Nursing Research Forum 2007
“Leading Change in Interdisciplinary Care"
Friday, September 14, 2007 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
South Central College, North Mankato, Minnesota
(5.7 contact hours)

Keynote Speaker: Becky Jo Lekander, PhD, RN
Dr. Lekander’s current position is Director of Nursing Practice, Research, Innovation, and Care Management at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview. Becky has experience in the development and launch of a Care Management Program that has resulted in improving consistency of nursing care and seamless transitions for patients between levels of care, both inpatient and outpatient. Dr. Lekander’s most recent experience is in the development and implementation of interdisciplinary teams, co-chaired by advanced practice nurses and physicians, that have improved both patient care and business outcomes.

Registration Form - Nursing Research Forum 2007
Fees (includes meal): Please check one:
_____Professional: $70  _____Graduate Student: $25  _____Undergraduate Student: $10 all day
Undergraduate Student half-day: No Charge if not staying for lunch.
Undergraduate Student half-day: Charge is $5 if staying for lunch.
I would like to add a contribution to Mu Lambda Chapter Scholarship & Awards or Initial Membership Support $ __________________________ enclosed
I am unable to attend, but I want to donate to Mu Lambda Chapter Scholarship & Awards or Initial Membership Support $ __________________________ enclosed
(please print):
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Mail registration form and fee (Checks payable to Mu Lambda Chapter, STTI) by September 7, 2007 to:
Phyllis Roseberry
714 Sherman St.
North Mankato, MN 56003

Early registration is encouraged. Refunds will be given for cancellations made by September 7, 2007. Written confirmations will not be sent. Assume your registration is complete unless notified otherwise.

Complete brochure can be found at the Mu Lambda website: http://ahn.mnsu.edu/nursing/mulambda/

For more information contact:
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Mu Lambda Chapter President’s Column

Between September 2006 and September 2007 I feel as though my middle names are Mu Lambda and Mirth. These two things have been my diligent foci. Each has brought many surprises and wonderful connections. How could I be so lucky as to hang out with wonderful nurse colleagues reaching for as many challenges as possible and still remain true to the mission of Sigma Theta Tau International to “Heal, Lead, and Learn.” Yesterday I had no idea this reality would be so clear today. Let me share with you a few of the surprises and challenges.

Heal: As the story of mirth, laughter, and wellness that Edna Thayer and I wrote is told we receive emails, verbal messages, and letters of how laughter is making a difference in the lives of people. We say, “make positive laughter a daily habit and it will influence health and healing.” The challenge of writing a book has made us both more mirthful.

Lead: One of the important aspects of leading is following where the group wants to go. It was clear that many Mu Lambda members wanted to showcase our Chapter. We received two awards at the Chapter Leader Academy last September for our fundraising “Campaign 15” and for our “Scholarship of Reading” program that we do each January. The leaders of these endeavors—the Past Presidents’ Council and Tricia Young are to be commended for these showcases of chapter excellence. We thank you.

It was also clear that Mu Lambda members wanted our Chapter to apply for a Chapter Key Award. We had been talking about it for three years. It was determined we had more than the minimal number of points needed to apply. On July 9, 2007 the three copies of our application were sent to STTI headquarters along with the $40 application fee.

The three-inch, three-ring binder illustrates the numerous ways in which Mu Lambda Chapter meets and exceeds expectations of a high quality chapter. Sometime around mid-September we will learn the outcome of our hard work. Many thanks to Alice Weydt, Sonja Meiers, Mary Bliesmer, and Heidi Riehl who helped put it together as well as the many of you who responded quickly when information and documentation was needed. We all took time to laugh during our tedious work.

Learn: Our programs last year were excellent. Learnings from the Research Forum 2006 through all of the meetings and Induction Ceremony 2007 were tremendous. This year is moving in the same direction. From Research Forum 2007 to Induction Ceremony 2008, the program planning is outstanding. We are hopeful that our technology savvy members will create opportunities for our book discussion to include our members in rural areas and beyond who cannot make it to Mankato for the meeting. Watch for more information on how to connect. Be sure to join us in whatever ways you can. This is an organization on the move and provides many ways for all of us to make a difference in our world through healing, leading, and learning.

Mary Huntley, Mirthfully for Mu Lambda Chapter 2007-2008 Chapter President

A ‘timely’ message from the School of Nursing Chairperson

Spring forward ….. Fall back! You probably know this usually refers to daylight savings time and knowing which direction to turn our clocks on a specific Sunday morning at 2 am in the Spring and Fall. This is required to be in sync with everyone else the next day and not get to church an hour early or an hour late. So far I have never forgotten to make that change. Of course, we get several reminders during the week before the change. In fact, now I make the change about 6 pm the night before (if I’m at home) to try to ‘get the feel’ of the ‘right time’ before I go to sleep these 2 nights of the year.

When my husband and I traveled to Alaska on July 21st on a Saturday evening, leaving Minneapolis at 7 pm, I immediately changed my watch to 4 pm so I would be in sync with our Anchorage friends when we arrived there at 10 pm (Alaska time). When we left Anchorage at 11:30 pm on August 1st I immediately changed my watch to 2:30 am Minnesota time to be in sync with the Land-to-Air van on which we would ride back to Mankato. By the way, I would not recommend an overnight flight home from Alaska because of this time difference.

Two steps forward and one or two back, then forward again. This seems to be my mantra right now as I am identifying faculty for all of the School of Nursing programs in the coming year. The Doctor of Nursing Practice Program is beginning with 7 students admitted this Fall to each of 4 state universities in Minnesota: Mankato, Moorhead, St Paul (Metro) and Winona. The Nurse Educator Program has attracted a good number of students this year. The BS Completion Program is growing and the Basic and Accelerated Programs fill easily with many more qualified applicants than we can admit.

Does anybody really know what time it is? Does anybody really care? I care because Fall Semester classes begin on August 27th and I plan to have the entire faculty in place to offer the many varied courses necessary for the implementation of these great programs.

I hope to see you at a Mu Lambda Chapter meeting soon.

Mary Blesmer DNSc, APRN, BC
Minnesota State University, Mankato
School of Nursing Chairperson
Proud to Be a Nurse

Many of us were riveted to our TV screens Wednesday 8/1 evening watching in disbelief the horrific scenes of the 35W bridge collapse. People engaged in their daily routine of returning home from work were suddenly part of an event with tragic timing that changed lives forever. The effects of this tragedy will be felt for years to come.

In the midst of the emotion that ensued, are images of rescue teams comprised of people from all vocations and walks of life responding to the needs of the victims. Nurses played a monumental role. Our nursing colleagues in the Twin Cities were part of an expert team trained to respond to disaster. The rescue operations appeared to be seamless as nurses and other members of the health care team cared for the injured and their loved ones.

Most of us have been through disaster drills and fully understand the level of expertise needed to care for the complex needs of trauma patients. The response systems used August 1, 2007 demonstrated the commitment of highly skilled healthcare team members who effectively activated proactive responses that serve as a model for other communities to follow. For those nurses involved in the response, there is a humble response of, “I was just doing my job.” Nurses are not seeking any special attention. They view what was done as part of the work they do on a daily basis.

It is time for us to pause and honor their efforts. To our nursing colleagues and the healthcare teams of which they are a part, we commend you for a job well done. The events of that week have made me proud to be a nurse.

Alice Weydt, President-Elect

Editor's Thoughts

While “catching up” on my journal reading this summer, I was struck by an editorial column that adds support to my growing concern that institutions and society as a whole seem to be diminishing the significance of nursing and nurses to the well being of all. In the August 2007 issue of AJN Diana J. Mason, PhD, RN, AJN Editor-in-Chief shared “Nurses worldwide continue to be invisible, devalued, and exploited.” Dr. Mason goes on to say “Why? It seems that ignorance and denial (of the happenings) are significant factors in many cases.” Have you experienced being devalued by your colleagues? Have you experienced a work environment that seems to minimize patient care and focuses on the bottom line in the guise of patient outcomes? Do you feel devalued as a person by work expectations that seem humanly impossible while trying to live a balanced life? Are there elements of ignorance and denial locally?

Let me know your thoughts. Do you have similar concerns? Do you disagree with my questions? Do you think Mu Lambda Chapter can have a role locally to make concerns visible and work to stop/reverse devaluing of nurses as people and their impact on the well being of our communities? I look forward to hearing from you.

Linda Wenkel
linda.wenkel@mnsu.edu

Regional News:
Maureen Greene is the STTI Region 4 Coordinator and lives and works in the Milwaukee, WI area. As of November Maureen will have completed a two-year term as regional coordinator and we expect she will be re-elected. Maureen is a very enthusiastic STTI member who works very hard to create good networking among chapters and members. Our delegates to the 39th Biennial Convention in November and all who go to the Convention from this area will have the opportunity to attend a hosted reception that Mu Lambda Chapter is helping to support financially with a $50 gift. Actually, Regions 4, 8, and 11 will be able to meet together while in Baltimore, MD.

International News:
The 39th Biennial Convention of Sigma Theta Tau International is November 2-7, 2007, in Baltimore, MD. This convention is the last at which Nancy Dickenson-Hazard will be serving STTI as Executive Director. Nancy’s 14 years of dedicated leadership to the organization will be honored during the convention November 5 at a special fund-raising dinner. We are pleased Annette Benson and Diane Witt have agreed to be delegates to the Convention representing Mu Lambda Chapter. STTI Conventions are delightful, informative, nostalgic, impressive, and well worth the time and money. Everyone would find it a career plus to attend at least one time. For many the first time attendance leads to a goal of attending every time that is possible.

Mu Lambda Chapter Web Site: http://www.ahn.mnsu.edu/nursing
A Chapter goal is to keep our web site updated. Please add the web site to your "favorites" and check it out frequently. Give us feedback and let us know what information or links you would like to access.

The Chapter Officers ask that every member go to the web site and do two things: 1) Go to “links” and click on the VIPProfile—it is the Volunteer Interest Profile. Completion of the VIPProfile takes 10 minutes and is an invaluable resource to our Chapter. 2) Go to “links” and click on the Mu Lambda Mailing ListServ. This will sign you up to connect with Mu Lambda Chapter members for information, dialogue, whatever we want it to be. Please do this.
Research Award Opportunities

Applications are being accepted for the Julie Hebenstreit Presidential Research Award and the Cindy Scherb Research Dissemination Award.

**JULIE HEBENSTREIT PRESIDENTIAL RESEARCH AWARD**

Award amount: $500.00  
Deadline for application: Summer each year until one month prior to the Research Forum or Winter each year until one month prior to Induction Ceremonies  
Award Date: Fall Research Forum or Induction Ceremony

Criteria:
1. Current Mu Lambda Chapter member.
2. Engaged in scholarly activity\(^*\) related to the advancement of nursing.  
   - Nursing research  
   - Nursing practice  
   - Nursing education OR nursing service partnership  
   \(^*\)Scholarly activity is characterized by:  
   - Discipline: Systematic approach  
   - Great curiosity: inquisitiveness  
   - Creativity: innovativeness
3. Willingness to report scholarly activity outcomes to Mu Lambda Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International, via newsletter and/or chapter meeting.

**CINDY SCHERB DISSEMINATION AWARD**

Award amount: $500.00  
Deadline for application: Summer each year until one month prior to the Research Forum or Winter each year until one month prior to Induction Ceremonies  
Award Date: Fall Research Forum or Induction Ceremony

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   - Discipline: Systematic approach  
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   - Creativity: innovativeness  
   - Dissemination of scholarly activity
3. Willingness to report scholarly activity outcomes to Mu Lambda Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International, via newsletter and/or chapter meeting.

For application process specifics and other expectations go to the Mu Lambda Chapter web site or contact Karen Willette-Murphy, PhD, RN  
Minnesota State University, Mankato School of Nursing 360 Wissink Hall Mankato, MN 56001 or email karen.willette-murphy@mnsu.edu
September:

9/11/07  Memory Walk is sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Association. Mu Lambda Chapter will join many in the community for this worthwhile cause—a cause also endorsed by Sigma Theta Tau International. Registration is 5 PM at Sibley Park, Mankato. The walk begins at 5:30 PM. Look for the Mu Lambda Chapter members so we can walk together as a team. Bring friends, family, donations.

9/14/07  Research Forum at South Central College, 8:00 AM -3:30 PM. Dr. Becky Jo Lekander – Keynote speaker “Leading Change in Interdisciplinary Care” For more information, go to the Mu Lambda Chapter website www.ahn.mnsu.edu/nursing and click on Mu Lambda and “Research Forum” for registration specifics OR email: candence.mortenson-klimpel@mnsu.edu

9/19/07  Mu Lambda Chapter Board Meeting 4:30-6 PM*. All members are welcome.

November:

11/2/07  39th Biennial STTI Convention, Baltimore, Maryland  November 2-7, 2007

11/8/07  Mu Lambda Chapter Meeting with 5th District MNA. One contact hour will be provided. Reservations made payable to Mu Lambda Chapter are to be sent by October 29th to Phyllis Roseberry, Treasurer, 714 Sherman St, North Mankato, MN 56003 to cover the cost of the catered dinner. There will be a report from our delegates to the STTI Convention and a scholarly program “The Care of Veterans—Past, Present and Future: The Effects of Iraq War and Nursing Practice.” Board meeting 4:15-5:30 PM* at Immanuel-St. Joseph’s Mayo Health System room 0308 and catered dinner in room 0310 beginning at 5:30 PM, with program at 6:30 PM.

January:

1/31/08  The Inheritance of Loss by Kiran Desai, 2006 in the Fireside Room at Christ The King Lutheran Church, 207 McConnell St. near ISJ Hospital and Washington Elementary School. The Board meets from 4:15-5:30 PM. The Annual Meeting and Dinner for all members will be held from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM. This is the meeting to approve the ballot if not completed at a previous meeting and to approve individuals recommended to receive letters of invitation for induction to membership in Sigma Theta Tau International Mu Lambda Chapter. Book discussion will begin at 6:30 PM and will be led by an expert on the Scholarship of Reading. Watch for news of accessing multiple sites. Mu Lambda Chapter book discussions called the Scholarship of Reading began in January 2003 with Tricia Young leading the way. Even if you do not have time to read the book, The Inheritance of Loss, come and join us and experience the discussion.

March:

3/20/08  Mu Lambda Chapter Board Meeting 4:30-6:00 PM.*

April:

4/18/08  Induction Ceremony for New Members, Installation of New Officers, and Awards, Centennial Student Union on the Minnesota State University, Mankato Campus, CSU rooms 253-54-55 with Orientation for new members in room CSU room 201. Refreshments, ceremony, scholarly program, installation of officers, and presentation of awards. All members are invited to attend. More information on time, cost and reservations will be in the March 2008 newsletter. This is a wonderful day to share in the meaning of Sigma Theta Tau International and to embrace its mission, vision, and ideals, as we work together to make a difference in the lives of people we serve.

May:

5/15/08  Mu Lambda Chapter Board Meeting 4:30-6:30 PM to plan the transition meeting, prepare a budget for the new year, evaluate the year, and discuss the program schedule for the upcoming new year.

July:

7/8/08  Transition Meeting, 9:30 AM – 2 PM. It is a time when continuing, new, and out-going officers and chairs of the Board meet to evaluate and plan the upcoming year. Officers elected in January and installed in April begin their respective terms of office following the Transition Meeting. The fiscal year of the organization is July 1 to June 30.

*All Mu Lambda Chapter Board Meetings are open to all members who wish to attend.
**Mu Lambda Chapter, STTI - Strategic Plan August 2007 to January 2008**

Based on STTI President Carol Picard’s Call for Action and Strategic Directions

**Vision:** The vision of the Honor Society of Nursing, STTI 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.

**Mission:** The mission of the Honor Society of Nursing, STTI is to support the learning, knowledge, and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide.

**Core Values:** 1) Knowledge, 2) Leadership, 3) Service, 4) Communities, and 5) Sustainability

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<td>Advance the scientific base of nursing practice through the scholarship of research.</td>
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<td>B. Encourage use of STTI sources of knowledge—journals, conferences, library.</td>
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<td>C. Continue honoring members with financial support for research projects.</td>
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| Prepare and position nurses to lead in diverse, complex, health-related environments. | |
| A. Initiate a leadership intern program—new member to work with Research Forum, Induction, Membership. | LSC, RFC |
| B. Highlight the research program of nurse scientists. | Board, Quest |

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<td>Develop members across the span of their careers.</td>
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<td>A. Develop methods to market membership to undergraduate and graduate students and community leaders.</td>
<td>LSC, Board, Gov.</td>
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<td>B. Utilize data from the member survey for areas of interest and expertise and match them with corresponding LSC, Board chapter activities. Promote use of the VIProfile.</td>
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<td>C. Increase the recruitment and retention of active Mu Lambda members.</td>
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<td>D. Invite inactive members to reconnect with a STTI chapter.</td>
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<td>E. Create a plaque of Chapter Presidents to be showcased in the Mu Lambda Room.</td>
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| Build a strong chapter and foster collaborative leadership. | |
| A. Evaluate program, meeting location, and meeting times for their influence on attendance. | Prog., LSC, RFC |
| B. Position the Chapter to apply for a Chapter Key Award 2007-2009. | PresEl, CKC |
| C. Promote the use of the listserv. | ListServ Ch. |
| D. Develop a chapter fact sheet about membership and activities; distribute to prospective members. | Memb. IC. |
| E. Maintain an informative web site attractive for member recruitment and keeping members updated and connected with resources. | Board Tech. Experts |
| F. Actively promote an archivist position in the Chapter. | Board, LSC |

| Goal 3. Service: | |
| Simulate scholarly practice in the professional lives of members. | |
| A. Partner with local nursing organizations and other chapters. | Prog., Brd |
| B. Support a local, regional, national and international organization focused on improving the health of others through research, education, advocacy, and leadership. | Board Comm. Chrs |
| C. Continue honoring members with financial support for research projects. | Pub. Brd |
| D. Submit career profiles of chapter members (newsletter, web site, newspaper). | Nsl., PPC, Brd |
| E. Nominate members for leadership awards within the community and other nursing organizations. | LSC, Awds |
| F. Disseminate information about scholarly events and publicize scholarly achievements of members. | Nsl., Pub. |
Strategic Plan August 2007 to January 2008 cont.

Goal 4. Communities:

Advanced global linkages at the organizational and member levels.

A. Focus education programming on leadership, scholarship, and cultural needs of the community.  
   By Whom: Prog., RFC

B. Promote international connections through conferences, speakers, and consultants, and members’ exchange opportunities.  
   By Whom: Prog., RFC

C. Promote diversity among the membership.  
   By Whom: Gov., Board

Goal 5. Sustainability:

Identify, secure, and use a variety of resources to endure the organization’s future.

A. Develop a local fund raising plan each year.  
   By Whom: PPC, FRTF

B. Maintain sound financial and investment policies/procedures for the chapter.  
   By Whom: Treas, PPC, Gov., Board

C. Be familiar with STTI philanthropic opportunities and respond accordingly.  
   By Whom: Treas., PPC, FRTF

Revised and Update July 2007

Legend:   Res. F. Comm RFC. – Research Forum Committee; Pres. – President; LSC – Leadership Succession Committee; Mem. IC – Membership Involvement Committee; Gov. – Governance; Prog – Program Committee; Pres. El – President Elect; CKC – Chapter Key Council; Pub – Publicity; IT Tec. – Instructional Technology Tech person; FRTF – Fund Raising Task Force; Ns L – Newsletter; PPC – Past Presidents’ Council

Mary Huntley and Edna Thayer express their abundant gratitude for being selected to receive the first Cindy Scherb Dissemination of Research Findings Award, April 2007. Grounded theory research studies on laughter and wellness among older men and women became the basis for their book, A Mirthful Spirit: Embracing Laughter for Wellness that was published January 2007. The second printing of the book is expected January 2008. For information about the book, the authors, and the many places where the authors speak about their research check their web site at www.mirthfulspirit.com. By the end of October Mary and Edna will have provided over 70 presentations and book signings. The book is already available in taped format through the Minnesota Disabilities Office. Dissemination of their research findings is reaching many people in a wide variety of areas. Mary and Edna have talked with many groups in southern MN as well as in Silver Bay, NY and Van Couver, British Columbia during the summer. They are having a fun time disseminating their mirthwhile message.

Memory Walk 2007 – September 11

STTI continues to support every chapter making a difference by supporting the Alzheimer’s Association through the Memory Walk. In Mankato, MN the date is set for September 11 at Sibley Park. Teams organize and register at 5 PM; the walk begins at 5:30 PM. Come and join Mu Lambda Chapter for a walk in Sibley Park. Think of your patients, family members, or friends whom you could honor in this way. Bring friends, neighbors, colleagues, family and your donations. Sign up to join the Mu Lambda Chapter team. Refreshments will be served following the walk by the Southern MN Regional Office. Gerise Thompson, Rochester, and Mary Milbrath, Mankato, are our contact people.

To communicate meetings: Four Newsletters, The Quest, are mailed to active members prior to the meetings. Newsletters are usually mailed September 1, December 1, March 1, and June 1. You are invited to contact any of the Board Officers or Committee Chairpersons for further information. Newsletters announce the programs and provide information for making a reservation. Information is also on the Chapter web site.
Mu Lambda Chapter and Fifth District presents…

"The Care of Veterans: Past, Present and Future: The Effects of the Iraq War and Nursing Practice"

November 8, 2007
Mu Lambda Chapter Board Meeting: 4:15 PM
Meal: 5:30 pm
Program: 6:30 pm

Immanuel St. Joseph's-Mayo Health System
1025 Marsh Street Mankato, MN 56001
Room 0310

Speakers: Melissa Meger, MSU Graduate and MN National Guard Returnee

Other(s)

1 Contact Hour provided for nursing

Pre-registration required. Complete the form and return to Phyllis Roseberry, 714 Sherman Street, North Mankato, 56003 by October 29, 2007. Make checks payable to Mu Lambda Chapter.

Name: _______________________________ WorkPlace: _______________________________

Address: __________________________________________ Phone: ______________________

Members and non-members ($10)

An opportunity to sponsor student attendance at this meeting may be done by adding $10/student to your registration! This is a wonderful way to introduce students to professional memberships.
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Officers and Counselors 2007-2008

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Transition Meeting:
- Mu Lambda Chapter had its Transition Meeting July 10, 2007.
- This is a day-long meeting (9:30 AM – 2:00 PM) during which “new” incoming officers learn about the Chapter from the continuing and out-going officers and committee chairs. It is a wonderful day of sharing, learning from one another, and planning for the upcoming year. During the Transition Meeting two new members were elected and welcomed to the Leadership Succession Committee: Colleen Royle and Janet Wassman.
- Other newly elected or appointed Board members are Annette Benson, Vice President; Phyllis Roseberry, Treasurer; Diane Witt, Faculty Counselor; Karen Willette-Murphy, Awards Committee Chairperson; Tricia Young as Program Leader for the January Book Discussion, and Margaret Brewer, Lead Chairperson for Research Forum 2008.
- Our gratitude and appreciation was expressed to those who have contributed greatly to the Chapter during their respective terms: Sonja Meiers, Emily Goetzke, Nicole Deutsch, Kaye Herth, and Norma Krumwiede.
- You will notice the activity of the new Board and leaders in Mu Lambda Chapter as you read about the upcoming programs, Research Forum, Strategic Plan, and ideas surfacing for ways to connect with our members.

Archivist Position:
Who likes to save photos, programs, newsletters and keep them protected and organized? Your talents can be put to very good use. Mu Lambda Chapter would enjoy sharing an opportunity with you to serve as Chapter Archivist. The Chapter’s ability to share annual reports, create displays at important events, and have information at our fingertips for seeking awards would be greatly enhanced. Talk to any of the Chapter Board Members or Committee Chairpersons for more information.

If you are interested in how to become a more active member, please contact any of the Board members. We desire to reach for the stars, and we need our members to help forge our paths into the future. You can choose to be active on committees or consider running for a future office. Together we can achieve our highest aspirations!

Toot Your Horn…or Toot a Horn for Someone Else!!!
Perhaps you know of a news item, important event, or professional celebration announcement for you or one of your Mu Lambda Chapter colleagues. Please submit your news for upcoming issues of The Quest to:
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