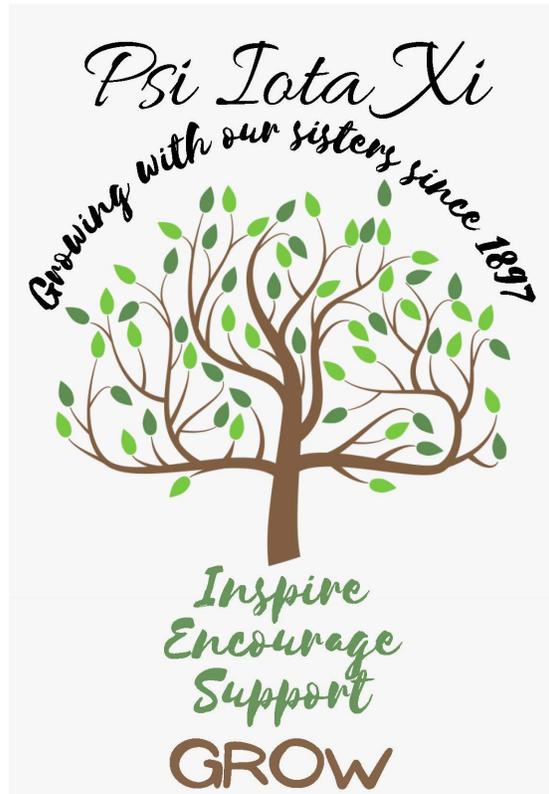




Psi Iota Xi

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Psi Iota Xi November 2022 Newsletter

Hello Terri,

A Message from National President Maureen "Mo" Dix

We are embarking on my favorite holiday, Thanksgiving. I treasure all the Thanksgivings I have been blessed with. It seems as if it is more about family and not about all the gift giving, we get wrapped up in for Christmas.

My dad's family has always gathered for a day of thanks. It was always about family, food, football and making

memories. There are only a few of the older generation left so it leaves my generation to carry on the tradition. Herb and I have hosted it for almost 20 years. I know he thinks we should pass it on. I always say we do not even invite them they just come. I am not quite ready to hang it up yet.

I love the fall colors because God paints a different picture every day. I walk almost every day, so I really appreciate the foliage. Everything whizzes by so fast when you drive. They say stop and smell the roses, so it is the same with the leaves except they do not smell. May each of us be like the leaves. They give their all yet are not discontent. Let us each rejoice for what we were given.



The farmers have harvested the crops and readied the fields for the spring. The trees will soon be bare and animals preparing for winter. We can appreciate what he gave us and wait for the new spring's birth. When you give your possessions, you give a little. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give. Let us remember to always give of ourselves.

Happy Thanksgiving to each and every one of you.

Pax Vobiscum,

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

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

Why By-Laws in an Organization

Non-Profits are created for different purposes. Psi Iota Xi's purpose is defined in our opening verse: I believe in furthering charitable enterprises, studying the best art, literature and music....

An organization might focus on providing glasses for children. Another might assist the elderly who need daily meals or offer free dental services. Regardless, what the non-profit group supports, it needs By-Laws to guide and regulate the organization.

As Psi Otes members we should become acquainted; do you know what ours says? As National Council members we have a responsibility to understand what each requirement means.



The Foundation Group noted the following reasons why Non-Profits, Corporations, etc. need By-Laws:

- A nonprofit's by-laws are considered a legally binding document that dictates how the organization must be governed.
- By-laws lay out the guidelines for how and when meetings are announced and essentially help to ensure that meetings are constructive and productive.
- By-laws are like a company's rulebook. The provisions contain clear guidelines on what officers can and can't do; in addition to including a specific listing of fees, fines, expenses and reimbursable costs.
- The guidelines are also used to communicate organizational rules so internal disputes and conflict can be avoided.

The National By-Law Committee is scheduled to meet on Sunday, November 16th via Zoom Teleconference. Please do not hesitate to contact your District Officer or any National Council member if you have questions.

We as Psi Otes with a solid set of By-Laws, a committed National Council, State Boards and local chapters, can continue to build a secure and successful organization for years to come.



Information Source:

Rhonda McNall-Crisenbery
National Vice President
Theta Theta, Fort Wayne, IN

Symphony Tickets Update

This year all chapters received the symphony information through email. Enclosed was the application form for tickets and schedule of performances to be distributed to the schools in your area. Requests are being filled as they are received on a first come, first served basis and the Symphony Representative will soon be reaching out to the school contact person.

Currently we still have the following tickets available;

- Evansville Philharmonic-69
- South Bend Symphony-94
- Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra-335
- Orchestra Indiana-0



The communication between your chapter and the schools is essential. Without the link between you and the schools these tickets will not be used. With your help, we will work with the Symphonies and the schools to arrange the handling of the tickets.

If you have any questions, please contact me sandiecarlson@psiiotaxi.org

Loyally,

Sandie Carlson
National Project Chair
Theta Kappa, Edon, Ohio

Keeping Your Chapter's Membership Records Up to Date

There are many reasons to keep your membership records up to date. It is a big job and usually assigned to your chapter's Vice President. The job is made easier because we have added a membership list to the PCR. This gives you an active list of current members at the end of each fiscal year, but it also adds

a way to track status as well as basic contact information. It is easy to keep your chapter's membership section up to date on the database with this in hand. The better reason to keep a historical record of your membership information is for your own chapter's use. It is important that we recognize members who have given their time and effort for their years of service, and this is a way to keep track so these members can be recognized. Maybe an inactive member would rather buy flowers from a Psi Ote fundraiser instead of the local garden shop. Maybe your chapter is selling delicious cheeseballs or goodies which an Inactive would like to buy if they only knew that their fellow Psi Otes were selling them. With up-to-date contact information for old members, chapters can find customers for their products and maybe even find future active members. A lot of times, members go inactive because life is too busy now; but jobs change and children grow up. Keeping your membership records current is like having a membership event and a fundraiser at your fingertips. Remember, "Once a Psi Ote, always a Psi Ote"!

From the Conductress Corner....

I want to take this month and highlight a question that a chapter asked about membership status. So, I'm stepping away from the Hoosier Art Salon paintings this month.

What is an Active Member and how does attendance affect it?

From our Bylaws the Active Members are defined below.

Section 1 Voting Members



A. ACTIVE MEMBERS are those who pay regular dues, assessments and fines and who perform the duties assigned to them. Each Active Chapter shall pay National General, Project, Helicon/Marketing Fees, National Liability Insurance Fees, State (where applicable) General and Project Fees for members in this classification. An Active year (toward Honorary Active status) is defined as attending 50% of the business meetings of the chapter, paying regular dues, assessments and fines and performing the duties assigned. The chapter Executive committee may grant a member an active year in special circumstances.

Here's where it gets tricky for Active Members and your chapter secretary will need to be on top of things for your chapter records. **An Active year (toward Honorary Active status) is defined as attending 50% of the business meetings of the chapter, paying regular dues, assessments and fines and performing the duties assigned.**

In an effort to make our organization more flexible to our members, this was added several years ago. Also, an award for chapter attendance percentage is

no longer given so there is no need to feel penalized for members missing meetings.

In a perfect world, yes, we would like all of our members to attend every meeting, but we know that we have other commitments sometimes. Psi Iota Xi is an organization with active women in their communities and it's only natural that conflicts in meeting dates would occur. That being said, if a chapter has a member that is only attending one or two meetings and not participating in fundraising then contact with that sister is suggested. Maybe Active Membership isn't the best fit for that sister at this time.

Is your chapter Secretary aware of this? Have your membership records been adjusted accordingly? Is your membership aware of this change in the Bylaws?

National Council is happy to address any questions that you might have about our different types of membership and the duties of each should you have any questions.

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving!

Loyally,

Mona Knight
National Conductress
Iota Theta, Armstrong, IL

West Central District

"The leaves fall, the wind blows, and the farm country slowly changes from the summer cottons into its winter wools."

— Henry Beston

It's autumn across west central Indiana and east central Illinois. Our backyard trees hit their peak mid-October and it's been a glorious sight. Whether I've been at home with my Gamma Nu girls (as I call them) or visiting other chapters in West Central District,

I've enjoyed such fun sisterhood and been encouraged to see and hear about the little spin that each chapter does on local projects and fund raisers. For example, Iota Theta is sponsoring a hearing test clinic with graduate students from University of Illinois. And Iota Sigma was not waiting until cold weather to get ready for Christmas: In August, they were making stockings for the Fair Hope organization to use for their children's December programs. What need does your community have that your chapter could help



fill in some way? It doesn't have to be connected to one of our five main areas of emphasis, nor does it have to be on a big scale. It just needs to fit what your chapter's time and resources allow. It still makes a difference for someone in your sphere of influence.

Its cheeseball/cheese spread season for many of our chapters, as well as Purse Bingo Nights, and poinsettia pre-orders for Christmas decorating, and others too numerous to mention. All of these fundraisers require organization, and the willingness to put yourselves out there and promote your product or event to the public. Have you thought about offering some membership information along with your deliveries or a table at your event? Our sorority has made a difference in the world for 125 years—we've made a lot of beautiful art, music, and literature possible and accessible in times of great social and economic upheaval. We are part of something bigger than any of us. I believe in Psi Iota Xi's mission, and I only wish I had known about it sooner. Because of that, I also believe there are so many women out there just waiting for someone to offer them the opportunity to belong.

We are entering a season that's often hard and lonely for newcomers to a community or empty nesters. The next time you are in church, at another community event, or in the break room at your workplace, look around and see if there's someone who might be looking for sisterhood and service, connected to our areas of philanthropy. Invite her for coffee or tea and share our website or Facebook page with her. And just see where it goes from there. It's always growing season in Psi Iota Xi!

Happy Thanksgiving, Sisters.

Missy Cooper
West Central District Officer
Gamma Nu, Brownsburg, IN

Indiana State Association

Hi Sisters,

It is hard to think that in three and a half weeks it will be Thanksgiving. If you're like me, you are already telling relatives to keep this day or that day open. Sometimes I wish I were still young, so I wouldn't have to worry about it. But on the other hand, I like putting parties on.

In October, my husband and I went camping at Raccoon Lake for a few days. I have never been there and let me say that it was beautiful. The trees were starting to turn colors and there weren't too many other boaters on the lake. It made me think of all of you and how we are like the leaves on the trees. We have changed from being one person to many great people that change lives every day.



I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving with your family and friends.
Remember to toss the line out for someone to catch, we never know what the
other person is going through.

Loyally,

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Indiana State Association

Anchored in Sisterhood

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Lafayette, Indiana



Welcome New Members

Psi Iota Xi
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We are excited to
 announce our
 new members!
 Welcome
 Norma, Cindy, and
 Belinda



2022 Theta Kappa
Initiation



Welcome to
 Psi Iota Xi



Some chapters are still selling their delicious cheeseballs.



Iota Theta, Armstrong, IL rolled their cheeseball orders last weekend. So many chapters do cheeseballs. Would love to know how many are sold. **If you are a chapter that makes cheeseballs or spreads, email me (terriresler@psiiotaxi.org) the total you sold.** I would love to report that number.



Eta Delta, Carmel, IN are selling nuts and candies through Terri Lynn. There is an online store that you can buy from 24/7 all year long. Place an order and have it shipped to you or someone else for \$5.00 shipping and handling.

Their store link is https://eta_delta_psi_ote.terri Lynn.com/

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Kors, Fossil, and
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Door Prizes*

B I N G O

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@psiitaxi.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



Another popular item this time of year are evergreens. Chapter Presidents received a listing of what fundraisers all the chapters sell. Reach out to your Sisters if interested in these or any of the items, especially in your districts.



Zeta Tau, Milroy, IN Fashion Show, call or text Andrea Niedenthal at 812-375-4747 for tickets.



Rho, Angola, IN - Purse Bingo was held on October 2nd. It was a great success. Pictured are members (L to R) Melissa Springar and Mary Ann Wiegand.



Alpha, Muncie, IN participated in the Ball State University Homecoming parade on October 22nd.



Dear Psi Ote Sisters,

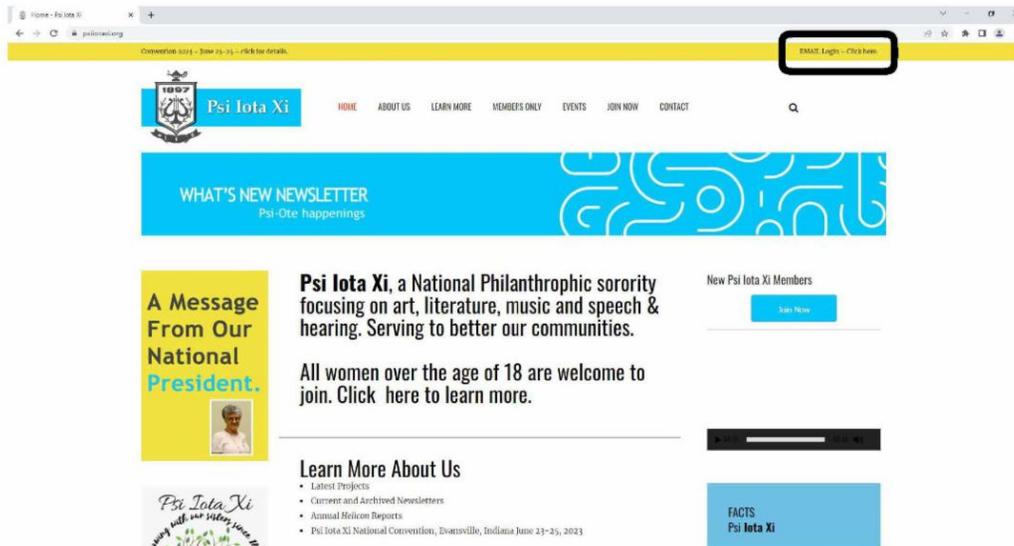
I just want to brag a little about my chapter. Last April we lost several members due to other obligations in their lives. We were down to seven members; well, we got an alumni member to come back and we initiated a new member bringing our total to nine members. Not bad, you can do a lot with nine members, and we did. It was time to start the planning of our annual bingo event and the alumni members we brought back stepped up and two other members including our treasurer and myself started the wheels turning. Our treasurer starts the process of renewing our gaming licenses and with a few hiccups our treasure made a new lifetime friend Irene at the gaming commissions office. In the meantime, we start getting donations for raffle prizes, bingo prizes and building our collection. We even contacted Purdue for a donation and got tickets to a football game and girls basketball game. Well one thing led to another, and we had a tailgate package that we sold tickets for \$5.00 each. The text message came we have our licenses, start selling tickets in two ½ weeks we were almost sold out of the 150 tickets that we had ordered. So, we printed twenty-four more tickets and we sold all of them. Thankfully, we had the space Remington Farms was gracious enough to let us use their wonderful exceptionally large shop. Our local fire dept helped with supplying the table and chairs. We are so very thankful for our small-town organizations that work together. We could not have done it without their help. We also asked that they bring a donation for the food pantry, and they would get a free raffle ticket. This brought in a nice donation for the food pantry. So, the night was here ready or not and the ladies in my chapter hit it out of the park. We sold 50/50 tickets as well as raffle tickets and extra bingo sheets and we made \$6,596.52 after expenses were taken out. A big shoutout to the committee and including the alumni member she jumped right back in and was on top of it all. So, if you are looking for members, look back through your alumni list and there might be someone you are missing. I am so proud of my Gamma Beta chapter for their hard work on this event. The next day they were even talking about next year's Bingo event.

Andrea English
Northwest District Officer
Gamma Beta, Remington

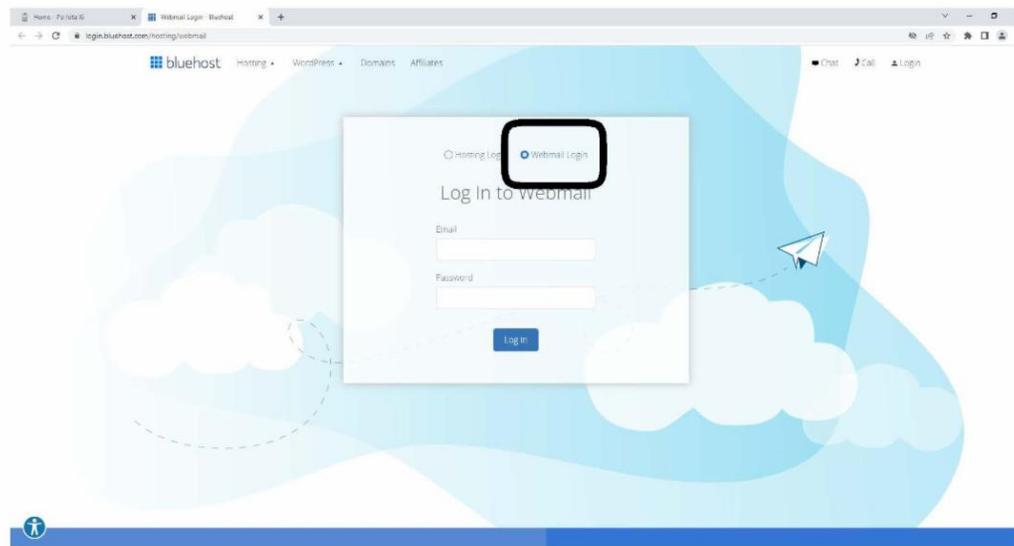


Chapter Psi Ote Emails

If your chapter has and uses their @psiiotaxi.org email, make sure you are using the Webmail Login bullet. Log in for the email is on the right top corner of the National website. This login is only for the chapter emails. There is no other logins required for the website.



If you have issues logging in there is a place to request a password reset.



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 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 to be included in the next newsletter and the Helicon.

Susan (Susie) Jeanne Ball

Susan (Susie) Jeanne Ball, 75, passed away early on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Susie was born in Rochester, Minnesota on August 25, 1947, the middle child of Philip and Esther Ball. At the time her father was in residence at the famed Mayo Clinic obtaining an advanced degree in Internal Medicine. During these years, she and her older brother, Gregory, were infant participants in the child development studies of the late Benjamin Spock, with both mentioned in his books of that era as 'Susan and Gregory B.'. In 1949, the family moved back to Muncie, the childhood home of her parents, where her father began a medical practice that lasted forty years. She graduated from Burriss High School in 1965 and Northwestern University in 1969. Susie particularly relished time spent



with family and friends, golfing and gathering seashells, eventually curating an extraordinary collection of the latter. She was a fun-loving and thoughtful Aunt to Summer, Rory and Katherine Ball and special Great Aunt to six nieces and nephews. She belonged to some of Muncie's longest running women's groups, the Conversation Club and the Garden Club, as well as regularly attending a monthly Pizza King luncheon with Burriss classmates. The bulk of her business career was in medical malpractice insurance. Initially trained as a traditional p&c claims adjuster, she evolved into high stakes health reinsurance negotiations, sometimes for celebrity clients. "Reinsurance" is insurance for insurers in the rarified event that claims explode into big, even huge amounts of money. Susie specialized in settlements of the largest claims where negotiations are akin to polite gladiatorial combat. She took pride, in her own words, in being 'lethal' at the job. So singularly accomplished was she that her annual reviews often concluded with no recommendations made regarding 'developmental opportunities', HR speak for skills to fix or improve in the coming year. Susie spent the last six years of her life in Muncie, in a Westminster Villa inherited from her parents. Her interior decoration of that space was of great beauty, reminiscent of the aesthetics of a Greek island such as Santorini. Prior residences included San Francisco, Indy, Fishers and Fort Wayne, Indiana, as well as Tampa, Florida. Her last years were challenging health-wise but, throughout it all, she maintained a tremendously positive attitude and tough-as-nails resilience, meeting and overcoming each. In the end, her spirit remained 110% focused and positive but her body was no longer able to comply. Her final act was to have her hair done and pick out an outfit for the pending funeral. She remarked to one of the nurses that she 'did not want her brother making that choice'. In her final moments she was accepting, comfortable, dignified and without pain. Her mother, Esther Ebrite Ball, passed away in 1995, her older brother, Gregory Douglas Ball, passed away in early 1996, followed a few months later by her father, Philip Ball. She is survived by her younger brother, Thomas Ball, of New York City. Services will be 12:00PM. on Friday, September 23, 2022 at The Meeks Mortuary, Washington Street Chapel, with Pastor Ramona Dale officiating. Burial will follow in Beech Grove Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Friday at the mortuary. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed in the name of her niece, Kelsey Hoyle, to the Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome Community <https://tbrsyndrome.org/> Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.meeksmortuary.com.

DONNA GROSE

Donna Kaye (Adams) Grose, age



75, of Greenfield, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Monday, September 12, 2022. Born on May 28, 1947, in Greenfield, she was the daughter of Gladys (Hutchinson) and Walter Adams. Donna married Donald Grose on January 16, 1966 in Greenfield.

She retired as a lab tech from Hancock Regional Hospital. Donna was a member of the Psi Iota Xi Sorority and Cross of Grace Lutheran Church. She

enjoyed reading, caning old chairs, gardening, baking and crocheting. She loved having her home full of family and friends. The most important thing to Donna was her family – she cherished the time spent with her children and grandchildren. Donna is survived by her loving husband, Don Grose; sons, Adam Grose (Shawn), Aaron Grose (Tracy) and Brandon Grose (Jaime); grandchildren, Julia, Alexis, Jarrett, Kaysen, Rachael, Callen, and Alexander; great-granddaughter, Brynleigh; sister-in-law, Linda Richey; brothers-in-law, Larry Grose (Jane) and Bill Grose (Patricia); and cousin, Norman Hart (Sherry). She was preceded in death her mom and dad.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Cross of Grace Lutheran Church, 3519 S 600 W, New Palestine, IN 46163. A funeral service will be held at the church on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Pastor Mark Havel will be officiating. Burial for close family and friends will follow at Park Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory in Greenfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made by mail to P.A.W.S., 1547 N. State St. Greenfield, IN 46140, or envelopes will be available at the church. Friends may share a memory or condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

Convention Invitations

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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 2024 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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