

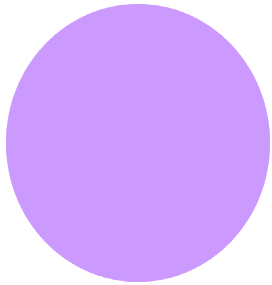
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Profiles

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

GAMMA XI

Little Rock Arkansas

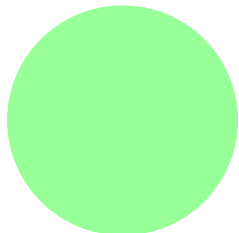
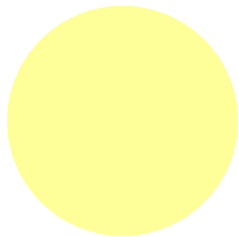


Special Interest:

- Dr. Cheryl Schmidt
Member of Advisory
Committee on
Bioterrorism

❖ **GAMMA XI INDUCTION
SUNDAY MAY 4TH,
2003**

➤ **History of Gamma Xi
Chapter**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hell-o Members,

It is always my pleasure to update you on the events of STTI Gamma Xi Chapter. First, thank you for attending the dinner meeting at the Olive Garden restaurant in North Little Rock on March 3rd. It was my pleasure to introduce the Officer Candidates for new Gamma Xi Board positions. Currently, each of you is casting your vote for the candidate of your choice. Voting will be completed by April 10th and announced at the May 4 induction ceremony. Speaking of the May 4 induction ceremony, UAMS College of Nursing will host the ceremony at St. Vincent's Education Auditorium at 2 PM, as outstanding graduating students and nurses recognized as community leaders will be inducted into Gamma Xi Chapter. The Board of STTI Gamma Xi has worked hard to put this special event together and welcomes your attendance in honor of our new members, their friends, and families. As always, it is my pleasure to serve each of you.

Patricia Edwards Schafer Ph.D. candidate, R.N.
Sigma Theta Tau International, Gamma Xi Chapter President

STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN FOR EDUCATION ON BIOTERRORISM

Over the past year Dr. Cheryl Schmidt has become an active speaker on Bioterrorism. Dr. Schmidt is the only nurse on the Arkansas Bioterrorism Advisory Committee appointed by the Arkansas Department of Health and a member of a subcommittee responsible for educating all Arkansans on Bioterrorism. Recently Dr. Schimdt spoke to several groups on Small Pox. She has spoken to groups in Hot Springs, Searcy, Little Rock, and Texarkana. Other speaking engagements include ARNA and The Advanced Practice Council. She traveled to North Carolina to be the keynote and focus group speaker at the North Carolina Student Nurse's Association meeting. Dr. Schmidt states there is presently a need for speakers to be a part of the speaker's bureau on Bioterrorism. These nurses would help to educate health care personnel and the public of Arkansas on issues related to Bioterrorism. If you would like to be a part of the Speakers Bureau please contact her at schmidtcherylk@uamsedu

March Dinner Meeting

Monday evening March 3rd 2003

Gamma Xi members met for our spring meeting at the Olive Garden. The food was delicious as always. Dr. Kathy Richards from the UAMS College of Nursing presented her research on sleep in the elderly. Numerous members commented on the presentation and its beneficial and interesting content. We had our regular business meeting which included membership selection and officer elections. Ballots were mailed out to all active members.

Gamma Xi members participate in "Camp Quality Kids" Christmas Party

Camp Quality is a national organization which supports children with cancer. In December of 2002 Gamma Xi members participated in a Christmas party for the children of Camp Quality. It was held on UAMS campus at the Jeff Banks activities room. Cheryl Schimidt and Donna Middaugh, helped the children with the food and activities while Santa handed out presents.

SUNDAY MAY 4TH GAMMA XI INDUCTION CEREMONY FOR NEW MEMBER

We look forward to seeing you at the ceremony which will begin at 2pm at the St. Vincent's Medical Center Auditorium. Refreshments will be served and

Parking is Free.

STT products will be on sale.

Golden Jubilee 2003

The UAMS College of Nursing will be celebrating their 50th anniversary April 11th and 12th, 2003.

International News: Visiting Professors in Taiwan

Dr. Louanne Lawson and Dr. Cheryl Schmidt, University of Arkansas Medical Sciences College of Nursing faculty, served as Visiting Professors at Kaohsiung Medical University College of Nursing September of 2001. They visited a Folk Center north of Kaohsiung, providing an opportunity to view a rural community. The day ended with a banquet hosted for the Little Rock Sister City visitors and a group of community leaders who happened to be visiting Taiwan during the same week. On Monday Dr. Schmidt presented a lecture on "Preparing Children for health Care Experiences through play" at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, to an audience of nursing staff and students and faculty from the Kaohsiung area. After Lunch, Dr. Lawson participated in a discussion of the treatment of sexual abuse offenders with staff at the Preventions Center of Family Violence and Sexual Abuse. A tour of the hospital demonstrated that health care in Taiwan is very similar to the United States.

On Tuesday Drs. Lawson and Schmidt presented their areas of research to graduate nursing students and faculty at the KMU college of Nursing. Dr. Lawson described the process of becoming a success story from the perspective of youth who have molested children. She presented her theory of treatment which includes the need for compliance, relapse prevention, and decision making, integrated by talking listening, and using information to develop responsible adult sexuality. Dr. Schmidt described the process of teaching children with asthma about their bodies and their treatment regimens, sharing play therapy and findings from her dissertation research. The day ended with a banquet hosted by KMU 's President Wang. As the banquet ended, news of the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, DC, flashed across a television screen set up on the steps of the hotel. Needless to say, sleep came very late at night, as CNN News showed non-stop coverage of the unfolding events.

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Drs. Lawson and Schmidt were determined to maintain a positive attitude in spite of the News from home, and the great concern expressed by their hosts. During a presentation to the Koahsiung Association for Nurses, Dr. Lawson emphasized the importance of creating opportunities for families to be successful and the necessity for maintaining a balance approach to child abuse investigations. Dr. Schmidt offered recommendations for cancer screening and addressed possible prevention strategies. She provided attendants with information about the testing recommendations for various populations, including women, age 20+, men and women age 50 +, and steps to reduce personal cancer risk. The day ended with another beautiful banquet hosted by the Kaohsiung Association for nurses.

On Thursday the KMU CON sponsored an international conference entitled "Challenges of the Nursing Profession for the 21st Century." Dean Wang welcomed the attendants, who included nurses, students, and faculty from throughout Taiwan. Dr. Jeanette Lancaster, Dean of the University of Virginia School of Nursing in Charlottesville discussed leadership skills needed to take schools and colleges of nursing into the next stage of development. Dr. Schmidt described the roles and functions of advanced practice nurses. Dr. Doris Greiner, associate dean for the UV CON, argued for continuing to include philosophy of science in nursing programs. Dr. Lawson described the UAMS CON doctoral program, Sr. Helen Edwards, Dean of the Queensland University of Technology in Queensland Australia, discussed "Aged Care for the 21st Century." This day ended with another elaborate banquet.

During their short visit, Drs. Lawson and Schmidt experienced many cultural and recreational opportunities, including multiple banquets, trips to the countryside, a visit to the Taiwan national Museum in Taipei, and the occasional break at Starbucks. The stunning events of September 11th were tempered by the gracious efforts of their hosts to make this a rewarding, memorable cultural and educational exchange.

History of the Gamma Xi Chapter of STT

- 1975 First Gamma Xi Honor Society Induction
- 1979 Petition for honor Society Approved by Sigma Theta Tau House of Delegates
- 1980 Gamma Xi Chartered as 84th Chapter
125 members were inducted
Sr. Rosemary Donley, President of Sigma Theta Tau presents Gamma Xi Chapter's Charter and gives charge to members
- 1981 Gamma Xi co-sponsors the first annual scholarship focused program
- 1981 Gamma Xi receives the Founders Award- Ethel Palmer Clarke Award for Chapter Excellence
- 1985 Gamma Xi co-sponsors presentation by Lucie young Kelly, President of Sigma Theta Tau International, Editor of *Nursing Outlook* and *Perspectives in Professional Nursing*
- 1991-1993 Gamma Xi member Beth Vaughn-Wroble, Ed.D.R.N. serves as President of Sigma Theta Tau International
- 1991-1995 Gamma Xi member Patricia E. Thompson, Ed.D.R.N. serves as Vice President of Sigma Theta Tau International
- 1995- 1996 Cornelia Back, Ph.D. R.N. Gamma Xi member elected to Sigma Theta Tau International Research Committee
- 1997 Patricia E. Thompson, Ed. D. R.N., Gamma Xi member elected President-Elect of Sigma Theta Tau International
- 1999 Gamma Xi chapter receives Chapter Award
- 1999 Patricia E. Thompson assumes Presidency of Sigma Theta Tau International

The Gamma Xi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International publishes profiles three times annually. I would encourage those who have published since May 1st to send that information to me if you would like it included in Profiles. Anyone wishing to write an article for profiles, or know of activities of Gamma Xi members that would be of interest to other members please contact :

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