

Annual Report

Annual Report for 2008-2009

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Chapter Dues:

- 35.00 Initial Membership, \$25.00 Annual Chapter Dues for Current Members, \$200.00 Lifetime Membership pursuant to the 5th year of Current Membership in Psi Omega Pi.

Other Funding Methods

- Fundraisers, donations, workshops fees for non-members

Initiations

- May 17, 2008 at UOP Hohokam Campus- Annual Ceremony. New members were initiated and officers elected. Ceremony was followed by a luncheon and a workshop on HIV/Aids Prevention for Clients and Counselors.

Business Meetings

- ✓ May 17, 2008 at UOP Hohokam Campus - Shaffer Room - Discussed upcoming transition of board and elected new members. Reviewed plan and events for the upcoming year.
- ✓ August 16, 2008 Business Meeting and Workshop, UOP Hohokam Campus. Discussed plans for "Friendly Event" social to occur at member Julie Chapko's home on September 26, 2008, as well as a speaker for the upcoming workshop.

- ✓ November 1, 2008 Business Meeting and Workshop, UOP Hohokam Campus. Discussed the by-laws of Chi Sigma Iota and Psi Omega Pi to make sure as a chapter we are following all rules of the honor society. Discussed the Western Association for Counselor Education & Supervision (WACES) Conference in Palm Springs, CA where chapter President Ruth Ann Rowland and President Elect Jennifer Morgan were going to be doing a Poster Presentation on behalf of Psi Omega Pi. This was the first time our chapter presented at a conference. Discussed increasing membership and upcoming workshop.
- ✓ February 7, 2009 Business Meeting and Workshop, UOP Hohokam Campus. Reviewed plans for "Annual Gathering initiation event, luncheon, and workshop, what officer posts needed to be filled, discussed previous year and upcoming events to plan for the next year. Discussed how it went at the WACES conference and that two of our students from. Final preparations made for annual initiation, as well as a 2nd annual chapter-sponsored "Mental Health Awareness Week" for the Hohokam campus, with information tables, depression, anxiety, and other screenings for students, to be held April 20-23, 2009. Also discussed Dr. John Nixon attending the ACA Conference in Charlotte, NC in March 19-23, 2009.

Workshops

- May 17, 2008 at UOP Hohokam Campus "HIV/AIDS Prevention for Clients and Counselors" presented by Lisa Corbett, MSC. Ms. Corbett dispelled unsubstantiated myths and educated members on appropriate terms and correct definitions to enhance counseling skills and methods. Valuable information provided on treating HIV/AIDS clients with dignity and compassion and presented informative facts provided on treating clients with co morbidities such as Hepatitis C and depression.
- August 16, 2008 at UOP Hohokam Campus "Suicide Prevention" presented by Dr Scott Baker. Discussed a presentation on developing suicidal skills and details on preparing for potential suicidal clients & related issues.
- November 1, 2008 at UOP Hohokam Campus "Ethical Obligations & Legal Requirements" presented by Frederick M. Cummings, Attorney at Law. Discussion on how a counselor can practice ethically while still meeting legal requirements.
- February 7, 2009 at UOP Hohokam Campus "Preventing Counselor Burnout by being Prepared" presented by Dr. Carol Gegenheimer on how to identify, address and avoid, counselor burnout by using relaxation techniques, time for self.

Social Events

- This friendly gathering gave all an opportunity to socialize, network, and have a good time! It brought together a myriad of old & new friends.

Newsletter

- Newsletter was completed and sent out three times in this past year and sent to listserv and CSIPOP Google gmail account.

Other Activities

- WACES November 2008 - This year was the first time the University of Phoenix presented a poster. The theme of the poster detailed the Psi Omega Pi Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota's Mental Health Week that was held in March of 2008.
- Christine Pellegrino and Callie Dahlgren are the current UOP Student Representatives to the Arizona Counselors Association (AzCA). In November, 2008, Chris and Callie were presented with the Student of the Year Award from the Western Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (WACES). This is a highly competitive, regional award and is further evidence of our program's commitment to excellence in counselor education.
- April 20-23, 2009 2nd Annual Mental Health Awareness Week – this anticipated event was a success last year and it is anticipated to provide a level of outreach and service to the UOP Hohokam campus community again this year.

New Members

- Psi Omega Pi has received and accepted 16 new members since last year's initiation ceremony.