



# Psi Iota Xi

## 125 Years of People, Purpose & Passion



# Psi Iota Xi May 2022 Newsletter

## Greetings!

### A Message from National President Andrea Niedenthal

Spring Showers bring May Flowers, and I hope you enjoy Mother's Day with family and friends. It is important to take the time to recognize the significance that we as women bring to our families and community. This year at Convention we will be celebrating 125 years of People, Purpose, and Passion that has gotten us to where we are today. I know Zeta Tau, Milroy and Alpha, Muncie have been working hard for your arrival!!

This month we are going to highlight the 1990's which started with President George Bush and wife Barbara Bush proclaiming, "May is better Hearing and Speech Month", so many of our chapters participated by having different events to support this cause. In 1990, Nancy Minghetti, Director of Programs and Corporate Development



American Speech-Language Hearing Foundation became an Honorary Conferred member of our organization.

We continued funding for Hoosier Art Salon, Metropolitan Opera Auditions, American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS), and American Speech-Language – Hearing Foundation. The Elise Sweeney Fund continued to purchase student tickets for multiple Symphonies.

In 1997 we celebrated 100 years as an organization and established 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Endowed Professional Fund at Riley Hospital. Dr. Richard Miyamoto, IU School of Medicine had become a very familiar face to Psi Ote members, as he continued to keep us informed of his work with the cochlear implant at Riley Hospital.

Our organization grew in the 1990's by four chapters, the following chapters were installed:

Iota Nu – Plymouth, IN – 1991\*  
Iota Xi – Winamac, IN – 1996  
Iota Omicron - Salem, IN – 1997\*  
Iota Pi – Nashville, TN – 1998\*  
\*Chapters that have disbanded

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

**You are invited.....**



# Welcome Party

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022 • 7 PM - 9 PM**

**Muncie Convention Center**

Join your sister Psi Otes for the *Welcome Party*.  
Enjoy Live Music, Hors d'oeuvres, Cash Bar, Fun & Fellowship.

## There Will Be Many Great Baskets Ruffled Off



**2 Bob Ross Experiences**



**Glass Psi Iota Xi Plates**



**Michael Kors Purse**

**Debbie's Handmade Soap & Co.**



**Vera Bradley Crossbody & Throw**

**Jewelry**

**Spa Basket**

**\$\$ Cash \$\$**



## Shop at The Bargain Box

**Alpha Chapter Resale Shop**

Located at 607 East Charles Street, Muncie, IN 47305

Hours: Friday, June 24th, 3 pm - 6 pm

Saturday, June 25th, 2 pm - 4 pm



*\*We accept credit cards*

YOU'RE INVITED TO PSI IOTA XI

# Great Gatsby Night

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022

6:00 PM.....PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION  
WITH O'DOURVES

6:30 PM.....DINNER

7:30 PM.....AWARDS

8:00 PM.....RAFFLES & PARTY

6-8:00 PM.....DRESS CONTEST

\*BEST GANGSTER, SOCIALITE OR  
CHARLESTON FLAPPER



Horizon Center

Muncie, Indiana

## Important Updates & Deadlines

### DEADLINES

May 10th

- PCR's/NP-20s/Signature Form to District Officers

May 15th

- Helicon Article to National Editor
- Convention Registration to Convention Host Chapter
- Convention Sales Room to Convention Host Chapter
- Memorial Form to Sigma, Greensburg Chapter

## Take A Breath

**Submitted By: Rhonda McNall-Crisenbery, National Treasurer & Mona Knight, West Central District Officer**

During the last 2 years of COVID we have all experienced stress, anxiety and frustration. Chapters were unable to conduct fund raisers, hold chapter meetings, be involved in community activities, etc. We as sisters worried about available monies for scholarships, assisting our neighborhoods and meeting needs of those less fortunate.

This is where we say “Take A Breath”. As mentioned, the last 2 years were difficult for everyone. We as sorority sisters can only accomplish what is in our power and ability.

A few helpful hints:

- Do Not Stress. Do not force to meet or exceed “Expectations” of yourself and your chapter. If overwhelmed take a step back from a fund raiser for a year; or choose a new fund raiser with less effort and profit. What you did 5 or 10 years ago may no longer be the best project. Your sisterhood is more important!



- Be Flexible. We are not Wonder Woman! Flexibility can reduce stress and expose you to new experiences, which could be one of the keys to a happy life and a happy chapter.

- Reconnect. Schedule a short time during a meeting to reconnect to your sisters. A craft activity, yoga, a moment to play music, dance & laugh. Laughter decreases stress hormones and increases immune cells. Laughter triggers the release of endorphins, the body's natural feel-good chemicals.

- Express Gratitude. Recognize all the things you have to be thankful for. Whether you're grateful for a sunny day or thankful you arrived at work safely, think about all the good things you have in life and in your chapter. "Gratitude,



like faith, is a muscle. The more you use it, the stronger it grows." ~ Alan Cohen

Your membership with Psi Iota Xi is highly valued! Your membership, love and commitment are what keeps PIX successful. We could not do what we do without each one of YOU!

## Hoosier Salon Paintings Where are they now?

Over the past year we have challenged your chapters to locate the paintings they received at National Convention over the years. We asked that you include any information about the Hoosier Painting, the artist etc. We are going to continue doing this, so over the summer months stop into your local libraries, public buildings or schools and see if you can find your chapter's painting. Over this past year I have been working on a list of when and who received paintings that I can provide. If you know of any disbanded chapters that had received photos, we would love to have them as well. Please submit any pictures and information to me.

See you at convention!

Loyally,

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## West Central

Hello Sisters!

Oh how I longed for Spring to arrive during those long winter months. And now it's May and the trees and flowers are blooming and the grass is so green! Spring makes me feel renewed and ready to take on new things. It's also the end of our Sorority calendar year.

This is a great time to look at what your chapter has done this past year and make plans for the upcoming year. Were you able to do the fundraisers you had hoped to do? If not, that's ok, don't beat yourself up about it. Take a hard look at why you were unable to tackle the fundraiser or if you did, take a look at what you might do to improve it. Sometimes we get stuck in a rut and do the same fundraisers every year, do them the same way every year, or have the same expectations every year. Ask your chapter members for suggestions as to how to better manage the activity or for new activity ideas to raise funds.

Was your chapter able to dispense the amount of project funds that you had hoped to? If not, look in your community, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, libraries, and other organizations to see if there is a need that is not being met.

Did you bring in new members this year? I was so excited to hear at the Indiana State meeting that National Council had sold out of the new member certificates that were

available. Bringing in new sisters, that is always great news!

Speaking of the Indiana State meeting, thanks so much to Stacia and the Beta Gamma chapter for hosting the event. It was a beautiful day! June will be here before you know it and that brings our Convention. Are you planning to dress up for the Great Gatsby themed dinner? I am! I can't wait to see everyone and spend time bonding with my Psi Ote Sisters.

See you soon,

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

## Indiana State Association

### Farewell from the President

I don't even know where to begin!! I really had no idea when I joined the Beta Gamma Chapter in 1999 that I would be serving on the State Board or how much this Sorority would mean to me but you truly are some of the best women that I have ever had the honor of meeting. When I answered the call from Brenda Fisher I had no intention of standing here in front of you 5 years later but here I am at the finish line and at the end of my term as your Indiana State President. I can only say that I wish I had more time in my day, in my week, in my month, in my year, so that I could have visited each and every chapter in our State.



I want you all to know that I am so proud of each and every one of you and your chapters for all the Good Works that you do in your community and throughout the State of Indiana and I thank you for allowing me to serve as your State President. I encourage you to stay strong and continue to do ALL the amazing things that you do in your little part of the world. You truly do make a difference and I believe that little by little we are Planting Seeds, Growing Communities and that we are BETTER TOGETHER!!

I would like to thank my husband and my family for always supporting me – they have been a major part of my time on the Board and I am very appreciative of them putting up with my craziness.

And lastly I would like to say a big Thank You to my Beta Gamma Chapter. These ladies never missed a beat when saying yes to the ask, and never missed a step in the planning or brainstorming for this event, so I say thank you for supporting me in this journey. I will sign off with the same words that I began with last year from Robert Louis Stevenson, "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant", so continue to plant those seeds in your community!!

Loyally,

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**Planting Seeds, Growing Communities....Better Together**  
Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Peru High School, Peru, Indiana.

Below: Stacia addressing membership at the Indiana State Meeting. Installing the 2022-2023 officers on the Indiana State Board and the Committee that put on a great Welcome Party on Friday night.



## National Jeweler

Psi Iota Xi National Jeweler Info:

J Lewis Small and Company  
Michelle Gordon  
9147 W 1000 N  
P. O. Box 426  
(765) 552-2759 (Fax)  
(800) 354-7356 (Phone)

Email Orders:  
[mtackitt@jlewissmall.com](mailto:mtackitt@jlewissmall.com)



The information for you to order items from the jeweler.



## Chapter Happenings

Below are more pictures from the Indiana State Meeting of items that were in the Sales Room. You can plan to see most of them at National Convention in Muncie in June.





Kathy Lyons from Iota Sigma presented National President Andrea Niedenthal with the Collector's Charm for the 125th



Anniversary of Psi Iota Xi.

See the below order form if you have not received yours yet.

## Celebrate 125 years of Psi Iota Xi! Get your Collector's Charm today!



FRONT OF CHARM



BACK OF CHARM

Actual Size: 1 inch diameter. This is a silver overlay charm. It can be used on a charm bracelet, necklace, or use a pair as earrings.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter or District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Shipping information: 1 - 3 charms can be shipped for \$5. Four (4) or more charms will be shipped flat rate for \$8.70. To save shipping you can pick up pre-paid charms at the IN State Meeting, or National Convention. Charms will not be shipped until mid-April. Charms will be available for purchase at both events.**

Indicate your preference (check one):  
 Shipping  Pickup at IN State Meeting  Pickup at Convention

**Make checks payable to: Iota Sigma Chapter  
 Mail check and form to: Ramona Simpson, P.O. Box 145, Collison, IL 61831**

Item	Quantity	Price	Total
Charm		\$10.00	
Shipping:			
1-3 charms		\$5.00	
4 or more charms		\$8.70	
		Total	

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_  
 Method of Payment: Cash  Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Ship To (IF ADDRESS DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE):** NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_



Alpha Omega, North Vernon celebrating 94 years with members, alumni, legacies and guests.

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Epsilon, Columbus Chapter initiated new member Debbie Burnell.

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Eta Mu, Rochester - Above: Psi Iota Xi donates \$5,000 to the Times Theater Marquee. Below: Banner winners of the Psi Iota Xi Rochester Area Art Contest! Their artwork is fantastic, and the banners will be hanging in downtown Rochester soon!





Alpha Omicron Vincennes - Third graders from all four Knox County school corporations attended a performance of Cinderella at the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center. The event was a joint venture of the VU Theater Department and Psi Iota Xi Sorority. A special message about hearing conservation was also presented to the students.

Alpha Omicron, Vincennes - Psi Iota Xi Knox County Middle School Art Show. Thank you to all the student artists, teachers, parents, and friends who came to the Northwest Territory Art Guild to see this amazing show!





Theta Kappa, Edon, OH hosted a successful outdoor community, Easter Egg Hunt.  
We saw a wonderful turnout of kiddos and families.



Iota Lambda Ferdinand Chapter - Forest Park Jr High Art Extravaganza!

Beta Psi Delphi - Shaker Bed and Lending Library



Did you know a Bed Shaker is an

invaluable tool for those who are hard of hearing or completely deaf? Beta Psi initiated the purchase of a bed shaker for Melody. The Delphi Tri Township Fire Department stepped in and installed the device and now Melody can sleep safely.



Our sorority had this Lending Library made for our community. It's full and located in South Washington Street in beautiful downtown Delphi.

### Zeta Mu Jasper



Zeta Mu chapter met at the Southwestern Indiana Child Advocacy Center Coalition (SWICACC) at a recent meeting. This center covers seven counties in southwest Indiana. Four counties have Psi Ote chapters in them as well. Other chapters in attendance were Alpha Psi Washington, Theta Beta Paoli and Iota Lambda Ferdinand. Director, Tammy Lampert gave a detail tour of the facility. The hope is several of our chapters can come together to give support to the facility in ways such as art and music.

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

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Kathy Weyer, 73, of Ferdinand, passed away, Monday, April 11th at IU Medical Center at Indianapolis. She was born April 1, 1949 to Linus and Sally Lechner of Jasper. Kathy attended Holy Family Grade School and graduated from the Academy of Immaculate



Conception in 1967.

On May 31, 1969 she married Fred Weyer in Holy Family Catholic Church. She is survived by her husband of 52 years; sons, Brian (Leisa) Weyer and Nathan Weyer all of Ferdinand; daughter, Janifer (Jeff) Hornaday of Rushville; grandchildren, Makenzie, Bryson, Brennan, Izzie, Dalton and Dylan; siblings, Junie and Mark Lechner and Debbie Williams of Tulsa, OK., Cici Thomas of Dallas, TX., Kenny, Dennis, Jerry and Jeff Lechner of Jasper, Jane Heichelbech of Jasper and Steve Lechner of Ferdinand; many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, mother and father-in-law, Olivia and Ernie Weyer; sister and brother-in-law, Bev and Stan "Butter" Mehling.

Kathy was employed at Weyer Electric Inc. of Ferdinand, where she served as Office Manager for 51 years. She was also president of Five Starr Inc. She was a past president of Ferdinand Jaycees; member and past president of the PSI-IOXA-XI Sorority; member and past president of the Patoka Valley Quilt Guild; member of the Sisters of Saint Benedict Economic Advisory Board, St. Benedict Women of the Rule, St. Ann's Sodality, Christ the King Parish where she served as Eucharistic Minister and the Ferdinand Community Center. She was a Simon Brute Award Recipient.

Being a loving and generous person, she volunteered and gave her service and support to many civic and community organizations. She knew many people, and had many friends, especially her family.

Some of her enjoyments were; quilting, sewing, reading, flowers, frequent drives, and especially interacting with and helping others.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 19th in St. Ferdinand Church at 10:00 AM ET with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be Monday at Becher Funeral Home in Ferdinand from 3-8:00 PM ET and Tuesday from 7-9:30 AM ET at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sisters of St. Benedict or a favorite charity.

Patricia "Pat" Beasey Hamman, 90, Peru, passed away early Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022. Pat was born on Jan. 9, 1932 in Peru, Indiana, to the late Chester and Bertha (Hartgrove) Garbert. On May 28, 1950, she married Frederick A. Beasey. He preceded her in death in 1989. In 1997, Pat married Murray Hamman. He preceded her in death in 2016.

Pat graduated from Peru High School in 1949. Most of her working years were spent as an administrative assistant in the accounting profession. She worked for Zaremski Accounting and then for Thomas A. Kirk & Associates until her retirement. Although never formally educated after high school, Pat was a natural learner and educated herself on numerous topics.

She was once active in the PTA and served on the Miami County YMCA Board of Directors. She helped to create, and then participated in, the Women's and the Couples' Volleyball Leagues at the Miami County YMCA. She was an active member of Psi Iota Xi philanthropic sorority for over 50 years and served as the organization's president in the early 1980's. Pat was also a member of First Christian Church where she spent over 60 years serving the Lord.

Living in Miami County all her life, Pat made many lasting friendships. She was known for her keen sense of fashion, and no matter the occasion, was always put-together and looking sharp. In her earlier years with her first husband and only daughter, Terrie Ann, she enjoyed time at Lukens Lake and Mississinewa Reservoir with a host of friends. In her later years, she enjoyed wintering in Florida with her second husband. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren held a special place in her heart, and she loved them dearly. A few of her various hobbies included auctioning, antiquing, oil painting, crosswording, reading, and gardening. She wasted nothing, repurposed everything, and respected the value of a dollar. In her most recent years, she enjoyed working outside in her yard and talking with those neighbors who walked, jogged, or rode bicycles past her house.

Pat was blessed with excellent health most of her life until falling ill in Aug. of 2021. True to character, she fought to stay in the home she loved, but in Dec., she moved to Blair Ridge where her family commemorated her 90th birthday with her just last week.

Survivors include her beloved and devoted daughter, Terrie Beasey Hanson, and son-in-law, Bill Hanson, of Peru. Together, Terrie and Bill grew to be Pat's everything. Her stepdaughter, Denise Hamman Yater (Tracy) of Peru; grandson, Derek Hanson of Peru; and granddaughter, Tricia Hanson Anderson (Kip) of Westfield; great-grandchildren Gavin and Alivia Hanson, Matt and Kate Harrison and Hailey Anderson. Surviving siblings include her sisters Janet Kay Montgomery and Marilyn (Jim) Allen, both of Peru, and her "baby"



brother Larry Garbert of Florida, who visited her often. Her siblings gave her several special nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and first and second husbands, Pat was preceded in death by her brother, Joseph Garbert, and her sister, Jayne Lutz.

Visitation will be held from 11am to 1pm on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third Street, Peru, Indiana. Funeral service will follow at 1pm with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will take place at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru.

## Convention Invitations



A circular graphic for the 125th anniversary of Psi Iota Xi Sorority. The central element is a large blue circle containing the text "Celebrating 125". Surrounding this central circle are the words "People - Purpose - Passion" at the top and "Psi Iota Xi Sorority" at the bottom, both in a white, cursive font. Two small white diamonds containing the Greek letters "ΨΙΞ" are positioned on the left and right sides of the central circle. To the left of the central circle, the numbers "1897" are stacked vertically in a blue, stylized font. To the right, the numbers "2022" are stacked vertically in the same blue, stylized font. At the bottom left, the text "JUNE 24-26 2022" is written in blue, and at the bottom right, "MUNCIE, INDIANA" is written 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

# National Council

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