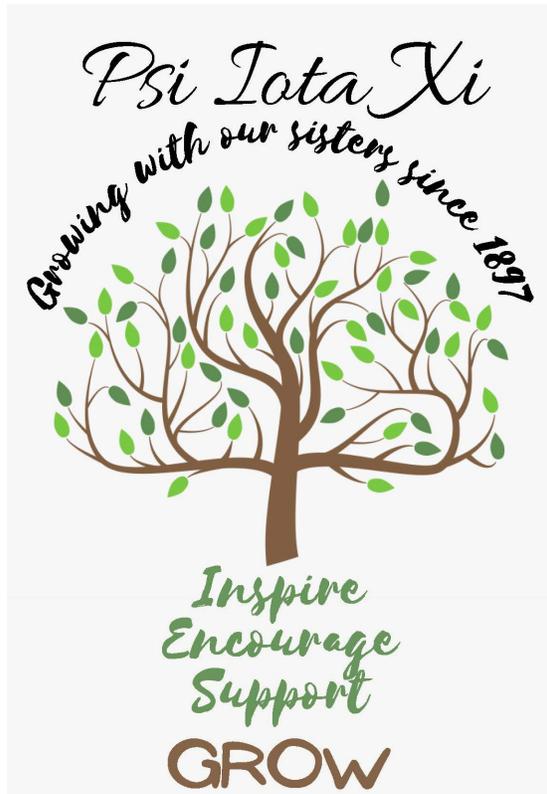




Psi Iota Xi

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Psi Iota Xi October 2022 Newsletter

Hello {First Name},

**A Message from National
President
Maureen "Mo" Dix**

Encourage Is to inspire with courage and hope or to help bring about. We need to make sure to encourage each sister. We're not sure what is going on in one another's life. Be sure to lift each other up. It doesn't need to be anything major. A smile, a few words to make them feel special. They may look forward to spending a little time out with sisters. That may be the

only time they get out without kids.

Each day is a gift from God. Please don't waste it. The gifts of sun, earth, sea and sky. These are things money can't buy. The beauty of the trees. God will paint a beautiful, colorful picture each day. Go for a walk, sit on the porch if you dare. You might be surprised at what you'll find. Stop and smell the roses. We're about to embark on fall which we hope will bring mild temperatures and beautiful colors. These simple things are more precious than gold. Share our time, talents, and treasures we possess because they make us who we are. If we don't share them, we are wasting the gifts God gave us so use them well.



Pax Vobiscum,

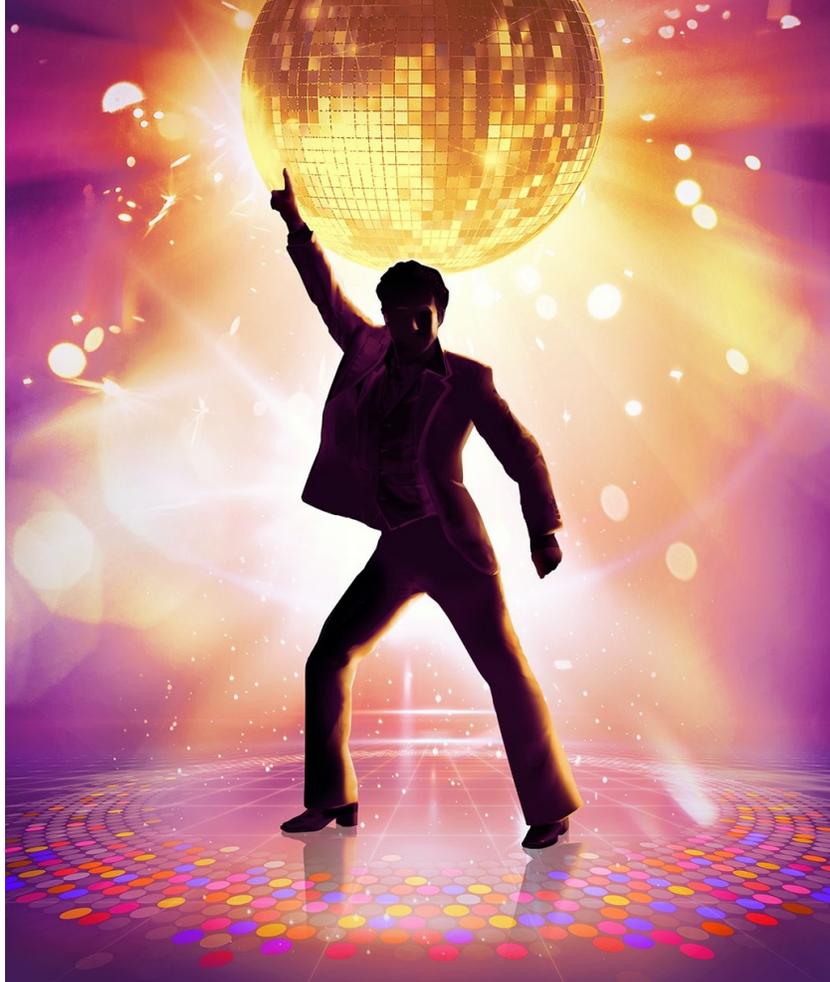
Maureen "Mo" Dix
National President
Zeta Gamma, Fort Branch, IN

Convention - Saturday Night Fever

Zeta Gamma is planning their Saturday Night Fever Party. Get your Fever outfit now. They are trying to outfit your National President in something COOL. We'll just have to see what they find. Be on the lookout.

The Halloween stores are a good place to look. They might be having a sale soon. Check them out.

We don't want you to break the bank but it sure is fun doing something different. You can go as wild or cool as you dare.



Important Dates and Deadlines

DEADLINES

November 1st

- National Fees due to National Treasure
- 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

National Projects

Each year a part of your dues goes to the National Project Fund. These funds are used for projects that are national in scope as opposed to your chapter's projects, which are generally more localized. They reflect our established fields of interest: art, literature,

music, and speech & hearing.

Is there a project that your chapter supports that you feel would make a difference on the National level? It has been many years since we have had a new project in Music and even longer since we have had a new Art project. It could be a Music or Art Therapy Program through a children's hospital or a scholarship for continuing education program in any of our established fields. We currently support many great projects, but where else can Psi Iota Xi enrich the lives of others.



November 1, 2022 is the deadline for all current and new Project Proposals, to the National Project Chair. Please review the **NEW** guidelines before submitting project proposals.

Psi Iota Xi National Project Guidelines

(Updated items are **Bold** print)

1. All National Projects are or have been initiated by a chapter.
 2. **Chapters must financially support the projects they are proposing.**
 3. **Chapters may submit more than one project proposal.**
 4. Representatives of existing projects may apply on an annual basis for consideration, but chapter support is still needed.
 5. **Chapters of National Project Screening committee members may not submit any new projects or previous supported projects unless removing themselves from the committee.**
 6. Chapters must complete the enclosed proposal form and submit it to the National Project Chair in accordance with the National Bylaws.
 7. **Only completed forms will be considered by the committee.**
 8. **All Projects submitted, existing and new, must serve a minimum of 50 people.**

 9. Priority consideration will be given to projects that serve **all (Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and Illinois)** Psi Iota Xi states.
 10. Psi Iota Xi fields of interest are – art, literature, music, and speech & hearing.
 11. Chapters may request a list of names and addresses of all Project Screening Committee representatives from the National Project Chair.
 12. **If Project Reps are not attending convention and video presentation is not provided, sponsoring chapter will need to be available to present the project and answer questions.**
 13. Funds for projects approved at the 2023 National Convention are not available until after January 1, 2024. National Project fees are due November 1, 2023, and time must be allowed for all checks to be collected and cleared.
- The Project Screening Committee and I look forward to reviewing all proposed projects.

Loyally,

Sandie Carlson
National Project Chair
Theta Kappa, Edon, Ohio

Getting to Know Elsie Sweeney....

We have all probably heard of Elsie Sweeney. We talk about the Endowment Fund of Miss Elsie I Sweeney of the Epsilon Chapter, Columbus, Indiana, where she was a charter member, every year in the fall. That endowment allows children the opportunity to hear live orchestra performances at no cost. But do any of us really know what an important benefactor she was to the arts?

Miss Elsie Sweeney was the daughter of the Reverend Z. T. Sweeney and Linnie Irwin Sweeney. She was born in 1888 in Columbus, Indiana and lived her entire life there, devoting her considerable talents to furthering the cultural life of her community, her state, and her nation. She received a degree in music and a Phi Beta Kappa key at Smith College, where she began the study of piano and continued with Josef Lhevinne of Berlin and Ernest Hutcheson of New York City. Thereafter she was a performing musician throughout her life, practicing daily no matter how busy her schedule.

Miss Sweeney first visited Indiana University on Foundation Day, January 20, 1911, at the invitation of the national president of Phi Beta Kappa, Professor Edwin A. Grosvenor of Amherst College, when he came to install the Indiana University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Later, from the mid-40s on, she became closely associated with the IU School of Music: she entertained musicians and members of the staff, attended concerts, occasionally performed (she gave a recital in Recital Hall only a few years before her death), funded a scholarship to attract an outstanding student, and continually encouraged Music School students, whom she called "her children." When Indiana University began to plan for a musical arts center, she not only contributed generously herself but prompted members of her family and the Irwin-Sweeney-Miller Foundation to participate, making the initial sizable gift which sparked the whole program. An Elsie I. Sweeney Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by individuals and organizations, particularly Psi Iota Xi, to attract talented young performing musicians to the Music School each year.

Twice Elsie Sweeney brought the Music School to the attention of the highest officer of the State, when she commissioned Walter Kaufmann to compose an opera, "A Hoosier Tale," in celebration of the State's Sesquicentennial anniversary, and when she called the governor to insist that he approve IU's request for permission to build the Musical Arts Center.

Honored in various ways—by being named to state and national boards of music organizations and by being elected to the Indiana Academy, for instance—she was recognized on the centennial anniversary of the admission of women to the University by the award of an honorary Doctor of Music degree at the Founders Day ceremony in 1967. She helped to make a difference at Indiana University.

On April 13th, 1970, Governor Edgar D Whitcomb officially proclaimed the day

“Elsie I Sweeney Day”, in appreciation of her philanthropic and cultural work with Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

Elsie died in 1972.

From the Conductress Corner....

Last month I discussed the paintings given out during the inaugural year of this project. This month I'm going to highlight the paintings that were given out during the remaining years of the 1940's.

1942

A painting titled “Winter Sunshine” by Harry R. Townsend was given to **Alpha Theta**, Charleston, IN.

Gordon Benjamin Mess painted “Gloucester Fishing Boat” and it was given to **Beta Chi**, Goshen, IN.



“Still Life” painted by Edwin Fulwider was given to **Phi**, Huntington, IN.

1943

A painting titled “Deserted” by James W. Taylor was given to **Alpha Delta**, Decatur, IN.

Dorothy L. Eisenback painted “Street Scene” and it was given to **Alpha Omicron**, Vincennes, IN.

“At the Window” painted by Clara G. Newman was given to **Beta Eta**, Centerville, IN.

1944

A painting titled “The Edge of Town” by Clifton Wheeler was given to **Beta Gamma**, Peru, IN.

Roy R. Trobaugh painted “Indian Craft” and it was given to **Delta**, Indianapolis, IN.

“Winter” was painted by Laurence Trissel and was given to **Sigma**, Greensburg, IN.

1945

A painting titled “White Sands of Alamogordo, N.M.” by Floyd D. Hopper was given to **Alpha**, Muncie, IN.

Henrik Mayer painted “Clamdiggers” and it was given to **Alpha Nu**, Markle, IN.

“Blossoms” painted by Dale Bessire was given to **Beta Mu**, Brownstown, IN.

1946

A painting titled "Grandma's" by Margaret Adams was given to **Alpha Omega**, North Vernon, IN.

Joel W. Reichard painted "Toshi" and it was given to **Beta Epsilon**, Mentone, IN.

"Rhythm in Bronze" painted by Martha Ellyson was given to **Gamma Alpha**, Portland, IN.

1947

A painting titled "Michigan Winter" by Wilna B. Barrickman was given to **Beta Lambda**, Bedford IN.

Stella C. Coler painted "Across the Fields" and it was given to **Beta Psi**, Delphi, IN.

"Conservatory" painted by Catherine Mattison was given to **Upsilon**, Greenfield, IN.

1948

A painting titled "Babes in the Woods" by Evelynne Mess was given to **Beta Phi**, Shelbyville, IN.

Cola Ginney painted "Morning Glories" and it was given to **Gamma Epsilon**, Covington, IN.

"Bridge Across the Wabash" painted by D. Omer Seamon was given to **Gamma Zeta** Ossian, IN.

1949

A painting titled "Snow Flurries Tonight" by James W. Taylor was given to **Alpha Iota**, Richmond, IN.

William F Kaesar painted "She, Too, Helps" and it was given to **Beta Kappa**, Bloomfield, IN.

"The Railways Gloucester" was painted by Harry A. Davis was given to **Beta Xi**, Crown Point, IN.

Whew! That's a lot of information. Thanks to Sandie Carlson for getting this information compiled last year. Was your Chapter listed as one of the recipients?

Please continue to search for your Chapter's painting. My search for our Chapter's is taking me to the school's old bus garage. Fingers crossed that I find the painting that our chapter received.

Until next month!

Loyally,

Mona Knight
National Conductress
Iota Theta, Armstrong, IL

East Central District

It is an honor to highlight my chapter, Alpha, Muncie this month as we celebrated our 125th anniversary. It is where it all began.

On September 18th we held an anniversary celebration at the Delaware Country Club. Attendees enjoyed a cocktail hour before the meal was served. Members from Alpha, National Council and PNPs attended. President Susan Haynes welcomed the group and lead the Opening Verse and Grace Before Meat.



After dinner pictures were taken. Members of Alpha provided a skit of the original chapter members. It included complete history about each member. Then the group gave a recap of history of Alpha chapter over the decades.

Door prizes were given away and the centerpieces of beautiful Ball jars with cut flowers (including the white carnation, the original sorority flower) were won by someone at each table.

Susan thanked everyone for coming and lead the group in the Closing verse. A favor of a small Ball jar with chocolate and the 125th charm was given to everyone attending.

Here's to 125 more years to the people, purpose and passion of Psi Iota Xi sorority.

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

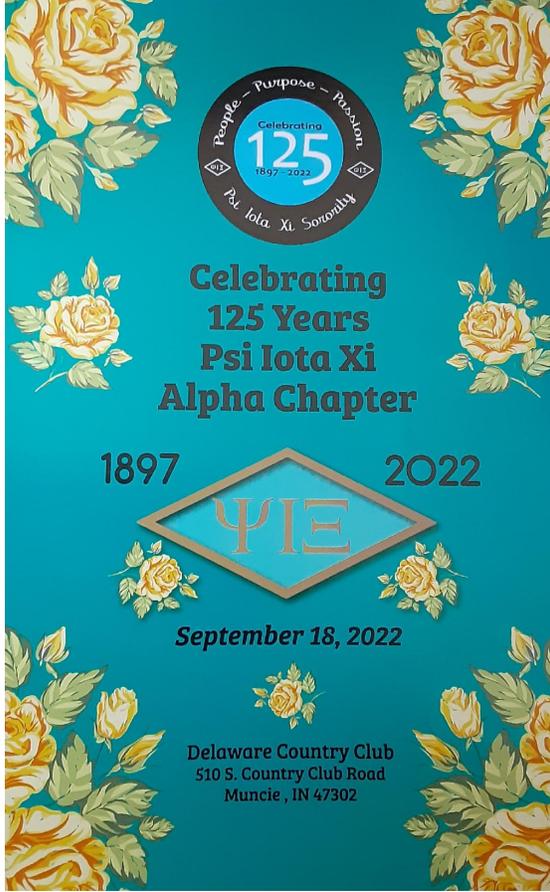








Charter members of Psi Iota Xi, Alpha Chapter, were five students Huda Smith Kimbrough, Mayme Johnson Oesterle, Ethalyn Dowell Hinckley, Mary Louise Carmichael, Sue Derexa Smith, and three teachers, Mrs. Martha Ivins, Miss Emma Cammack, and Miss Eve Kessler.





Celebrating 60 Years of being a Psi Ote!!



On September 10th Eta Omicron, Kalamazoo, MI, celebrated a truly inspiring sister, Kaye Van Til in her 60th year of being a Psi Ote. Kaye was genuinely surprised by those who had driven several hours to celebrate her. Not only is Kaye a charter member of Eta Omicron, but she also worked with Western Michigan University to bring the Van Riper lecture series as a National Project and creator of the PCR.

There was a great turnout of alumni, fellow sisters, and family, which shared their memories from their years as an active member. It was a wonderful opportunity to listen to the PNP's, that served with Kaye on National Council, describe all that she had

done. Newer members had the opportunity 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 Project Chair Sandie Carlson, Northeast District Officer Jessica Lucas, PNP's Marcia Mohre, Sue Simpson, Susie Lewis, and Connie McDaniel.

Brenda Orwig read messages from those who could not attend the celebration. There was one that truly describes Kaye. Sandy Thompson wrote,

"Wow! 60 years is quite impressive. Think of all the people you have helped through the sorority you brought to Michigan. Think of all the women you have joined together and the friendships they have developed while doing wonderful things for our community. You have always been so devoted and respected not only in our chapter but also on the national level.

Personally, the PCR program you developed has made my job easier along with many other treasurers in the sorority. You have always been our "go to person". Thank you for 60 years of showing care and concern for so many people in need."

Pictured below: Mary Rusk, Kaye Van Til, Arloa Wirbel (alumni), Chris Shults (alumni), Barb Weber

Kaye, thank you for your devotion to your community, your chapter, and Psi Iota Xi.

Loyally
Sandie Carlson
National Project Chair
Theta Kappa, Edon, Ohio



Indiana State Association

Anchored in Sisterhood

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Lafayette, Indiana



Chapter Happenings



Many chapters are starting to sell their delicious cheeseballs.



Zeta Theta, Niles MI getting ready for their 50th Psi Iota Xi Arts & Crafts show at the Apple Festival Fair Grounds.



Theta Delta, Breman, IN chapter is proud to support the Bremen Public Schools Music Department. They presented a \$1,500 donation for the Emerald Alliance Marching Band. Psi Iota Xi co-presidents Janet Davis and Holly Heller are pictured with band directors Jonathan Duranleau and Matthew Sutton.



Theta Iota, Monticello, IN are making cookie boxes for their city & county offices. We hope to continue this until we've reached all of them.



Baskets and Bags Bingo

Sponsored by:
**Psi Iota Xi-Omega Chapter
Lebanon, Indiana**

**Featuring Longaberger and
Vera Bradley Items!**

**Saturday
October 15, 2022 @ 6 p.m.**

Doors open at 5 p.m.

Food available for purchase.

**NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR
DRINKS ALLOWED!**

Eagles Lodge

2140 N. Lebanon Street

Lebanon, IN 46052

Price: \$30 (*Includes one door prize ticket*)

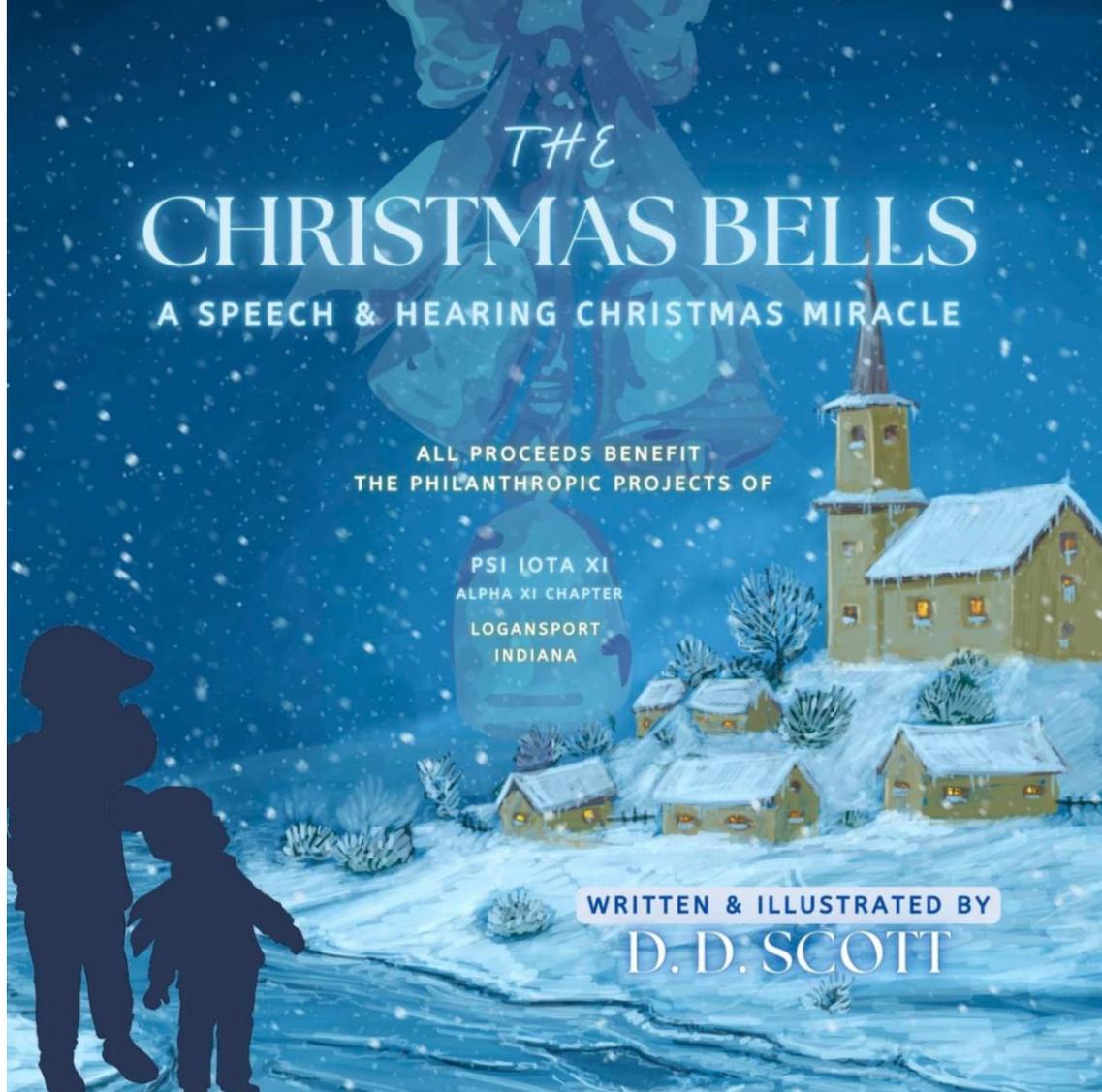
20 games of bingo will be played and door prizes will be awarded.

Must be 18-years-old with ticket to attend.

For additional tickets,
please call Cheri Keller @ 765-894-0170

This is a Nonsmoking Event!

Not responsible for accident or injury!



Alpha Xi, Logansport, IN chapter is thrilled to announce that their first children's picture book that will be published for the holiday season ... with all proceeds benefiting the chapter's philanthropic projects. The book will be available on Amazon in both e-book and paperback as well as at a book signing, featuring local author D. D. Scott (date and time to be announced soon)! Here's the beautiful cover.



**31st ANNUAL
ARTS & CRAFT SHOW
AND SOUPFEST**

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 22, 2022

Monroe Central High School

*State Road 32 E
Parker City, Indiana*

SOUPFEST LUNCHEON: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Bake Sale: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Exhibitors from throughout the state!



**ADMISSION \$1.00
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Designer Purse & Bag

Raffles
Door Prizes

BINGO

Sunday, November 6th, 2:00 PM

Edon Community Building

520 Parkway Street, Edon Ohio

\$25.00 for 20 games

Doors open at 1:00 PM – Refreshments Available

Contact: Jamie Schaffter 419-272-2662, Marcia Mohre 419-212-3004,

Patty Eicher 419-377-6946, Sandie Carlson 419-324-4086

Email: thetakappa@psiiotaxi.org, Facebook: *Theta Kappa-Psi Iota Xi*
or any Theta Kappa member

Theta Kappa is a Charitable Organization-We support speech, hearing, art, literature, and music

Only 250 tickets available- **PRE-SALE ONLY**

Must be 18 and have ticket to enter

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Please NO ALCOHOL

Bring a can good for the local food pantry and receive 1 extra Bingo card!

*Limit 1 free card per person



Beta Beta, Sullivan, IN chapter in the bingo tent at the Sullivan Cornfest 2022

The Theta Theta Chapter of

PSI IOTA XI

welcomes you to our annual

Designer Purse Bingo

Sunday | November 6 | 2:00 pm

\$40/person | 20 Rounds | Snacks Provided

Extra Boards can be purchased via cash only on site
\$1 for one time use Bingo cards | \$10 for a reusable Bingo board

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.

Contact us at: 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 terriesler@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@psiiotaxi.org to be included in the next newsletter and the Helicon.

LINDA BENNETT

Linda A. Bennett, 77, Hartford City resident, passed away in Ball Memorial Hospital on June 26th, 2022.

She was born on Dec. 2nd, 1944, to Leon and Ann Williams. Linda graduated from Morton High School, Hammond, Indiana, in 1958. She attended the IBM Key punch School in Chicago, and then attended Ball State University. Linda worked for Cutting Inc in the 80's then the County Surveyor's office until retirement. She was past

president of Psi Iota Xi, and an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, Blackford County Democrats, Heritage Days planning committee, Blackford County Arts Council, Blackford County Election Board, and IU Blackford Hospital Auxiliary.

Linda loved to travel, especially to Florida and all of the locations of her grandchildren. She loved to spend time with her family more than anything, and was never happier than when all of her family were together for holidays or special occasions. Linda loved to sing and play piano, and was big Colts and Blackford Bruins fan.

Linda married Dave Bennett in January 1993. He precedes her in death, in January of 2022. She was also preceded in death by her parents Leon and Ann Williams, and her sister Cindy Stockwell. Survivors include sons Jeff (Mary) Seymour, Mt Airy, MD, and Daniel (Jann) Seymour, Nashville, TN, daughter Jennifer (Clint) Anderson, Antioch, IL, stepdaughters Cara (Steve Osborn) Bennett, Hartford City, Nell (Marc) Bennett-Halbig, Rio Rancho, NM. Grandchildren include Alexandra Seymour, Washington, DC, Adam Seymour, Mt. Airy, MD, Zayne Anderson, Nashville, TN, Luke Anderson, Louisville, KY, and Jeffrey Jordan Seymour, Nashville, TN.

Visitation and services will be held on Friday, July 1st, 2022, at the First Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Franklin Street in Hartford City. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the service immediately after. A private burial will follow at the Hartford City Cemetery. Services are entrusted to Waters Funeral Home, Hartford City.



PEGGY SHELBURNE

Peggy Jene' Shelburne, 77, formerly of Zionsville, passed away Sunday, August 28, 2022. Jene' was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 8, 1945, a

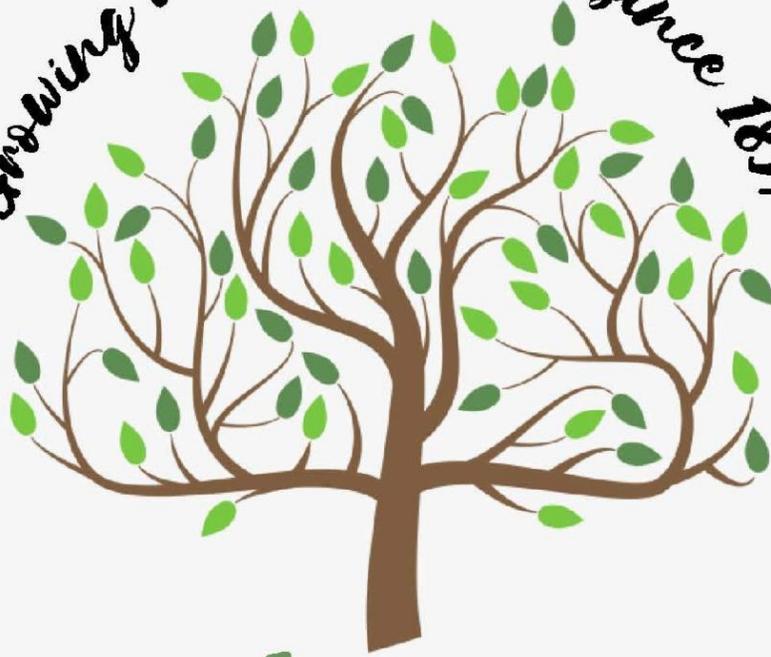


daughter of the late Olen and Audrey (Way) Rhoades. She graduated from Zionsville High School in 1963 and went on to Dental Assistant School in Chicago. She married George R. Shelburne in 1964, and they lived in Zionsville until George was drafted to Vietnam. After his military service, they moved back to their hometown to start their family. She later went on to get her real estate license, but her favorite career was being a wife, mother, and grandmother. George and Jene' had just recently celebrated 58 years of marriage on July 31 of this year. Survivors include her husband, George R. Shelburne; daughter, Nadine (Steve) Anderson and grandsons: Stephen "Alex" and George "Sam" Anderson. Family and friends will gather for visitation on Friday, September 2, 2022, from 12pm until 3pm at Simplicity Funeral and Cremation Care, 125 W. Sycamore St. Zionsville, IN 46077. A graveside service will be held at 3:30pm at Zionsville Cemetery for those that would like to attend. Memorial contributions in her name may be made to either the Zionsville American Legion Post 79, 9950 E. 600 S. Zionsville, IN 46077 or Zionsville Little League, 115 S. Elm St. Zionsville, IN 46077.

Convention Invitations

Psi Iota Xi

Growing with our sisters since 1897



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National Convention

Doubletree Hotel & Convention Center, Evansville, IN

June 23-25, 2023

Convention 2023

Convention 2023 will be hosted by Zeta Gamma, Fort Branch, in Evansville, IN, June 23-25, 2023

Double Tree Hotel is located in downtown Evansville. The below link will take you to make reservations.

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Convention 2024

Convention 2023 will be hosted by Theta Theta, Fort Wayne, in Fort Wayne IN

Convention 2025

Convention 2025 will be hosted by Upsilon, Greenfield IN

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