Proceedings 2001

The cycle of the Knowledge Impact Conferences concluded in 2001 with invited papers, reaction papers, participant discussion and posters which focused on expanding the discussion of the philosophical perspectives presented at the first conference in this series of meetings. Speakers at the initial conference in this series came back to offer new thinking on the linkages between various philosophical perspectives, knowledge development and exemplars connecting knowledge to changes in practice and achievement of outcomes. After an introduction from Dorothy Jones, Pamela Reed, PhD, RN, FAAN, best known for her work on spirituality in nursing, provided the Keynote challenge entitled "Emancipating Nursing Knowledge." An invited paper from Hesook Suzie Kim, PhD, RN, FAAN, contrasted philosophical and theoretical perspectives for clinical and ethical reasoning. Dr. Elizabeth Lenz and Dr. Marjory Gordon addressed Mid-Range Theory and its impact on knowledge development, nursing practice and nursing language. Dorothy Jones, EdD, RN, FAAN, gave an invited paper discussing the use of knowledge as process, highlighting the contributions of Margaret Newman and presenting new conceptual insights gained from



**Knowledge Impact presenters:**  
(from left) Dorothy Jones, Diane Berry, Carol Picard, and Jane Flanagan

use of the model in education, research and practice. Panel reactions from Carol Picard, Diane Berry, and Jane Flanagan presented detailed exemplars of the application of this perspective in practice and research.

*“ Cutting edge content ...  
the openness and thinking  
is awesome ”*

Sr. Callista Roy, PhD, RN, FAAN, concluded the Knowledge Conference 2001 with a paper addressing further development of the perspective: knowledge as a universal cosmic imperative and its application to health care systems. This perspective was first introduced in 1996. The reactor panel to this position included Carolyn Padavano and Debra Hanna and focused on the relevance of the perspective to practice environment. Examples of clinical practice from these discussions and from the ten excellent poster presentations linked knowledge development from these perspectives.

#### **Future Directions**

The Knowledge Development Impact conference series held by the Boston Circle of Knowledge in collaboration with Boston College School of Nursing ended with a sense of satisfaction and excitement. The work that has been accomplished will continue to evolve through a variety of venues including the Roy Institute on Knowledge Development, the Newman Scholars Group and the Roy Adaptation Association. It is anticipated that there will be other conferences addressing knowledge development in the future including an international conference. In the meantime, Sr. Callista Roy and Dorothy Jones are in the process of publishing a book with Springer Publishers which will bring together the accomplishments of the past five years as well as perspectives by conference participant leaders discussing knowledge development and links to practice.

*An exploration of the  
related theoretical perspectives  
about clinical  
and ethical reasoning  
and application of this knowledge  
to practice*



**Reaction panel members:**

(from left) Nancy Hanrahan, Diane Padovano and Debra Hanna with (standing) Sr. Callista Roy

clinical innovation  
program

**ANNOUNCED FOR  
JANUARY 23, 2001**

# COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING in ACTION: *MAKING HEALTHY CONNECTIONS*

On January 23, 2002, Alpha Chi Chapter's annual dinner and Clinical Innovations Program will be held in the Heights Room of the Lower Dining Hall. This year's speaker will be Mary E. (Meg) Doherty, RNCS, ANP, MBA, Director of the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, who has done very interesting work in web-based education for community settings. Her presentation will be entitled "Community Health Nursing in Action: Making Healthy Connections." The Chapter's Winter Business Meeting will be at 5:45 p.m. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please put it on your calendar now, and respond to the registration information that is being mailed separately. If you do not receive that mailing, or have lost it, contact [robin.wood@bc.edu](mailto:robin.wood@bc.edu) for registration. Here is an excellent opportunity to network with Chapter members, have a good meal that you don't need to cook yourself, and learn about how you can innovatively reach your clients with beneficial health information. (Snow date will be January 30th: check WBZ or WHDH for cancellation announcement or call 617-552-4250.)

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**Alpha Chi Chapter**  
 2001 CLINICAL RESEARCH GRANT  
**AWARDED**

It was with great pleasure that the Clinical Research Fund Committee awarded Kim Christopher, PhD, RN, OCN, Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing, University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth, the 2001 Clinical Research Grant. Dr. Christopher has been an active member of the Alpha Chi Chapter and on the faculty of the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth since 1999. She is an active nurse scientist and has published her work on nurse caring behaviors and the experience of bone marrow donation in peer-reviewed journals.

Dr. Christopher's proposal is a qualitative study of quality of life in older adult cancer survivors. In the United States more than 50% of all cancers occur in people 65 and older. With 60% of all cancer victims surviving for more than 5 years, there are an increased number of older adults living with cancer with little research that actually focuses on their unique experiences. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to describe and understand the survivorship experience of adults sixty years and older. It will be the initial work in a planned program of research that aims to implement psychosocial interventions specifically designed for older adults. Dr. Christopher will conduct focused interviews with cancer survivors from a community cancer center in southern Massachusetts.

**Applications for  
 Alpha Chi Chapter's  
 2002 CLINICAL RESEARCH FUND**

The Alpha Chi Chapter's Clinical Research Fund is seeking to continue to fund nursing research. Each year, the Chapter sets aside \$5,000 to support research that contributes to the advancement of clinical nursing. Applications are available on the Chapter's website at <http://www.bc.edu/sigma> or by calling Diane Carroll at 617 724-4934. Grant applications are due February 22, 2002 for review, and will be awarded at the Chapter's Annual Meeting on May 8, 2002.

**Additional Research Funding Opportunities**

Sigma Theta Tau International, in conjunction with AACN and twenty other nursing organizations, is co-sponsoring the 2002 State of the Science Congress to be held in Washington D.C., 25-28 September 2002. The theme for the Congress is "Advancing Nursing Practice Excellence: State of the Science". All abstracts are to be submitted electronically, through a link from our website [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org) no later than February 1, 2002. Presently, the Call for Abstracts for the Congress is posted on our website under "Research". We will begin accepting abstracts in October 2001. Please e-mail [research@stti.iupui.edu](mailto:research@stti.iupui.edu) with any questions you may have.

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**SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL,  
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**"Sticks and stones  
 can break my bones  
 but names  
 can also hurt me":**

***Teasing and Bullying  
 in Today's Youth***

*featuring*

Judy Vessey, PhD, RN, FAAN  
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 Boston College School of Nursing

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2002  
 5:30-9:00pm  
 Shea Room, Conte Forum  
 Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

**call for abstracts**

*for*  
**ALPHA CHI CHAPTER's  
 ANNUAL SPRING  
 RESEARCH PROGRAM**

Abstract submissions are invited for poster presentation at the Alpha Chi Chapter Annual Spring Research Program scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2002. Abstracts are invited for the following categories:

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| Completed Research   | Proposal in Development     |
| Research in Progress | Scholarly Literature Review |

Abstracts are limited to a maximum of 500 words. Research abstracts should include the following: study purpose; methods; results; and conclusions. Submit 3 copies of the abstract (two copies without identifying information) and a cover sheet that includes: the title of the research; name and degrees of author(s); and address and telephone number(s) of corresponding author.

Non-members are invited to submit abstracts  
 Materials presented elsewhere are welcome

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: POSTMARKED BY MARCH, 2002**  
 Notification of acceptance will be mailed to corresponding authors by April, 2002

Send abstracts to:  
**Center for Nursing Research, Attention, Mary Kelly**  
**Boston College School of Nursing, Cushing Hall**  
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call

## Alpha Chi Chapter Leadership Positions

THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE announces opportunities for elected leadership positions in Alpha Chi Chapter. The following offices need enthusiastic members to assist in guiding the Chapter in the next Biennium:

**Secretary:** a two-year term of office. Responsibilities include: taking minutes at Executive Board and Chapter Business Meetings, maintaining Chapter files, handling correspondence, chairing the Membership Development Committee, maintaining the membership list, and providing mailing labels to officers and committees.

**Junior Counselor:** a two-year term of office, the second of which the officer serves as Senior Counselor. Responsibilities are to advise the President, to serve on the Executive Board, and to co-chair the Eligibility

Committee which solicits and reviews candidates for Chapter, presents candidates to the membership for election, and implements the Induction Ceremony. Counselors must be faculty members of Boston College School of Nursing.

**Nominating Committee:** a two-year term of office. A total of three members serve; two are needed this year. Responsibilities are to prepare the slate of candidates for office and nominating committee, secure the consent of proposed candidates, conduct the election, and report results to the candidates and membership.

If you are interested in serving as or suggesting someone for any of these offices, please contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, Sandy Mott, at [sandra.mott@bc.edu](mailto:sandra.mott@bc.edu) as soon as possible.



## 2002 induction planned

Alpha Chi Chapter's Induction Ceremony will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. in the Heights Room of the Lower Dining Hall. Applicants for induction will be reviewed by the Executive Board at their January 16th meeting, and voted on by the membership at the Business meeting prior to the clinical Innovations Program on January 23rd. The invited speaker will be a 1997 graduate of the School of Nursing, Cheryl Donahue Kane, who is a street nurse and director of development for Boston Healthcare for the Homeless. A brunch for the inductees, their family members, and interested Chapter members will follow the ceremony. Contact the chair of the Eligibility Committee, Patricia Tabloski, at [patricia.tabloski@bc.edu](mailto:patricia.tabloski@bc.edu) if you are interested in attending.

### SIGMA THETA TAU, ALPHA CHI CHAPTER

Proudly announces competition for the annual award for

## Excellence in Innovative Nursing Practice

#### Purpose:

1. To recognize an innovative development in nursing that contributes to improvement in patient care.
2. To foster professional and public awareness of achievements in nursing.

**Award Amount:** \$500

#### Eligibility:

Any individual or group of registered nurses who is/are member/s of Alpha Chi Chapter.

#### Criteria for Selection:

- A nursing innovation including
1. A creative, original approach to a clinical situation.
  2. Implementation of the innovation in nursing practices.
  3. Evidence of improved patient care outcomes.

**Deadline:** April 10, 2002

#### Submission of Nominations:

1. Five copies of a 500 word description of the innovation that includes the Criteria for Selection listed above.
2. Two letters of support for the nomination from colleagues.
3. One copy of resume
4. Include a cover page with title of project and submitter's name, address, and telephone number.

#### Submit the above to:

Christina Stille  
Chair, Alpha Chi Scholarship and Awards Committee  
510 Washington Street  
Holliston, MA 01746



*The committee reserves the right not to recommend the award if an unacceptable nomination is not received.*

# news

*While Alpha Chi Chapter is unaware that any of its members suffered a family loss or served as rescue workers in the collapse of the World Trade Center, the Pennsylvania crash, or the Pentagon attack, we are sure that many were impacted more indirectly. Our hearts go out to all that may be affected in any way. Let us pray for peace and justice.*

**Joan Agretelis** and **Carolyn Hayes** are among the members of the Research Collaborative Committee of the Institute for Nursing Healthcare Leadership, affiliated with Harvard Medical School and the Consortium of Harvard-Affiliated Hospital Nursing Services (Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Brigham & Women's, Children's Hospital, Dana Farber Cancer Center, and Massachusetts General Hospital), and the Academic Nursing Collaborative (Boston College, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MGH Institute of Health Professions, Northeastern University, and Simmons College).

The Chapter salutes four of its members who were willing to run for International office this Biennium: **Karen Aroian** for International Research Committee, **Maureen Curtis Cooper**, for Regional Coordinator, **Carol Picard** for International Vice President and **Theresa Schaefer** for Secretary. We have great members in this chapter!

**Kathleen Beyerman**, of Winchester Hospital, published a letter to the editor in *Nursing Spectrum* November 5, 2001, discussing the generous blood donations offered there after the

September 11th tragedy as well as the continuing need for other commitments and help to those in need on an ongoing basis.

**Ann Wolbert Burgess** has co-authored the third edition of *Practical Rape Investigation*, CRC Press, 2001. She has also received an honorary doctoral degree from the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science and the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of San Diego.

**Susan Chase**, president of Alpha Chi Chapter, has been appointed Acting Associate Dean of Graduate Programs at the Boston College School of Nursing while Laurel Eisenhauer is on sabbatical. Recently, the Natick TAB ran a feature article on President Chase.

**Joyce Clifford** founded and now serves as the executive director of The Institute for Nursing Healthcare Leadership, affiliated with Harvard Medical School, for the purpose of promoting models of interdisciplinary collaborative practice and research and advancing the leadership of nurses. She also was quoted on the topic of nursing leadership in "Leadership from Vision to Voice," in *Nursing Spectrum*, October 9, 2001.

**Edward Coakley**, operating room director emeritus at Massachusetts General Hospital, was the star of a article in *Nursing Spectrum* June 18, 2001, "One Nurse's Passion," which gave his multiple careers, as seminarian, Vietnam-era Army corpsman, social worker, and nurse. His most recent passion is international nursing and, in that arena, has worked with **Joyce Clifford** and others to assess nursing care in Medellin, Columbia.

**Maureen Curtis Cooper**, a staff nurse at Boston Medical Center's emergency department, is serving as chair of the pediatric

committee of the Massachusetts Emergency Nurses Association. In this capacity, she recently taught a course at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in pediatric emergency nursing. She also serves on a sub-committee for EMT training for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and their pediatric resource group for emergency medical services to children.

**Rosanna DeMarco** has been appointed to the Adult Patient and Family Advisory Council at Dana Farber Cancer Institute. This volunteer service group provides advocacy, quality assurance, education, interdisciplinary problem solving, and interdepartmental problem resolution projects to benefit patients and families living with a cancer diagnosis. Rosanna has also accepted an appointment as a clinical research associate at Dana Farber's Phyllis E. Cantor Research Center.

**Mary E. Duffy** and **Robin Y. Wood** were among the co-authors of an article entitled "The Influence of Demographics, Functional Status and Comorbidity on the Breast Self-examination Proficiency of Older African-American Women" in the *Journal of National Black Nurses Association*, 12(1), July 2001.

The Chapter's condolences go out to members **Mary Ann Corcoran**, **Shirley Duggan** and **Margie Sipe**, all of whom recently lost their mothers.

Lightning does indeed strike twice. For the second time, an article by **Laurel Eisenhauer** has received an award from Sigma Theta Tau International. Her article, co-authored with **Angelica Orb**, "Ethics in Qualitative Research," was selected for the Profession and Society Award by the editorial board of the *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*. It was originally published in the Winter 2001 issue of *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*.

**Sara T. Fry** and **Mary E. Duffy** published an article entitled "The Development and Psychometric Evaluation of the Ethical Issues Scale" in the *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, Third Quarter, 2001.

Earlier this year, **M. Patricia Gibbons** was appointed associate chief nurse for The Center for Clinical and Professional Development at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Doctoral student **Janice Goodman** is one of thirty-one Boston area health profession students awarded a Schweitzer Fellowship for 2001-2002. She is collecting the narratives about Sudanese minors settling in Greater Boston, in order to identify coping strategies used to endure and overcome challenges. She also facilitates a monthly report group with Sudanese girls in the Lutheran Social Services program.

**Pamela J. Grace** published an article "Professional Advocacy: Widening the Scope of Accountability," in Nursing Philosophy, July 2001.

Psychiatric clinical nurse specialist **Tanya Gurian** presented a workshop, "Elements of Good Trauma Therapy" at a conference for survivors of trauma held October 13, 2001 at Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill, MA. Sponsored by Arbour Trauma Center, it is the first of expected annual conferences targeted towards the psychotherapy of individuals who have experienced physical or psychological trauma.

"Screening for Abuse: Barriers and Opportunities," published in Health Care for Women International, 22:349-362 (2001), was co-authored by **Lois Haggerty, Joellen Hawkins, and Loretta Higgins**, among others.

Co-authors **Lois Haggerty, Joellen Hawkins, Margaret Kearney and Ursula Kelly** published a study "Pregnant Women's Perceptions of Abuse" in JOGNN Clinical Studies, (2001) 22: 349-362.

**Diane Haleem** received one of the first Innovations in Clinical Excellence Awards, given jointly by Sigma Theta Tau International and Nursing Spectrum to recognize exemplars that champion the value and importance of evidence-based practice in nursing. Diane's program was "Developing an Organized System of Care for College Students with Alcohol Abuse and Alcohol Dependence." Diane is with Harvard University's Health Service.

**Joellen Hawkins** and one of her graduate students received almost \$25,000 from the National Institute of Nursing research for their project "Enhancing Agency response to Domestic Violence."

**June Horowitz** recently published "Facing the December Dilemma: Guidelines for Interfaith Couples" and "Death and Mourning in Interfaith Families" in The Guide to Jewish Interfaith Family Life.

**June Horowitz, Margaret Bell, Barbara Munro, Deborah Moser, Shelley Hartz, Lisa McCordic and Elyse Sokol** were among the co-authors of "Promoting Responsiveness between Mothers with Depressive Symptoms and Their Infants," published in The Journal of Nursing Scholarship, 33: 4 (2001). Margaret is a Senior Research Associate at the New England Research Institute; Deborah, Shelley, Lisa and Elyse clinical specialists at (respectively) North Essex Mental Health Center in Haverhill, Deaconess-Waltham Hospital, Advanced Health Care Systems of Stoneham, and the Commonwealth Center for Psychotherapy in Canton. June and Barbara are at the School of Nursing.



**Ann C. Hurley** received the John A. Hartford Foundation Award for Gerontological Research, presented at the Eastern Nursing Research Society Annual Meeting in Atlantic City, April 2001.

**Lisabeth Johnston** recently received the Agnes Ohlson Award from the Connecticut Nurses' Association at its 2001 Diamond Jubilee Awards banquet, held in Meriden, CT.

**Dorothy A. Jones** published an article "Recovering from Same-Day Surgery" in Advances for Nurses, June 2001.

**Margaret H. Kearney** published an article entitled "Enduring Love: A Grounded Formal Theory of Women's

Experience of Domestic Violence," in Research in Nursing & Health, 24, (2001), co-authored with **Deborah McCarter-Spaulding** "Parenting Self-Efficacy and Perception of Insufficient Breast Milk," in the Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing, and also co-authored, "Making Evidence-Based Practice a Reality in Your Institution" in the American Journal of Maternal/Child Nursing, September/October, 2001.

**Kathleen Leonard** has recently joined the Burlington OB-GYN Associates, Inc., a medical practice affiliated with Winchester Hospital.

**Barbara P. Madden** presented a case study and forensic analysis of an Internet abduction and sexual assault case at the quarterly meeting of the Greater New England Chapter of the International Association of Forensic Nurses, held November 1, 2001, at Waltham-Deaconess Hospital. She also serves as treasurer of that Chapter, and was recently re-certified as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner.

**Dorothy McCabe**, the Massachusetts Nurses Association's Director of Nursing, recently provided testimony at the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Health Care regarding findings derived from a fifty-hospital survey about poor staffing, mandatory overtime, and systems problems in relation to medication error prevention.

Current enrollee in the Boston College adult and gerontological nurse practitioner program, **Rachael Rowley McQuillan**, received the 2001 Barbara Roderick Scholarship from the Massachusetts Nurses Foundation. She plans on using her education to develop a mobile healthcare unit to serve this population.

**Barbara H. Munro** published an editorial entitled "Doctorally Prepared Nurses in Clinical Settings in the Clinical Nurse Specialist, 15(5), 2001.

**Catherine Murphy** received the Sigma Theta Tau International Media Award for her CD-ROM on "End of Life Care" at the Biennial Convention. Chapter



members who attended the Spring 2001 Research Meeting will remember her sharing and demonstrating this valuable computer program.

**Anne Norris** received a grant in excess of a hundred thousand dollars from The Geneva Foundation for "HIV Risk Behavior and Condom Use: Collecting Data for Prevention."

"NPACE Nurse Practitioner Practice Characteristics, Salary and Benefit Survey: Implications for Nurse Educators" was co-presented at the International Nurse Practitioner Network Annual Conference by **Joyce Pulcini**.

**Laurel E. Radwin**, a professor of nursing at the University of Massachusetts: Boston, has been awarded a \$585,500 Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award from the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, of the U. S. Public Health Service. She will examine the relations among cancer patients' health outcomes and patient characteristics, system characteristics, and nursing interventions. This is expected to build upon her theory of high quality cancer nursing care and refine the Quality Health Outcomes Model.

**Catherine Yetter Read**, a member of the International Society of Nurses in Genetics, published "The Human Genome: Book of Life or Map to Nowhere?" in Nursing Spectrum, September 10, 2001.

For the second year, **Sr. Callista Roy** chaired the Annual Meeting of Extended Membership of the Boston-Based Adaptation Research in Nursing Society, this year

held in Kennebunkport, ME.

**Mary Beth Singer**, a nurse practitioner at the New England Medical Center, is currently serving as Editor to the Boston Oncology Nursing Society's Chapter newsletter (the BONS Bulletin) with her first issue is going to press November 2001.

**Eileen M. Sporing**, Vice President of Patient Care Operations and Chief Nursing officer at Children's Hospital, Boston, has been named a senior associate of The Institute for Nursing Healthcare Leadership.

Not all September 11th news was bad. **Elizabeth Rosevear Steele** was forced by the airline cancellation to extend her honeymoon stay in the Bahamas, and thus delay starting her graduate student teaching assistantship at Boston College.

In November, 2001, **Judith A. Vessey** presented a keynote address to the New York Association of School Nurses in Syracuse on the topic "Teasing and Bullying: Names Can Also Hurt Me." She is heading a project with North Carolina rural schools to develop a screening tool to identify students who are bullies' targets. She also co-authored an article entitled "Self-Medication with Common Household Medicines by Young Adolescents" in Issues in Comprehensive Pediatric Nursing, 24, 2001, as well as an editorial "Ok, So What Happened to the Magic?" in the Journal of Child and Family Nursing, May/June 2001.

**Joan M. Vitello** has been appointed Institute for Nursing Healthcare Leadership Associate and Director of Leadership

Development & Assessment Collaborative. She is a former President of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

**Robin Y. Wood** presented a paper entitled "Lump detection in older women performing breast self-examination" at the European Cancer Conference in Lisbon, Portugal, October 24, 2001. One of her co-authors in this research was **Mary E. Duffy**. A manuscript on the topic has been accepted for publication in a future edition of Clinical Excellence for Nurse Practitioners. Robin also presented "The Roving Eye Videocamera: Bringing Electronic Classroom Strategies into the Nursing Campus Laboratory" at the Fourth National Conference on Nursing Skills Laboratory in San Antonio TX.

**Lin Zham** has been nominated for induction into the American Academy of Nursing.

**You don't see your news here?** You know something important or good that happened to a fellow Chapter member? We want to celebrate all members' accomplishments. Send news to Louisa Dichard, Public Relations Committee at [Louisadichard@aol.com](mailto:Louisadichard@aol.com) or to Barbara Madden, Newsletter Editor at [bmadden@mediaone.net](mailto:bmadden@mediaone.net). We will be happy to spread good cheer.

## new service award for next spring

Sigma Theta Tau International is based on leadership and service. Alpha Chi Chapter's Awards and Scholarship Committee would like to recognize service by established criteria for a Nursing Service Award. Please send any ideas or feedback to Chair Christina Smith Stille at:

[christistille@yahoo.com](mailto:christistille@yahoo.com).



# Alpha Chi Chapter

## Spring 2002

### Activities Calendar

Wed. Jan. 23, 2002  
 Heights Room, Lower Dining Hall  
 Winter Business Meeting 5:45-6:45 PM  
 Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM  
 Clinical Innovations Program 7:30-8:30 PM  
 Topic: "Community Health Nursing in Action: Making Healthy Connections"  
 Speaker: Mary E. Doherty, RNCS, ANP, MBA

Snow Date Wed., Jan 30, 2002, Listen to WBZ or WHDH Radio in the afternoon for announcement of cancellation or call BCSON 617-552-4250

Sun April 21, 2002  
 Induction Ceremony and Brunch 11:00 AM-2:00PM  
 Heights Room, Lower Dining Hall  
 Speaker: Cheryl Donahue Kane, BSN, RN

Wed. May 8, 2002  
 Annual Meeting, Shea Room, Conte Forum  
 Networking/ Poster Session 5:30 PM-6:30 PM  
 Business Meeting 6:30-7:30 PM  
 Research Presentation 7:30-9:00 PM  
 Topic: "Sticks and stones can break my bones but names can also hurt me":  
 Teasing and Bullying in Today's Youth  
 Speaker: Judith Vessey, PhD, RN, FAAN

Executive Board Meetings:  
 Wed. Jan 16, 2002 5:30-7:00 Cushing 413  
 Wed. Feb. 20, 2002 5:30-7:00 Cushing 413  
 Wed. Mar 13, 2002 5:30-7:00 Cushing 413  
 Wed. Apr. 10, 2002 5:30-7:00 Cushing 413

Transition Board and Chairs  
 Wed. June 5, 2002 5:30-7:00 Cushing 413

Newsletter Deadlines: May 16, 2002 (Summer Newsletter)  
 Research Applications Feb. 22, 2002  
 Research Poster Abstracts March 2002  
 Clinical Awards, Essays and Mentor, April 10, 2002

# newsletter

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## Information Sessions

MS and PhD Information Sessions

**Wednesday, February 6, 2002, 5-7 pm**

Exploring Higher Education Seminars

Master's Education, **Thursday, May 9, 2002, 5-7 pm**

Doctoral Education, **Tuesday, May 7, 2002, 5-7 pm**

**share with us** *the exciting things that are happening in your life:  
a new job, a promotion, attended an interesting conference, recent award, recent publication, degree earned, a move,  
a child or grandchild, a retirement ...*

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