Thursday, June 30th, 2005, 6:00 pm

Sea Turtle Inn
Atlantic Boulevard at the Ocean, Atlantic Beach

15 yrs. Lambda Rho
University of North Florida

&

10 yrs. Lambda Rho At-Large
University of North Florida &
Jacksonville University

“Professional Renewal through Deep Change”

Daniel J. Pesut, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN
President, Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society of Nursing

Invitations are in the mail. RSVP early as seating is limited.
Our History

Faculty at the University of North Florida (UNF) began the process of establishing a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) after their initial NLN accreditation in 1985. Dr. Sherrie Harris and members of STTI formed an Honor Society Steering Committee. These founding members included: faculty Kathaleen Bloom and Melinda Fawbush; community leader and alumnus Elmyra Morris; and nursing students Linda Garoni, Melanie Holtsinger, and Pat Limongelli. On April 25, 1986, seventy-six charter members were inducted into STTI. In spring 1989, with 42 additional members, UNF was presented the petition for chartering at the STTI Biennial Convention in Indianapolis. On April 20, 1990, Lambda Rho Chapter inducted 159 members.

Dr. Nina Entrekin, First Vice President of STTI, led the induction ceremony. Founding officers were: President, Elmyra Morris; Vice President, Kathaleen Bloom; Secretary, Nancy Sampson; Treasurer, Jeanne Bellocq; and Counselors, Eda Devers and Ludella Wilson.

Early in the inception of Lambda Rho, members envisioned the formation of a chapter-at-Large. To be a “chapter at-large” means that more than one nursing degree granting institution of higher learning collaborates together. Jacksonville University School of Nursing formed an Honor Society Steering Committee in September 1992 chaired by Jean Fields and approached Lambda Rho regarding the feasibility of becoming a chapter-at-Large. Kathaleen Bloom, President of Lambda Rho, was elected as liaison for the new honor society and Carole Cayer (JU) was elected as Vice Chair of both Lambda Rho and JU Nursing Honor Societies. The JU Nursing Honor Society inducted 54 members and, in May 1993, the Lambda Rho membership unanimously supported the proposal to establish a chapter-at-Large.

A Recharter Steering Committee was chaired by Carole Cayer with faculty, students, and alumni from both nursing programs. The program committees from both organizations were merged. Several successful programs were held in the following two years.

In June 1995, at the 5th anniversary of Lambda Rho, we became Lambda Rho Chapter-at-Large at a gala tea party on Amelia Island. Lambda Rho at-Large continued to flourish with two inductions annually, research presentations, and other programs. In March 1999, Lambda Rho at-Large hosted the Region VII Assembly at the Omni Hotel for STTI members from across the Southeastern United States.

Lambda Rho Chapter-at-Large sponsored six members to attend the 2003 STTI Biennial Convention in Canada. Our members have presented papers and/or posters at STTI Biennial Conventions and have served at the international level. Pam Chally, President, served on the STTI Nominating Committee (1999-2001). Kathaleen Bloom served on the STTI Heritage Committee (1999-2000), as an Honor Society Consultant (2001-2003) and as the Region 7 representative on the Awards and Recognition Committee (2003-2005). We also sponsor emerging leaders to attend the STTI Chapter Leadership Academy in Indianapolis. This past year Joy McConnell (President-Elect), Rachel McMahan, and Michelle Edmonds attended the Academy. They plan to work with the membership to obtain a prestigious chapter Key Award.

Active members are important to the success of our chapter. Lambda Rho at-Large applauds the many members who have served STTI and encourages your continued commitment to excellence in nursing leadership, service, and scholarship.

A Message from President Chally

Dear Lambda Rho Chapter at Large Sigma Theta Tau Members,

We have a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the chapter at large and 15th anniversary of Lambda Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau on June 30, 2005. More information about the event is included in the newsletter and formal invitations will also be sent. Please come and join us for a wonderful evening. Dr. Dan Pesut, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN, President, Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society of Nursing, will speak on, “Professional Renewal Through Deep Change.” He is an excellent speaker that I know you will enjoy. It will be a chance to reconnect with friends and faculty members. I look forward to seeing you then!

Pamela Chally
Announcement of 2005—2007 Officers
Thank you for your willingness to Serve!
(Elections will not be held as we had only one nominee per open position.)

First Vice President UNF  Linda Connelly (UNF)
Treasurer  Deb Wagner (UNF)
Counselors UNF/JU  Judy Comeaux (UNF)  Jeane Richards (JU)
Leadership Succession Committee  Mary Helen Elliott (UNF)  Susan McMarlin (UNF)
Governance Committee  Barbara Olinzock (UNF)  Leslie Morgan (JU)

Spring Induction - 55 new members & Special Recognition

The Spring Induction for Lambda Rho Chapter-at-Large was held on April 24 at the Radisson Riverwalk Hotel. We inducted 44 undergraduate students, 7 graduate students, and 4 community leaders into STTI. This induction was one of the largest in recent history with 180 people attending the ceremony.

UNF Undergraduate
Kimberly J. Bilsky
Sommer N. Bradley
Autumn L. Brown
Holly M. Brown
Kristin B. Byers
Kathleen L. Courtney
Alana L. Day
Earl A. Dullas
Kevin B. Faustino
Gwendolyn I. Goble
Penny L. Hendrick
Martha M. Hicks
Kelly A. Kipp
Mary K. Landis
Catherine C. Lawrence
Nicole M. Lubinsky
Jennifer L. McGillick
Cheryl L. Meyer
Trina R. Morgan
Stacy Mouzon
Ricardo J. Ramierz
Orlando Rivera
Dana M. Rosenthal
Janice L. Sanders
Cheryl C. Sango
Deirdre D. Shoemake
Hannah E. Simpson
Dina E. Singleton
Jessica L. Smith
Monica B. Smith
Jacqueline Thies
Tami L. Thompson
Jennifer M. Toole
Brandy Stokes-Tuccillo
Ira J. White, Jr.

UNF Graduate
Kimberly J. Fuller
Jennie M. Spears
Eric Thoms
Laura Walter Triola

Community Leader
Deborah L. Chastain
Linda S. Crawford
Patrick E. Voight
Lynn M. Walker

JU Undergraduate
Jennifer Bench
Jaclynn L. Christopher
Debora C. Cunningham
Lorelie D. Flinn
Elizabeth D. Greathouse
Annette Hemphill
Stephanie Huston
Cherri A. Jennewein
Charlotte A. Russell
Jessica M. Sciortino
Takiyah N. Sharp
Ellen P. Trainer
Pamela Williams-Paige

JU Graduate
Tracey J. Columbus
Cynthia Howard
Sandra J. Knapp

UNF Service Award
Pam Chally & Kathaleen Bloom

Scholarship (JU)
Carole Cayer (JU)
A past president received a Sigma pin

Scholarship (UNF)
Massanu A. Sirleaf

Professor of the Year 2005-2006
Jeanie Richards (JU)

Scholarship (JU)
Cherri A. Jennewein
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Notice of Dues Increase
The Board of Directors voted to increase chapter membership dues from $20 to $25, making annual dues for Sigma Theta Tau International $80, as of July 2005. Fund-raising projects are also underway to increase scholarship opportunities for nursing students and nursing research. Thank you for your continued support of nursing and our Lambda Rho Chapter-At-Large!

Deb Wagner, Treasurer

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Spring Induction Photo Gallery