

Kappa Psi News

President's Message

I am honored to represent Kappa Psi as your president for the next two years. First, I'd like to personally thank outgoing president Amy Bufford for the outstanding job she has done. She has shared her files with me to make the transition go smoothly. I'd like to also thank the other outgoing officer Deborah Holder, and outgoing committee members Ann Warner, Ruth Abrahams and Ricky Cooley for their dedication and service to Kappa Psi. It is only through active members that we continue to thrive as an organization. We hope to have the Fall CE educational program plans soon so keep watching for an announcement. Patsy Trahan



Officers 2008 Lori Dougherty, Secretary; Patsy Trahan, President; Merry Chandler, Treasurer; Veronica Woodard, Vice President

Induction Ceremony held Sunday April 27, 2008

Kappa Psi now has 48 new members! The following undergraduate students were inducted: Kristen Allenday, Tracy Bartel, Whitney Bevers, Courtney Blake, Kelli Boudreaux, Tracy Breaux, Meagan Broussard, Melissa Bullard, Marissa Davidson, Kallie Davis, John Dies, Amber Ewing, Ashley Freese, Carolyn Gellner, Leigh-Anne Guillory, Sung-Yoon Han, Alaina Harper, Lauren Higginbotham, Juan Higuera-Garcia, Christina Jeffels, Jaspreet Kaur, Linzy Landreneau, Megan LeBlanc, Elizabeth Lester, Anna Marcantel, Lauren Migues, Deborah Mire, Rachel Morgan, Katherine Myers, Heather Nelson, Feina Ongko, Jared Person, Leslie Petry, Jessica Ramirez, Natalie Redditt, Kara Shull, Amberly Sonnier, Leah Upton, Lindy Weaver, Wendy Wingate

The following graduate students were inducted: Tara Clavier Barnes, Ashley Carrier, Bonny Duhon, Katherine Diggs, Kasie Nix, Kellie Paddy, Stephanie Peterson

The following community member was inducted: Lori Dougherty

First Counselor Cindy Howard

Governance Committee Sue Fontenot, Nicole Hamilton, Lori Groves

Leadership Committee Amy Bufford, Ricky Cooley, Rachel Wilburn



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Kappa Psi Awards John Arthur Adams Scholarship

The recipient of the John Arthur Adams Scholarship for 2008 is Ashley Jones. Ashley is a Junior nursing student. She thanked Kappa Psi for the award and said it will enable her to achieve her goal of graduating in the Spring of 2009.

Region 6 South Louisiana Meeting held on May 12, 2008 in Baton Rouge

Patsy Trahan attended a meeting at Southeastern School of Nursing on May 12th. The meeting was held to meet our STTI Region 6 Coordinator Dr. Cheryl Rowder. Attendees included representatives from Delta Eta (ULL), Epsilon Nu (New Orleans), Rho Zeta (Southeastern), and Tau Pi (Southern). Dr. Rowder encouraged chapters to keep in touch via the STTI/Region 6 website and select some type of humanitarian project.

Being a Delegate for Kappa Psi By Dr. Ann Warner

Being a delegate to the Sigma Theta Tau Biennial in Baltimore, Maryland this last fall was a wonderful experience. Each chapter has two delegates who agree to serve for one biennium, in my case, from 2007 until 2009. The delegate responsibilities are to vote for the chapter on all business that comes before the House of Delegates during the Biennial Meeting as well as to vote electronically for any chapters who wish to be chartered between the Biennial Meetings.

During the House of Delegates which convened on the last day of the Biennial Convention each officer on the Board of Directors and the Executive Director, Nancy Dickinson Hazard, report on their activities for the prior two years; the results of the new officer elections are announced; and, proposed resolutions and bylaws changes are discussed and voted upon. This House of Delegates was unique this Biennial because Nancy Dickinson Hazard retired after many years of service and her replacement is Pat Thompson who was faculty at Northwestern State University in the earlier part of her career.

As a delegate you vote on resolutions and bylaws changes that you review and discuss with your chapter prior to the House of Delegates. This year the topic that received the most discussion was

a proposal to eliminate the requirement that chapters induct only 35% of the graduating class. Some chapters believed that because admission to their schools was so competitive that the "35% rule" kept otherwise qualified student leaders from being inducted. Those chapters were willing to induct a much larger percentage of each class. Other chapters, ours included, believed that if larger percentages of students were inducted the honor of being asked to join Sigma Theta Tau member would be diminished. It was a very spirited debate with passionate speakers on both sides of the issue.

Probably the most impressive aspect of being a delegate to me was the amount that I learned about the national organization. As a delegate you are expected to read the Biennial Report which details the organization's financial information and progress toward meeting the organization's goals and objectives. Sigma Theta Tau International has made significant steps to collaborate with nurses all over the world to promote leadership and health. I would encourage all of you to go to <http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents/BiennialConvention/Pages/ConventionHighlights.aspx> to see a video showing the highlights of the convention as well as links to the election results, bylaws changes, and a copy of the 2005-2007 Biennial Report. As far as the photo gallery goes, Veronica and I are not pictured, but we were there! I would definitely recommend the experience of being a Kappa Psi Delegate to any member who gets a chance to attend a Biennial Celebration.

Leadership Conference

Patsy Trahan attended STTI Leadership Conference in Indianapolis on September 25-27,



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