

P T E H I G H L I G H T S

A Look at the Year Ahead

- **September 1, 2009-** Fall Mailer emailed to all Chapters
- **October 15, 2009-** Mary J. Bridle Award Application Due to the National Office
- **October 20, 2009-** Nominations Due to the Nominations Committee for National Officer Elections
- **November 15, 2009-** Resolutions Due to National Office
- **November 20-21, 2009-** AOTA Student Conclave in Baltimore, MD
- **February 1, 2010-** National Fees packets emailed to Chapters
- **February 1, 2010-** President's Award Nominations Due
- **February 1, 2010-** Delegate's Packets emailed (60 days prior to Annual Meeting)
- **March 1, 2010-** National Fees due to National Office
- **March 1, 2010-** Election Ballots due to the National Office
- **April 28, 2010-** PTE Annual Business Meeting during AOTA Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida

President's Palette

Melissa Oliver, MS, OTR/L

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a wonderful fun filled summer!

On behalf of the PTE Executive Board, I would like to thank our host chapters, Nu, Delta Dallas, Delta Denton and Delta Houston, for their great southern hospitality at the 19th Annual Business Meeting in Houston, TX. We had over 20 chapters represented at the PTE Annual Business meeting making it great success. Belta Delta was awarded the President's Award, Dr. Sonia Zimmerman educated us on poster presentations, 50% of the chapters displayed their scholarly work in form of posters and Dr. Charles Christiansen announced the *Martha Kirkland Leadership Legacy Fund*.

AOTF created the *Martha Kirkland Leadership Legacy Fund* to honor Martha and her commitment and contributions to occupational therapy over the past 30 years. This fund will support initiatives to recognize and develop leaders in the occupational therapy profession. As many of you already know Martha is passionate about PTE and due to her dedication to PTE, the *Martha Kirkland Leadership Legacy Fund* will dedicate part of its endowment to award PTE scholarships to our members. These scholarships will be award for research, leadership, mentoring, and area of best practice.

The PTE Executive Committee past, present and future have been raising money for the scholarship fund to support PTE members. We are challenging each chapter to raise \$1,000 to this fund. We are looking forward to learning about and supporting your efforts in this endeavor.

In addition, a new resolution was passed on National Dues Paid Annually to the PTE National Office where each member will pay \$25 annually to the PTE National Office by March 1 of each year. Dues can now be paid online at www.aotf.org under the Pi Theta Epsilon Membership. Note that the annual \$25 dues are in addition to the \$50 induction fee. Additional information regarding revised dues payment procedures will be provided to each chapter this fall.

During our PTE Executive Board Meeting, the members revised and updated PTE's mission: *"The mission of Pi Theta Epsilon is to support the practice of occupational sciences and the practice of authentic occupational therapy by promoting leadership, research and scholarly activities by its members."*

We are very excited about the coming school year. Continue to our new website at www.aotf.org for upcoming events.

We look forward to receiving your applications for the Mary J. Bridle First Research Award!

Martha Kirkland Scholarship Campaign

This spring AOTF launched a fundraising campaign aimed at developing leaders for the Occupational Therapy profession. As part of the campaign, AOTF will provide five annual \$1000 scholarships to OT students. Pi Theta Epsilon is joining in the fundraising efforts for this campaign.

Though the goal is to establish a lasting endowment that will benefit future students, if Pi Theta Epsilon as a national organization raises \$18,000 by March, scholarships will begin this year!

Past and present executive committee members have already donated to the fund. We are asking that each chapter meet a fundraising goal for March 1, 2010. Set the goal according to your chapter's size and resources. Be creative and have fun!

Chapters will receive a commitment form to be returned by September 30, 2009. Include your chapter's fundraising goal and ideas. We will share creative fundraising ideas in the next issue of the *Scroll and Pen*.



Don't Forget... PTE IS ON FACEBOOK!

www.facebook.com

1. Go to the website
2. Sign up for free or log in to your account if you are already a member
3. Search for Pi Theta Epsilon Group
4. Request to join the group
5. Begin sharing information once you are approved

Mary J. Bridle First Research Award

**Sponsored By Pi Theta Epsilon To Encourage
Students To Become Actively Involved In
OT Research**

\$250 Awarded Annually

Deadline for Applications: October 15, 2009

For eligibility the applicant's research manuscript must meet the following criteria:

- Be the first research study in that individual's/team's OT career
- Be initiated while the individual/team is still considered a student(s) and submitted within 3 years of graduation
- Individual/team is the senior author, co-author, or principal investigator on the study
- No previous refereed publications or professional presentations of the study may have been done

The research study shall:

- Add to the body of knowledge and contain components of authentic OT
- Clearly demonstrate significance to the field of OT
- Have logical development of rationale for the study, and for the specific question
- Be methodologically correct
- Be clearly written, and in a publishable format

A complete application is available at www.aotf.org. Click Pi Theta Epsilon, Membership and Documents, Awards.

The Poster Presentation: Making it Great!

Helene Lohman, MA, OTD, OTR/L

During the 2009 PTE Annual Business Meeting in Houston, Texas, Dr. Sonia Zimmerman, faculty advisor of the Kappa Chapter University of North Dakota, gave a very informative talk on the "How To's" of formal poster presentations.

She described in depth all aspects of developing a good presentation, including comparing a poster presentation to an oral presentation, the content of a poster presentation, and how to present the poster. Dr. Zimmerman provided many practical ideas including making the poster readable, legible, well organized and succinct. She discussed the type of font usage, color and even the type of push-

pins that should be used to display the poster. She stressed that the role of the presenter is to field questions with many people multiple times. She also emphasized to relax for as she stated, "Nobody knows more about your project than you do". Finally this presentation was made to encourage PTE members to consider doing professional poster presentations. We look forward to seeing your posters next year in Orlando!

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