

The ORCHID SOCIETY

Featured Member



“In the Call to Action at the 42nd Biennial Convention, President Hester Klopper, PhD, MBA, RN, RM, FANSA, FAAN, encouraged honor society members to 'Serve locally, transform regionally, lead globally.' A primary theme in her call was the concept of gratitude and creating a 'livacy.' 'Livacy' refers to the impact and contribution we make during our lives, said Dr. Klopper. Not only financial, it can also refer to service, time, and knowledge. After hearing President Klopper's call and reflecting on how the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International has impacted my personal and professional career, I made the decision to become a Virginia Henderson Fellow and join the Orchid Society. As a donor, I found a way to express my gratitude to the honor society and members today and ensure the future of global nursing tomorrow.”

— **BENSON C. WRIGHT**

MSN, RN, CTN-B, NORTH AMERICA

Member Spotlight: Ann Harley

Ann Harley joined the Orchid Society in October 2016 after reading about the opportunity in *STTIconnect*. Ann has been a long time member and supporter of STTI, joining in 1963. Ann made annual donations to the Foundation's research fund during each renewal. Ann Harley

passed away in November and our condolences go out to Ann's family and friends. She designated her bequest to the Foundation's research fund.

During her tenure as dean of nursing at Carson-Newman University, in Jefferson City, Tennessee, USA, Ann influenced many nursing students. Ranae Thompson, class of '97, shared her first memory and the resulting mentorship, "I vividly remember the day I passed through Dr. Harley's office door at Carson-Newman. I was strong willed, but she was stronger! At that moment I knew I was at the right place! Returning to school to earn my BSN after 13 years of being an associate degree nurse was not easy, especially with a family. Dr. Harley encouraged and challenged me every step of the way. When graduation was upon me she called me into her office to discuss pursuing a master's degree in nursing. She inspired me to go further, and because of her many years of encouragement and friendship, I have continued my education."

Upcoming STTI Events

[28th International Nursing Research Congress](#)

27-31 July 2017, Dublin, Ireland

Mark your calendars for the Foundation Tea on Friday, 28 July and [register today!](#)

[44th Biennial Convention](#)

28 October – 1 November 2017, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA

Plan to join us in Indianapolis for the Foundation Tea on Saturday, 28 October. [Be among the first to register!](#)

Society Member News

Jerico Alicante

- Is serving as the 2016-2017 Awards Committee Chair for Alpha Eta Chapter
- Graduated from the ISQua Fellowship program in October 2016
- Received a scholarship for and attended ISQua's 33rd International Conference in Tokyo, Japan

Call for International Awards for Nursing Excellence open!

STTI's International Awards for Nursing Excellence are conferred to nurses for contributions in the fields of [technology and education](#), [media](#), [chapter activity](#), [research](#), [leadership](#), and [practice](#). The 2017 International Awards will be presented during STTI's [44th Biennial Convention](#) in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, from 28 October – 1 November 2017. [Submit an entry today!](#)

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STTI bestows honorary membership upon individuals who have furthered the course of healthcare. Honorary stature is conferred by the society's Board of Directors on those who demonstrate superior achievement in a chosen field and who demonstrate a special commitment to the ideals and concerns of nursing. [Learn more and nominate](#)



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