

Xi Delta Dispatch

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Research Grant Award Recipient and application information

Congratulations to Dr. Christine Moriconi and Susan Stabler Haas as well as Thea Eckman who were recipients of the 2009 Xi Delta Chapter Nursing Research Grant. Christine Moriconi and Susan Stabler Haas will be the speakers for the induction of new members this March they will share their research findings from their study.

Our chapter is proud to again offer a grant opportunity to support novice nurse researchers. The Xi Delta Research Grant committee will accept applications for the 2010 grant until June 1st. The grant may be up to \$1000. Application forms and guidelines are available on the Xi Delta/WCU website or by emailing Katie Conroy at Kconroy@wcupa.edu

Research Conference

The Annual Jean Brown Excellence in Nursing Conference will be held on Saturday March 27 8AM-1PM at Immaculata University. Three CEU will be provided for attendees. Please join us in learning more about local nursing research. The conference brochure will be sent to you via email or regular mail when it is available. It will also be available from the Xi Delta/WCU website.

The planning committee of the Jean Brown conference is accepting poster presentation abstracts until March 7, 2010. Poster topics can be any nursing research, clinical, or educational issue. Abstract guidelines are

available on the Xi Delta/WCU website or by emailing Katie Conroy at Kconroy@wcupa.edu

Nursing Day Camp – the week of July 19, 2010

Once again Xi Delta is planning a nursing camp for this summer. All members interested in volunteering to help with planning and adding your creativity to this fun endeavor please contact Christine Thomas at cthomas@wcupa.edu or Megan Mraz at meganmraz@comcast.net

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Leadership Succession Committee requests the response of Xi Delta Chapter members to a call for nominations to fill the following offices:

- Secretary
- Faculty Advisor
- President elect
- Leadership Succession Committee (Responsible for nominations and ballot preparation)

Elections will take place in early May, 2010.

The term of office will begin On July 1, 2010 and continue till June 30, 2012 (2 year term). The duties are as follows:

Secretary: Prepare & distribute meeting minutes & correspondence.

Much of this is accomplished via email. There are 3-4 meetings per year.

Faculty Advisor: Shall be a member of the WCU faculty; responsibilities

include determination of eligibility for prospective inductees, reporting of invited inductee information to Sigma Theta Tau, and coordinating the inductee ceremonies.

President Elect A member who agrees to serve for one year and learns the job of president with the intent of taking the position of president for the following two years. It is a three year commitment but the one year as president elect allows for a thorough understanding of the chapter and the duties of the president before assuming the job.

Leadership Succession Committee: Member/s may serve a maximum of two (2) years. Responsibilities include selecting nominees, preparing a ballot and tabulating election results. Efforts should be made to mentor members to assure development of chapter leaders.

Please reply by 3/15/10 to: Mary Fran Cullen at mfcullen@wcupa.edu to indicate a willingness to serve in any of the above positions. Thank you.

Watch your mail/ email for the upcoming ballot for the new officers

Want your newsletter fast? Send us your Email address. Send to wcuxidelta@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

All members are invited to join any and all the posted events of Xi Delta. Your participation will only make us a better chapter. Please

consider coming to one of the following.

- *Wednesday February 8, 3-4 PM refreshments and orientation for new inductees*
- *Sunday, March 21 2PM Induction to Xi Delta Sykes Union Theater 2PM West Chester University*
- *Saturday March 27 8AM Annual Jean Brown Excellence in Nursing Conference, Immaculata College*
- *Wednesday, April 7 7PM Xi Delta Get together Tentatively a West Chester Restaurant or Pub. More details to follow*

Xi Delta Chapter has received the Community Service Star Award from Sigma Theta Tau for the chapter's participation in a fund raiser for breast cancer called Bowling for Boobies. The Xi Delta bowling team raised \$3000 and had a wonderful time at the event. No names or scores will be published in this newsletter. It is enough to say there was way more laughs than strikes by the team.