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****Have you received your e-message in the past three months? If not, update your email information with Sigma Theta Tau, by calling 888.634.7575.**

Epsilon Mu will be 'going green', any further newsletters will be sent out electronically. If you wish to continue to receive the hard copy, please contact us at 718.390.3478.

Mission

The mission of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International is to support the learning, knowledge, and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

New Leadership for our 30th Anniversary Year!

Thank you to those of you able to vote in the latest elections! The results are in and the new executive board and officers are as follows: President: Teresa Torsney; President-Elect: Jean M. Fazio; Vice-President: Theresa Bucco, Secretary: Mary Brandt; Treasurer: Josie Marcantonio; Delegates: Mary Jane Baillie and Theresa Bucco; Counselor and Governance Chair: Jane V. DeFazio, Counselor: Denise Gasalberti, Leadership Succession Committee: Lauren O'Hare (Chair), Margo Governo, Lorrie DeSena, Marianne DiStefano; Publicity Chair and Newsletter Editor: Paula Davies Scimeca; Webmaster: Teresa Heithaus; Membership Involvement Committee Chair: Rosanne Murphy; Archivist: Marlene Streisinger. Thank you to all that volunteered to serve and much luck to you.

This being our 30th Anniversary promises to be a year of wonderful events and memories. Our Founder's Day Celebration and Induction Ceremony is Saturday, October 1 @ 12noon, Hilton Garden Inn. The cost will remain at \$40, to encourage as many students and family members to attend and celebrate this auspicious occasion. Details to follow regarding speakers.

If your status is inactive, you may renew your dues at any time. Simply call STTI headquarters @ 888.634.7575 and ask for membership. STTI does not collect past dues. One of the benefits of being active is staying in touch & receiving the monthly e-message. This will be the last hard-copy newsletter, as Epsilon Mu is 'going green'.

To volunteer or contact, please email epsilonmu@wagner.edu, or leave a voice message at 718.390.3478, or visit us at www.wagner.edu/departments/epsilonmu or on the 'Circle' at STTI's website.

Take advantage of free continuing nursing education courses. Check out the newest continuing nursing education course that is FREE for STTI members: Community Health Nursing. Discover how to follow your passion and volunteer your time and nursing skills overseas or in your own back yard. Find more information at <http://www.nursingsociety.org/Education> by clicking on "Members Only."

Enjoy the lovely summer and looking forward to seeing you at one of our events soon.

Best Regards,

Teri

NURSES CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2011

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

*Place: LiGreci's Staaten Restaurant
697 Forest Avenue, SI, NY*

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
PRESENTS IT'S ANNUAL NURSES CONFERENCE

RADIOLOGY & RADIATION ONCOLOGY: BENEFITS & RISKS

Objectives include:

1. Discuss Radiation Modalities Options for patients with cancer.
2. Discuss nursing consideration for patients with cancer receiving radiation therapy.
3. Discuss diagnostic and interventional procedures with therapeutic implications for patients with cancer.
4. Discuss quality of life issues with patients while receiving radiation therapy.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Nurses, Nursing & Medical Students and Health Care Professionals.

\$60.00 FOR NURSES & HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

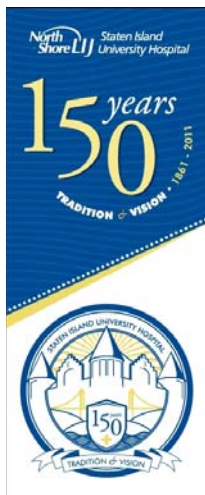
\$35.00 FOR NURSING STUDENTS

PURPOSE: To provide the necessary information for RNs to increase their knowledge base pertaining to the issues and care of the patient with oncological conditions undergoing radiological tests, procedures and radiation therapy.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MICHELLE FUSARO AT
(718)987-8872.**

This activity has been submitted to the New York State Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. The New York State Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.



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Cancer Information 1-800-227-2345 www.cancer.org

The Presenters declare a lack of vested interest, as well as there will be no discussion of off-label use. No commercial support or "services in-kind" commercial support was received for this educational activity.

Sigma Theta Tau was founded in 1922 by six students at Indiana University, and marking the 30th Anniversary of Epsilon Mu Chapter at Wagner College

*You Are Cordially Invited to the
Founder's Day Celebration Including the Induction Ceremony*

The celebration takes place

*Saturday, October 1, 2011
From 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm*

*Hilton Garden Inn
1100 South Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10314*

*Lunch will be served.
Reservations: \$40 per person*

RSVP by September 2

*Epsilon Mu: epsilonmu@wagner.edu
Or call 718.390.3478*

We look forward to hearing from you.

*RSVP: Mail Check to Epsilon Mu,
c/o Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing, Wagner College
One Campus Road, Staten Island, NY 10305*

_____ I will be attending... _____ number of guests @ \$40 per person.

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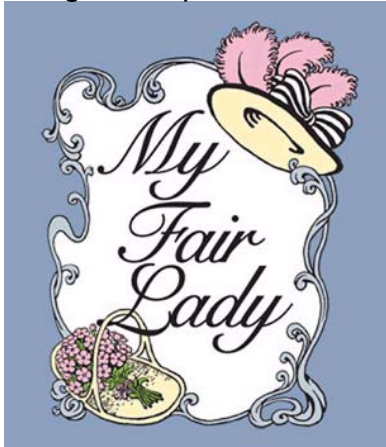
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Join Us for the

My Fair Lady

Matinee & Tea Theater Fundraiser at
Wagner College

November 19, 2011 @ 1pm

Epsilon Mu Chapter
Sigma Theta Tau, International
Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing
Wagner College

Call 718.390.3478 for reservations

Adults: \$30, children: \$20.

----- Detach & Mail

___ Yes, I/we will attend. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____.

___ No, I cannot attend. Enclosed is my donation to Epsilon Mu in the amount of \$_____.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____



Join Us for the
Refreshments & Matinee Theater
Fundraiser at

Wagner College

March 3, 2012 @ 1pm

Epsilon Mu Chapter
Sigma Theta Tau, International
Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing
Wagner College

Call 718.390.3478 for reservations

Adults: \$30, children: \$20.

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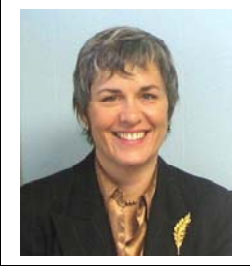
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Name(s) _____

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Address _____ Zip Code _____



Members in the News:

Annemarie Dowling-Castronovo, PhD(c), RN, MA-GNP
 Assistant Professor & Jonas Scholar
 Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing, Wagner College

Annemarie Dowling-Castronovo is one of 50 Jonas Scholars of The Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence <http://www.jonascenter.org/>. The Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholar Program was initiated to support the educational preparation of nurse faculty in response to the nurse faculty shortage.

Prof. Dowling-Castronovo attended the 2010 Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholar Conference held in Washington, DC from October 31 to November 2, 2010. The conference, provided in partnership with the AACN, welcomes from Mr. and Mrs. Jonas, Clare Fagin, Senior Advisor to the Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholars Program.

The program included presentations by Deans, on topics such as leadership, scholarship, and teaching. Dr. May, the Dean of the School of Nursing at University of Wisconsin-Madison, informed the scholars about important issues and concepts unique to the early faculty role. The current director, Dr. Grady, and past founding director, Dr. Hinshaw, of the NINR encouraged the scholars to think about the roles of nationally funded research and academic leadership in an academic career trajectory. In addition, Dr. Ridenour, Dean, College of Nursing, University of New Mexico challenged the scholars to learn about the process for healthcare policy and engage in advocacy efforts. While Dr. Trautman, Executive Director, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Policy further emphasized the need for nurse leaders expert in health policy. Next, Dr. Begeny, Director of Government Affairs, AACN, provided scholars with practical strategies, such as “elevator” speeches. A working lunch with Dr. Bleich, Dean, School of Nursing, Oregon Health Science University allowed Prof. Dowling-Castronovo the opportunity to learn about his role in The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health, the seminal report released in October, 2010 by the IOM.

Scholars embarked on a trip to a Senate chamber to receive briefs from Lieutenant Colonel Barrow, Military Nurse Detailee to Senator Inouye (D-HI) and Dr. Fields, Robert Wood Johnson Fellow, United States Senate, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, Aging Subcommittee, Office of Senator Mikulski (D-MD). This opportunity showcased how nurse leaders influence health care policy. The fellows highlighted the imperative that health policy regulation and appropriation be driven by evidence-based knowledge. One of the last sessions, Dr. Stineman, Assistant Clinical Professor, University of Iowa taught evidence-based teaching strategies to create an “engaged” culture in the classroom. In addition to participating in the formal program, Prof. Dowling-Castronovo networked with other Jonas Scholars from Yale University, University of Iowa, University of California - Davis, New York University, City University of New York, and the University of Utah, and with Darlene Curley, Executive Director, Jonas Center of Nursing Excellence.

If you would like to announce a special occasion or event, an award, published, earned an advanced degree, certification, and promotion or have been accepted to a program for advanced degree, please submit to Paula Davies Scimeca/Newsletter Editor at epsilonmu@wagner.edu or call 719 390 3478 and leave contact information.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

The Family Readiness Group of the 436th Battalion is a new community service for Epsilon Mu. Organizer Cathy Dolorio organizes events for the families and service men and women. A BBQ is scheduled for July 16th at Fort Wadsworth, Epsilon Mu will be supplying bottled water and soft drinks for approximately 400 of their guests. Join us in making the troops and families feel appreciated. Contact Teri Torsney at teritorsney@aol.com for details.

Friday, September 9 & 10, CPR Training for Wagner Nursing Students is being offered at a discount for students while raising funds for our scholarship program, a win-win for both. Volunteer instructors are needed for all sessions, contact Teri Torsney at teritorsney@aol.com.

American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Walk is Sunday, October 16, 2011 at Clove Lake Park. Our team leader is Christine Pagano. Participate in this worthy cause by walking or sponsoring one of the team members. The day is very festive and a tradition with many of us. Contact Christine at lucy411@aol.com for details.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

If you have already paid your membership renewal fee, please disregard this notice.

If you cannot recall any of the following information; please call Sigma Theta Tau International at 888.634.7575 and ask to speak to Membership.

I would like to renew my membership in the Epsilon Mu Chapter (Chapter 130) of Sigma Theta Tau International.

I was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International in _____(year) at Wagner College, Staten Island, NY.

My name at induction was: _____

Other last names: _____

My seven digit member number: _____(It appears on Membership card, Magazine address labels, Membership renewal form, the Society can look this up)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date: _____

Make check payable to Sigma Theta Tau International for \$85, regular membership.

For dual membership: Other Chapter/College Name: _____

For dual members: Our Chapter fee is \$25. plus the International Fee Of \$60. Then the other chapter membership fee varies \$20 - \$30, call headquarters for specific amounts.

Please return form to:

Sigma Theta Tau International
Member Services Department
550 West North Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

For online renewals visit: website: nursingsociety.org

For additional questions contact Member Services at 888.634.7575 (U.S./Canada)

or email: memserv@stti.iupui.edu

NEWSLETTER UPDATES	EPSILON MU UPCOMING EVENTS
<p>Epsilon Mu News is an official newsletter of Epsilon Mu Chapter. Monthly e-messages deadlines are the 25th of each month. If you wish a hard copy of the communications please contact Paula Davies Scimeca, Newsletter Editor for Newsletter Submissions at 718.390.3478 or email: epsilonmu@wagner.edu</p>	<p>October 1, 2011: Founder's Day & 30th Anniversary Celebration with Induction Ceremony; Hilton Garden Inn</p> <p>October 16, 2011: Making Strides American Cancer Society Walk; Clove Lakes Park</p> <p>October 26, 2011: Nurse's Conference with American Cancer Society: Radiology & Radiation Oncology; Benefits and Risks; Staaten</p> <p>November 19, 2011: My Fair Lady Matinee and Tea Event; Wagner College</p> <p>March 3, 2012: Urinetown Refreshments and Matinee Theatre Event; Wagner College</p> <p>March 21, 2012: Collaborative Research/Evidence Based Practice EXPO at Wagner College</p>
<p>Visit our Web Page: http://www.wagner.edu/departments/epsilonmu or visit us on the Circle at www.nursingsociety.org</p>	
Calendar of Activities	
<p>October 29 – November 2, 2011</p>	<p>STTI 41st Biennial Convention; Grapevine, Texas.</p>
<p>July 11 – July 14, 2011</p>	<p>Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, 22nd International Nursing Research Congress, Cancun, Mexico.</p>
<p>July 14 -15, 2011</p>	<p>World Academy of Nursing Science's International Nursing Research Congress, Cancun, Mexico</p>
<p>For additional conferences</p>	<p>http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents/NursingConferences/Pages/NursingConferences.aspx</p>



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Due to the prohibitive costs associated with the large mailing of the newsletter and labor associated with such an undertaking, Epsilon Mu is 'going green.' This is the last hardcopy newsletter. Any further communications will be done electronically. If you wish to continue to receive a hard copy, please contact Epsilon Mu at 718.390.3478 or send us a letter requesting a hardcopy of the newsletter to the address above.

Thank you for your consideration.



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▶▶ CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR PRESENTATIONS AND/OR POSTERS ◀◀

RE: Collaborative March Into Evidence Based Nursing Practice Expo
DATE: Wednesday, March 21, 2012
TIME: 4:00pm – 8:00pm
LOCATION: Wagner College, Staten Island, NY

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, January 27, 2012

Nurses in practice, education, and leadership are invited to present abstracts for topics illustrating research or evidence-based practice. Examples related to the following topics are pertinent:

- Teaching Evidence Based Practice
- Creating a Culture of Evidence Based Practice
- Generating Evidence (Primary Research Studies)
- Synthesizing Evidence
- Translating Evidence into Practice: Recommendations
- Policies and Procedures based on Evidence
- Outcomes related to Practice Changes
- All areas of general nursing and specialties welcomed, preference will be given to pediatric topics.

GUIDELINES

Please use the following template for the presentation:

Problem/Question

Define the problem or question.

Evidence

How did you gather the evidence? What were your findings?

Translation to Practice/Implementation

How did you translate the findings into practice?

Evaluation

How was the practice change evaluated?

Results

What are the results of the practice change?

Recommendations

What are your recommendations regarding the process/findings?



You may call Lauren O'Hare, EdD, RN, Research Coordinator for Sigma Theta Tau International, Epsilon Mu Chapter, Wagner College, Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing at #718-390-3478 and leave a message should you have any questions.

**FORM FOR ABSTRACTS FOR PRESENTATIONS AND/OR POSTERS
To Complete & Return by Friday, January 27, 2012**

RE: COLLABORATIVE MARCH INTO RESEARCH/EVIDENCE BASED NURSING PRACTICE DAY

DATE: March 21, 2012

LOCATION: Wagner College, Staten Island, NY

Dear Presenter,

*Please forward the following information to **Lauren O'Hare, EdD, RN, Research Coordinator** via e-mail at lohare@wagner.edu or fax to 718-420-4009. This information will be used in the brochures/handouts. Thank You!*

Name:	Credentials:
Position:	Specialty:
Institution:	Work phone:
Cell or Other number:	Fax No:
E-Mail Address:	
Title Presentation:	
Presentation Needs: <i>Please circle one:</i> Electronic Slides Presentation with Lecture/ Easel <u>or</u> Table	

ABSTRACT: (Please limit to 200 words)

PLEASE POST IN YOUR FACILITY OR INSTITUTION

Staten Island University Hospital
Nursing Research & Evidence Based Practice Committee

WRITING A RESEARCH ABSTRACT
(General Guidelines)

An abstract is a brief summary of a research project that emphasizes four general categories of information: what was done, how it was done, the results obtained, and how the author interprets them. Authors must address each and every one of these categories in order for an abstract to be considered complete. Subtopics need to be addressed within these four general categories, as well. If a list of subtopics is provided in a call for abstracts then the prudent author discusses each one in the order suggested, which usually reflects the sequence of the research process.

If completeness is the first challenge of abstract writers, then brevity is the second. Abstracts often need to be composed with stringent and inviolate work limitations. A 200-250 word limit is common. Sometimes organizations provided authors a form on which the abstract is required to fit. If no word or space limitations are required, authors should still aim for brevity. Additionally, the final product must be grammatically and typographically correct, free of jargon and colloquialisms. Acronyms should be defined and used sparingly, but never in the title. Use a high quality printer and take care that the abstract makes a good visual impression.

Abstract writing is highly stylized. The combination of thoroughness and brevity is a challenging one, especially when it comes to a project in which the author is thoroughly invested and knowledgeable. Remember that all the other researchers submitting abstracts are undergoing the same difficult mental process: reducing work that may have taken years to complete to a few pithy paragraphs.

Specific Guidelines

Please include information about all of the following items in your abstract:

Title: The goal should be a specific, concise, and interesting title that clearly indicates the nature of the research. The title must convey the topic, but may also reveal the design used and the subjects.

Purposes of the research/project: This section should establish the importance of the problem addressed, the rationale for the study and exactly what the author intended to accomplish. Attempt to make a logical connection between the purposes and earlier work in this area, and the conceptual/theoretical framework used in the study (if any).

Hypothesis(es) or research questions: Hypotheses are formal predictions about how the variables studied will be related. They should logically flow from what is already known about the topic. Space will not allow for hypotheses to be listed verbatim; their general thrust must be summarized. Sometimes not enough information exists to permit hypothesis construction. In addition, qualitative studies are by nature hypothesis generating rather than testing. In both cases the author should summarize the research questions answered by the research or the hypotheses generated for future testing.

Significance for nursing: Indicate how the research will improve nursing practice specifically and/or advance the profession as a whole.

Research/Project design: This section should reveal the overall organizational plan for the study. The specific type of quantitative or qualitative methods used should be identified.

Population or sample: Most research entails samples rather than populations. Make it clear which is being used in the study. Reveal the characteristics of subjects (persons, groups, organizations), their number, the recruitment strategy, and the study setting.

Data collection methods: Describe who collected the data, and the type of tools or research interventions used. Validity and/or reliability information may be important depending on the nature of the study.

Methods of analysis: Discuss the data analysis methods used. Levels of statistical significance should be defined and indicated by conventional symbols if conducting a quantitative study.

Research findings: This section describes what was revealed and not revealed as a result of the study. Present the factual outcomes of the study.

Implications of the findings for nursing: Tie the other sections of the paper together and give them meaning in this part of the abstract. Discuss the results in light of previous work, the study's conceptual framework, and methods used. Limitations of the study may be mentioned. Conclusions are frequently stated in tentative terms. Relate the findings to nursing practice or education or the profession as a whole. Make specific recommendations when appropriate.

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