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## News and Features

### Xi Theta Chapter's 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

As the new school year begins, we would like to tell you a little bit about Xi Theta. Xi Theta, a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, was chartered in association with CSUDH 20 years ago.

*Therefore, this year, we are celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday!*

The year is looking great! We are reaching out to members, both active and inactive, to determine how best to serve our membership. Please expect to receive a survey via email. This will allow us to tailor Xi Theta activities to your needs. We also continue to offer scholarship opportunities and research stipends for eligible applicants.

Our activities for autumn include the Odyssey Consortium, which will be held in San Diego on October 31 and November 1. Fourteen chapters from Southern California gather to present research. The consortium is open to students and is held each year near the end of October. Although the call for abstracts deadline has already passed for this year, we hope that members will attend the Odyssey Consortium to view the research being accomplished in Southern California by Sigma Theta Tau International members and nursing students. This year, Xi Theta will gather together to take a train down to the Odyssey Consortium to San Diego. This reflects our efforts to get to know each other better as well as promote the scholarship tenets of STTI.

- September**  
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- November**  
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20 Board Meeting

Welcome to the Xi Theta! Please check the website at XiTheta.org for updates. At Xi Theta we are committed to supporting the professional development of our members. We are proud to offer programs to support learning and knowledge while also creating a community of nurses dedicated to making a positive impact in health care on the local, national, and international levels.

Please submit any contributions to this newsletter to Bret Barker, RN at [newsletter@xitheta.org](mailto:newsletter@xitheta.org)

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We are also currently looking for volunteers who would like to represent Xi Theta to the Odyssey Consortium for the remainder of this year and for next year. The Odyssey Planning Consortium meets three times each year in person in Southern California and online monthly the rest of the year. If you know of someone who is interested, please contact Sue Gibson at [vicepresident@xitheta.org](mailto:vicepresident@xitheta.org). On October 31<sup>st</sup>, poster reviewers are needed to critique the posters sent in to the Odyssey Consortium. To be eligible for this position, reviewers must have a Master's degree, register for the Odyssey Consortium and must be available on October 31<sup>st</sup> if interested, please contact Sue Gibson by September 26, 2013.

Additional opportunities to serve on the leadership team of Xi Theta are also available. The positions include: Leadership Succession Chair, Philanthropy Chair, various committees, and the above-mentioned two Odyssey Representatives.

At the end of November, the STTI Biennium Convention will be held in Indianapolis, IN where the headquarters of STTI is housed. Nurses from around the world will gather to share their research, their experiences, and how they deal with nursing issues throughout the world. Sue Gibson and Tim Yett are the delegates from Xi Theta to the Biennium this year and Dale Mueller is the Regional Coordinator for Region 2 – the Region within which Xi Theta is located.

Xi Theta is anticipating publishing a monthly, rather than a quarterly, newsletter this year. Our first newsletter was published in July, which reported on the May inductees into Xi Theta. Elections of new officers were held in July and the August newsletter emphasized the new officers. We also offer our own Facebook page for Xi Theta members only. Please contact Sue Gibson to join this special group if you are a member of Xi Theta.

Our Xi Theta monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month from 5:30-6:30 pm via free phone call. The fall quarter meetings will be on September 19<sup>th</sup>, October 17<sup>th</sup>, and November 21<sup>st</sup>. For anyone interested in attending, please contact Sue Gibson for the call-in number.

Our year looks exciting as we look forward with new energy and ideas. We anticipate that information from the surveys sent to members will allow us to create more opportunities for involvement by members. The leadership team would like to get to know each member personally. Our chapter website is [www.xitheta.org](http://www.xitheta.org) and the STTI website is [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org). We look forward to meeting you in person and creating a very active chapter full of scholarship, fellowship, and fun!

Sue Gibson, Vice President  
[vicepresident@xitheta.org](mailto:vicepresident@xitheta.org)

## Odyssey Consortium

The Odyssey Consortium is a research conference comprised of the members from fourteen chapters of Sigma Theta Tau International that are based in Southern California. It is an annual event held near the end of October each year. The location changes yearly. This year it will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> in San Diego. Xi Theta members are hoping to gather together to take a train down to the Consortium together to add to the fun of the event! Details will be forthcoming.

### "Voices of Nurses: Past, Present, and Future"

OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 1, 2013

#### Conference Objectives:

1. To promote the goals of the society and to increase nurse leaders and scholars.
2. To provide an avenue for dissemination of research, clinical knowledge, and educational topics.
3. To utilize role models encouraging excellence in students and colleagues of nursing.
4. To increase networking opportunities and promote collegiality among local chapters.
5. To encourage nurses to spread their influence globally to effect positive health care change.

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For reservations, call 800.676.6567 to book, modify, or cancel a reservation. You may also book your reservation online at [www.sd.handlery.com/](http://www.sd.handlery.com/). The convention room rate is 110.00 plus tax. ***Group Convention Promo Code is STTI2013***. Parking will be 10.00 per day. If room block is sold out contact [marlene.s.ruiz@kp.org](mailto:marlene.s.ruiz@kp.org) to investigate increasing the size of the room block.

Online registration is at: <http://odyssey2013.eventbrite.com>

**We look forward to seeing you there and sharing the excellence that makes us the best Nurses the world has to offer!**

## New Board Members



A new Director of the School of Nursing! Dr. Cathy Earl has joined CSUDH's School of Nursing as its new director. As director and Ex-Officio Board Member, she will assist with communication from Xi Theta to the School of Nursing as we offer opportunities for involvement with nursing students.



Dr. Marilyn Overby has joined Xi Theta as its Leadership Succession Chair. She will be sending out announcements for the next election and be in charge of the voting for officers.

## Xi Theta Events and Activities

Flying Samaritans – **The Flying Samaritan Project** is an ongoing mission to help sponsor and assist a medical clinic in Baja, California. Xi Theta voted to donate \$500 to the clinic. This past August Dale Mueller represented Xi Theta and presented them in person with our check. In addition to monetary donations, nurses are welcome to come monthly to help in the clinic. The Xi Theta Board of Directors is hoping to make this an annual donation because the money is so helpful in continuing to build and sustain the clinic.



**September 28 – L.A's Best Community Health Fair** - for the past eleven years, the annual community Health Fair has been held on the campus of CSUDH, but the School of Nursing was not involved!!!! Better late than never!!! President Tim Yett has taken on the responsibility of asking for nursing volunteers to staff the three booths he has reserved for Xi Theta and the School of Nursing. The fair is also sponsored by many other organizations and expects to host 3000 people. It will be held on Stub Hub Field from 10-2 on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up with Tim Yett at [cp3k@xitheta.org](mailto:cp3k@xitheta.org) We need approximately 10-15 volunteers. As a volunteer, you will receive a free luncheon. If not a volunteer, it will still be an exciting day to experience a large Community Health Fair.

**October 4-6 -The Soldier's Project – Pathways Home: A Community Response** - Xi Theta has voted to help sponsor two representatives to attend this worthwhile consortium. The focus is on the psychological experiences and community resources for soldiers who are returning home after serving in the armed forces. Although several topics will be represented, post-traumatic stress disorder will be emphasized. Sue Gibson and Dale Mueller will represent Xi Theta. For others wishing to attend, the online link is: <http://tsp2013.eventbrite.com>

**October 31- November 1 – The Odyssey Consortium** is held annually for 15 Southern California chapters of STTI. It is also open to nursing students. It is a forum for those wishing to present research and those interested in hearing both student and professional nursing research. This year it will be held at the Handlery Hotel in San Diego. Dr. Rose Welch is Xi Theta's representative to the Odyssey Planning Committee.



## **42<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention Indianapolis, Indiana 16 – 20 November 2013**

**November 16 -20– STTI's Biennium** is coming up! Biennium is the international convention of Sigma Theta Tau International. Nurses from all over the world come to join together to experience the latest in nursing research and to meet other nurses from around the world. This year, two delegates have been appointed to represent Xi Theta when representatives will vote on changes to the international by-laws and new STTI leaders. Sue Gibson and Tim Yett will represent Xi Theta as the voting delegates.

**Registration for the biennial convention is at [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org)**

Attend for networking opportunities with more than 2,000 nurses, special award ceremonies recognizing worldwide achievement in nursing, learning opportunities from the more than 800 oral and poster presentations addressing emerging topics in the profession, and so much more. You can earn 12.5 Continuing Nursing Education hours. Do not miss this event! Register today :

**More information available from STTI's website**

[http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents/ResearchCongress/Pages/2012\\_23\\_INRC\\_home.aspx](http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents/ResearchCongress/Pages/2012_23_INRC_home.aspx)

## Board Meeting Information- All members are welcome!

Xi Theta Board Meeting teleconference access, Call in between 5:30 - 6:30pm - Pacific Time on the date designated (Typically the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly). All members are welcome!

**We will wait until 5:40pm for a quorum. If no quorum, we will reschedule action items in an email.**

**We will proceed without a quorum for informed discussion but no voting or action decisions.**

Note: Teleconference Access dial-in [\(605\) 475-4000](tel:6054754000) – participant code: 112549# (include the # sign)

Members! Join our Facebook closed group STTI Xi Theta  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/400795523350819/>

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