

*Message from Chapter President ...*



It is with great pleasure that I am serving as president for the 2008-2010 biennium. I can't believe nearly 10 years have passed

since my first term as president in 2000; the very first year of our Pi Theta Chapter. Over the past nine years, our chapter has inducted over 200 members. Our members are students, and community nurse leaders serving in nearly every area of healthcare both locally, nationally, and abroad. Pi Theta supports its members through sponsorship of educational activities, scholarships and even research grants. On April 6, 2009 Pi Theta will sponsor the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Research and

Educational conference with guest speaker, former Sigma Theta Tau International President, Carol Pickard. The Pi Theta board is also pleased to announce plans for our induction ceremony on November 3 at the University of Arkansas. On behalf of the Pi Theta board, I encourage all members to join us and see what Pi Theta can do for you. See dates below for announcements and activities for 2009.

*Julie Thibodaux* APN,  
CPNP

*Call for Abstracts*

The program committee is in full swing and planning for the annual clinical scholarship and research conference for 2009 in underway. The conference will be held at the University of Arkansas Ballroom on April 6<sup>th</sup>, with keynote speaker, Carol Pickard, past president of Sigma Theta Tau International. In an effort

to streamline the abstract submission process, AHEC will once again be providing the continuing education packets and review of abstracts for Pi Theta.

Abstracts and poster presentations must meet American Nurses Association guidelines.

***Please contact Julie Thibodaux, [jthibodaux@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jthibodaux@sbcglobal.net) for an abstract form or for questions, she may be contacted at 479-633-4397. The deadline for Abstract submission is January 15, 2009.***

## Awards and Scholarships

Funding for research projects, educational activities, as well as scholarships for both undergraduate and graduate nursing students is available for Pi Theta members.

Please contact awards chairperson, Tom Kippenbrock at [tkippen@uark.edu](mailto:tkippen@uark.edu), or 575-3904.

### Calendar 2008-2009



**November 3, 2008**

Induction Ceremony University of Arkansas

**April 6, 2009**

18th Annual Nursing Excellence in Evidence-Based Practice conference featuring internationally known speaker and Past President of Sigma Theta Tau International, Carol Picard inspiring us with the topic: *Energizing Nursing Practice: Keeping the Passion in Compassion*

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