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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Next Kappa Phi board meeting
January 29, 2007
- April 19, 2007:
Induction of new members
- May 15, 2007: Kappa Phi & St. Cloud Hospital host Peter Buehaus

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Research and Scholarship—Fireside Chat Event of Nov 9th

Submitted by Pam Rickbeil:

While the wind was cold outside the Main Building on the Campus of the College of Saint Benedict, the atmosphere was warm and inviting at the college's fireside hearth. Members of Kappa Phi and the Nursing honor Society from Saint Cloud State University met over refreshments to recognize scholarly work and reflect on recently completed Research efforts.

Kappa Phi awarded three \$500 scholarships this fall:

to CSB/SJU Nursing Students Erica Havlicek and Amanda Kack; and, to University of North Dakota Ph.D. Student: Roxanne Wilson. Congratulations to all scholarship winners.

Rachelle Parsons and LuAnn Reif, both CSB/SJU Nursing Professors, shared their recently completed research. Rachelle's work focused on the preparation of public/community nurse preceptors who work with baccalaureate nursing students, and included an evaluation of an on-line preparation course. This study was quan-

titative in nature and included participation from 47 nurses from five states. Outcomes of this research support the effectiveness of on-line preceptor education. LuAnn's work focused on Mexican men and their perceptions of health and wellness. LuAnn's research was qualitative in nature and included 10 subjects participating in focus groups and individual interviews. The atmosphere of the reception center was very conducive to discussion, questions and rich dialogue.



Carie Braun and Erica Havlicek



Roxanne Wilson and Carie Braun

Kappa Phi to Co-Sponsor Peter Buerhaus Event, May 2007



Peter Buerhaus is a director of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International. He was elected in 2001 to serve a four-year term. Buerhaus has been an honor society member since the early 1980s. Most recently, he has served the honor society as associate editor of the Journal of Nursing Scholarship, an Arista Global Think-Tank Series participant, and a member of the Nominating Committee. He brings to his role a multidisciplinary background

in nursing and economics. Buerhaus maintains an active research program involving studies on employment and earnings of nursing personnel, implications of an aging RN workforce, nurse staffing and quality of patient care.

The Kappa Phi board agreed to join the Saint Cloud Hospital in sponsoring this event on May 15, 2007. Buerhaus will speak about workplace issues for nurses.

Status of At-Large Chapter

The application to become an At-Large Chapter of Kappa Phi has been received by Sigma Theta Tau International and is being reviewed for approval. We have been told to expect a formal decision by the end of January. All paperwork is in order and there is every reason to believe this will move forward on time.

Induction Planned for April 2007

We are planning our Kappa Phi induction ceremony and tentative "At-Large event" for all new members of the new Kappa Phi At-Large Chapter, which would include SCSU and CSB/SJU, pending approval from Sigma Theta Tau International. The Alumnae Hall at CSB has been reserved for the event on April 19th from 6-9PM.



New Administrative Support

Marti Hise, Office Manager for the Department of Nursing at the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University, is now providing administrative support to the Kappa Phi Chapter. Marti will assist with board meetings, minutes, newslet-

ters, reports, records management, mailings and website maintenance. Board meeting minutes are posted on the website.

To view the website, go to: <http://www.csbsju.edu/nursing/studentresources/kappaphi.htm>

Internal Audit

Sigrid Hedman-Dennis and Gary Gillitzer have received the appropriate financial records from Treasurer, Kathi Schmidt, and will complete an internal audit for Kappa Phi by the end of the calendar year.