

Hello STTZG Chapter Members,

Our September 21, 2009 meeting was held at the Pillars in Mobile, AL in conjunction with the District 8 Alabama State Nurses Association. We are pleased to say that it was a very informative and productive event. Our next meeting will be October 15, at 3:30 PM to plan for our very 1st Fall induction.

We would like to thank **Dr. Debra Davis, Dean of the USA College of Nursing** for attending and supporting our chapter's efforts. She shared with us many ideas to help with fund raising and along with efforts to help the USA College of Nursing's student know who we are and what we are about. Dr. Davis has also agreed again to support our **Scholar's Day** event this year. We are planning the date to be May 6, 2010 and will offer CEUs to our members and the community at no cost.

Also, we are pleased to announce that among our new membership is our Region 8 Coordinator, Dr. Ellen Buckner. We are so please that she has joined us. Dr Buckner reported that Region 8 is comprised of Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi. The new national president is Karen Morin, a member of Region 8. Also from Region 8 is Suzanne Prevost, running for President elect. STTI is the only international honor society, all other honor societies are national. Attending delegates for STTZG at the Biannual Convention are Dr Kim Williams and Dr Karen Hamilton. Dr Val Dearmon, who present, and Dr. Sue Hayden is running for Leadership Succession committee. The author of "Three Cups of Tea", Greg Mortinsen, will be a speaker and have a book signing. Dr Buckner encouraged members to go to the website and review the awards, stating of the 30 available awards, more than half had 2 or less submissions. Be proactive and look where nominees can be made. 2010 Region 8 conference will be held in Hattiesburg, Mississippi in early October. Planning committee members are needed.

Our treasurer, **Dr. Henri Brown** reported on our current budget and Ms. Valarie Dearmon, Chair of Finance, projected our annual budget for the year. With times being tight for everyone, we are tightening our belts to meet the challenge. Unfortunately, we will reduce the amounts on our grants and community awards. We are working hard to increase our funds for the next fiscal year so that we can increase the amounts to previous levels.

Mrs. Mary Meyer, Chair of Fund Raising, will be at the Farmer's Market in Fairhope on 10/8 from 3-5. The Farmer's Market has volunteered to provide a table free of charge for STTZG. Members will prepare samples of recipes, possibly check blood pressures, and Dr Hamilton has American Hearth pamphlets that can be available. Members will wear lab coats, and "look professional" using the STTZG table cover as an eye-catcher. Anyone wishing to donate something to sale or to help out, please contact Mrs. Meyers at mmeyers@usouthal.edu

Ms. Pamela Johnson, Membership Ambassador Member (Previously know as Junior Board Member) reported on activities to increase student awareness of our honor society. She also reported a need to have 2 Membership Ambassador's and we are asking anyone interested, to please e-mail your name or a nominee to kwilliams@usouthal.edu

STTZG has an endowment for student nursing scholarships that is currently building, once at \$10,000 it will be self sustaining. Our endowment is currently at \$8, 363.00 and we are hoping to meet our goal before the next 2 years.

Dr. Brown, reported on the activities of **District 8 ASNA**. They are planning for the annual convention in October. They will be supporting the Student Nurses Association activities while at convention. They plan to continue to join STTZG with their meetings held in September and in January annually. If you are interested in joining ASNA, please e-mail hbrown@usouthal.edu