

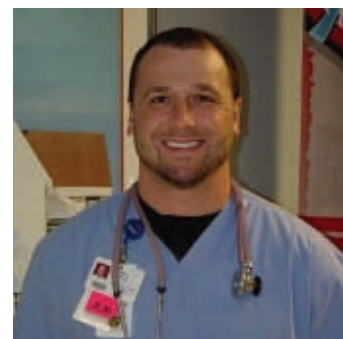
Sigma Theta Tau— Gamma Xi Chapter

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences—College of Nursing

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, my name is Shannon Steele, and I am the current President of Gamma Xi, your Sigma Theta Tau International local chapter and as your President I would like to say welcome! I and the other board members have been working hard for the last 18 months to promote STTI, Gamma Xi, and the profession of nursing both locally and globally. This goal is being accomplished through meeting regularly where we plan activities and future events to include board and business meetings, convention trip planning, induction ceremony planning, and many fundraising projects such as silent auctions, luncheons, and private do-

nations. These initiatives help fund various charitable projects and organizations that we as a board have chosen so that we as an organization can have a positive impact on the world by giving back while promoting nursing in our communities. Please visit our website at <http://nursing.uams.edu/gammaxi/index.htm> to check out our calendar of events. I also wanted to include short bio so that you, the membership, have an idea of who is on your board and not just what we are doing. I am 33 years-old, happily married for the last 11 years to my wife Angie, and I work at UAMS as a Clinical Programs Educa-



Shannon Steele—Gamma Xi Chapter

tion Department Instructor where I serve as the ACLS Coordinator and Medical Surgical Liaison. Please feel free to contact me with your ideas, concerns, or suggestions for the betterment of Gamma Xi at my email address steeleshannon@uams.edu. Thanks, and GO NURSING!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 15th—Camp Quality @Grace Lutheran
- December 18th—Open Business Meeting
- January 4th—Officer & Award Nominations
- January 15th—Open Business Meeting

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DELEGATES ATTEND BIENNIUM CONVENTION

The 2007 Sigma Theta Tau International Biennium Convention was recently held in Baltimore, Maryland in early November. The Gamma Xi Chapter of STTI was represented by Laura Marratt, Robin Easley, Linda Gable, and

Leanne Lefler. For updates of by-law changes and to review the new Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, please visit the STTI website at <http://www.nursingsociety.org>.



NOTE FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT

As President-Elect, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the members of Sigma Theta Tau, International (STTI), and Gamma Xi Chapter. I have been a nurse in some capacity for the last 12 years and have served on the board for the last year. I currently work as clinical instructor for UAMS College of Nursing teaching junior students in Health Assessment, Foundations I and II, as well as my first love, Pediatrics.

My position as the President-Elect is

a “jack-of-all-trades” position. While I work closely with the President to learn my role and responsibilities for the coming year, I also provide support for all members of the board. I chair committees such as the Finance Committee, work on task forces, coordinate fundraising materials, and served as Delegate to the STTI Biennial Convention November 2 – 7, 2007. My delegate duties continue through the next biennium until the next Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2009.

If you have questions or concerns regarding **your** Gamma Xi Chapter, please do not hesitate to contact me at mar-rattlaura@uams.edu



Laura Marratt—President-Elect

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MESSAGE FROM VICE-PRESIDENT

Welcome! My name is Robin Easley and I am the Vice President for Gamma Xi. I have been in nursing for quite a few years, and on the board for the past 1 ½ years. Our current board members are actively working to improve communication lines between our current members. I am so glad you have chosen to catch up on our chapter’s current activities planned through out this next year. We have a variety of projects in progress ranging from assisting Veteran’s, children, and the community; while also advancing research in our nursing profession. We are off to a good start as we have already contributed to Heifer International and are working with the Veteran’s during this month. I would encourage you to check out our calendar for the upcoming events.

My position as the Vice President is to arrange for our membership meetings, events, and the yearly Induction Ceremony for our newest members. This past year’s ceremony was fabulous and I would encourage all of you to attend the 2008 gala. This is a wonderful opportunity for current members to reconnect, as well as, our newest members to start networking. Additional details will be sent to our mem-

bers early next year, but you can mark your calendars for Sunday, April 13, 2008. So, make sure we have your correct email address.

I will also be calling for abstracts, and asking for presenters in the near future for our scheduled 2008 membership meetings. Be on the look out for the upcoming notices. However, if you are interested in presenting, please feel free to contact me at any time at easley-robine@uams.edu and I will get you placed on the docket.



Our chapter is always looking for volunteers, and opportunities to help in the community, so if you are interested in spearheading a project in your particular area, please let me know.

A FEW WORDS FROM SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

The second vice-president is a new role in development with the purpose to assist the First Vice-President and President in a variety of ways including recruitment of new members and retention of current members, working on special projects (such as the development of service projects), and whatever is needed at a specific time.

communicating to the VA staff regarding Gamma Xi events and projects. I will be presenting a paper titled "Utilizing Peplau's Interpersonal Relationship Theory as Members of the Health Care Team" at the November Sigma Theta Tau International Biennial Convention in Baltimore, Maryland.



Linda Gable—Second Vice-President

As a nurse at the VA I assist in

{ *"Nurses dispense comfort, compassion, and caring without even a prescription." - Val Saintsbury* }

Merry  **Christmas**

CAMP QUALITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

For the past seven years, the Gamma Xi Chapter of STTI, and the College of Nursing faculty, staff, and students have co-sponsored a Christmas Dinner and party for Camp Quality.

Camp Quality is an organization for children diagnosed with cancer. Each year we purchase presents, wrap them, and provide a

Christmas meal. A visit from Santa provides great joy, and many wonderful memories. Last year, we had over 100 children and family members attend the party.

In order for this to be a success this year, we need your help!

Please make plans to come Saturday, December 15th at the Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in

Little Rock at the corner of Kavanaugh and Hillcrest Street (Behind Mt. St. Mary's School). We need help with decorating, and wrapping presents from 2:30 to 3:00 PM.

Dinner will be served starting at 5:30, and the festivities will begin soon after.

Let's make this the greatest party ever for these children!