As I write this letter, Kelli Lingg, Xi Chi Vice President, and myself are planning to journey to Indianapolis, Indiana to represent Xi Chi at the 40th Biennium. I am proud to announce that Xi Chi is one of four chapters that will be recognized as winning our Seventh Key Award. Because of active members like you, we have achieved recognition on both the regional, national and international levels. Examples of dedication include the following:

- Conducted a health fair on farm safety and child care
- Presented research at the 39th STTI Biennium
- Conducted Evidence Based Practice that impacts post-op urinary care and late preterm delivery
- Conducted research on the acculturation of associate educated nurses.
- Recognized for innovative educational techniques
- Provided free blood pressure screenings at local churches
- Provided free primary care for the underserved and uninsured of Lancaster County.
- Traveled abroad and provided medical care to the underserved in Africa, South America, Romania, and India.
- Conducted HIV research and the benefit of a nurse mentor in South Africa
- Coordinated the development of a free medical clinic in Lebanon County
- Coordinated the development to provide free medical care for the emigrant population of Lancaster County
- Coordinated the development of a Future Nurses’ Club at Conestoga Valley Junior High School
- Presented a research poster to the Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners
- Published articles in American Nurse Today
- Coordinated the care of orphans in Central America
- Developed a Web based mentor program
- Provided scholarship money
- Provided 2 Research Grants
- Mentored transfer members
- Represented Xi Chi at the regional and national levels

On Wednesday, October 21, 2009, Dr. Patricia Thompson, the CEO of STTI was our featured speaker at the Annual Distinguished Lectureship. Her topic “Leadership and Ethics” has been widely received. I want to express my appreciation to Xi Chi’s past Vice President, Tammie Calabrese, for bringing this honor to fruition.

I want to thank all members who have given their time and talents to help Xi Chi become a dynamic organization. Dee Minchhoff has been our treasurer for the past two years and she has been re-elected to a second term. Marc Mione has been elected to be Xi Chi’s President-Elect. Barbara Zimmerman, who is the chairperson of the Millersville University Nursing Department, is our new faculty advisor. I want to thank Kelly Kuhns, faculty advisor, and Tammie (Cont)
Dr. Patricia Thompson Speaks on Leadership Ethics

Sigma Theta Tau President, Dr. Patricia Thompson spoke to a large crowd at Xi Chi’s annual Distinguished Lectureship in Nursing. Thompson, a pediatric nurse and university administrator, had led the STTI during a period of unprecedented global expansion; directing the 134,000 member organization around the world.

Citing John C. Maxwell’s "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership"., Dr. Thompson highlighted five of Maxwell’s Laws: Navigation - anyone can steer, but it takes a leader to chart the course; Priorities - leaders must understand that activity is not necessarily accomplishment; Addition - leaders add value by serving others; Empowerment - secure leaders give power to others; and Legacy - a leader’s lasting value is measured by succession.

Dr. Thompson’s advice for the audience: “Be the best for the world. Act with service and grace. Make a contribution through action. And Be the best nurse for the world!’
Award Winners Recognized

The Xi Chi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International recently awarded several of its active members in recognition of their achievements in leadership and community service. These members were nominated and selected by their peers. The awards were presented at the Distinguished Nursing Lectureship, on Wednesday evening, October 21, 2009 at Gordinier Conference Center Millersville University.

Jeanne Pickett was awarded the Carol Y. Phillips Undergraduate Award. She was recognized by the Millersville University Nursing Department for her academic excellence, nursing clinical practice, and her leadership abilities.

Barbara Poukish received the C. Virginia Palmer Graduate Award. Chosen by the faculty, this award is given to a graduate student who exemplifies academic achievement, clinical practice, and leadership potential.

Water Street Rescue Mission was recognized with the Community Leadership Award.

Leslie Dean received the first annual Nursing Scholarship Award.

Kelly Lingg received the Mentor Award, for her work as a nurse mentor within the profession.

Connie Metzler was nominated by her peers for her Excellence in Nursing Clinical Practice. (Connie was unable to attend)

All of these individuals received recognition from the Xi Chi Chapter. Their contributions have benefited the nursing profession and the community at large. Sigma Theta Tau International recognizes nurses who have made contributions in their profession through academic excellence, nursing research, leadership and community service.
Xi Chi 2007-2008 Committee Chairs and Members

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- Susan Graybill  
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Call for Nominations
If you know a nurse deserving of membership in Sigma Theta Tau, 
International, please consider nominating that individual for membership as a Community Leader. To be considered as a Community Leader nominee, the individual must have a bachelor's degree or higher and have demonstrated achievement in the field of nursing. Examples of achievement include, but are not limited to, the following: making contributions to the nursing literature, commitment to nursing research, engaging in creative nursing practices, attaining or sustaining leadership roles in healthcare organizations and interpreting the nursing profession to the community.

Please consider nominating your esteemed nursing colleagues for membership. First contact the individual to determine his/her interest in joining Sigma Theta Tau, International. Then complete the nomination forms which are available on the Xi Chi website at http://www.millersville.edu/~xichi/eligibility.html. Please contact Kelly Kuhns at Kelly.kuhsn@millersville.edu or 871-5276 for more infor-

Xi Chi Treasurer’s Report
As of October 31, 2008:
- Checking  $ 343.71
- COD  $2,431.41
News from the Fortieth Sigma Theta Tau International Biennium

From October 31 to November 4, 2009, STTI commemorated its 40th Biennium in Indianapolis, Indiana. Kelli Lingg, Xi Chi Vice President, and I had the honor of representing Xi Chi at the convention. As voting delegates, we played a part in electing a new slate of candidates who will serve on the STTI Board of Directors for the next two years including four members from Region 12. Dr. Karin Morin has been installed as this year’s STTI president. Her goals are to expand STTI internationally and enhance membership involvement. Proposals that have been passed include the feasibility of a virtual STTI chapter and the development of an alliance with the United Nations.

In addition, the following Xi Chi members contributed to the event:

Dr. Lisa Sahd and Dr. Julie Beck presented a concurrent session entitled “Collaborative Partnerships: Fostering Transformative Learning in Nursing Student Externs”.

Dr. Patsy Fasnacht has been awarded a research grant to pursue “Educational Assessment in Nursing Research”.

Susan Graybill volunteered her services to help with STTI Nursing Foundation. In addition, she had been a monitor during the STTI elections.

Kelli Lingg and Joanne Whary provided support during registration.

Kelli Lingg served as a monitor during the poster presentations.

Xi Chi has been recognized for its Web-based Mentor Program. Thanks to Jackie Weaver and Ann Pryzbylkowski for their invaluable contributions.

In addition, Xi Chi received its Seventh Key Award. We had been one of four chapters to earn that distinction at this biennium.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for everyone who has made our chapter so successful.

For more information about Region 12 and STTI please access: www.nursingsociety.com

Joanne Whary
Xi Chi President

What Motivates STTI Members to Volunteer?

- Personal Contact is very important.
- Community involvement is a strong motivator among nurses.

Source: http://www.nursingsociety.org/Membership/documents/resources_2.pdf
Upcoming Events

2008-2009 Program Events Calendar for Xi Chi Chapter

Stay Tuned to Your Mail for Upcoming Meetings and Events!!