



**Sigma Theta Tau
Pi Nu Chapter
Quarterly Newsletter**

Welcome to the fall, 2008 edition of the Pi Nu Chapter's newsletter, an electronic newsletter for members of Pi Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International.

This edition features a message from the Chapter President, Pamela Horvath, a list of the current chapter officers, a call for applications for research seed grants, fundraising, a calendar of coming chapter events, member news and information about the chapter website. Members who have information that they would like to see printed in the next newsletter are cordially invited to send their items to the chapter's newsletter committee. Additionally, the newsletter committee requests that each active member of Pi Nu Chapter send an updated e-mail address to lreilly@westga.edu.

The quarterly newsletter will be available on the UWG, School of Nursing website during the coming year.

Greetings from the President:

Welcome to a new year in the life of Pi Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. I would like to thank all members who have worked towards making our chapter successful. We have achieved much during the past year.

During the spring induction ceremony, membership was increased with the induction of 33 new members while more than 150 guests joined the celebration. Karen Morin, RN, DSN, President Elect of Sigma Theta Tau International was the key-note speaker for the ceremony and her attendance made the event even more special. Kathryn Grams, PhD, RN delivered the welcoming address.

The Board of Directors has been meeting regularly to complete plans for meetings and activities during the coming year. Anyone interested in serving on a committee please contact Pamela Horvath, phorvath@westga.edu. Two program meetings that will offer CEU's to the attendees are scheduled as well as an annual business meeting and induction ceremony.

Our current fundraising project will be a **Pi Nu cookbook**. Members are asked to contribute their favorite recipes to the effort. We are excited to share recipes with one another and earn funds for our chapter. To submit a recipe, please go to <http://www.cookbookpublishers.com> and click on the “utypeit” icon (in green). The login and password is “pinurecipes”. Then select “Add a Recipe” on the left hand side. Recipes will be accepted until the submission deadline of Saturday, November 15, 2008. When you type in your recipe, please be very specific on ingredients, quantities and instructions so that ANYONE with no kitchen experience could follow the instructions. Pre-sale information will be distributed in the next newsletter.

A newsletter will be written quarterly and sent to all members electronically. The newsletter committee hopes that members will contribute to this effort by submitting articles, information or any items that they think will be of interest to the general membership.

This is an exciting time for Pi Nu Chapter. Your chapter president and the Board of Directors strongly urges all members to get involved with the chapter and help in its efforts to grow and meet the goals of the chapter. These goals include:

- Recognize superior achievement by members.
- Recognize the development of leadership qualities.
- Foster high professional standards.
- Encourage creative work.
- Strengthen commitment to the ideas and purpose of the profession.

Your assistance in meeting these goals will be greatly appreciated.

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Any member who would like to become more active in the chapter is encouraged to call any of the members listed above. Hopefully, your participation will be enjoyable and of benefit to both you and the chapter.

New Members: On May 5, 2008, 33 new members were inducted into Pi Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. These new members include:

Undergraduates:

Ola Akigbogun	Ashley Bowen	Michelle Braddy
Donna Crook	Tricia Davis	Shannon Duffy
Erin Ellison	Candice Freeman	Christine Gallant
Paul Guinn	Amanda Hargis	Laurie Kopp
Christina Leisenring	Cathy Long	Emily McKoy
Cheryl Melilli	Lindsey Moss	Gail Nowlin
Stephanie O'Reilly	Jennifer Parker	Amanda Pruitte
Kelly Robinson	Rachel Roebuck	Angela Smith
Amy Rae Thompson	Tiffany Wells	Shawna Berg

Graduate Students:

Sybilla Blair	Arletta Jackson	Shelley Nichols
Paula Sutton	Kaiya Valentine	

Community Leaders:

Sean Reilly

The chapter would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members and to encourage them to become active in the organization.

Chapter Grants for Research:

In an effort to encourage research activities by its members, Pi Nu Chapter is offering up to \$250 in seed money to help fund projects. This award is competitive. Information about applying for these grants is as follows:

CALL FOR RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSALS

The Pi Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International is pleased to announce a call for research grant proposals to be reviewed for potential funding.

- Any Pi Nu chapter member is eligible to apply.
- Research that has been completed is not eligible.
- A limited number of awards of \$250 will be made for studies that qualify.
- Grants will be awarded at the Spring Induction Ceremony.

Quantitative and qualitative proposals are sought. Proposals are limited to 5 typed, double-spaced pages exclusive of references, appendices, and budget. Complete proposal guidelines, review criteria, and application forms are available from Dr. Susan Ashford, Room 277 (678-839-5643) sashford@westga.edu

Proposals are due Friday, February 6, 2009 by 12 noon.

Submit to Dr. Susan Ashford at University of West Georgia, School of Nursing, 1601 Maple Street, Carrollton, GA 30118.

Scholarship Awards:

Pi Nu Chapter is offering 2 scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year, one to assist the recipient in completing the undergraduate degree and one for graduate studies. Awards are competitive. For further information contact Ola Akigbogun at o.akigbogun@gmail.com

Calendar of Events:

Monday, November 3, 2008

Pi Nu chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International and West Georgia Chapter of the Georgia Nurse's Association's Fall Meeting. This meeting, featuring Twilla L. Haynes, JD, MN, RN-C, ANP, as the guest speaker will be held in the Executive

Dining Room, Z-6 at the University of West Georgia from 6:30 until 8:30pm. The topic will be “A Healthier World: Community by Community-The Haitian Community Health Project”. Dessert and beverages will be served.

The meeting has been approved for 1.2 contact hours from the Georgia Nurses Association. For registration or more information contact Pamela J. Horvath at phorvath@westga.edu or call (678)839-5628.

Research Night:

March 23, 2009, 6:30-8:30 pm in the University of West Georgia Executive Dining Room, upper level, Z-6. Speakers to be announced.

Annual Business Meeting:

March 8, 2009, 2:00-3:00 pm, University of West Georgia, lower level, Z-6. Spring Induction Ceremony to follow—3:00-5:00pm. Speaker to be announced.

Member News:

Dr. Kathryn Grams has been appointed as the first Dean of the newly designated School of Nursing at the University of West Georgia.

Dr. Carol Wilson gave an invited presentation to the faculty at Southeast Missouri State University on “Caring in Nursing Education” in August 2008.

Dr. Laurie Ware attended the American Society of Pain Management for Nursing conference to conduct a research workshop and to present results from an Advocacy Survey in September 2008.

Dr. Cynthia Epps, Dr. Laurie Ware, and Dr. Abbot Packard did a poster presentation entitled “Ethnic Differences and Analgesic Administration in the Emergency Department” at the 19th Annual Clinical Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee in September 2008.

Pi Nu Chapter donated \$1000.00 to the Jeanette Bernhardt Scholarship fund in September 2008.