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125 Years of People, Purpose & Passion



# Psi Iota Xi June 2022 Newsletter

Hello {First Name},

**A Message from National President  
Andrea Niedenthal**

Where has the year gone, it went by so quickly. It is time for me to wrap up my history lessons by

highlighting 2000 to present.

We started off the new century with accomplishing \$1,000,000 in Philanthropic giving (I wonder how many cheeseballs were sold that year); and this momentum continue through 2009. Throughout the second decade (2010-2019) our total philanthropic giving was ~\$930,000.00 annually. In 2020 and 2021, due to COVID our annual giving had been drastically reduced, but it is on the rise again.

We also completed our Riley Professorship in 2000 and then appointed Dr. Richard Miyamoto as the first male Honorary Membership in 2001. Ms. Irma Cooper, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS) was appointed an Honorary Member the same year. In 2002 we approved a new long-term project – the Cleft Palate Research for Children at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Illinois this project was completed in 2008 for a total of \$113,000.00. A new long-term project for \$100,000.00 was approved in 2011 for the Intensive Stuttering Clinic at the University of Toledo, OH. This project was completed by June 2018. Dr. Rodney Gabel was also appointed Honorary membership at convention that year. In 2020, our current long-term project, Psi Iota Xi and Hear Indiana Scholarship, was approved for \$100,000.00.



We continued funding for Hoosier Art Salon, Metropolitan Opera Auditions, American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS), and American Speech-Language – Hearing Foundation, and Gallaudet Dancers. We also started supporting new projects such as the Deaf Youth Sports Festival, Van Riper Series, Camp About Face, Camp Shout Out, Bethel College Sign Language Interpreting Program, Hear Indiana, and St. Joseph Institute of Early Intervention. The Elise Sweeney Fund continues today to purchase student tickets for multiple Symphonies throughout Indiana.

Our organization grew by six chapters, the following chapters were installed:

- Iota Rho – Odon, IN – 2003
- Iota Sigma – St. Joseph, IL – 2004
- Iota Tau – Indianapolis, IN - 2006
- Iota Upsilon – Virtual Chapter – 2017
- Iota Phi – Clarksburg, IN – 2019
- Iota Chi – LaGrange, KY - 2019

It has been great sharing our organizations history with all of you. See you at convention as we will be celebrating 125 years of People, Purpose, and Passion.

Loyally,

Andrea Niedenthal  
National President  
Zeta Tau, Milroy, IN

You are invited.....



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**



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 Saturday, June 25th, 2 pm - 4 pm



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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

# Indiana State Library

Imagine if no one had recorded the efforts of our founding sisters. Imagine if we had nowhere to look back to, to understand where it all began, and the values that helped build our sorority from the ground up to what it is today.

Have you ever wondered where the history of our organization is kept? You may be surprised to know that it's not filed away in boxes in our National Office. The National Minutes and Helicons are safely tucked away in a vault at the Indiana State Library in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Our Organizations Minutes are kept with the manuscript collections, and date back to 1919. There are 32 volumes containing 4 to 5 years of minutes in each volume. The manuscript collection has over one hundred thousand pieces which are filed and available to see. Fireproof vaults are used to house manuscripts, rare books, and especially valuable records such as the history of Psi Iota Xi. Here it will be preserved and at the same time will be always available for use, under supervision, by those working on the history of the state.

Loyally,

Mickie Hansen  
National Secretary  
Upsilon, Greenfield, IN





## 100th Anniversary Celebration



Alpha Delta Chapter, Decatur, Indiana held their 100th anniversary celebration at the Back 40 Junction on May 15, 2022. In addition to current, honorary and alumni members in attendance, there were several National Council members. The afternoon was filled with wonderful conversation, fantastic food and tasty cupcakes. Abby Dyer, Alpha Delta President, handed out several special awards. Kelly Drake received her chapter certificate for being their Psi Ote of the Year and Tracy Noetzel received recognition for all she has done for the chapter over the years.







Everyone in attendance was asked to share a memory from their years as a Psi Ote, what a wonderful way to learn more about your sisters. Abby Dryer then led a Candle Lighting ceremony to remember those who are no longer with us. To finish up the afternoon festivities we played a game of **Psi Iota Xi Jeopardy**. You think you know the answers until you are called upon and have to answer using "What Is" or "Who Is". This was a great way to end the day of celebration!

Loyally,

Sandie Carlson  
National Conductress  
Theta Kappa, Edon, OH  
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## Southeast District

I am shining the Psi Ote spotlight on Alpha Theta Charlestown, IN this month.

After two years of uncertainty due to the covid pandemic, Alpha Theta was back in business this past year. Yes, there have been changes, but they say they are stronger.

A few activities held during the year to serve their community and chapter are: They sent a big basket of goodies to the Charlestown Police Department. When Charlestown had their Founders' Day Celebration, they helped serve ice cream at the Ice Cream Social and Gospel Sing. This event was founded by a former Psi Ote member, Deanna Moore, and her husband. Her daughter is now a legacy member, and it was perfect for them to serve in the memory of their sister. The chapter also volunteered for the Community Candlelight Vigil in recognition of those lost during the pandemic. A "Purse Auction" in October raised \$400 for a K-9 fund. The current K-9 officer has PTSD after he and his partner were in an accident resulting in his partner's death. Charlestown's mayor came to visit as a guest speaker in November. Cheese balls in December, and as 2022 began they learned one of their sisters had a serious illness. They made a comfort basket and paper prayer chain to let her know her sisters are with her on this journey.

Alpha Theta is having fun, helping their community, and helping each other. Meetings are as fun as they can make them. Sometimes the gavel has to be tapped a few times to quiet down a talkative group of ladies, but it's wonderful when sisters are happy to see each other. Right before the closing they pass the "Blessing Box" where they share their blessings and/or prayer needs. That's what sisters do!

I am happy to have Alpha Theta in my district and so proud of them for their continuing efforts. Way to go Sisters, keep up the great Psi Ote work!! (Thank you, Doreen Graves, Alpha Theta President 2021-2022 for your input for this article.)

Phyllis Cunningham  
Southeast District Officer  
Theta Nu, Lexington, KY

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## Indiana State Association

### ***From the podium at the Indiana State Meeting:***

It's hard to believe when Holly Lewis asked me into the Beta Psi chapter 21 years ago that I'd be standing in front of you ladies today as your Indiana State President.

I told Brenda Fisher that I was only going to be on the board for one year as secretary - we all know how that went! I want to thank the Delphi Beta Psi chapter for being there for me and encouraging me along this path for so many years. I'd also like to thank the Brookston Chi chapter for not only accepting my transfer with only two years to prepare for a convention, but actually being excited to do so!



I'd like to introduce my family that is here with me today: my husband Scott of 36 years, our daughter Heather, and the little redhead with her is our granddaughter Evie, who will hopefully join us in 12 years as a legacy. Also here is one of my favorite sisters, Karleen.

Several years ago, some of the State Board members asked me if I'd decided on a theme for my presidency yet. My answer was a big "no!". I was having trouble coming up with any ideas that seemed just right. Some advice I received was that my theme should be about something I enjoyed doing and reflected who we are as a sorority. After a lot of discarded ideas and a very long drive home from a convention, I realized exactly what I wanted this year's theme to be.

Every summer my husband and I take a week-long fishing trip to Wisconsin. Anyone who has been fishing before knows how much of your time is just waiting and hoping. You try to choose the right bait, the right location, then you throw out your line and hope for the best. In a lot of ways, Psi Iota Xi is like fishing. We the sisters of PIX throw out our hearts and souls, hoping to help those around us, whether in our own communities or in service to our National goals of helping Dr. Miyamoto with cochlear implants and the Stutter clinic.

The thing with fishing though, is that once you've found a good spot, you want to stay there. You need an anchor, something that keeps you from drifting too far from your goal. In PIX, I truly believe that our anchor, that thing that holds us all together and working toward a common goal, is sisterhood. It was through sisterhood and friendship that I, and I'm sure a lot of us, found and joined PIX, and it is that sisterhood, that camaraderie and friendship that keeps us coming back. So that's my theme for this year: Anchored in Sisterhood.

One of my goals for this year that I'd like to see is for us to increase our membership across the state, to expand that sisterhood. I'd like to challenge the sisters who are here today to reach out to people in your life and invite them to join us. Spread the word about PIX's mission with women at work, at your children or grandchildren's school, at church. There is room for everyone in our sisterhood.

I'd also like to challenge all the chapters today to spread your sisterhood outside of your local chapter. Invite another chapter that is near you to get together and learn more about each other. Don't wait for the next convention to build or nurture those connections. Throw out that bait and see how your sisters were wanting the same thing.

Also, please invite the State Board to your meetings or fundraisers. We would love to get to know more of you. I can't promise I'll remember your name the first time, but I'm good with faces.

Our sisterhood is what truly makes our sorority great. Let's all take the time in the coming year to nurture those bonds. Thank you and until we see each other again.

Loyally,

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## **Anchored in Sisterhood** **Saturday, April 22, 2023** **Lafayette, Indiana**

### **National Jeweler**

Psi Iota Xi National Jeweler Info:

J Lewis Small and Company  
Michelle Gordon  
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## In the Beginning....

In the beginning in Muncie. Indiana there were five young ladies  
and two of their teachers.  
Women with a vision and a dream.

They dreamt big and aimed high  
and from those humble beginnings we have soared.  
One town to five states and many chapters.  
They gave life to good works in small communities  
and hope to those less fortunate.

Those founding mothers could not have imagined  
the impact they would have  
on the Art, Literature and Music we support  
or the advancements in Speech and Hearing  
we have helped to fund.

As we reminisce on this milestone anniversary,  
we can proudly say: we have weathered the storms  
and still stand strong as we continue  
to bring to life the vision of that small but mighty group.

Today, we stand in their shadows and march forward in their light  
Exclaiming all the way we are Psi Iota Xi!!!

Written by:

Pam Gunterman  
Past Indiana President  
Theta Delta, Bremen, Indiana

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## Chapter Happenings

Alpha Omicron Vincennes

# ARTventures

July 11-15, 2022 9 am to noon

Psi Iota Xi, Vincennes, is currently accepting registrations for ARTventures Camp 2022. Students entering first through sixth grades are eligible. Space is limited and registration ends on June 15th. Register early to guarantee your child's spot.

Download the registration form at <https://visitvincennes.org/brochures-guides/>

Forms are also available at the Vincennes YMCA and Knox County Public Library.

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## Beta Phi Shelbyville

Chapter Pledge, Initiation and Installation of Officers  
 Welcome a new pledge, Norma McDuffy, and a new member, Courtney Welch!



## Rho Angola



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## **Sorority establishes fund at Foundaiton**

Jennifer Danic, center and president and CEO of the Steuben County Community Foundation, recently announced the establishment of a Psi Iota Xi permanent donor advised fund at the Foundaiton. Any Psi Ote sister past or present as well as anyone in the general public may contribute to this fund. Available earnings may be used for scholarships or other philanthropic projects as determined by the membership. Danic is pictured with the 2021 President Kassie Beck, left, and Treasurer Lynn Chandler.

### **Alpha Chi Hagerstown**

Enjoyed dinner at Willie and Reds (previously Wellivers) for our President's dinner.



### Theta Beta Paoli

Theta Beta of Paoli was honored to give Taylor Becht a scholarship in the amount of \$1000 this evening at class night .



### Alpha Rho Garrett

May Head Start baskets



Theta Delta Bremen

Art Show Sponsor



Iota Lambda Ferdinand

Installation of officers and Initiation of new members.



## Theta Theta Fort Wayne

Theta Theta chapter of Psi Iota Xi had a meeting at Turnstone Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities. The chapter learned about the unique programs Turnstone offers Northeast Indiana and beyond. It was an informative and productive meeting. We love giving back to the community and Turnstone is an amazing organization and we are proud to have their facility in Fort Wayne, IN.



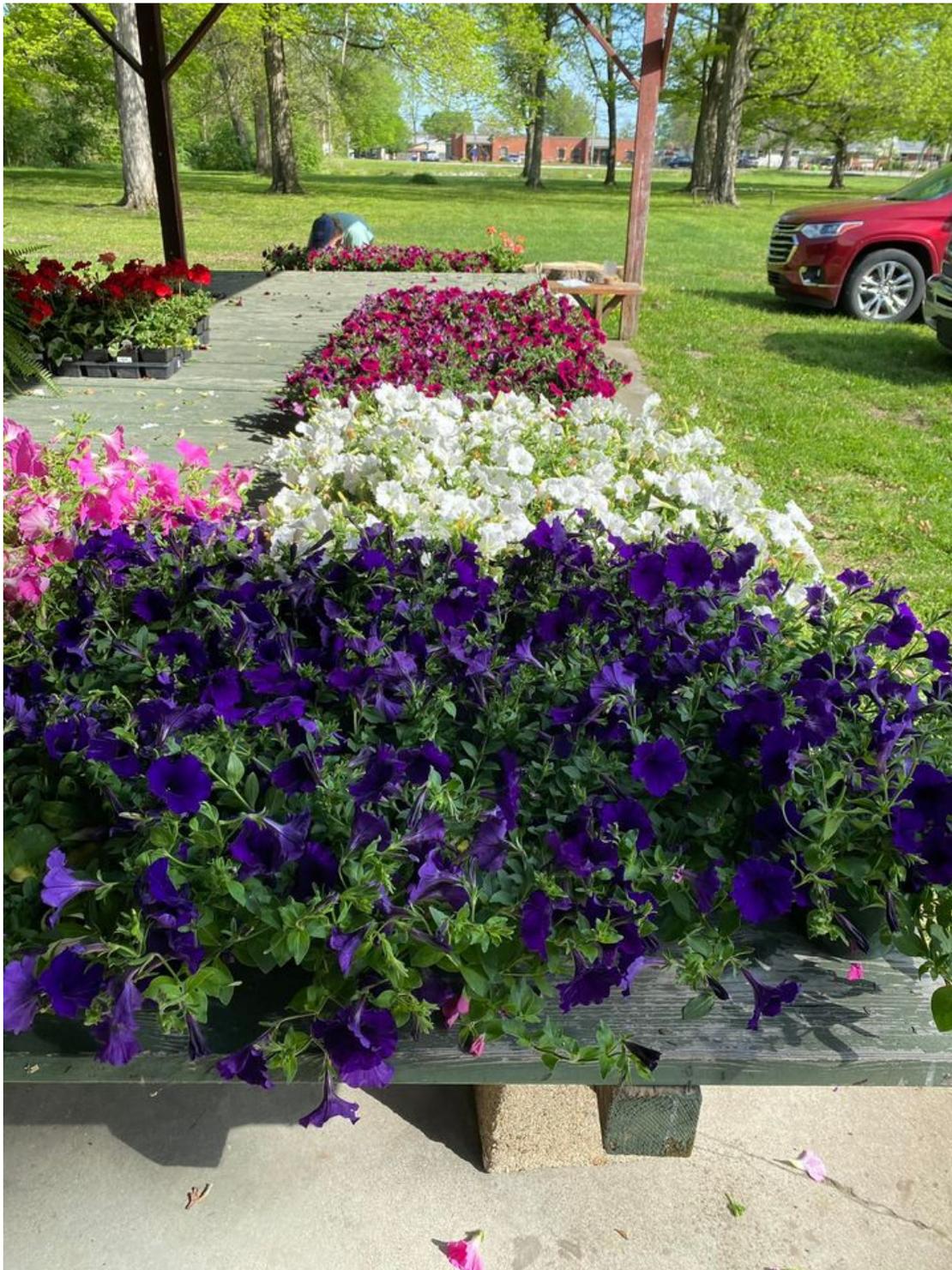
### Alpha Lambda Zionsville

A lovely evening of card-making and fellowship with Susan Bennett and the youth at Indiana United Methodist Children's Home, Inc.



## Spring flowers

Many chapters sold beautiful flowers and baskets for their fundraisers.



### Gamma Beta Remington

Gamma Beta Chapter held their social event by going to Inspired glass in Lafayette. They got to make either a flower, paper weight or a pumpkin. They had a great time learning about the different types of glass making. They finished the day off with a great dinner at Jackson Street and even tried a little gambling to win some money for the LTP but didn't have much luck.



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**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.**

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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

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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!

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## Fallen Petals

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Please send obituaries to [terriresler@psiotaxi.org](mailto:terriresler@psiotaxi.org) to be included in the next newsletter and the Helicon.



Alberta M. Jackley, Age 85, of Greenfield passed away peacefully May 5, 2022, at Morristown Manor, Morristown. She was born August 20th, 1936, in Greenfield to the late Sheldon and Louise (Wickliff) Young. Alberta graduated from Maxwell High School. She married Melvin Jackley on July 17, 1955, and together they made their home and raised their family in Greenfield.

After high school, she began her 43-year tenure with Greenfield Banking Company in the bookkeeping department and retired in 1995 as a loan officer. Alberta was a lifelong member of the Eastern Star, a member of the Red Hat Society, Kiwanis, and Psi Iota Xi sorority. She played the French horn in high school and in

later years played the piano and the dulcimer. Alberta and her family enjoyed boating at Lake Tippecanoe beginning in 1956 and continued until 2012. She and Melvin enjoyed winters in Florida from 1995 until 2017. She was a good cook and always enjoyed meeting new people.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin of Greenfield; children, Debbie (John) Schlumbohm, Gary "Mark" Jackley, Donald (Becky) Jackley, and Dean (Theresa) Jackley; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Funeral service will be held 1:00 pm, Tuesday, May 10, 2022, with Pastor Steve Ellis officiating at Stillinger Family Funeral Home, 1780 West Main Street, Greenfield, Indiana 46140. Friends may call from 11:00 am until the time of service.

Memorial contributions in honor of Alberta may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 East 91st Street, Ste. 100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240.

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Convention Invitations

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### 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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