

Dear Chapter Members,

Our Region 15 chapters are a unique geographical group extending from New York (Plattsburgh) to Canada (Dalhousie), including Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and then to Europe (Sweden and the Netherlands) and southern Africa (Tau Lambda-at-Large). I have had the opportunity to visit many of your chapters for meetings and inductions and taken a few small plane rides as well as traveled to Africa. I appreciate your messages and keeping in touch with me via email about your chapters.

A few months ago, we had Chapter Leader Academy which was a great success. Many chapter leaders attended from Region 15 and we had a very successful Region 15 dinner with about 30 chapter leaders. Our Region 15 meeting at Chapter Leader Academy was also a great opportunity to network with other regional leaders. Maryanne Kirkebride who is a member of our Regional Coordinating Committee also attended and the energy was wonderful. In addition, at Chapter Leader Academy, Region 15 was very well represented in the Showcase Regional Excellence Awards Ceremony with nine of our thirty-two chapters honored for their work. Special thanks to Beth Holsinger for serving as chairperson for our successful Showcase Regional Excellence Awards Committee.

Also the 18th International Nursing Research Congress Focusing on Evidence-based Practice will be held in Vienna, Austria from July 11-14, 2007.

Baltimore, Maryland will be the site of the 39th Biennial Convention "Vision to Action: Global Health through Collaboration in November 2007."

Please continue sending along news from your chapters. It is wonderful to hear about all the community building going on with chapters. I look forward to attending more of your meetings and inductions.

Best regards,
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