



Psi Iota Xi

125 Years of People, Purpose & Passion



Psi Iota Xi October 2021 Newsletter

Greetings!

A Message from National President Andrea Niedenthal

The roaring twenties, what a decade for Psi Iota Xi. Our organization grew in leaps and bounds in the 1920's by adding 31 new chapters and only losing one (Tau – Lafayette in 1924). We saw the movement of some of our young single ladies going to college and others getting married. In the 1920 Helicon there was a list of 100 members that had gotten married between 1916-1919. Our organization had matured and transitioned from girls to Women of Society.

It is so exciting to see that we will have so many chapters celebrating their 100th Anniversary in the next few years. The following chapters were installed in the 1920's:



Upsilon – Greenfield, IN - 1920

Phi – Huntington, IN – 1920
 Chi – Brookston, IN – 1921
 Omega – Lebanon, IN – 1921
 Alpha Beta – Seymour, IN – 1922
 Alpha Delta – Decatur, IN – 1922
 Alpha Epsilon – Jeffersonville, IN – 1923*
 Alpha Zeta – Thorntown, IN -1923
 Alpha Eta – Bluffton, IN – 1923
 Alpha Theta – Charlestown, IN – 1923
 Alpha Iota – Richmond, IN – 1924
 Alpha Kappa – Franklin, IN – 1924*
 Alpha Lambda – Zionsville, IN – 1924
 Alpha Mu – Hartford City, IN – 1925
 Alpha Nu – Markle, IN – 1925*
 Alpha Xi – Logansport, IN – 1925
 Alpha Omicron – Vincennes, IN – 1926
 Alpha Pi – Scottsburg, IN – 1926
 Alpha Rho – Garrett, IN – 1926
 Alpha Sigma – Princeton, IN – 1926*
 Alpha Tau – Petersburg, IN – 1927*
 Alpha Upsilon – West Baden Springs, IN – 1927*
 Alpha Phi – Fortville, IN – 1927
 Alpha Chi – Hagerstown, IN – 1928
 Alpha Psi – Washington, IN – 1928
 Alpha Omega – North Vernon, IN – 1928
 Beta Alpha – Flora, IN – 1928
 Beta Beta – Sullivan, IN – 1928
 Beta Gamma – Peru, IN – 1929
 Beta Delta – Van Wert, OH – 1929
 Beta Epsilon – Mentone, IN - 1929
 *Chapters that have disbanded

Some of our earliest charity work was supplying scholarships to young ladies for college. I found a very interesting article in an old Helicon “Our Mountain Girls” regarding scholarships for Tennessee Mountain Girls. This is something that I had never heard of before and found it to be very interesting at the least. Here is the article from the 1920 Helicon: “At the convention of July 1919, it was decided since the emergency need of the war was passed, we use the fund of \$2,000 which we had raised for the war relief work as a Scholarship Fund. This money to be put out as interest and each chapter add \$100.00 to the principal every year; the interest from the fund to be used for the education of a mountain girl and any other girl whom the committee thought best to help in getting an education.

Flora Bristow, a bright thirteen-year-old girl from the mountains of Tennessee was the first girl chosen and sent to Dorland-Bell School – a school for mountain girls at Hot Springs, North Carolina. Flora is the oldest of six children and lives in a little settlement seven miles from a small town called Crossville, Tennessee. She had finished the fourth grade and that ended her education, at least as far as the settlement school could take her. She is ambitious to become a teacher and reports from Dorland-Bell School say she is doing well in her studies there.”

Have any of you heard of this charity work before? Looking through other Helicons I couldn’t find any other information, including where did this idea come from and when did we stopped supporting this project. If any of who have more information regarding this project – please share with me.

Until next month - Always remember the People before us, the Purpose that drives us, and the Passion within us. Please celebrate your chapter and members during this year of commemoration.

Loyally,

Andrea Niedenthal
 National President

Important Updates & Deadlines

**Hoosier Salon has asked that we make our chapters aware that they have a new mailing address. In addition, they will highlight this information when they send the 2022 Membership information later this fall.

Hoosier Salon
c/o Stutz Business Center
212 W 10th Street, B245
Indianapolis, IN 46202

**The article in the September newsletter on National Council visiting the Bargain Box while in Muncie was written by Alpha Chapter, Muncie member Nicci Lunsford.

DEADLINES

November 1st

- Literature/Literacy Proposals Due
- Project Proposals due to Project Chair
- National Bylaw changes due to VP
- Deadline for DO applications due to VP
- Deadline for Nominations for National Office from Chapters due to VP

November 15th

- National Fees due to National Treasurer

Keeping Your Chapter's Membership Records Up to Date

There are many reasons to keep your membership records up to date. It is a big job and usually assigned to your chapter's Vice President. The job is made easier because we have added a membership list to the PCR. This gives you an active list of current members at the end of each fiscal year but it also adds a way to track status as well as basic contact information. It is easy to keep your chapter's membership section up to date on the database with this in hand. The better reason to keep a historical record of your membership information is for your own chapter's use. It is important that we recognize members who have given their time and effort for their years of service and this is a way to keep track so these members can be recognized. Maybe an inactive member would rather buy flowers from a Psi Ote fundraiser instead of the local garden shop. Maybe your chapter is selling delicious cheeseballs or goodies which an Inactive would like to buy if they only knew that their fellow Psi Otes were selling them. With up to date contact information for old members, chapters can find customers for their products and maybe even find future active members. A lot of times, members go inactive because life is too busy at the moment; but jobs change and children grow up. Keeping your membership records current is like having a membership event and a fundraiser at your fingertips. Remember, "Once a Psi Ote, always a Psi Ote"!

Taffy Day
National Project Chair
Omega, Lebanon, IN

You Are Making a Difference

Hello Psi Iota Xi Sisters!

Have you ever had one of those a-ha moments where the big bright light bulb goes off over your head? I recently had one of those on my drive home from a memorial service for a friend. Fr. Andre Silvestre was unexpectedly and tragically taken from this earth in early September. To most people he was a wonderful priest who started an orphanage, a school, a foundation, and many other endeavors in his native Haiti. He was my buddy from the Ball State Caribbean Association. He was one of the kindest people I ever had the pleasure to know. This man was born 70 years ago in rural Haiti to poor coffee farmers. I had just come from his memorial service in Muncie, IN where in 2021 there was not a seat to be had or dry eye to be found. I am telling you this story to say this...YES!! One person can make a difference! I know many of our Psi Iota Xi chapters have had a tough couple of years. We haven't been able to have our normal fundraisers or take in as many new members as we would like. Sometimes it feels like we aren't doing enough. Rest assured my sisters... you are making a difference! Each Psi Iota Xi sister is a blessing to her chapter and her community. It doesn't matter if you are a chapter of 7 or 70...you are making a difference! It may not be the dollar amount you were used to giving, but every little bit helps. Some chapters have used this time to re-evaluate, and they have come up with bigger and better plans for the future. I am so grateful to be part of a group on women who are making a lasting mark on their communities as individuals and chapters.

Valerie Helms-Mejia
East Central District Officer
Alpha Chapter, Muncie, IN

Thank You!!!



September 1, 2021

Psi Iota Xi National Office
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Indianapolis, IN 46268

Dear Psi Iota Xi National Office and Psi Ote Members,

On behalf of the students and staff of St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf (SJI), I would like to thank you for your generous pledge in the amount of \$2,500.00 to serve our Early Intervention Program. We deeply appreciate your support of our mission, which is to bring quality listening and spoken language skills to the children we serve.

As you may know, each year we rely heavily on the generosity of others to keep our school and other SJI



programs open and available to all families with children who are in need of our services. We witness tiny miracles almost daily - miracles that supporters like you help make possible!

Wishing you and yours a wonderful end to the summer season!

With gratitude,

Whitney Stevens - McBride
Development Associate
St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf



Hoosier Art Salon Paintings

The members of Iota Sigma, St. Joseph presented the Hoosier Art Salon painting which they won in a drawing at the 2010 National Convention -- Hats Off to Psi Iota Xi entitled, "November Fields" by Ron Burgess, to The St. Joseph Swearingen Public Library on September 17, 2010. The painting was presented by President Ramona Simpson to Library Board President, Margaret Anderson. The painting is still hanging in the library today.



Ron Burgess is a member of the Indiana Artists Club, Indiana Plein Air Painters Association, The Hoosier Salon, Indiana Heritage Arts, Chicago Pastel Painters and Pastel Society of America. He is an award-winning artist and has exhibited in numerous local, regional and national exhibits. Ron has a great love for the outdoors and enjoys traveling with his wife. His landscapes reflect his deep regard for nature and the beauty he has encountered in his travels across the US and Canada. He has been a member artist of the Brown County Art Guild since 2013.



Members present were (back) Meredith Reigel, Susan McKinney, Sheila Monk, Genie Roark, Debbie Garthwait. (Front) Ramona Simpson, Kathy Lyons.

Sandie Carlson
National Conductress
Theta Kappa, Edon, OH

50 Year Celebration

Theta Theta, Ft. Wayne celebrated 50 years on September 14th at the Psi Iota Xi Barn. The evening was full of smiles and laughter. Everyone enjoyed going through the scrap books, caught up on all the fun memories of the past 50 years. We played trivia games and enjoyed wonderful cookies made by a local baker with the PIX logo on them. Theta Theta became a charter member of PSI IOTA XI on September 10, 1971 and wanted to celebrate all that helped to make them chapter what they are today.

There was a great turnout of alumni members that shared their memories from their years as an active member. Mary Kalb, one of the charter members of Theta Theta, spoke of the beginning years of Theta Theta. It was a great opportunity for the newer members to hear what was important to those who came before and how that work benefited their community. In addition to current and alumni members in attendance, National Council members present included National Conductress Sandie Carlson and Northeast District Officer Jessica Lucas.

For 45 years Theta Theta has been involved with the Johnny Appleseed Festival in Ft. Wayne. In 2019 they made the extremely hard decision to move on to new endeavors. They host an annual Style Show, sells Christmas Greens and are now having a Designer Purse Bingo. Theta Theta has caring and devoted members, that meets the needs of their sisters and their community. Congratulations ladies to fifty years!

Sandie Carlson
National Conductress
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In The News

On August 14th, Iota Sigma participated in the annual St. Joseph Community Parade! We had a blast decorating, and riding on our float. Members Debbie Garthwait, Ramona Simpson, Kathy Lyons, Marita Booker and Jill Robbins, along with much appreciated man power, Dave Booker, decorated our entry that followed the parade route filled with kids and adults of all ages. Our float highlighted our commitment to literacy, art, music, and speech and hearing that we strongly support in the community. From our float we tossed pencils (wrapped with information about our sorority). With it being the beginning of the school year, the kids eagerly grabbed them. We voted the parade a huge success!



This beauty will be part of the silent auction at Rho Chapter's first PURSE BINGO on October 3 at the Steuben County Event Center, Angola, Indiana. Doors open at 1 pm. Tickets are \$20. For more information and ticket sales, message us on Facebook at Psi Iota Xi Designer Purse BINGO, Angola, Indiana.



Nuts and Candies for the Holidays and All Year Long!

Once again Zeta Epsilon Chapter of Psi Iota Xi is selling nuts and candies through Terri Lynn. We have an online store that you can buy from 24/7 all year long. Place an order and have it shipped to you or someone else for only \$5.00 shipping and handling. Visit our online store at the following link: <https://psi-iota-xi-zeta-eps.terrilynn.com/>

National Council and Email

National Council is available to talk with Chapters and members if any questions or concerns arise. Please don't hesitate to reach out to National Council if they can assist you.

Our new email, info@psiitaxi.org.

Fundraiser & Event Invitations



Have you ever wished you could invite all Psi Ote sisters to your chapter's fundraiser or special event? Your chapter Helicon articles detail all the amazing events and fundraising activities you accomplish in your individual chapters and communities. Now we'd like to offer chapters the opportunity to submit invitations to their events and fundraisers via the monthly newsletter by emailing them to terriresler@psiitaxi.org.

Electronic money transfer apps like Venmo plus virtual platforms like Facebook Live make it possible for even our most distant sisters to participate in another chapter's fundraisers with ease. You can support your sisters across the organization, and you might even get a few ideas for your own chapter!

Fallen Petals



Please send obituaries to terriresler@psiitaxi.org to be included in the next newsletter and the Helicon.



Ann Alison (Davis) Egan left this mortal coil to return to the arms of her mother and father in the Creator's loving home on September 19, 2021.

A warm and loving woman who touched so many lives, she will be missed terribly.

Ann grew up in St. Matthews and attended Holy Trinity, Sacred Heart Academy, and Spaulding University. She was a long-time active member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority. She loved working at Paul's Fruit Market on Brownsboro Rd. for years. Always a kind and humane person, Ann started with her mom, "Kitty" Davis, as puppy raisers for Canine Companions for Independence and then was an instrumental part of establishing Paws With Purpose in the Louisville area.

Ann is survived by her husband of 35 years, Tom; 2 brothers, Paul A. Jr., and Jeff Davis.

She is preceded in death by her father, Paul A. Davis Sr. and mother, Catherine "Kitty" Davis.

She leaves behind many good friends (and a few people she will haunt) and a legacy of giving of herself.

Memorial Visitation will be 12:00 to 2:00 pm, Thursday, September 23, 2021. at Ratterman Brothers Funeral Home 3711 Lexington Rd. with a Memorial Service to follow at 2:00 pm.

The family request, in lieu of flowers donations take the form of contributions to Paws With Purpose to continue making the lives of people in need of assistant dogs better.

Marcia Keller Mossman, 88, of Lebanon passed away on Tuesday, September 21 peacefully in her home after a diagnosis of cancer in July. She was born June 1, 1933, in her family farmhouse in Knox County, Indiana. She was the first child of three born to the late Vincent and Florence (Anleitner) Keller.

Marcia's formative years were spent in Vincennes where she was a member of St. John's Catholic Church and was graduated from St. Rose Academy in 1951. She married her sweetheart and best friend James (Jim) Robert Mossman on Valentine's Day, 1953. They moved to Lebanon in the spring, where they have lived their entire 68 years of marriage. Marcia and husband Jim raised their seven children in Lebanon and were both very active in the community. Jim worked at the Lebanon Reporter for 40 years, retiring in 1994 as General Manager and Publisher. Marcia supported him in his work, working part-time in various roles in the newspaper office and accompanying him on many business trips. They also had a picture framing business, which they worked out of their home basement. Marcia had an Avon business and also worked at Holliday Park in Indianapolis, where she cataloged and marked floral, plant and tree specimens. In her late teens and early 20's she had two very fun jobs: using her musical talent to demonstrate and sell pianos and using her charm and wit to model and sell wigs. While their children were still living at home, they spent summer vacations travelling throughout



the U.S. in a camper, visiting sites and collecting friends at KOAs.

Marcia was active in St. Joseph's Catholic Church for 68 years, serving the Women's Club, singing in the choir and maintaining the Meditation Garden. She and Jim also sponsored many couples for marriage preparation. She was a Girl Scout Leader for 10 years and taught swimming lessons for the Red Cross. Marcia was a devoted member of the DS chapter of P.E.O., serving several years as chaplain. She was a member of Psi Iota Xi from 1951-2021 serving on many committees and as President. As a Psi Iota Xi volunteer, she designed and maintained an island garden in the Lebanon Memorial Park for decades. The island garden was named in her honor; the park gazebo now sits on the island. She was chosen as Mrs. Boone County 1965, which she considered a special honor and so devoted time every year afterwards to help recognize and encourage other civic and family-minded women of the county. After all seven of her children had nearly finished (high) school, Marcia enrolled in IUPUI, where she was graduated in 1984 with a degree in Geography and English. She took graduate classes at Purdue University from 1985-1987. These educational experiences led to an interest in Geology, Archeology and History. She was a voracious reader and applied herself to gaining an in-depth understanding of each of these subjects. She and Jim travelled extensively throughout the U.S., Central and South America, and Eastern and Western Europe.

Marcia had many hobbies including gardening, sewing and crafts, jewelry making, going to festivals, flea markets and garage sales, collecting vintage valentines, bells, crystal, perfume bottles, formal dresses and anything blue. She enjoyed playing bridge and was a longtime member of an afternoon and an evening bridge club. She and Jim also loved ballroom dancing and were members of the Continental Dance Club and the Irvington Dance Club in the 1990's-2010's. Marcia's greatest pleasure and purpose in life was her faith, friends and family.

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to all the wonderful staff at Asera Care Hospice, private caregivers, friends, and their parish family for all the love, support and dedicated care for Marcia and Jim during the last few difficult months.

Survivors, in addition to her husband Jim are brother Edward (Norma) Keller, sons Mark Mossman, Michael (Katie) Mossman, Matt (Teresa) Mossman all of Lebanon, Meade (Caren) Mossman of Orland Park, IL, Merrick (Kriste) Mossman of Indianapolis, Maury (Kim) Mossman of Oakland CA, and daughter Michele (Dick) Threlkeld of Thorntown. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death in addition to her parents are brother Dick Keller, sister-in-law Martha Mossman Klepfer and brother-in-law Jack Mossman.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 24, 2021 from 4:00-8:00 pm at Strawmyer & Drury Mortuary, 2400 N.

Lebanon St., Lebanon. The Rosary will be prayed at 3:30 pm and a tribute with eulogy from 7:30-8:00 pm.

The funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 am Sept. 25 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 319 E. South Street, Lebanon, followed by interment at St. Joseph's Cemetery and luncheon in the Parish Hall.



Betty E. Bird, 77 of Paoli, passed away September 15, 2021 at IU Health Bedford Hospital. She was born March 13, 1944 in French Lick to parents, Harry Condra & Lucille (Galloway) Condra. She Married Jerry Bird May 11, 1969. Betty retired from Orange County Hospital as their accountant. She was a member of Syria Christian Church of Orleans, Jayshees, Psi Iota Xi Sorority, VFW Women's Auxiliary and former president of Orange County Senior Citizen Center.

Survivors include: Husband: Jerry Bird of Paoli; Son: Gregory Max Bird and wife, Anita of Springville, IN; Sisters: Rexene Slaten and husband, Kenny of Paoli & Annette Stevens and husband, Herb of Paoli; Brothers: Sam Condra and wife, Bobbie of French Lick & Joe Condra and wife, Kathy of Paoli; 1 Grandchild-Briana Bird of French Lick; 5 Great Grandchildren-Ryder, Addelynn, Axel, Serenity & Gracelyn

Visitation for Betty E. Bird will be from 4-9pm Saturday, September 18, and after 11 am Sunday until service time at McAdams Mortuary. Funeral will be 1pm Sunday, September 19 at the funeral home. Bro. Rob Brown will officiate. Burial will be in Sulfur Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Sulphur Creek Cemetery C/O Elvin Freeman 6196 W. Co. Rd. 275 S. French Lick, IN 47432.

Convention Invitations



Convention 2022

Convention 2022 will be hosted by Zeta Tau, Milroy, in Muncie, IN, June 24-26, 2022

Book your rooms now at the special \$129/night group rate!

Click here to visit the [Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center](#) reservation page

Convention 2023

Convention 2023 will be hosted by Zeta Gamma, Fort Branch, in Evansville, IN

Convention 2024

Convention 2024 will be hosted by Theta Theta, Fort Wayne

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