

Nurses Night Out A Successful Strategy for Chapter Revitalization and **Nursing Community Engagement Omicron Omega Chapter 382**

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Challenge:

- Closure of a rural university nursing program
- Threat to a local chapter's sustainability
- Loss of a forum to engage a community of nurses

Concept:

Innovative evening programs with topics of interest to all nurses

Nurses Night Out Event Timeline 1997 2011 2015 2016 2017 2018 ❖ Omicron ❖ HSU ❖ Nurses Night ❖ Empowering Out Nurses Omega closes 2 - Non-Rx Opioids in Through Chapter launched nursing Pain 382 program

Annual Events

- June-Annual Awards Celebration
- August-Annual Rummage Sale

2019 Pulse of Nursing Opioids Part-Self Care Public Image of Nursing Humboldt: Patient Management Innovative What Nurses Advocacy Advance Care **Approaches** Need to Adventures **Directives** & Immersive Know in Nursing Learning in **Average 60 Attendees** Nursing Education All Nurses and Nursing Student Welcomed

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SWOT ANAYLYSIS

INTERNAL

- Longstanding chapter
- Engaged and committed board of
- Diverse board of directors
- Connected to nursing community

- Alumni chapter
- membership

OPPORTUNITIES

- > Shift chapter focus to build a more inclusive nursing community
- Community collaboration
- Promote scholarship through fundraising
- Make research and scholarship accessible
- Education and CEUs
- > Forum for food, wine, networking raffles, fun

WEAKNESSES

- Closure of university nursing
- ➤ Limited pipeline for
- Rural area
- Board burnout

THREATS

- Sigma rules and regulations
- Alienating Associate Degree nursing students
- Dwindling membership









Outcomes

- Steadily increasing participation
- Re-energized and greater interest in Sigma chapter
- Praise from attendees
- Strengthened awards for nursing scholarship and Clinical Excellence
- Increase in fundraising activities

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