Message from the President

Dear Zeta Phi Members,
Happy Spring! I hope you are enjoying the awesome sunshine and delightful weather! Our Zeta Phi chapter has been busy this year in many different capacities. This newsletter highlights the ways our chapter has had the pleasure of serving students, nurses, and our community.

One of the top highlights of the year was our Annual Zeta Phi Induction, which took place on Sunday, April 3. We had the pleasure of inducting 43 new members. The event was attended by the inductees and their family and friends. What a wonderful occasion as we celebrated the accomplishments of our newest members! Thanks to Zeta Phi Board members for helping to make this year’s Induction Ceremony a memorable event!

I have had the honor of serving as Zeta Phi President for the past year and look forward to another year. I encourage each of you to become involved in Sigma Theta Tau. We will be making plans for the 2016-2017 year at our annual transition meeting in June and welcome suggestions from our members.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events.

Cindra Holland, DNP, RN
Zeta Phi President

Free CE event for Zeta Phi Members

On February 24, Members Donna Curry and Dan Kirkpatrick presented an hour long CE entitled Zeta Phi Nursing History Series: A Look at Field Nursing in World War I and Today. This informative event, presented by both a history academic (Donna) and a retired Air Force Colonel (Dan) was enjoyed by the 20 individuals who attended. A few board members provided snacks for the event. Attendees were encouraged to bring donations for Rustic Hope as an entrance fee. Thanks to the generosity of those who attended, this event generated a trunk-full of donations to Rustic Hope. The board meeting was held after the CE event.
On April 3, 2016, the Zeta Phi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International held their induction ceremony in the Berry Room of the Nutter Center at Wright State University. A total of 43 new members were inducted. Surrounded by proud families and friends, the attending inductees received their honor cords after signing the induction book for Zeta Phi.

**Congratulations to our new members!**

New Members: Hadeel AbderRhman, Alexis Altvater, Jaylynn Barker, Janet Bellware, Julie Bess, Lyndi Blevins, Emilie Breeding, Becky Brown, Sue Carter, Austin Cox, Kylee Dawson, Ramona Donovan, Micheline Eid, Julie Ferring, Ashley Franz, Brittney Fultz, Olivia Gilliam, Cynthia Granata, Matthew Hall, Regina Hall, Courtney Hicks, Cassandra Ingle, Summea James, Shelby Jordison, Katherine Just, Chad Kennedy, Genevieve Marx, Pamela Nelson, Jonelle Noffsinger, Blythe Palsgrove, Mary Pelphrey, Beth Pritchard, Melinda Roberts, Katelyn Royce, Darah Schmidt, Molly Sisco, Marissa Smith, Sydney Sproul, Brittany Stenger, Shana Thompson, Melissa VanScoy, Katelyn Vincent, and Diana Wyrick.

The keynote address was by Donna Curry, PhD, RN, a professor emeritus at Wright State University College of Nursing & Health. She explored the history of nursing leadership. A lovely reception was held following the ceremony. Music was performed by harpist Stephanie Llacuna.
Katelyn Vincent, an undergraduate nursing student at WSU, was randomly selected as the award winner to attend the STTI Leadership Connection conference with conference fee, transportation, and hotel costs paid for by the chapter. This conference, held September 17-20, 2016, in Indianapolis, Indiana, combines chapter and nursing leadership topics. Chapter leaders learn the skills necessary to operate well-functioning, vital chapters, while the other half of the program is devoted to a variety of topics relevant to today’s nursing workforce.

Student Awards

Graduating Student Awards, Spring 2016-
$100 given to each winner

Graduate: Christine McCaslin
RN-to-BSN: Regina Hall
Undergraduate: Amanda Krantz

2016 Zeta Phi Student Scholarship Recipient: $1500

Tonya Smith, DNP Candidate at Wright State University
SONK Consortium
2016 Annual Conference

On February 5, 2016, the SONK Consortium held its annual conference at the Sharonville Convention Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. The program, entitled Responding to Opioid Addiction: A Call to the Health Care Community, included two keynote speakers and a panel of local health care workers. The conference was very well attended, and the evaluations of the event were positive. Zeta Phi is proud to be a part of SONK, and proud to be a sponsor of this annual event.

Zeta Phi Service Projects

Any Soldier Campaign, February 2016-

For the second year in a row, Zeta Phi, along with students and faculty at Wright State’s College of Nursing and Health, participated in the Any Soldier Campaign. Seven boxes of requested items as well as hand written cards for each soldier were collected and sent to two Marine troops. Some of the requested items were: games, books, non-perishable food products and personal care products. Like last year, this year’s project was a success.

Ongoing Service Project:

Since September of 2015, Zeta Phi has been collecting donations for Wright State’s Friendship Food Pantry. The Pantry offers emergency food assistance for students in need. If you would like to make a donation, bring it to the next board meeting, or contact the food pantry coordinator at 775-2495. You can also visit their website at http://www.wright.edu/foodpantry.

Relay for Life: April 8-9, 2016-

Melissa VanScoy, representing Wright State Student Nurses Association (WSSNA), attended the February board meeting to inquire if Zeta Phi would be interested in supporting WSSNA’s fundraising efforts for the event. The board voted to donate $250 to WSSNA’s efforts, which assisted WSSNA in reaching its fundraising goal. The event occurred at Wright State University, with many students and student organizations participating.
Member News

Dr. Sherrill Smith was recently selected as a participant in AACN’s Leadership for Academic Nursing Program.

Dr. Sherry Farra and Dr. Sherrill Smith won first place in the faculty category for Serious Gaming and Video Excursion Showcase at the International Meeting for Simulation in Healthcare 2016.

Pamela D. Nelson, a recent Zeta Phi inductee, was selected as Wright State University's 2016-17 Presidential Scholar. Ms. Dean, who will graduate in December 2016, will receive a full tuition scholarship covering the remainder of her studies and complete a project under the direction of the university president.

Dr. Pat O’Malley received the Lifetime Achievement Award at Premier Health’s 2016 Nursing Recognition Banquet.

Although she is not a current member, Dr. Sheri K. Carey began her STTI journey with Zeta Phi in 1993. She was interviewed for STTI’s website, and gave a shout out to Zeta Phi. Here is a link to the story:
http://www.nursingsociety.org/member-stories/member-stories-detail/sheri-k.-carey

Other News

Financial Assistance for new members

Ken Schmidt, one of Zeta Phi’s Counselors, noticed some eligible students can’t afford the cost of STTI membership, and proposed the chapter offer financial assistance to new members. The following was implemented Spring Semester 2016: Zeta Phi chapter will allot $550 to sponsor 6 students, covering the international fee and the induction fee. The student is responsible for the $25 chapter fee, and recipients are requested to serve on a Zeta Phi committee. Two students applied for and received financial assistance for membership.

You can stay connected with Zeta Phi via the Circle and our Facebook page:
https://m.facebook.com/stti.zetaphi

Do you have news to share?

Have you recently published a paper, given a presentation, or received a grant, award, or some other kind of recognition? We’d love to hear from you! Please send information and/or pictures to Renee at movementmeditations@gmail.com
Save the Date

- Zeta Phi Election voting coming soon; the email will be sent via the Circle.
- The Annual Transition Meeting will be held on Monday, June 7 from 5-7 p.m. at the residence of President Cindra Holland. If you’d like to attend, contact Renee at movementmeditations@gmail.com.
- The STTI Leadership Conference will occur September 17-20, 2016, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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