

# Newsletter

The National Honor Society for the Profession of Respiratory Care



*A*s I begin a new year as President of the Lambda Beta Society, I find myself looking back over the past year to see what we've accomplished, as well as looking ahead to see where we are going. In 2010 we added 15 new chapters and 465 new members. We now have over 130 Lambda Beta Chapters nationwide! With over 300 accredited Respiratory Care programs in the U.S., I would like to see 20 new chapters established each year until we have a Lambda Beta Chapter at every school.

In 2010 the Executive Board said goodbye to two long term members Jeff Ward, MEd, RRT and Theron Van Hooser, MEd, RRT. Theron was one of the "founding fathers" of Lambda Beta and has continued to support the mission of the society for over 23 years. Jeff has served on the Lambda Beta Executive Board since 1989. He was instrumental in helping to form the bylaws, and establish eligibility criteria for scholarships, as well as read and score papers submitted for scholarship consideration. We are grateful to both Jeff and Theron for their dedication and service to the honor society.

We are excited to announce four new members to the Executive Board for 2011.

- Thomas Smalling, PhD, RRT, RPFT, RPSGT, FAARC, Executive Director for the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care in Bedford, TX
- Susan Blonshine, RRT, RPFT, FAARC, AE-C, President and CEO of TechEd Consultants, Inc., from Mason, MI
- Dennis Wissing, PhD, RRT, AE-C, FAARC, Professor of Medicine and Cardiopulmonary Science and Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Allied Health Professions, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, LA

## Notes From the President

Nancy Colletti,  
MS, RRT, RCVT



- Ellen Becker, PhD, RRT-NPS, RPFT, AE-C, Associate Professor of Respiratory Care, Long Island University in Brooklyn, NY

We look forward to their expertise and leadership as we continue to promote, recognize and honor scholarship, leadership, and service in the respiratory care profession.

Now that our long winter is finally over and spring has just begun, many of our Lambda Beta Chapters are planning their "end-of-the-academic-year" festivities. In addition to commencement and graduation exercises, many will also hold dedication ceremonies as well as honor society induction ceremonies. What do you have planned for your LB celebration? Will it be a luncheon, brunch, or perhaps dinner? Remember active chapters of Lambda Beta may nominate students for membership once they have completed 50% of their respiratory care courses. Looking ahead to the fall academic term, your LB chapter may consider nominating new members during Respiratory Care Week, October 23-29, 2011. Please share with us your LB chapter celebrations and activities by sending photographs and/or stories of your chapter's inductees, activities and ceremonies. We appreciate your continued support, participation, and dedication to the society.

We look forward to seeing you in November during our annual Lambda Beta reception held in conjunction with the Student Survivor Hour at the AARC International Congress in Tampa FL.



All scholarship entries will be due no later than **September 1, 2011.**

## Reflections From the Past-President

Kim V. Hill, MS, RRT-NPS, RPFT



For the last two years I have had the privilege to serve as the President of the Lambda Beta Society. During this period, we have accomplished much, but also planned for the future. We have elected new board members, awarded scholarships and most importantly inducted new faculty, student, alumni and honorary members into the Society. In addition, we have witnessed the creation of new annual scholarships that were possible from generous donations of renowned educators, speakers and Lambda Beta members. Over the many years I have been involved in Lambda Beta, the Society has had a complete and astonishing transformation and it gives me great pleasure to see all of the progress the Society has made.

A few accomplishments of the Society over the last two years include:

- Finalizing our incorporation and tax exempt status
- Participating in the annual Student Survivor Hour at the AARC International Congress in conjunction with the NBRC, AARC, and CoARC.
- Hosting the annual Lambda Beta Reception at the AARC International Congress
- Inducting two new Honorary Members
  - William F. Galvin, RRT, CPFT, AE-C, FAARC
  - John R. Goodman, BS, RRT
- 20 new chapters
- 869 new members (faculty, student, alumni)

- 6 scholarships awarded at a total of \$7000

Membership is at an incredible all time high and we are very proud of this accomplishment.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have been at the helm of Lambda Beta for the last two years and honored to represent our professional honor society. It has been a rewarding experience that has involved making many new contacts, friends and colleagues for myself as well as Lambda Beta and certainly has been an effort worth taking. As I look toward the future I envision a Society that is well established and recognized not only locally but nationally among colleges, universities and health care facilities as the National Honor Society for the Profession of Respiratory Care.

As always, our goal is to continue to grow membership and continue the momentum we have achieved over this time frame. Our board members remain committed to this goal and to the mission of the Society of promoting academic excellence within the respiratory care profession.

As always, your participation in Lambda Beta is both encouraged and appreciated. Please let me know how we can continue to serve you.

*Kim V. Hill*

Kim V. Hill, MS, RRT-NPS, RPFT, AE-C  
President, Lambda Beta Society

## Scholarships Available in 2011

The Lambda Beta Society is pleased to announce the addition of two new scholarships for 2011. Scholarship packets will be mailed to all active chapters in June 2011. The deadline for submission of scholarship applications will be September 1, 2011

At the time of this printing the Executive Board is establishing eligibility criteria for these awards. Please visit our website for updates ([www.nbrc.org/Lambda](http://www.nbrc.org/Lambda)).

### AMP Scholarship, Lambda Beta Scholarship, Thomas and Kim Hill Scholarship

These awards are open to students enrolled in an accredited entry level or advanced level respiratory care program based at a community college, college, or university. To be eligible,

students must be enrolled in good standing in a college or university with an active Lambda Beta Society Chapter, must be in the top 25% of the respiratory class with a minimum GPA of 3.0 of a 4.0 system, and must conduct and submit an independent, original literature review in compliance with the award guidelines and deadline.

The awards will be presented on November 6, 2011 at the annual Lambda Beta Reception held at this year's AARC International Congress in Tampa, FL. The Application and hints to a successful entry can be found on our website ([www.nbrc.org/lambda/Scholarships/](http://www.nbrc.org/lambda/Scholarships/)).

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# Congratulations to Our 2010 Scholarship Winners

## Brenda Barger Saunders

*AMP/Lambda Beta/  
Hill Scholarship*



Brenda Barger Saunders  
Missouri Southern  
State University  
Joplin, Missouri

## Brianna Kaczmarek

*Gerald K. Dolan  
Memorial Scholarship*



Receiving an award from the Lambda Beta Society has been a source of confidence and encouragement for me in my

pursuit of becoming a respiratory therapist. I decided that I wanted to become a respiratory therapist when I was six-teen years old. Although I had researched the career and had many job shadowing experiences, I still questioned how I would fit into a career as a respiratory therapist. After starting the Respiratory Care program at the Mayo Clinic and the University of Minnesota, my interest and passion for the career continued to grow. Being awarded the Dolan Scholarship from the National Honor Society for the Profession of Respiratory Care has given me confidence that pursuing this career was the right choice for me. The scholarship has allowed me to purchase some respiratory textbooks to further my learning and prepare for the student Sputum Bowl contest this spring.

I am into my final year of the program now, and I have had many opportunities to explore and experience what being a respiratory therapist entails. My respect for the career and my goals for myself continue to expand. Being recognized for academic performance and a written composition has boosted my self-confidence. The recognition of receiving an award from the Lambda Beta Society will also benefit me once I begin searching for jobs. I hope having this on my resume will be a testament to my motivation. I have not yet decided on where I will be looking for a job, but I know I will try to find a job that will utilize my skills and that I will enjoy.

Thank you to the Lambda Beta Society for recognizing my academic performance and achievements. I am proud to receive such an honor from the organization.

Brianna Kaczmarek  
University of Minnesota/Mayo Clinic  
Rochester, Minnesota

## Jason Blonshine

*Deshpande – Pilbeam  
Media Award*



Jason Blonshine  
Ferris State University  
Big Rapids Michigan



### Thank You! for Supporting The Lambda Beta Society

Thank you to all of our sponsors for their donation to the scholarship funds:

- Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc.*
- The Lambda Beta National Honor Society*
- Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hill*
- Vijay Deshpande, MS, RRT, FAARC*
- Susan P. Pilbeam, MS, RRT, FAARC*

*Henry Oh, PhD, RRT, RRT-NPS, MT* – Thank you for donating your time and talents to provide the musical entertainment for our annual reception in Las Vegas.

## 2010 National Honorary Member Award

*This award is reserved for an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the progress, development, art, science, literature or public understanding of respiratory care. This year's recipient exemplifies many of these qualities.*



Susan P. Pilbeam, MS,  
RRT, FAARC

Please join us in recognizing Susan P. Pilbeam, MS, RRT, FAARC as the 2010 Honorary Member of the Lambda Beta Society. She has over 35 years of experience as a respiratory therapist that includes patient care, teaching, curriculum development, and administration. In addition, she is experienced as a clinical consultant for health care products and services with established respiratory care equipment companies.

Her commitment to the profession also includes being well-known for her participation in several respiratory related committees as a chairperson, site visitor and committee member. She is an author and editor of many peer-reviewed publications and respiratory care textbooks. She has also been recognized as a Fellow by the AARC.

Most recently she is acknowledged as a speaker at local, state, national and international professional association meetings on topics related to mechanical ventilation strategies, ventilator associated pneumonia and volumetric CO2 monitoring.

She is fluent in Spanish and her other passions include photography and oil painting. Again we congratulate Sue on this prestigious award.

## Special Recognition

### D. Theron Van Hooser

The Lambda Beta National Honor Society honored one of their long standing board members for his contribution to the society at the Lambda Beta Reception held in December at the 2010 AARC International Congress – Theron VanHooser, MEd, RRT, FAARC.



After 23 years of service, Mr. Van Hooser has decided to retire from the Executive Board. He was instrumental in the formation and development of the Lambda Beta Society in 1987. We would like to recognize him for his vision of starting an honor society for the profession of Respiratory Care and nurturing it into the success it is today. Without his dedication, Lambda Beta could never have achieved it's success and for this we thank him.

Mr. Van Hooser was presented a plaque for his dedication to the Society.

Congratulations again.

## Reminder for 2011 Scholarship Nominations

**2011** Scholarship information will be mailed to all active chapter program directors in June 2011. All scholarship entries will be due no later than **September 1, 2011**. Watch for information as we are updating the criteria as well as new scholarships will be available. We will be posting information soon to our website [www.nbrc.org/lambda/](http://www.nbrc.org/lambda/).

## Show Your Lambda Beta Pride!



Visit our website to order your Gold Plated Honor Pin (in the shape and colors of the Lambda Beta logo).

[www.nbrc.org/lambda/](http://www.nbrc.org/lambda/)

# 2010 Jimmy A. Young Medal Award Acceptance Speech

by Margaret A. Traband, MEd, RRT, FAARC

*Margaret (Peg) Traband was the recipient of the 2010 Jimmy A. Young Medal at the recent AARC International Congress. As her acceptance speech had to do with the future of respiratory care, the Lambda Beta Society thought this was too good not to pass along to those who are just starting out in the profession.*

Thank you Sam and most importantly thank each of you here for making life a little easier for our patients and their families. Thanks to those of you who rise early, stay late and even overnight to care for our patients.

Today, with this award we honor the memory of Jimmy A. Young, the 21st president of our association. We remember the passion he had for the profession and the patients that he served.

Do you think the founders of our profession those five individuals who signed the charter in the state of Illinois in 1947 had any idea what they were starting some sixty years ago? I truly hope that all those who have gone before us know how grateful we are for what they did for the profession. I hope that Jimmy and all that have contributed to this great profession can see how we have grown and that we have been good stewards of this profession. I hope that we have been true to their vision of a physician therapist partnership, caring for patients and that our corporate partnerships that were so crucial to the advent of our profession are still rock solid.

Strong mentoring has been a hallmark of our profession and particularly my success. The wisdom of so many guided my life. Have you ever been called to step outside of your comfort zone? During my professional life, with the NBRC and the AARC, I have been challenged a number of times, wondering was I up to the challenge before me. I operated outside of my comfort zone many times, Fellow respiratory therapists stepped in to help me, and I gathered strength from those around me. It was at those times that I truly had my eyes opened and recognized the gifts of those around me. I was able to ask and receive help from so many gifted members of our profession; many of you are here in this room. I was blessed with wonderful mentors, but it's not until I was required to fly on my own that I realized the collective strength that I had gathered over the years from those before me and those around me. I recognize during those years that there is more strength when the challenge was shared. I was blessed by so many of you who came to my assistance, ones who I had no experience with or any expectations of. This profession has been a wonderful support group.

When one thinks of leaders, we sometimes think of someone who is best in their profession, or someone who has accomplished

much, but that isn't what I think leadership is about. True leaders support the people around them to achieve, and to assist them in becoming leaders themselves. Leaders do not create a static group of followers; they create an environment in which everyone can develop their potential, this is a hallmark of our profession. I want each of you today to embrace your position as the people in the middle, people holding hands with the past and with the future. We are integral to the chain of joined hands that go all the way back to the hands of those five in Chicago in 1947, George Kneeland our first president, it includes the hands of my respiratory care program director Bernie Kew, who was the Associations' 11th president; the hands of Jimmy Young, whose memory we honor today, Dr. Robert Lawrence, who hosted the final oral exam right here in Las Vegas in 1978, Dr. Hector Leon Garza, and Dr. Koga, international pioneers. We are not only inheritors of this great family of respiratory care, but also will be ancestors. We need to pass on what we have received, to hold the hands of future generations. Our responsibilities are great; just as our ancestors struggled with the hard questions, we must struggle too, for the future generations are depending on us. Our profession supports and cares for patients, you are the voice for those without breath, this wonderful profession began before us and it will be here when we are gone. I'm joined to you and you to me. I love you and love what you do. You feed my soul and bring the peoples of the world such comfort. You provide the breath of life and to each of you, I am truly grateful.

## Welcome New Chapters



The Lambda Beta Society is pleased to welcome two new chapters to our membership. They are:

**Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College**

Williamson WV

**Southern Maine Community College**

South Portland ME

## Society Calls for National Honorary Member Nominations

The most prestigious designation in the Lambda Beta Society is the National Honorary membership. This honor is reserved for an individual who has made an outstanding contribution nationally to the progress and/or development of the art, science, literature or public understanding of respiratory care. The Lambda Beta Executive Board grants National Honorary membership to one individual each year. Previous winners include: H.F.Helmholz, Jr., MD, Robert M. Kacmarek, PhD, RRT, Dean Hess, PhD, RRT and Theron Van Hooser, MEd, RRT.

National Honorary members can be nominated by **any member or chapter** by submission of a nomination letter to the Executive Board. Do you know someone who is qualified for this prestigious award? If you believe someone has made a one-of-kind contribution to the profession and deserves such an honorary title, submit your letter of nomination to the Executive Board in care of the Executive Office no later than **September 15, 2011**. The 2011 National Honorary Member will be named during the Lambda Beta Reception on Saturday, November 5, 2011 during the AARC International Respiratory Congress in Tampa FL.

## Executive Board:

The following is a list of the members of the Executive Board. The Executive Board of the Lambda Beta Society is a group of dedicated people who have donated their time and support to the Society. If you would like to be a board member, please contact our Executive Secretary Glenda Hocker at: [ghocker@goamp.org](mailto:ghocker@goamp.org).

## THE LAMBDA BETA SOCIETY

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