

Pi lota

Honor Society of Nursing Sigma Theta Tau International

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President's Message

Alice WONG

Dear PIC Members and Colleagues,

As our board of directors nears the midpoint of its second consecutive term, 2014-2016, we continue to find many reasons to count our blessings. Demonstrating their commitment, many of our members travelled from far and wide to join us in celebrating the 15th Anniversary of the Pi Lota Chapter in March 2015. We are so proud of these long-time members, and of their achievements and support, that we want to maintain this momentum by inducting the second largest group of community leaders ever since our chartering ceremony in 2000. Along with nursing students and international transfer members, they have become the newest members of our Pi Lota chapter.

To ensure that we reach out to our own community, we are constantly finding new ways to collaborate with other chapters in the Asia region, which helps us continue to grow in networking within our profession. Examples are **The Third International Symposium on Healthcare Communication (29 June 2015) in Hong Kong** and the upcoming **1st STTI Asia Regional Conference (26-30 September 2015) in Armenia**. As we take advantage of these opportunities and establish ourselves as leaders among nursing colleagues, we hope you will recognize the responsibility this brings. Your active involvement in your local chapter will benefit our members, including your sharing and research study dissemination through seminar presentations. If you are an academic and in a leadership position, do inspire your nursing students and future nursing management colleagues to realize that they too have the potential to achieve their goals through international and regional involvement. Your membership nomination to recognize their achievements can be made/announced either at our local chapter induction ceremony from March to May each year, or at the International Induction Day during the STTI Research Congress in July.



Board members with student at IND 2015.



Board members celebrating IND.

Leading others on the path to success feeds into the underlying purpose of why the honor society of nursing was started in the first place: to promote nursing scholarship, leadership and excellence. After cultivating former nurse leaders' and scholars' hard work and wisdom for over 15 years, this anniversary celebration gives us the sense that we have contributed to making this international chapter visible in a global network. And it is important to remind ourselves of this as our growth and success continue.

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The Pi Iota Chapter has come a long way since its initial preparation work started in 1996. Since it was inaugurated as an honor society of nursing by founding members in 1997, its historic chartering as the first STTI chapter in China on 18 March 2000 has motivated us to carry this torch onward and to continue to work as a global community to enhance nursing excellence. A countless number of others look to us for support, encouragement and leadership, and they complimented our nursing profession by celebrating the International Nurses Day Dinner event together with us on 9 May 2015.

A solemn salute to the former Board and Founding Members of the Honor Society of Nursing from 1997-1999

Prof Ida Martinson
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Best regards,

Alice KY WONG
President

PIC celebrates the STTI Founder's Day

Maria HUNG

The Founder's Day of the Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing is celebrated on 5 October every year. STTI's President Hester C. Klopfer actively encouraged all honor society members to give 90 minutes of selfless service during the week of Founder's Day.

In order to celebrate this day and to support this meaningful calling, the board members of Pi Iota Chapter came together to give blood at the blood donor centre in the Integrative Health Clinic of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University on 6 October 2014. The **President of Pi Iota Chapter, Dr Alice Wong, and board members Dr Kin Cheung and Ms Sammei Tam** gave blood to make STTI Founder's Day memorable. We do hope this selfless service will be continued and that more of us will be able to join them in future years.



PIC's board members donate blood to celebrate STTI Founder's Day.



"My first blood donation," said Dr Alice Wong, President of the PIC.



Ms Sammei Tam receives a certificate in recognition of her 5th time blood donation.

16th Induction Ceremony cum Celebration of 15th Anniversary of Establishment of the PIC

Pin Pin CHOI



A group photo of current and former chapter presidents, board members, inductees and student volunteers.

The Pi Iota Chapter (PIC) of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) hosted its 16th Induction Ceremony on 28 March 2015 at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU). This year, a total of 30 community leaders, 5 postgraduates and 9 undergraduate students were inducted into the Chapter as official members. Some of the inductees travelled from mainland China, Macau and the Philippines to join the induction ceremony, and were warmly greeted by the president and board members of the Chapter.



Mr Tan Jing Yu receives his scholarship certificate from Ms Rebecca Poon, the Scholarship Committee Chair for the Pi Iota Scholarship Award.

The Pi Iota Chapter Scholarship Award was presented during the ceremony. This year, the Scholarship Committee received a number of nominations for the award. Following a review by the panel of external reviewers comprising academics from different universities, a scholarship was awarded to a research student, Mr Tan Jing Yu, to recognize his outstanding scholarly work.

Mr Tan has published two systematic reviews related to auricular therapy, and is currently embarking on a research study that examines the use of auricular therapy in treating chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting in cancer patients.



A photo of current and former chapter presidents together with the cupcakes displayed on a 6-tier cake stand to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Chapter's establishment

This year, the Chapter is also celebrating the 15th anniversary of its establishment, and we were honoured to have four former Presidents, Prof Frances Wong, Prof Alice Loke, Prof Claudia Lai and Dr Angela Chan, and the Head & Chair Professor of the School of Nursing of the PolyU, to make a few congratulatory remarks during the ceremony. The ceremony ended with a series of photo-taking activities amid the warm congratulations of relatives and friends, and with the current and former chapter presidents, board members, inductees and guests enjoying cupcakes together.

Upcoming Events

The Third International Symposium on Healthcare Communication (29 June 2015) in Hong Kong

The Third International Symposium on Healthcare Communication will be held on 29 June 2015 in the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The theme of the symposium is "Communicating for Compassionate Healthcare: Mobilizing Values to Practice". Further information can be found at: https://www.polyu.edu.hk/engl/event/3rd_IRCCH_symposium/symposium/

26th International Nursing Research Congress (23-27 July 2015) in San Juan, Puerto Rico

Members are invited to join the 26th International Nursing Research Congress. The theme for the Congress is "Question Locally, Engage Regionally, Apply Globally". Details can be found at: <http://congress.nursingsociety.org/2015.html>

The Third International Nursing Congress of Armenia and the 1st STTI Asia Regional Conference (26-30 September 2015) in Armenia, Yerevan-Nagorno-Karabakh, Stepanakert

The Third International Nursing Congress of Armenia will be held in Armenia, Yerevan-Nagorno-Karabakh, Stepanakert. The theme of the conference is "Global Nursing Partnership for Global Health" and the abstract submission deadline has been extended to 1 August 2015. For more information, please visit: <http://www.nursingcongress.am/>

43rd Biennial Convention (7-11 November 2015) in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

The STTI Biennial Convention will take place from 7 to 11 November 2015 in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. Please register for the biennial convention online no later than 7 October 2015 or onsite rate will be applied. For details, please visit: <http://convention.nursingsociety.org/>

Nominate yourself or a PIC member to become the Board of Directors (2016-2018) for leadership succession planning at the PIC board

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I _____ would like to nominate

(*Prof / Dr/ Mr/ Ms/ Miss) _____

(must be a member of PIC)

as the Board members of the Pi Iota Chapter (PIC), STTI Honor Society of Nursing.

*Delete the inappropriate title

Please reply anytime now or no later than 30 Sept, 2015

Signature of PIC member