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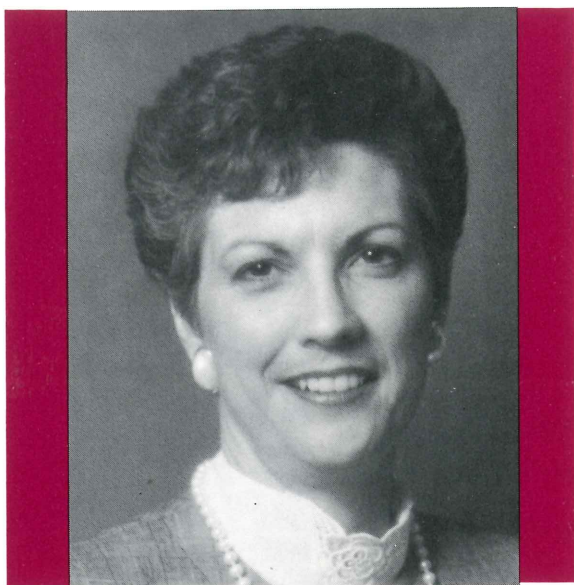
by

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Goals for 1991-93 Biennium

My vision for the 1991-93 biennium includes the following agenda. Together I know we will work toward these accomplishments and many more as we continue to strive to improve the health of people worldwide by advancing nursing leadership and scholarship.

1. In keeping with the mission of Sigma Theta Tau International, "The Leadership Challenge in Nursing" will be the main focus of Sigma Theta Tau International initiatives during the 1991-93 biennium.
 - A. The Sigma Theta Tau Leadership Institute will be created this biennium. All leadership initiatives will become part of the activities of the Leadership Institute.
 - B. The Sigma Theta Tau Leadership Extern program is the first leadership initiative of the Leadership Institute. The program will be implemented with the first 7 Leadership Externs participating in leadership activities throughout this biennium.
 - C. The Leadership Extern program will be extended to the chapter level so that leadership enhancement opportunities will be available to more members.
 - D. The Second Arista Conference will be held during this biennium. The focus of this conference will be visioning what leadership in nursing will need to be for the 21st century. A monograph of this conference will be published and available to members.
 - E. The first Sigma Theta Tau Scholar will be appointed and the focus of this individual's activities will be leadership.
 - F. The theme of the Regional Assemblies for the 1991-93 biennium will be "Building for The Future through Nursing Leadership." We will look at nursing leadership and how it will change as we move into the 21st century.
 - G. New Member Roundtables will become a feature of the Regional Assemblies and the biennial convention. The Roundtables will allow Sigma Theta Tau to learn of the needs of our new members and to involve new members in the purposes of Sigma Theta Tau.
 - H. The "Leadership Profile Series" will become a regular column in "Reflections" where nursing leaders are recognized and profiled for their contributions to nursing and the health of the public.
2. The electronic network of the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library will become fully operational and nurses from around the world will have access to information not available through other sources.
 - A. The first nursing electronic journal will be available for subscribers.
 - B. Sigma Theta Tau will serve as the gateway for information that can be distributed electronically to nurses worldwide.
 - C. Clinical data bases will be developed so that the dissemination of scientific information will assist in bridging the gap between nursing research and nursing practice.
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3. This 31st House of Delegates acted on the governance update of Sigma Theta Tau. During the 1991-93 biennium we will continue the governance evaluation of the organization.
 - A. A Task Force will be appointed to evaluate the committee structure of Sigma Theta Tau International and to make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding changes to be presented to the House of Delegates in 1993.
 - B. A Task Force will be appointed to evaluate the structure of chapter governance and to make recommendations.
4. Since new educational programs are being developed to increase the pool of nurses with baccalaureate and higher degrees, a Task Force will be appointed to evaluate how these programs may impact the chapter and individual membership in Sigma Theta Tau International.
5. Sigma Theta Tau International announced at this convention the goal of raising \$7.5 million in outright and planned gifts by its 75th anniversary celebration in November 1997. During the 1991-93 biennium, ways to meet this goal will be created and implemented.
 - A. The first Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Audrey Hepburn, will be recognized for her work with UNICEF on April 7, 1992 in Indianapolis.
 - B. Plans will be developed for other philanthropic and planned giving opportunities which will allow Sigma Theta Tau to pursue its commitment to "improving the health of people worldwide through increasing the scientific base of nursing practice."
 - C. The goal of \$1 million set by the Friends of the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library will be met during the 1991-93 biennium.
6. The time has come for nursing to share the findings of nursing research with the public in some formalized manner. During this biennium, possible options of how this goal could be accomplished through Sigma Theta Tau International will be investigated.
7. Sigma Theta Tau International is well known for its focus on leadership, scholarship, and research. During this biennium Sigma Theta Tau will plan future programming initiatives for the organization as it approaches its 75th anniversary and the year 2000.



Beth C. Vaughan-Wrobel

President, Sigma Theta Tau International

1991-93

Beth C. Vaughan-Wrobel had been very active in Sigma Theta Tau International since she was inducted as a charter member in 1971 to the Beta Beta Chapter at Texas Woman's University. Currently she holds dual memberships with Beta Beta and Gamma Xi Chapters, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She served as President of Beta Beta Chapter from 1972-74 and 1978-80. She was counselor from 1974-76 and served as chair of several committees. In 1981 the Beta Beta Chapter nominated Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel for a national office and she was elected to serve her first term as Second Vice-President at the 26th Biennial Convention in Minneapolis. Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel served as Second Vice-President for three terms, 1981-87. President McBride appointed her Chair of the International Eligibility Committee for the 1987-89 biennium.

In 1989 Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel was elected President-Elect of Sigma Theta Tau International. As President-Elect Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel served on the Public Affairs, Resource Development, Library Scientific Committee and was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Friends of Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library. She was instrumental in organizing the editorial board for the electronic journal, for developing the Sigma Theta Tau Leadership Extern Program, and for creating the Sigma Theta Tau Leadership Institute. Some of her other activities within Sigma Theta Tau have been evaluator of prospective chapters; installing officer for new chapters; assisting with the development of the videotapes "Richness and Diversity in Nursing" and "Orientation for Chapter Chartering Ceremonies," developing numerous Sigma

Theta Tau guidelines for membership eligibility, chapter development and convention protocol; and a member of the Governing Council.

Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel has also been active in both the Texas and Arkansas Nurses Associations. She has held the office of District President, Board Member and Chair of numerous committees.

She has co-authored two books and has written several articles. She is a frequent presenter on topics related to nursing education, leadership and scholarship. Her main areas of research interest are continuing nursing education and patient education.

Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel was the 1989 Arkansas Nurse of the Year and was recognized as the Distinguished Alumna, Center for Educational Media and Technology at East Texas State University in 1986. She has been recognized in the Who's Who of American Women and the World Who's Who of Women and she was nominated for the Phi Delta Kappa Diamond Jubilee Outstanding Leader in Education. In 1973 she was awarded the member of the Year Award by the Beta Beta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau.

Currently Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel is serving as Associate Dean for Academic Programs at the College of Nursing, Assistant Director for Nursing Education of the Arkansas Area Health Education Program and Associate Director for Nursing Education of the Rural Health Center at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, Arkansas.



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