

Xi Delta Dispatch

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Message from the President

Dear Members,

Welcome to another exciting year of events organized by Xi Delta, Sigma Theta Tau International. I am delighted to be working with the officers of Xi Delta and all of you in advancing our chapter into the future. We have an exciting year planned full of opportunities for you our members to utilize your nursing knowledge and leadership skills to improve the overall health of our community. Thanks to our new secretary, Judd Strauss, we now have a facebook account, calendar of events on our website and a g-mail account in which we will use to communicate with members more effectively. Some of the events we currently have planned for this year include the Annual Tri-State Consortium, Mary Kline Day, and the Annual Jean Brown Excellence in Nursing Conference. Please feel free to e-mail any ideas, questions, or concerns for the upcoming year of events to any of the Xi Delta officers. In conclusion, I would like to thank all of the officers of Xi Delta and our former president, Christine Thomas, in providing me support as I transition into my new role as president. I look forward to an exciting and fun year!

Lisa Lupica

Research Grant Award Recipient and application information

Congratulations to Dr. Christine Thomas and her group of nursing students the recipients of the 2008 Xi Delta Chapter Nursing Research Grant. Their research was entitled: Perception of Nurse Caring, Skills, and Knowledge Based on Appearance.

The Xi Delta Research Grant committee will begin accepting applications in the winter for the 2009 grant. Application forms and guidelines will be available on the Xi Delta/WCU website or by emailing Lisa Lupica @ lisa.lupica@uphs.upenn.edu.

Nursing Day Camp

It is with great pride and many fond memories we share with our members the success of Xi Delta's Nursing Camp this past summer. The week long Nursing Day camp was held on July 14th-18th, 2008 at West Chester University. The camp was funded by a grant from Centocor and was a result of collaboration between Xi Delta, WCU Nursing Department, and Chester County Hospital. Eleven 8-12 year old campers participated. The camp was voted a big success by campers and parents thanks to the hard work and organizational skills of Chris Thomas and Megan Mraz, WCU nursing faculty and officers of Xi Delta. The many activities of the week such as an obstacle course, baby care, CPR, team building, infection control, wound care, occupied bed making, and tour of the hospital, were the result of the combined efforts and creativity of nursing alumni camp counselors Lori Clark, April Hofmann, Lisa Lupica, Dianne Hosford, Janice Miller, Thea Eckman, Faith Pathak,

along with faculty Katie Conroy, Chris Thomas, Megan Mraz, Donna Bohs, Linda Weinberg, Lisa Doherty, and Anne-Marie Guthrie. The counselors nursing expertise and experience added realism to the activities and fun was had by all.

Last month at Mary Kline Day, the nursing camp group met to begin planning for summer 2009. It is tentatively set for the same week in July with the anticipated enrollment of 15 to 20 campers.

Nursing alumni interested in being involved summer 09 can contact Chris Thomas at cthomas@wcupa.edu. Kids and parents interested in the camp can contact Chris Thomas and/ or look for information on our nursing department website in the spring.

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:

President elect
Vice –president
Treasurer
Faculty Advisor

Elections will take place in early May, 2009. The term of office will begin on July 1, 2009 and continue till June 30, 2011(2 year term). The duties are as follows:

President- elect

Responsibilities:

- succeed into the presidency at the end of a one year term of office.
- Communicate to the public the purposes of the society.
- Be chair of committees, as needed.
- Learn the chapter operations and facilitate the achievement of chapter goals and mission of Sigma Theta Tau International.

- Oversee the process for completing and submitting the Chapter Key Award application.

Vice-president

Responsibilities:

- Perform the duties of the president in the president's absence.
- Be chair of committees, as needed.
- Succeed into the office of president and serve until the next election in the event that the president vacates his/her officer during the two-year term.
- Prepare an annual report to the chapter membership regarding the vice-president's responsibilities and activities.
- Oversee the planning of chapter programs ensuring that at least two programs or events that support the honor society's purposes and goals are held each year.

Treasurer

Responsibilities:

- Be custodian of the chapter funds.
- Prepare and present a current financial report to the board of directors at each meeting.
- Prepare and submit an annual budget to the board of directors with appropriate committee advisory council or task force.
- Prepare and submit the financial section of the chapter annual report.
- Obtain and complete necessary tax forms for the Internal Revenue Service (US chapters only).
- Manage the investment plan of the chapter with support from the board of directors.
- Develop and maintain fiscal policies and procedures in collaboration with the appropriate committee.
- Submit new policies or modifications of existing policies to the board of directors for approval.

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
- coordinating the inductee ceremonies.

Please reply to Mcullen@wcupa.edu if you are willing to serve in any of the above positions. Thank you.

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

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juddstrauss@EMBARQMAIL.com

Attention all Members!

Have you had a mentor who had helped you be a better nurse? Xi Delta wants to acknowledge mentors with an annual award. Look for how to nominate a mentor in your life by going to the Xi Delta website at the Department of Nursing home page.

http://www.wcupa.edu/_academics/HealthSciences/nursing/

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