



Psi Iota Xi

125 Years of People, Purpose & Passion



Psi Iota Xi September 2021 Newsletter

Greetings!

A Message from National President Andrea Niedenthal

(All information within my article came directly from Helicons none of the history is original writings).

The crest of Psi Iota Xi is a shield bearing the lamp, the lyre, and the laurel. These symbols represent learning, literature, charity, music, pleasure, and reward. The history of Psi Iota Xi is full of accomplishments of these aims of our sorority as well as many first:

FIRST Greek letter organization of its kind in Indiana

FIRST Women's organization to contribute to Riley Hospital, Indianapolis Symphony and to support the Metropolitan Opera Tri-State Auditions

FIRST organization to recognize the need for oxygen therapy equipment



FIRST organization in the country to fund a speech and hearing mobile testing unit

FIRST organization to provide speech therapy for pre-school age children

FIRST organization to start a recruitment program for speech therapists

It is hard to believe we have been able to achieve so many of these first, as our journey in the decade of nineteen-ten was a very difficult one. In 1910, due to the enactment of state laws banning secret organization in Indiana high schools, all activities of this type had to be removed from the schools. Psi Iota Xi had to transition from a high school girls club to a community service group. We as an organization did install eight new chapters during this decade:

Mu, Richmond IN – 1911

Pi, Fort Wayne, IN - 1919

Nu, Eaton OH – 1911

Rho, Angola, IN - 1916

Xi, Cincinnati, OH – 1913

Sigma, Greensburg, IN - 1917

Omicron, Marion, IN – 1913

Tau, Lafayette, IN - 1918

At the 1915 convention delegates voted to reserve membership to high school graduates which lead to a difficult transition for many chapters. Because of these difficulties, seven of our chapters disbanded in 1917:

Beta – Evansville, IN
Gamma - Columbus, OH
Lambda - New Albany, IN
Mu – Richmond, IN
Nu - Eaton, OH
Xi – Cincinnati, OH
Omicron – Marion, IN

In the 1917 Helicon, Grand Inspectress Alma Green wrote “The Slackers of Psi Iota Xi” Helicon article. “The greatest problem that Psi Iota Xi has had to deal with since the 1915 convention, when it became necessary to bar high school girls from membership, has been the growth of the “slacker” spirit. This spirit has grown to such enormous proportions that it now pervades entire chapters and unless it is dealt with wisely, is a serious menace to the life of our sorority.....Perhaps the rule is responsible, but if it is, the fact casts more or less of a bad reflection on the quality of our chapter spirit.” What wise words from someone from 104 years ago. Even in the early 1900’s we see the importance of chapter spirit, the significance to stay engaged with our sisters, and continue to achieve goals for the greater good.

During the on-going pandemic never forget the importance you have on your community and on your fellow sisters. Please keep your chapter spirit alive and stay in contact with each other; if your chapter is struggling, reach out to me or another National Officer to ask for assistants, we are all in this together.

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

The Bargain Box

On Saturday, August 14, Muncie's Alpha Chapter was thrilled to host the National Council led by East Central District Officer and Alpha member, Valerie Helms- Mejia on a tour of their newly renovated thrift store, The Bargain Box. Ten officers took a tour led by project chairman, historian, and marker, Nicci Lunsford. The building was donated to Alpha in 1933 to be used for their day nursery and placed on the National Historic Registry in 1985. Governmental codes demanded some changes, so they moved their nursery around the corner and their store, which opened in 1962, to this location in 1974. Alpha's membership is divided into three groups: markers, sellers, and stockers. Every member is required to volunteer 40 hours yearly. The shop thrived in the new locale, but the building began to deteriorate. In 2018, several officers and past officers noticed that the building was in dire straits and began the research into what needed attention. In 2019, they began the exterior repairs to get the building dry. They found five roof leaks, ordered new gutters and West windows, and replaced rotten fascia and soffits. Phase 2 in 2020, addressed safety issues. With the assistance of community grants, they replaced the North and East windows, sidewalks and steps, corner wall, lighting, and landscaping. Then the summer of 2021 brought all hands-on deck with an 8 member committee to tackle the tired interior.

Alpha jumped at the chance to share this summer's interior renovation, which utilized between 700-800 **volunteer hours** from their members. New carpeting and paint freshened the store, but the renovation went much further. The upstairs floors were scrubbed and polished on hands and knees. The usage of the building was dissected and re-organized. Even the "scary" basement was made clean and bright and usable. Soon, they will change their fluorescent fixtures to LED. They hope to host the National group again, when the upstairs renovation is complete and re-organized. Finally, what would a stop at the Box be without a chance to take advantage of their unique merchandise. Sellers and Board Members, Julie Bering and Becke Bly provided assistance in a little retail therapy at great prices to wrap up the evening. Alpha thanks National for all they do, and for their sweet visit! Come again!

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



Chapter Bylaws

When was the last time your chapter bylaws and standing rules were updated? If it has been several years, why not take the time to review them now? Your chapter may consider having a Bylaws standing committee so that your bylaws and standing rules are reviewed regularly.

If your chapter has not adopted the National Bylaws as your chapter bylaws, now may be the time to do so. Your standing rules can include the individual policies and procedures of your chapter. The first line of your Standing Rules should read: "*Your chapter name*" chapter of Psi Iota Xi has adopted the National Bylaws as our Chapter Bylaws.

Chapter bylaw revisions are due to the National Vice President for review by April 1. Even if you are not ready to update your bylaws this year, you can be working on them for submission in the fall. If you have any questions regarding how to update your chapter bylaws or the date of your most recent submission, email me at maureendix@psiiotaxi.org or call 812-457-2179.

Maureen "Mo" Dix
National Vice President
Zeta Gamma - Fort Branch, IN

Chapter Sharing

Greetings Psi Iota Xi Sisters,

I know some chapters don't hold meetings during the summer, but that doesn't mean they are not hard at work selling cookies, working baseball field concessions, and even taking tickets at the fair. But as we start to get back to having monthly meetings, try finding something fun to do with your chapter. As a district officer, it's always fun to hear and be a part of your meetings. I am lucky as I get to take back ideas to share with my chapter. So, I thought I would share some ideas with you!

Let's start with convention, we will be celebrating our 125th anniversary so let's try to get as many members as we can to attend. I know National President Andrea Niedenthal and her chapter have some really neat ideas you won't want to miss out on. It's never too early to start a convention fund. One idea that I found neat was a chapter had a pound auction. Everyone brought something that weighed a pound and it was either in a box wrapped up or gift bag, then they auctioned it off. There were some interesting items that were unwrapped. Another chapter has happy thoughts. You take a can with a lid, decorated up and pass it around the room, members put whatever dollar amount they want and tell something they are happy for. My chapter holds a couple of silent auctions during the year, one at Christmas, which is always fun (we have a member that brings her white chocolate cereal goodies, yum!) and we hold another one in the spring. These are just a few ways to make money and have fun at the same time. You will be surprised on how fast things can add up.

Hope to you see all in Muncie in June to celebrate together.

Loyally

Andrea English
Northwest District Officer
Gamma Beta - Remmington, IN

Hoosier Art Salon 97th Awards Gala

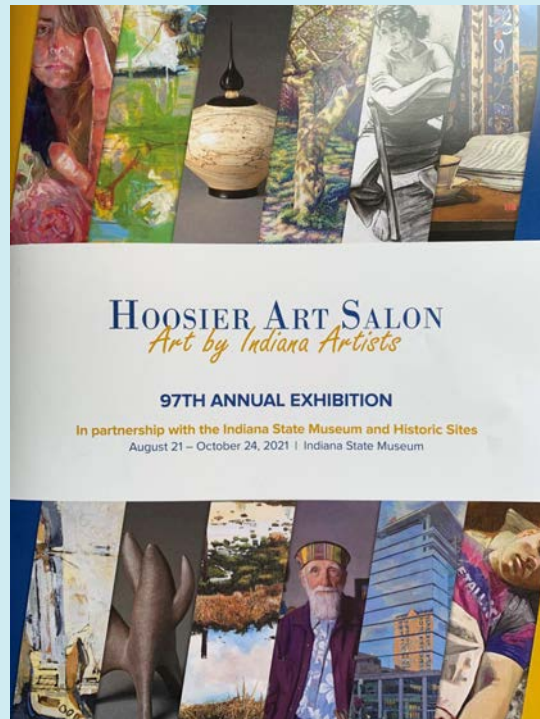
On August 19th, a group from



Psi Iota Xi National Council attended the 97th Hoosier Art Salon Gala and Exhibition at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis. Awards were presented to the winning artists in several categories. Psi Iota Xi sponsored the 2nd Place Overall Award, the oil painting *Island Power* by Martha Sando was the award winner. Many thanks to all the chapters that donate to

Hoosier Art Salon as the \$4,000 award was a collective effort of your chapter's donations.

Psi Iota Xi was recognized during the awards ceremony as one of the organizations who made it possible for the Exhibition to move to Indianapolis in the 1940s. The first Hoosier Salon Annual Exhibition was held at the art galleries of Marshall Field & Company department store in Chicago, Illinois in March of 1925. The Hoosier Salon Annual Exhibition is still Indiana's longest-running annual exhibition of works by Indiana Artist. Artists in the Hoosier Salon 97th Annual Exhibition who currently live out of state are from Arizona, California, Florida, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Texas. After the awards presentation, the guests were treated to a reception where they could meet the artists and view the wonderful art on display. Those attending from National Council were Andrea Niedenthal, National President, Mickie Hansen, National Secretary, Taffy Day, National Project Chair, and Sandie Carlson, National Conductress.



Hoosier Art Salon Paintings

Theta Kappa has located their Hoosier Salon painting. When they first received their painting, it was on display in their local bank. When the bank

decided to remodel, it was moved to the Edon location of the Williams County Library. At this time, they are still looking for when they received it and the name of the painting. The painting by Mildred Niese depicts rural America, which fits perfectly in rural Edon, Ohio. In the corner of the painting is a plaque the reads, In Loving Memory of Martina Ivins, Teacher-Founder of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, 1856-1962.



A little bit about the artist, Mildred Farlow Niese. Mildred was from Milroy, Indiana. She was a member of the Indiana Artists Club, The Hoosier Salon, The Brown County Art Gallery, The "20" Artists Group, a Signature member of the Watercolor Society and The Indiana Federation of Art Clubs. Her work earned wide acclaim before she studied art with teachers of the Indianapolis Art League in the 1950 s, having already exhibited at the Hoosier Salon in 1946. She taught art classes for gifted children at St. Mary s School. She painted mostly in oils featuring Indiana barns and scenes of the Indianapolis 500. Twice she won top prize at the Indiana Artists Club exhibit at L.S. Ayres & Co. in 1966 and 1976. She was honored as an Old Time Exhibitor at the Indiana State Fair for forty years of exhibition. In 1980, she was commissioned to paint the Memorial Union Building at Indiana University in Bloomington. The painting was reproduced in 500 color lithographs and sold to alumni around the world. Her work has been exhibited at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Mildred Niese was honored at the Hoosier Salon's 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Celebration, November 13, 1999. She had exhibited thirty paintings at the annual exhibition between the years of 1946 and 1990. During those years, Mildred won 40 major awards. Mildred passed away in 2008 at 92.

Sandie Carlson
National Conductress
Theta Kappa - Edon OH



PRESS RELEASE

**HEAR INDIANA NAMES
LISA THORNTON AS NEW CEO**

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Lisa Thornton will succeed Naomi Horton as CEO of Hear Indiana on August 2, 2021. Naomi Horton will remain part of our team through the 50th Anniversary Gala on October 9, 2021, acting as a Special Consultant to the CEO. We're excited that Lisa and Naomi have the opportunity to work together towards a successful transition of responsibilities and relationships, ensuring the best possible outcome in all future endeavors for our organization.

Lisa has a Bachelors degree in Communications from University of Louisville and a

Certificate of Fundraising Management from Indiana University's School of Philanthropy. She brings extensive experience in grant writing, leadership, business, strategic planning, development and communications. Her most recent role was as the Development Director for Sheltering Wings. Lisa's prior roles have included overseeing communications, program development, fundraising and giving efforts (including major transformational and planned giving initiatives).

Lisa is a graduate of the General Electric Company's National Sales Institute, and a Development Committee Member for the National Education Alliance BPD Board of Directors. Lisa's experience through the NEA includes teaching evidence based education, skills, training and support for families of those who suffer Borderline Personality Disorder and Emotional Dysregulation. She currently lives in Fishers, IN and enjoys performing arts, reading, traveling, nature walks, sailing and being a mother to her daughter, Ashley.

An official press release announcing Lisa as CEO was issued on Thursday, July 29. Naomi will join Lisa for her transition from August 2 through October 9, 2021. We look forward to working with Lisa to continuing our innovation and growth for Hoosier kids with hearing loss!

"As someone who has seen these challenges in my own family, I'm thrilled to join Hear Indiana and work to advance the cause for children with hearing loss."

-Lisa Thornton, CEO



Greetings from the Indiana State Association

Hello Ladies...

I can't believe that it has already been 4 months since Iota Rho welcomed us to Westgate Academy at Crane Naval Base, what a great State Meeting they put on for us.

I wanted to take this time to introduce myself: I am Stacia Bonifant, your new Indiana State President for 2021-2022. I was born and raised in Peru, Indiana (Circus Capital of the World and birthplace to Cole Porter), and am married with 2 beautiful daughters.

I encourage you to reach out with any questions, invitations to parties, meetings, special events, etc. I do work full time but I would love to come to as many as my schedule allows. The State Board is trying to come up with a solution to our website but in the meantime my contact information is:

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National Office and Email

Over the last few years, we as an organization have been losing approximately 100 members each year. Since 2018 we have reduced membership headcount by 366 members, which calculates to National General Fee reduction of \$5,490/year. To help reduce cost and stay within our budget, National Council has decided to cease having an Administrative Assistant position. Members of Executive National Council will be picking up the responsibilities that our current Administrative Assistant Becky Hamilton has conducted in the past. It is very hard to let Becky go as our assistant but as a fellow Psi Ote she will always be apart of our team. We want to thank Becky for all her hard work over the last 10 years and helping us get through this transition. Her last day will be September 30th. Moving forward when you have a question or need supplies, please send an email to info@psiiotaxi.org – your email will be forwarded to the current National Secretary who will forward your request to the appropriate person. Our current email PIXNational@gmail.com will be disconnected in the very near future, so please make every attempt to use the new email address.

I hope you all take the time to thank Becky for her years of services to our organization, I myself will be happy to see Becky as a delegate for her local chapter for upcoming State and National meetings.

Loyally,

Andrea Niedenthal
National President

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@psiiotaxi.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 terriesler@psiitaxi.org to be included in the next newsletter and the Helicon.



Devoted mother, wife, sister, aunt, grandmother, great grandmother and friend to many passed away peacefully August 11, 2021. Betty Hylton was born September 2, 1925 in Derry, Pennsylvania to the late Harry and Annetta (Tepper) Brown. She was married to Arthur Burdine Hylton in 1955 and remained so until his passing in 1999.

Betty graduated from an LPN nursing program and worked for St. Vincent's hospital, retiring in 2005. Betty was an active member of her community. She participated in a water aerobics class and a bridge club. She volunteered at St. Vincent De Paul and St. Augustine Guild. Betty also belonged to Psi Iota Xi (Eta Delta Chapter) Service Sorority.

Betty is survived by her 3 sons Mark Hylton of Indianapolis, Indiana, Tom (Annie) Hylton of Loveland, Ohio, and Michael (Roxanne) Hylton of Fishers, Indiana, 5 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held on Saturday August 28, 2021 at the Flanner Buchanan-Oaklawn Memorial Gardens (Conner Suite), 9700 Allisonville Rd, Indianapolis, IN. Viewing will begin at 9:30 AM with a service to follow at 11:00 AM. Following the memorial service, there will be a committal service for family only.



Mrs. Sandra "Sandy" L. Pauley, 68, passed away Monday, August 9, 2021, at Witham Memorial Hospital with family by her side. She was born in Michigan City, Indiana on September 23, 1952; a daughter of the late William H. and Marian (Herbach) Miller.

She was a 1971 graduate of Elston High School in Michigan City and a 1975 graduate of Purdue University.

On June 14, 1975, she was married to Thomas W. Pauley and he survives.

Beginning in 1975, she managed Pauley's Farm Market on State Road 32 where she sold farm fresh produce for many years. In 2006, she became owner of Blooms by Sandy in Lebanon where she put her heart and soul into every floral arrangement for her customers.

Sandy was a member of the Omega Chapter of Psi Iota Xi. She was a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother who enjoyed spending time with her family. In addition to loving her family, she enjoyed reading and watching Purdue basketball. Sandy was a master gardener, who volunteered many years in 4-H as a garden project leader and a 4-H judge in both county and state level with gardening.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Pauley of Jamestown; son, Matthew

Family requests all attendees to be vaccinated and masked. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St Pius X Church SPRED Group. (Religious Ed and Activities for Adults with special needs). Checks can be made to St Pius X Church (memo line SPRED Group), 7200 Sarto Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Pauley of Jamestown; daughter, Diana (Josh) Hoskins of Crawfordsville; two grandchildren, Lorelei and Weston; sister, Barbara Miller of San Francisco.

In addition to her parents, Sandy was preceded in death by one brother, James Miller.

Celebration of Sandy's Life will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 20, 2021 at Cedar's Activity Center of First Baptist Church, 1383 East 75 North in Lebanon, Indiana. Myers Mortuary and Boone County Crematory have been entrusted with her cremation arrangements.

Convention Invitations



A circular graphic for the 125th anniversary of Psi Iota Xi Sorority. The central element is a large blue circle containing the number '125' in white, with the word 'Celebrating' above it. Surrounding this central circle is a white ring containing the words 'People - Purpose - Passion' at the top and 'Psi Iota Xi Sorority' at the bottom. Two small white diamonds containing the Greek letters 'ΨΙΞ' are positioned on the left and right sides of the ring. The year '2022' is written vertically in blue on both the left and right sides. At the bottom left, the text 'JUNE 24-26 2022' is displayed in blue. At the bottom right, the text 'MUNCIE, INDIANA' is displayed in blue.

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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Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should

they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"