As your new President I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nydia Harter for all of her leadership and guidance over her presidential tenure. She and her board were instrumental in maintaining the viability and visibility of our chapter. Our recent guest speaker, Regional 7 Coordinator Scott Emory Moore, noted that Alpha Xi was an “innovative and successful chapter” and he pledged ongoing support of our and other regional chapter’s endeavors. This recognition could not have been accomplished without the leadership of Nydia and the members of our chapter. Like all good organizations it is its members who move and shake it. I hope to enable the membership to feel their value in their contributions to the chapter and I am very hopeful that we can continue to move in a positive direction.

Nydia’s leadership over this past year saw the chapter involved in a number of worthy undertakings such as representation on state and local committees, quarterly speaker dinner meetings, the adoption of an Alpha Xi Facebook page, the launching of our online newsletter, our co-sponsorship of the Mary Ann Parson’s and Vivian McCowan lectureship conferences, the award of the Amy V. Cockcroft Leadership scholarship to Jessica Wilkes, sponsorship of two SCNF activities (the Palmetto Gold and the first annual Nurses Walk), hosting of advanced practice nurses from the Netherlands, the development of a student exchange, the sponsorship of Sue Haddock for International office, attendance at the 40th Biennial International Conference and the induction of 83 new members this past spring. Nydia is a hard act to follow, and we can’t thank her enough for all that she has done for the chapter and Sigma Theta Tau.

I want to take this opportunity to really reach out to all of our members, most particularly our recent inductees. I would like the students to know this is their organization and the opportunity to expand their professional career starts when they are in school. As for the service inductees, I hope you will find our society a gateway for expanding your career as well.

The society’s vision is to “create a global community of nurses who lead in using knowledge, scholarship, service and learning to improve the health of the world’s people”. This being the year of the nurse, it is my hope for our members and all nurses around the globe to take a deep breath and take care of themselves. Nurses convey the message of our society of “love, courage and honor” with every breath they take and my brothers and sisters you are to be loved, encouraged and honored for all you do. The path you have chosen for yourself to nurture mankind to the optimum of health is a spiritual path like no other. I am humbled to have this honor to serve you in this role and I hope our chapter and the society can serve you with love, courage and honor.

Sincerely,

David.

Presidents Message
David S Hodson Ed.D. MS. APRN, BC.
Summer has arrived here in Columbia, along with hot days and warm nights! Even so, the College of Nursing is a beehive of activity with summer classes underway – many of which are graduate student courses. Our scholars on the upper end of the continuum toil twelve months per year and usually alongside full-time jobs and family responsibilities. Seeing their dedication toward completing advanced practice and doctoral degrees is most inspiring and I do my best to cheer them along this part of their professional journey.

On the flip side of the coin, we are in the midst of Freshmen Orientation with well over 225 new students and their parents visiting us 3-4 days per week. I always enjoy the opportunity to greet these groups as they are so excited about coming to college, and specifically, beginning nursing school! They look so young – and indeed, they are! – but it is refreshing to see that level of enthusiasm for this grand adventure.

For those of us not engaged in pursuing higher education at the current time, we sometimes lose sight of the “next big adventure” – more often focused on careers, families, and our daily lives. However, for Alpha Xi members, we need to remember that life-long learning provides new growth opportunities for all of us. Sigma Theta Tau encourages its members to be nursing leaders and scholars and we all hold important responsibilities in that regard.

With health care reform emerging – at about the same time the IOM Committee on the Future of Nursing will be publishing their final report this fall – the questions of: Who nurses are? What roles do nurses fill? and, How do we educate the next generation of nurses to meet those needs? – become paramount.

Wherever you are in your career – Nursing needs you! Alpha Xi needs you! The USC College of Nursing is well-placed to educate nurses across a broad spectrum of preparations – but we need your support. We need your presence at important college events. We need your input on how we respond to the IOM report on nursing’s future. We need you participation as we prepare for a 10-year reaffirmation of our CCNE accreditation next Spring. And we need your financial support in these times of great hardship for many of our students. We thank those of you who already contribute to nursing scholarships, but if you have not yet done so, please contact us and let us share with you opportunities to support our students.

As the summer months evolve into fall, and the mass return of our almost 1,200 nursing students to campus unfolds – remember – we are all able to participate in some way during the nursing profession’s next grand adventure! Come see us!
Alpha Xi Membership Update
(As of May 31, 2010)

New Member Transfers:
Leslie Hodges Jackson

New Multi-Chapter Memberships:
Twanda Addison
Michelle Liken

Renewing Members:

Cynthia Abbadini  Theresa Altman  Andrea Anderson  Mary Andrews  Jaquelin Bailey
Belinda Beaver  June Moore Boggs  Mary Bogner  Susan Bolin Grubbs  Gena Brawley
Gina Brock  Carmelita Brown  Cheryl Carroll  Linda Caudill-Mestler  Betty Cervenka
Susan Clark  Susan Collins  Dorothy Conlon  Joan Culley  Kristine Dicarlo
Janice Dinkins  Beverly Farnsworth  Megan Finch  Kathryn Fisher  Sarah Ford
Latrell Fowler  Sara Fuller  Jessie Galardi  Frances Glover  Emma Grant
Sonya Greck  Donald Guffey  Kathlyn Haddock  Victoria Harrison  Meshellia Hayward
Mandy Helm  Debbie Herman  Joanne Herman  Pat Hickey  Morgan Hill
Brian Hughes  Pierrene Johnson  Valerie Johnson  Debbie Jones  Teresa Jones
Gretchen Kaune  Elizabeth Knight  Marilynn Koerber  Michelle Logan-Owens  Sylvia Lufkin
Susan McCall  Katherine Miller  Maureen Morris  Lori Moseley  Carolyn Murdaugh
Nancy Murphy  Theresa Parsons  Dawn Pender  Jean Proehl  Dietra Reese-Watson
Dorothy Roberts  Verona Ross  Kathleen Scharer  Mary Scribner-Howard  Ruth Seigler
Shana Sieve  Whitney Stillwell  Barbara Thomas  Jennie Thomas  Nena Thomason
Kimberly Tindall  Erica Turrentine  Annamma Varghese  Esther Weaver  Rebecca Wiggins
Bruce Williams  Evelyn Williams  Dons Willoughby  Alice Wyatt  Laurie Wybenga
News from the Center for Nursing Leadership

Please help welcome Eileen Shake, DNP(c), as the new Associate Director for the Center. Eileen and the Center team are looking forward to their continued partnership with Alpha Xi.

Lydia Zager has chosen to return to a faculty position in the College of Nursing.

Ellen Synovec has also chosen to take a full time faculty role but will continue with the CE programs.

HIGHLIGHTS from recent events:

ANNUAL NURSING SUMMIT
The Annual Nursing Summit, “Leadership in an Era of Perpetual Change: What Does It Take?” was held Friday March 26, 2010 at the Columbia Conference Center. Dr. Janis (Jan) P. Bellack, RN, FAAN was the keynote speaker. Jan is the President and John Hilton Knowles Professor at MGH Institute of Health professions in Boston, MA and a graduate from the first class of the Amy V. Cockcroft Leadership program. Jan was also awarded the Amy V. Cockcroft Leadership Award, an award nominated and selected by the AVC Alumni Fellows. The day also featured the 2009-2010 Amy V. Cockcroft graduating fellows with their leadership presentation “Our Voices Have Value”. Hans Springer, a visiting Professor from the Netherlands spoke to the group about nursing practice and education in the Netherlands. The program concluded with the induction of 12 new Cockcroft Fellows for 2010-2011.

Following the Summit, the attending AVC fellows celebrated the 15 year Anniversary of the Amy V. Cockcroft Leadership Program. The alumni fellows hosted the program, “After Cockcroft: The Next Steps. Dr. Janet Krejci, one of the current AVC faculties, was the guest speaker. Janet shared with the group what other leadership programs from around the nation were doing and led the group in a lively brainstorming session to look at ideas for formalizing an AVC alumni program.

The Center for Nursing Leadership appreciates all your support. As always, we continue to explore innovative ways to advance leadership and to remain the cutting edge resource for emerging healthcare issues and initiatives. Your feedback and ideas are encouraged and welcomed. Please contact us if your organization would like to bring any of these programs to your organization and visit our website for additional information. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Welcome: Our Chapter Officers

David Hodson assumes the Alpha Xi Presidency reins!

Theresa Altman joins the Alpha Xi board in the role of Chapter Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS, SAVE THE DATE!

VIANA MCCOWN LECTURESHP: Friday, November 5, 2010 at the Clarion Hotel. Stay tuned for further details.

MARY ANN PARSON LECTURESHIP: Friday, February 11, 2011 at the Columbia Conference Center

THE ANNUAL NURSING SUMMIT: Friday, March 25, 2011 at the Columbia Conference Center

AMY V. COCKCROFT EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:
The program is taking applications now for the 2011-2012 class. Please see the Center’s website for further details about dates and location.

“LEADING FROM THE MIDDLE” LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM is being offered locally starting in the fall. Please see the Center’s website for further details about dates and location.
InHolland University Student Visit

For the fourth year, Alpha Xi has had the pleasure of hosting InHolland University students and faculty March 20 – 27, 2010. Sue Haddock was instrumental in establishing our link with InHolland during her tenure as President of Alpha Xi. The relationship was established and has continued to foster collegial and scholastic endeavors with our international counterparts.

InHolland University has six campuses located throughout the Netherlands. The primary campus for health specialties is located in Amsterdam. Basic baccalaureate nursing programs were established in the Netherlands in the 70’s with master’s level education started in the 80’s. In 1998, InHolland University established their Master Advanced Nursing Practice and Master Physician Assistant programs. Both are two year program designed to provide one training day a week and a minimum of a 32 hour work contract to support their clinical training. All students must have an offer of a training place as an NP or PA in training and a tutor in clinical practice to be accepted in the program. Students must have a BSN and 2 years of relevant nursing experience to apply. Their program focuses on clinical reasoning and practice, evidence and best practices and care innovation. The model that defines the roles of an advanced practice nurse is shown below.

Healthcare in the Netherland is provided predominately by a state run mandatory insurance. Care is provided using a primary care model with the general practitioner serving as the trusted gatekeeper to the Dutch healthcare system. Although nurse practitioner and physician assistants are a more recent addition to the provider team, both physicians and hospitals are recognizing the need. As with many new professions, prescriptive authority, scope of practice restrictions, direct billing for services and salary inequities are all issues they are currently working to enhance their utilization.

This year we had the pleasure of hosting three nurse practitioner students and one physician assistant students with two faculty members. The team manager of their program, Hans Springer, presented an overview of nursing in the Netherlands at the Annual Summit, March 26, hosted by the Center for Nursing Leadership here in Columbia. Each of the students gave presentations to USC faculty and Alpha XI members, sharing their experiences and unique training for their areas of interest. Throughout the week, healthcare organizations and providers throughout Columbia sponsored each student to allow the students to experience the advanced practice nurse and physician assistant role in their respective specialties. It was an incredible opportunity for all who participated. Our thanks to Dr. Andy Weissinger and Lisa Sands at Providence Hospitals, Grace Kudo and Amy Sternberger at Lexington Medical Center, Maggie Johnson at Bryans Psychiatric, Sue Haddock at the VA Hospital, David Hodson at USC, Eric Ashton with Dr. Eckman’s Orthopedic practice, and Bruce Williams with Doctor’s Care for providing such incredible experiences for the students.

The students all lived with families here in Columbia which gave both the host families and the students an opportunity to share each others’ cultures first hand. Special thanks goes to Karen Scott, Ellen Synovec, Sue Haddock, and Jeanne Cavanaugh for opening their homes to the students and Nydia Harter for providing transportation to the faculty during their visit. David Hodson hosted a farewell dinner at his home that was enjoyed by all. It was an incredible experience for all who made this year’s visit such a success. I encourage all Alpha XI members to consider being a part of student visit next year.
InHolland Students—2010
Our International Partnership

Alpha Xi began an international journey in 1999 with the induction of Nancy Strijbol, a Belgian nurse living and working in Amsterdam. K. Sue Haddock was the chapter president at that time and invited Nancy to join her in applying for the Sigma Theta Tau Chiron Mentorship program. They were accepted and thus began a more intentional sharing between our chapter and the nurses in Amsterdam. Sue and Nancy were instrumental in initiating an exchange program between In-Holland University and Alpha Xi. Nurse practitioner students and In-Holland faculty have been hosted by Alpha Xi for the past four years with the NP students spending a week shadowing our NPs to better understand the NP role in our country. Previous students have had an opportunity to attend a variety of USC and Alpha Xi events but this year Dr. Hans Springer, the program director from In-Holland University, was a featured speaker at the Nursing Summit.

An exchange program must involve exchange from both partners and in June of this year, chapter president Nydia Harter and K. Sue Haddock were invited to travel to Amsterdam to explore possibilities for Alpha Xi members and USC students to participate in cultural, educational, practice, or research opportunities in the Netherlands. Faculty from In-Holland arranged visits to several hospitals and meetings with University staff regarding future exchanges, both formal and informal. There was also discussion about forming an at-large chapter in Amsterdam. However, a real highlight was the meeting with students hosted by Alpha Xi in past years. This was a meaningful event as the students told of their progress and how influential the exchange trip was to that progress. Even more exciting was the obvious synergy as these bright and energetic professionals discussed how they could support each other to strengthen their professional practice.
Although Nydia and Sue spent much of their time focused on developing future opportunities for nurses on both sides of the Atlantic, they also found a little time to tour the canals and sights of Amsterdam.

A special treat was a trip to a medieval city in Brugge, Belgium (Nancy’s home town) to explore this very old city boasting of handmade lace and decadent chocolates!

The progress we have made in the past eleven years is amazing. But there is much more that is still ahead. Chapter members are invited to be part of this adventure – let us know you are interested!!

A heartfelt thanks goes to the faculty (Rita, Hans & Louise, Jaap, Aart, Kim and recently retired Nancy), the former exchange students from In-Holland University and to Alpha Xi. Without the support of each of these groups, this experience would not have been possible.
Chapter Induction February 28, 2010

Chapter President-Elect David Hodson & USC College of Nursing Dean Peggy Hewlett

College of Nursing Inductees to Sigma Theta Tau International 2010
### New Members Attending Induction Ceremony

Welcome Frances Glover & Shiny Varghese to STTI and Alpha Xi!

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JULY 2010
Take advantage of STTI research grant opportunities. Submissions through the online grant system co-sponsored grants are now being accepted until 1 July 2010 for the following: The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science, Environment of Elder Care Nursing Research Grant and the Joan K. Stout, RN, Research Grant. Grants are made possible through contributions to the Sigma Theta Tau International Foundation for Nursing's research endowment. For additional information on the grants offered by STTI, please visit www.nursingsociety.org/Research/SmallGrants.

A NEW Volunteer Interest Profile (VIPProfile) is available. Complete your Volunteer Interest Profile (VIPProfile) today to select volunteer opportunities at a chapter and international level. The system has been re-designed and is more user-friendly! You will be able to manage your demographic data and help the organization plan programs and services to meet your needs. If you have filled out a profile in the past, please take time to complete a new profile. To complete a profile, visit the "Volunteer Connect" portion of STTI's website, http://www.nursingsociety.org/VolunteerConnect, and click on "VIPProfile."

Nominate a bedside nurse for the Helen Henry Excellence of Care Award. The Helen Henry Excellence of Care Award was established by Bonnie Wesorick, RN, MSN, in honor of her mother, Helen Henry, to recognize nurse healers working at the bedside. Please visit http://www.nursingsociety.org/Awards/Pages/HelenHenryAward.aspx and nominate a nurse by 30 September 2010.

New information is available on the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library. Site registrants have free access to six, pre-selected full text articles on various topics each month. You will also discover information on the Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame inductees, Practice and Academe Innovation Collaborations projects, proceedings from the first international conference on Workplace Violence in the Health Sector and much more. Registration is free and easy! Visit the library website, http://www.nursinglibrary.org, and register today!
Sigma Theta Tau International

STTI launches The Center for Nursing Excellence in Long-Term Care™. Nurses, who are on the front lines of health care delivery, require appropriate education and knowledge in order to manage the complex health needs of older adults. To help address these knowledge needs, STTI has created The Center for Nursing Excellence in Long-Term Care™ (The Center). The Center's portfolio of products and services will help educate nurses and transform their role in the long-term care environment. Visit The Center's website, www.centerfornursingexcellence.org, for more information and resources.

2011 International Awards nominations opens 1 November 2010. Nominations for the 2011 International Awards will be accepted starting 1 November 2010 in the areas of technology, media, chapter excellence, research and leadership. The deadline for all entries is 1 March 2011 (11:59 p.m., EST). For more information, please visit http://www.nursingsociety.org/Awards/Pages/awards.aspx.

Leadership Summits - providing leadership and career enhancement during challenging economic times. On 24-25 September in Indianapolis and 15-16 October in Arlington, Texas, attendees of an STTI Leadership Summit will discover how to effectively lead and enhance their careers in this time of economic uncertainty. Continuing nursing education credits are offered for the events, and discounts are available for STTI members, students, retired nurses and for those who register early. Keynote speakers include Angela Barron McBride and Beverly Malone. Register today at http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents by clicking on "Leadership Summit."

Attend the 21st International Nursing Research Congress in Orlando. The 21st International Nursing Research Congress is a presentation forum for cutting-edge nursing research highlights and conclusions. Make plans to join STTI from 12-16 July in Orlando, Fla., USA and take part in this international assembly for nurse researchers. During congress, the Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame will be conferred and will recognize 22 nurses who are leaders, mentors, scholars and role models. Register today at http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents by clicking on "Research Congress."
Chapter Activities for 2009-2010

- Alpha Xi has representatives on the following state and local committees: Palmetto Gold, SC Infection Control Task Force, SC Lateral Violence Task Force, SC Nursing Excellence conference committee, USC Alumni of the Year selection committee; Region 7, Regional Committee (Global Impact subcommittee Co-Chair)
- The Chapter held three quarterly dinner meetings with Speakers at local restaurants in 2009. The dinner meetings will resume in the fall 2010.
- The Chapter continues to have “virtual” board meetings (online, conference call)
- The Chapter is maintaining an Alpha Xi Chapter FaceBook page
- Online newsletter launched in February 2010. Positive financial and environmental impact noted.
- The Chapter held a very successful Annual Mary Ann Parson’s Lectureship (Feb ‘10) with 200+ attendees (Partnered with SC Lateral Violence Task Force); Keynote by Judith Vessey, PhD, RN; Chapter presented monetary awards for best poster and podium presentations.
- Co-sponsorships continues with the Center for Nursing Leadership: Vianna McCowan Lectureship (10/09), Nursing Summit (Feb. ‘10)
- Presented annual ($2,000) Alpha Xi Amy V Cockcroft Leadership scholarship (Jessica Wilkes - recipient)
- Sponsorship to SCNF - Palmetto Gold ($500.)
- Sponsorship to SCNF – First Annual Nurse’s Walk ($250.)
- Successful induction ceremony held at the College of Nursing auditorium in February 2010. 83 new members were inducted.
- Sponsored President-Elect David Hodson to attend Leadership Summit in Atlanta 4/2010
- Alpha Xi research grant criteria revised and “call for proposals” submitted to the membership via email and published on the Alpha Xi website through USC College of Nursing.
Scott E. Moore, BSN, RN—Region 7—Regional Coordinator spoke at the Alpha Xi Annual meeting held on May 20, 2010. Two community leaders were inducted during the meeting and the new Chapter officers were installed.