



# Psi Iota Xi

## 125 Years of People, Purpose & Passion



# Psi Iota Xi November 2021 Newsletter

## Greetings!

### A Message from National President Andrea Niedenthal

The 1930's was a decade of Psi Iota Xi bringing Oxygen Therapy to hospitals. In 1931, Psi Iota Xi donated \$10,000 to Riley Hospital for oxygen chambers. The oxygen chamber at Riley Hospital formally opened on February 29, 1932. Between 1933 and 1936 a total of thirty oxygenaires were placed along with seventeen insuflators throughout hospitals in Indiana and Ohio. The project was completed by 1937 but the number of lives saved lived on for decades.

At the 1938 Convention, the Speech and Hearing clinic was adopted as the new charitable project. The clinic was conducted by Indiana University with the first clinic opening September 19, 1938, in Indianapolis. Over the next two years the clinic was held in 17 additional locations. In 1939, Miss Elsie Sweeney, an accomplished musician of Epsilon Chapter, Columbus, IN doubled our gift of \$500 to the Symphony Concert Association in the name of the



sorority. She promised to do the same for the next two years if we continue to buy at least twenty-seven season tickets to the luncheon held in the Athenaeum proceeding each Friday afternoon concert. I am sure you recognize this was just the beginning of Miss Sweeney's generosity as her fund continues today to purchase student tickets to different symphonies throughout Indiana.

Our organization grew in the 1930's by twenty chapters and losing only one, Beta Theta, in 1933. The following chapters were installed in the 1930's:

Beta Zeta – Summitville, IN – 1930  
Beta Eta, Centerville, IN – 1930\*  
Delta Gamma – Fort Wayne – 1930\*\*  
Beta Theta – Eaton, OH – 1931\*  
Beta Iota – Farmland, IN – 1932  
Beta Kappa – Bloomfield, IN – 1933\*  
Beta Lambda – Bedford, IN – 1933  
Beta Mu – Brownstown, IN – 1933  
Beta Nu – East Chicago, IN – 1934\*  
Beta Xi – Crown Point, IN – 1934  
Beta Omega – New Albany, IN – 1934\*  
Beta Pi – Cambridge City, IN – 1935  
Beta Rho – Goshen, IN – 1935  
Beta Sigma – Austin, IN – 1935  
Beta Tau – Frankfort, IN – 1936  
Beta Upsilon – Mt Vernon, OH – 1937  
Delta Epsilon – Muncie, IN – 1937\*\*  
Beta Phi – Shelbyville, IN – 1938  
Beta Chi – Waynetown, IN – 1939\*  
Beta Psi – Delphi, IN – 1939

\*Chapters that have disbanded

\*\* Chapters originally Associate Chapters

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  
Zeta Tau, Milroy, IN

## Important Updates & Deadlines

### 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

# From The Treasurer

The month of November brings many things:

- The colorful leaves
- Coats and scarves
- Thanksgiving holiday
- Black Friday
- Decorating for Christmas
- National fees are due on **November 15th**.



National General fees assist towards monthly invoices received by Psi Iota Xi (insurance, the newsletter, the website, council visits, etc.). National Project fees assist towards projects voted on at National Convention to help those less fortunate.

I want to say “Thank You” to the chapter treasurers who have already paid their fees. This makes my job so much easier when the November 15th deadline comes about. The COVID pandemic has affected all. If your chapter is struggling financially please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [rhondamcnallcrisenbery@psiitaxi.org](mailto:rhondamcnallcrisenbery@psiitaxi.org) for assistance.

As we enter the festival time, I want to wish all a very Happy Holiday Season!

Loyally,

Rhonda McNall-Crisenbery  
National Treasurer  
Theta Theta, Fort Wayne, IN

## It's Fall Ya'!!!

I cannot tell you how excited I have been to see the fundraising events that chapters have been posting on Facebook. Just like Jack Nicholson in the Shining... WE'RE BACK!!!

In every chapter visit that I've made this fall I've been thankful to hear that each chapter has plans to make cheeseballs and/or do other fundraisers to get back in their “groove” and raise money to help their communities. I've gotten to help roll cheeseballs, participate in a potluck meal, participate in a wiener roast, and participate in a zoom call with a chapter. I've had so much fun meeting the sisters in the West Central District and participating in their activities.

Don't be surprised if your chapter takes a few meetings to get back into what feels like your normal routine. We've had almost two years of meeting via electronic methods or not meeting at all so it's going to take a bit to get back into the routine. Maybe this is a good time to try something new that you've never done before. There is no right or wrong, we're all in uncharted territory, but we're strong, resilient, and up to the challenge. Right?!

My chapter, Iota Theta, just finished making cheeseballs this past weekend and I've included some pictures of the fun that we had! There was a lot of cheese, laughter, and love with these ladies. Always a great time!

I hope that you and your Psi Otes sisters continue to have a great year.

Loyally,

Mona Knight  
West Central District Officer  
Iota Theta, Armstrong, IL

*Top:* The famous stacks of cheeseballs on the tables awaiting sorting and packing.

*Bottom left:* Shelly Roberts, Katie Grice, Patsy Hambleton, and Susie Bird sorting orders.

*Bottom right:* Traci Johnson, Shelly Roberts, Katie Grice, and Patsy Hambleton sorting and packing orders.



## 50 Year Celebration

Theta Delta Bremen held their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the Community and Performing Arts Center on October 10, 2021. Members and guest enjoyed refreshments provided by the chapter and was entertained by a harpist. Local artisans were present with their wares that were available to purchase. Chapter members Janet Davis and Pam Gunterman presented the following on the happenings of the chapter over the last five decades.

### *Theta Delta through the decades*

In the 1970's: Theta Delta chapter was born by a group of dedicated individuals who wanted to serve the Bremen community.

In the 1980's: Theta Delta began holding Holiday Walk in the community. It was an event that the Bremen community looked forward to each year.

In the 1990's: Theta Delta member, Tula Tucker, became Psi Iota Xi national president.

We hosted a National Convention in South Bend.

In the 2000's: The beautiful gardens of Bremen were highlighted in Theta Delta's Garden Walk.

In the decade that begins with 10: 2016 brought Psi the Bison to us to celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial. Pam Gunterman was also Indiana's State Psi Iota Xi president and we hosted a state convention at Bremen High School,



# BINGO Nights!!

Bingo nights are back in full swing. At least three chapters started October with bingo fundraisers. We are so happy to share some photos of these events.



Sisters of Rho Chapter, Angola, IN have a great turn out for their first bingo fundraiser.



Omega, Lebanon, IN were pleased with thier turn out for thier bingo.



Gamma Beta, Remmington, IN hosted their bingo fundraiser. Look at that crowd.

***Upcoming Bingo's include: Theta Theta, Fort Wayne, IN and Theta Kappa, Edon, OH both on November 7, 2021***

## In Publication

Martha Driscoll was a Psi Ote member from Jeffersonville, IN. Many members of Theta Delta, Bremen, IN chapter met her when she had a book signing at the Notre Dame Bookstore of her first book about the steamship, the Belle of Louisville, "Nosy's Wild Ride on the Belle of Louisville." Nosy is a cat.

Martha is in her 90s, has macular degeneration, has had a stroke or two, but in true Psi Ote fashion just keeps right on going. She retired as the reading coordinator for the Jefferson County Public Schools but continued teaching at Spalding University in Louisville until her husband needed her at home to help care for him. She now lives in New Hampshire with her daughter Ann who is a co-author.

This is a wonderful children's book with beautiful illustrations which will delight the readers. (art and literature )

# Rosa's Monarch Butterfly

The Magic of Metamorphosis



Written by Martha Driscoll and Ann Driscoll | Illustrated by Susan Andra Lion

## Announcing our Wing-Dinger of a New Book!

*In this journey of discovery and change, Rosa steps up to save a caterpillar. Then she lights up her classmates' curiosity about the magic of monarchs. Classmates who start out making fun of Rosa also make big changes as they discover that she is smart and generous and monarchs are amazing!*

Rosa's Monarch Butterfly is a 32-page, 8.5 x 11, full color, softcover book for ages 5-10 with gorgeous illustrations, a terrific story and everything you might want to know about monarchs.

Books are at the printer's and will be available in a few weeks.

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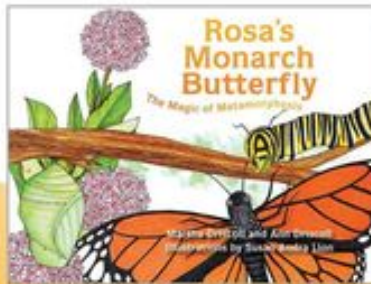
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## In The News

### CHEESEBALL SEASON!!!

Some may just have dear season on their mind, but not if your a Psi Ote. You can check with many chapters in your districts if you are interested in these delicious treats. You have balls, spreads, different kinds of cheese. Some with nuts or maybe even a dessert kind. You will not be dissappointed.





Theta Delta Bremen Murder Mystery party

Iota Rho, Odon, IN hosted a pumpkin decorating contest during the Odon Fall Festival. Pictured are the winners.



Beta Psi, Delphi, IN dressed up in costumes .

Charlestown Police Department was very appreciative to the Charlestown based PSI IOTA XI Sorority for their recent donation to our K9 Division and long time support of not only our department but the entire community. Shown accepting the donation

from sorority representatives is CHPD K9 Officer Alex Billings.



## 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@psiotaxi.org](mailto:info@psiotaxi.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@psiotaxi.org](mailto:terriresler@psiotaxi.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@psiotaxi.org](mailto:terriresler@psiotaxi.org) to be included in the next newsletter and the Helicon.



Patricia "Patty" Ann (Kiesler) Renn, 64, passed away at 2:02 PM on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, IN. Patty was born on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1957, in New Albany, IN to Francis George and Martha Ida (Hanka) Kiesler, who both preceded her in death.

Patty was a 1975 Scottsburg High School graduate and a graduate of Indiana University Southeast where she earned her bachelor's and master's degree in Education.

On September 8, 1978, at the American Martyrs Catholic Church. She married the love of her life, Pete Renn, who preceded her in death on November 8, 2020. They shared 43 happy years together. Patty lost her happiness after losing the love of her life and her best friend, Pete.

Patty started working at West Clark Schools at Borden during the 1979-1980 school year. She was at Borden until 2008, then went to Henryville Elementary until presently. She taught special education until 2000 then moved to general education teaching 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades until the 2021 school year. Patty has baked countless birthday cakes for her students in the 41 years she was teaching. She loved her students and they loved her.

Patty was a member of the American Martyrs Catholic Church in Scottsburg and has been the organist there since she was 11 years old. She was asked to replace her grandmother, Agnes Elizabeth Kiesler, who was the organist there also for many years.

She was an active member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority Alpha Pi Chapter in Scottsburg for over 45 years, was a very creative and talented crafter. She enjoyed taking care of her horses, cats, chickens, gardening, antique shopping, putting up hay, cooking, baking, mowing, and especially loved her date nights with her beloved, Pete. Survivors include her only son, Matthew Michael Renn of New Albany, IN, siblings, Kenneth Joseph (Linda) Kiesler, Janet Frances (Jay) Arbuckle, Teresa Wheat, and sister-in-law, Shelia Kiesler, all of Scottsburg, IN, along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life, Pete Renn and her brother, Anthony "Tony" Raymond Kiesler.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 8, 2021, at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Scottsburg with burial to follow at Scottsburg Cemetery

Patricia Irene "Pat" (Austin) Bond, 88, of Nashville, IN went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, August 12, 2021. She was born January 21, 1933 in Henryville, IN the daughter of the late Rev. James Monroe Austin and Grace (Hickerson) Austin. Pat married Jack J. Bond on October 14, 1950.

Pat was a member of Nashville Christian Church. She was the former owner of the Village Florist in Nashville, IN. She was a charter member of Psi Iota Xi, a 4-H club leader, member of the Eastern Star, and a former Brown County School Board member. She enjoyed flowers; especially orchids, the Indianapolis Colts, the Cincinnati Reds, and Indiana University Basketball. She will be



deeply missed by her family and friends.

Pat is survived by her four daughters, Peggy (Mike) Thompson, Susie (Gary) Owens, Becky Bond, and Cindy (Kevin) Speas; her son, Dr. Jeff (Sarah) Bond; sister, Joan Riser; three sister-in-laws, Marilyn Bond, Lois Bond, and Ruth Moore; fourteen grandchildren, Michael (Megan) Thompson, Jr., Greg (Jamie) Thompson, Rebecca (Aaron) Haug, Brayton Thompson, Jamie (Brandy) Owens, Elisabeth (Mike) Trueblood, Josh (Christine) Owens, Todd (Rachel) Speas, Kayla (Josh) Hammaker, Austin (Ali) Speas, Jackson Bond, Kyrstin Bond, Keegan Bond, and Jillian Bond; twenty five great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and many other beloved family members.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jack J. Bond; six siblings, Robert Austin, Mary Lee Dooley, Jane Burke, Grace Austin, Phyllis Wren, and Phillip Austin; and a grandson, Bryce Andrew Thompson.

Funeral services to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Nashville Christian Church. Interment will follow at Brown County Memorial Park. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Nashville Christian Church, 160 South Van Buren Street, Nashville, IN 47448.



Cynthia Jean "Cindy" Strobe Lee, 64, of North Vernon, passed away at 9:45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at Community Hospital South in Greenwood.

Cindy was born on November 15, 1956, in Seymour, the daughter of the late John and Virginia (Lee) Strobe.

Cindy was a 1975 graduate of Jennings County High School and received an CCMA (Certified Clinical Medical Assistant) from Ivy Tech Community College. She was a Patient Service Representative for Ascension Medical Group St. Vincent Jennings and was a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority. Cindy

enjoyed watching movies and plays, reading, arts and crafts especially scrapbooking, and gardening. She was an avid bicycle rider and loved spending time with her family, friends, and her cats.

Surviving are her son, Kevin Lee of North Vernon; daughters, Erin (Robert Brooks) Lee of Selma, Texas and Rachael Lee of North Vernon; brothers, David (Kian) Strobe of North Vernon and Mark (Robbin) Strobe of Commiskey; sisters, Clare Metcalfe of Louisville, Hope (David) Elliott of North Vernon, and Mary (Michael) Marks of Marietta, Ohio; grandchild, Mylee Jean Miller of North Vernon; and nieces and nephews, Kyle Elliott of Camby, Quintin Strobe and Steven Lewis, both of North Vernon, and Shelly Poole of Osgood.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother in-law, Wynn. A Closing prayer for Cindy will be conducted at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at the Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home and Cremation Service in North Vernon. Family and friends may call at the funeral home on Saturday from 2:00 p.m. until the time of the service on Saturday.



### 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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