

# *Kappa Psi News*

## **President's Message**

Hello all. I hope that your holidays were filled with happiness. 2009 promises many things for Kappa Psi. Please keep up to date by reading this newsletter. I hope to see you soon at one of the events. Patsy Trahan

## **Induction Ceremony Scheduled**

April 26, 2009 is the date of the Annual Induction Ceremony/Installation of officers. It will be at 2 p.m. in Stokes Auditorium on the campus of McNeese.

## **Election of New Officers for 2009-2010**

Amy Bufford Chair of the Leadership Committee announced that the officers to be elected this year are Vice President, Treasurer and First Counselor.

Nominees to date include Kat Williams and Peggy LaGrange. If interested in serving as one of these officers please contact Amy, Ricky Cooley or Rachel Wilburn at 475-5821.

## **Current Officers 2008-2009**

Lori Dougherty, Secretary; Patsy Trahan, President; Merry Chandler, Treasurer; Veronica Woodard, Vice President

First Counselor Cindy Howard  
Governance Committee Sue Fontenot,  
Nicole Hamilton,  
Lori Groves

Leadership Committee Amy Bufford,  
Ricky Cooley,  
Rachel Wilburn

## **Humanitarian Project Chosen**

### **By Peggy LaGrange**

In keeping with the Vision 2020 theme of leading globally and providing service,

Kappa Psi Chapter has made a donation of \$250 to Medical Assistance Programs International (MAP International). This organization was chosen to be the recipient of our donation because of its international service. It is our goal to aid in the promotion of the health and welfare of communities across the globe.

MAP International was founded by Ray Knighton in 1954. The organization was started with a donation of \$25,000 in surplus medicines from The Schering Corporation. The medication was distributed to many different mission clinics. Since that initial donation, \$2.6 billion in medicine and supplies have been delivered to many impoverished communities across the world. The mission of MAP International is to "promote the total health of people living in the world's poorest communities by partnering in the: provision of essential medicines; promotion of community health development; and prevention and mitigation of disease, disaster and other health threats (MAP International, n.d.)" The organization has recently been involved in humanitarian projects in the Dafur region of Sudan, and countries affected by the December 2004 tsunami in southern Asia. Another notable area of service included launching mobile health clinics that served communities in Louisiana and Mississippi which were affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

## **Call for Stories from Disaster Healthcare Workers**

Visit [KaplanStories@live.com](http://KaplanStories@live.com) if you would like to submit your story. The deadline is February 21, 2009

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### **Kappa Psi to cosponsor Spring Education Offering**

MSU CON CE has scheduled Barbara Bancroft to return to MSU this April 16<sup>th</sup>. The title of her presentation is “Shampoos, Tattoos, and Barbeques: What’s New in the World of Infectious Disease”. Kappa Psi has agreed to help sponsor Barb’s workshop. She is a dynamic speaker so watch for the brochure sometime in March.

### **Kappa Psi Members submit Abstract for STTI Biennium on Dual Enrollment as a Strategy to Recruit Nursing Students**

This poster describes a project funded by the Promise of Nursing for Louisiana Nursing School Grant Program to develop a dual enrollment course designed for high school seniors as a strategy to increase nursing enrollment. The college of Nursing partnered with the Calcasieu Parish School Board to teach a 3 semester hour course designed to ease student’s transition from high school to college by introducing students to professional nursing, college success strategies and selected nursing skills. NURS 101 was taught initially in fall 2008 for eighteen students from seven high schools in two parishes. The instructors were Twila Sterling-Guillory and Jennifer Bruney.



### **Local Humanitarian Project Thanksgiving 2008**

Food was collected during the Fall Research Program and delivered to Abrahams Tent by Amy Bufford and Deborah Holder.



*We need current email addresses for all active members. If you know of someone who is an active member and did not receive this, please have them send a current email address to [ptrahan@mcneese.edu](mailto:ptrahan@mcneese.edu).*