



Friendship - Love - Loyalty



Psi Iota Xi November 2023 Newsletter

Hello Terri,

A Message from National President Rhonda McNall-Crisenbery

November... the month of Veteran's Day, All Saints' Day, All Soul' Day, Daylight savings time ends and finally Thanksgiving. On this day we give thanks for our friends, family and blessings.

Family and friends hold a special place in our hearts. Having a friend to gravitate to, chat with, express our deepest thoughts and emotions. Two noted women in sports history who competed on the court were the best of rivals and the best of friends. Their drive to be the best tennis players in the world is what forged a lasting friendship.

Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova first met at a tournament, in 1973, in Akron, Ohio, Martina stated, "I remember she was fat. She was very emotional on the court, whining if she didn't feel she was playing well. But I remember thinking, if she loses weight, we're all in trouble." Ms. Everet won in straight sets over Ms. Navratilova.

At this point in time Chris Evert was already a famous tennis player and Martina Navratilova wanted to make her mark in tennis history.

Tennisworldusa.com published the



following statistics, “Navratilova led their head-to-head 43-37 overall, and 36–24 in all finals. Navratilova led Evert 10–5 on grass; 9–7 on outdoor hard courts; and 21–14 indoors while Evert led Navratilova 11–3 on clay”.

Both players ended their careers with 18 Grand Slam singles titles. Ms. Navratilova also accomplish a record-setting doubles career as well. Ms. Evert won 32 doubles titles in her career, three of those coming at the Grand Slams, two of them with Martina. Ms. Navratilova won 31 major women's doubles titles and 177 doubles titles overall in her illustrious career.

The one thing Chris and Martina had in common was an ultimate drive and determination. Psi Otes have a drive and determination for the advancement and success of Psi Iota Xi, with friendship, love and loyalty.



“There is nothing better than a friend, unless it is a friend with chocolate.” - Linda Grayson

Information Source:

www.nytimes.com/2010/08/30/sports/tennis

<https://www.tennisworldusa.org/tennis>

<https://www.essentiallysports.com>

Wishing you a very
Happy Thanksgiving!
From National Council



Hotel Reservation Link
2024 National Convention

Beginning October 1, the link to the Hilton Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, 1020 South Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, IN, will be open for all to make reservations for the 2024 National Convention, hosted by the Theta Theta chapter.



Hilton Fort Wayne
1020 South Calhoun Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
260-420-1100

If telephoning, please request the Psi Iota Xi block.

[\(click the link\)](#)

Hilton Grand Wayne Hotel

2023 Helicons

Your 2022-2023 Helicon is in the process of being published.

Because of rising cost, it was voted by National Council to send one copy of the Helicon to each chapter for your record. If you want additional copies, you can request them on your National fee statement at a cost of \$5 each.

If you have already sent in your National fee payment, contact the National Editor to get your additional copies on order.

Symphony Ticket Update

Through the generous contributions of the Endowment Fund of Miss Elsie I. Sweeney, of the Epsilon Chapter, Columbus, Indiana, Psi Iota Xi Sorority, we can provide students with the opportunity to hear live orchestra performances at no cost. Tickets are available for:

- Orchestra Indiana (Muncie Symphony)
- Evansville Philharmonic

Material was sent to each Chapter President in September. Please return the student pool request form to Mona Knight, National Project Chair, at monaknight@psiiotaxi.org.

Requests will be filled as they are received on a first come, first served basis. Communication between your chapter and your local school district is essential. Without the link between you and the school these tickets will not be used. We will work with the Symphonies and the schools to arrange the handling of the tickets.



I would love to see all the tickets that we have available get used. Please submit your requests!

Loyally,

Mona Knight
National Project Chair
Iota Theta, Iota Armstrong, IL



Long Term Project

Let's talk about our Long-Term Project, The Psi Iota Xi and Hear Indiana Scholarship. The LTP began in July of 2021 and is to encourage first year graduate students to commit to working with deaf and hard of hearing children. Our shared goal is to

increase the number of qualified professionals in our states. The scholarship will be open to audiology and speech-language pathology in all Psi Ote states and was written for an endowment gift of \$100,000.00. As of this writing, a total of \$45,500 has been contributed to the project! We are almost half-way



to our goal!

Does your chapter contribute to the Long-Term project? Have you thought about contributing as an individual, as a memorial gift or in honor of someone? Let's work together and see how much we can raise this year!

West Central District

By now most of our chapters are well into the fundraising season. Raise your hand or say "Amen" if your money-making endeavors include cheeseballs or cheese spreads.

Don't forget to publicize those on your Facebook community pages and of course your chapter's page as well. Remember: I am in Psi Iota Xi because of one of those community page posts. You never know who is looking for what we have to offer!

My own Gamma Nu girls will have our cheeseball rolling day November 4. Our day generally goes smoothly thanks to a "team" of ladies who join our lunch lady friends at Brownsburg High School earlier in the week to mix our special blend of cheese and secret sauce. Then all we have to do on Saturday is roll, package and haul out our product (I say "all" as if it's easy. Well, it is a simple straightforward task but we work hard for the money).



10 years ago...I stopped a neighbor and then a friend at the gym. I asked " what's that sorority you are in that gives back?" Well I later joined Psi Iota Xi Gamma Nu Chapter Brownsburg, Indiana. I've had the privilege to serve as an officer and to be a part of a group of ladies that help so many...including my daughter who needs speech and communication help. Thank you for helping my community and my own child. Here's to cheese ball rolling next week! Our yearly fund raiser so we can give back! FYI...those are cheese ball rolling supplies!



Leading the "mixing" team is our beautiful sister Jana, who balances marriage, motherhood, a career in nonprofit leadership development, and active involvement in Psi Iota Xi.

My story of how I found our chapter is a little different from Jana's but the two friends she mentions here are the same two sisters who sponsored me for membership in 2015. I am very honored to be part of "the sorority that gives back." I hope you are too.

Pax Vobiscum

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

Hear Indiana Run for Sound 5K

On the crisp Fall morning on October 7th in Fishers, IN, seven members of the Psi Iota Xi National Council (5 in-person and 2 virtually) participated in the Hear Indiana Run for Sound 5K fundraising event.



The Psi Iota Xi and Hear Indiana Scholarship is our current Long-Term Project (LTP). Hear Indiana is an organization that creates equal opportunities for children with hearing loss through listening and spoken language. Ellyn McCall, the interim CEO of Hear Indiana, shared they had over 600 registrants/donors, over 40 teams for either the in-person or virtual race and about 375 in-person. They surpassed their fundraising goal of \$60,000 and made over \$65,000!

I was so happy to hear this wonderful organization had done so well with this event! We had an amazing morning walking the 5K on the beautiful grounds of Conner Prairie. Although, we did come across a scary ghost or 2! We had so much fun in fact....we are planning to do it again next year!

Our hope is that other Psi Iota Xi sisters will join us for the 2024 Run for Sound 5K event. Keep your eyes open next Fall for announcements about this fun event! Hope to see a large number of you there!

From left: Jane Patton, Southwest DO; Rhonda McNall-Crisenbery, National President; Missy Cooper, West Central DO; Valerie Helms-Mejia, National Conductress; and Sandy Carlson, National Secretary.

Virtual Psi Otes: Mo Dix, National Advisor & Mona Knight, National Project Chair.



Indiana State Association

Hello Sisters,

Autumn is my favorite time of the year. I'm not thrilled about the temperature changes but do love to see the trees changing colors and to hear the crunch of the leaves under my feet. Something about it just makes me smile.

I hope that everyone had a safe and happy Halloween. It is so much fun to see all the little ones decked out and showing off their costumes. My children have outgrown this stage but it is enjoyable to look back on the memories from those past years.

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. This time of the year, I like to reflect on part of the closing verse – “to give cheer to those less fortunate about you”.

There are so many ways to help, what missing piece are you contributing? It is not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of Thanksgiving.



Upcoming Indiana State Association deadlines:

- **Indiana State Association fees: Due November 1st, or a \$25 late fee will be added. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Indiana State**

Treasurer, Donna Persing at djpersing@hotmail.com

- **Project proposals: Due by November 15th**
- **Bylaw change proposals: Due by December 1st**

Gamma Xi chapter is working very hard to ensure that we have the most amazing experience for you in Crawfordsville on April 13, 2024. We have a block of rooms reserved at the Best Western, Crawfordsville. To receive the special rate, you must book by March 12, 2024. The hotel is located right off Interstate 74. Booking can be done via phone at 765-307-3999 and mention Psi Iota Xi or by using the link:

Hotel Reservation - Best Western - Indiana State Meeting
(click on link above)

We are looking for raffle donations as well. If any chapter or person would like to donate, please feel free to reach out to me at jennifer82429@hotmail.com.

Loyally,

Jennifer Hunter
Indiana State President
Gamma Xi, Crawfordsville, IN

New Member



Beta Alpha, Flora, IN new member Chloe. Welcome!!

Chapter Happenings

If you have a chapter fundraiser or something special to share about your chapter or a Psi Ote, please go to the Psi Iota Xi~Group Facebook page to post. Link below:

Psi Iota Xi~Group | Facebook

This is one of two Facebook pages, the other is more project and news related at the National level. We are working to get it revamped. More to come on it.



To order please contact Abby Dyer at
amdye79@gmail.com
Or Kelly Drake at kmur1613@gmail.com

Theta Delta, Bremen, IN

Bremen now has three different Free Little Libraries in their town. One is located at Woodies, one is in Mean Bean Bistro and one is at the Lake of the Woods.

A Free Little Library is a free library of books that people can take. People can also leave books at the library for other people to take one day.



34th Annual
Bargain Box
Holiday Boutique

The Bargain Box is operated
by Psi Iota Xi - Alpha Chapter.

Proceeds from the Bargain Box
are granted back into Muncie
and Delaware County.



Television Giveaway
Visit the Bargain Box for details

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 29, 2023	November 30, 2023	December 1, 2023	December 2, 2023
10 am—2 pm 4 pm—7 pm	10 am—2 pm	10 am—2 pm	10 am—1 pm

- * Christmas Ornaments
- * Wreaths and Stockings
- * Table Top Artificial Trees
- * Jewelry
- * Christmas Decor
- * Seasonal Clothing
- * Toys

The Bargain Box
607 E. Charles St.
(one block east of McDonald's on
Madison & Charles St. in Muncie, IN)
765.288.3835

Complete Holiday Hours through December 16th!
Wednesdays Nov. 29, Dec. 6 & 13 from 10-2
Thursdays Nov. 30, Dec. 7 & 14 from 10-2
Fridays Dec. 1, 8 & 15 from 10-2
Saturdays Dec. 2, 9 & 16
from 10:00-1:00 PM



The Rho Chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority held its 3rd Annual Purse Bingo Fundraiser on

Sunday, October 8th, at the Steuben County Event Center. The event was sold-out. In the past year, the money raised has included support for HEAR Indiana, Steuben County Health Clinic, Fort Wayne Philharmonic Fourth of July concert, Fremont High School Band and Steuben County Historical Society.



Zeta Mu Jasper IN, Library Halloween Bash



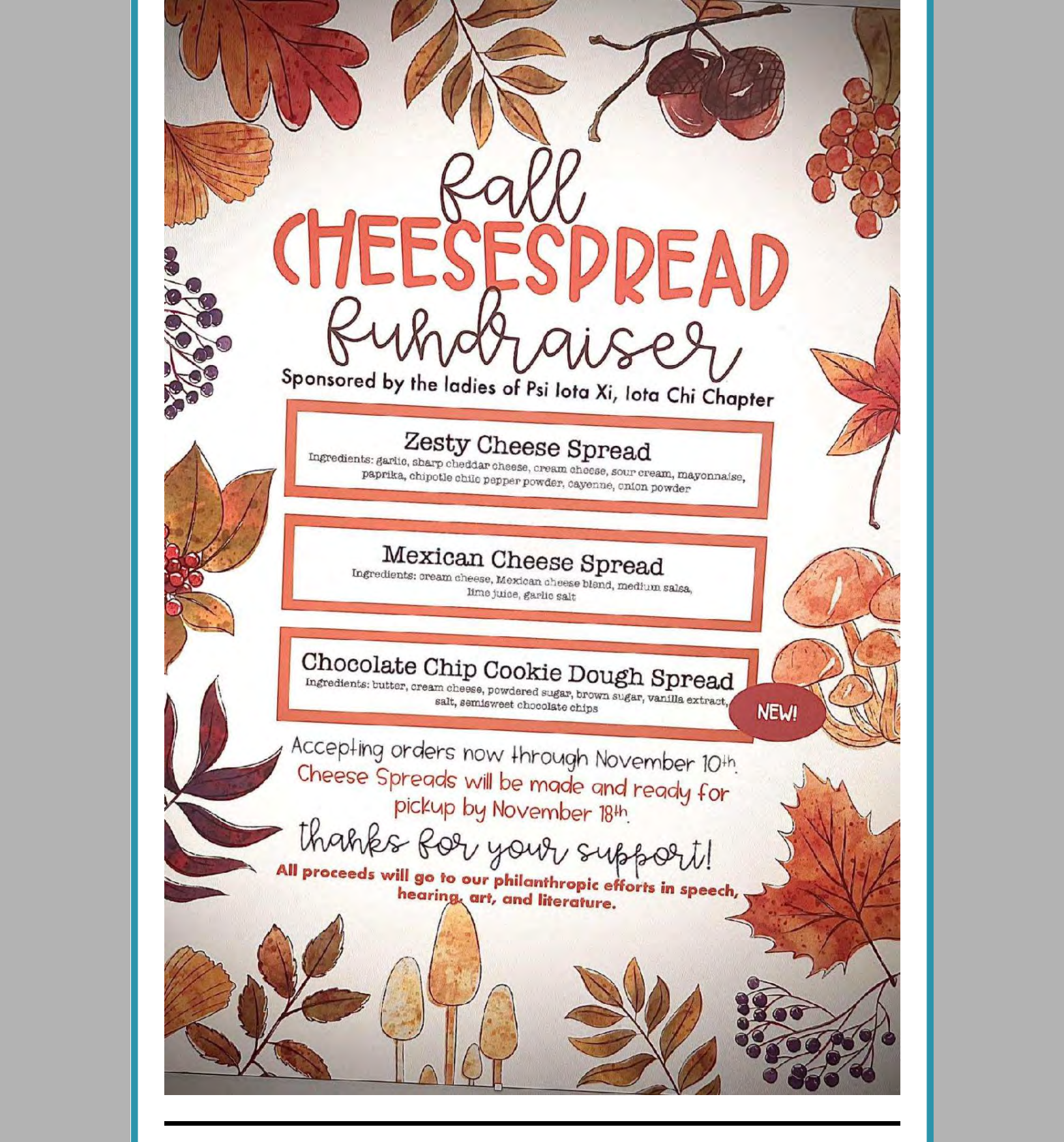
Theta Iota Monticello IN, anniversary gathering.



Iota Tau Indianapolis IN, collection for Holy Family Shelter.



Beta Tau Frankfort IN, handing out candy at the C.O.R.E. Community Center.



Fall CHEESESPREAD Fundraiser

Sponsored by the ladies of Psi Iota Xi, Iota Chi Chapter

Zesty Cheese Spread

Ingredients: garlic, sharp cheddar cheese, cream cheese, sour cream, mayonnaise, paprika, chipotle chili pepper powder, cayenne, onion powder

Mexican Cheese Spread

Ingredients: cream cheese, Mexican cheese blend, medium salsa, lime juice, garlic salt

Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Spread

Ingredients: butter, cream cheese, powdered sugar, brown sugar, vanilla extract, salt, semisweet chocolate chips

NEW!

Accepting orders now through November 10th.
Cheese Spreads will be made and ready for
pickup by November 18th.

thanks for your support!

All proceeds will go to our philanthropic efforts in speech,
hearing, art, and literature.



A few of us dressed for Halloween at our meeting We were “treated” by a visit from our District Officer, Beth Vipond, and great refreshments from Gwen Haney.

Indiana State Association

Piecing PIX Together
Saturday, April 13, 2024
Crawfordsville, Indiana

Fallen Petals



Please send obituaries to terriresler@psiiotaxi.org to be included in the next newsletter and the Helicon.

Nancy Slaubaugh

Nancy Lynn (Nieder) Slaubaugh, 85, of Kokomo, passed away Wednesday September 27, 2023, at her home. She was

born in Grosse Pointe, MI, on February 5, 1938, the daughter of the late Herbert Nieder and Helen (Dally) Anderson. On October 10, 1959, she married Dale Melvin Slaubaugh, and he preceded her in death on May 30, 2022.

Nancy graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. She retired from Western High School where she worked as the guidance counselor's secretary. She was a devout member of The ConneXion Church, formerly St. Luke's United Methodist Church, where she was heavily involved with the women's ministry, sang in the choir, played handbells, and played the piano and organ. She was a longtime member of the Psi Iota Xi Sorority. Nancy loved flowers, bird watching, listening to music, and was competitive when playing cards. She also enjoyed cruising around the neighborhood in her golf cart and spending her winters in Florida with her husband.



Nancy is survived by her children, Mike (Linda) Slaubaugh, Julie (Dan) Coleman, John (Mindi) Slaubaugh; grandchildren, Jared Slaubaugh, Evan (Molly) Slaubaugh, Erin (Nic) Hayes, Cara Slaubaugh; half-sister, Gail (Bill) Dodge; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 62 years, Dale Slaubaugh; parents, Herbert Nieder and Helen Anderson; and sister, Diane (David) Cross.

Friends are invited to visit with the family from 4 to 7 pm Wednesday October 4, 2023, at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home & Crematory, 1315 West Lincoln Road, Kokomo, IN 46902. Funeral service will be held at 11 am on Thursday October 5, 2023, at The ConneXion Church, 700 East Southway Boulevard, Kokomo, IN 46902, with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Entombment will follow in Sunset Memory Garden. Contributions may be made in Nancy's memory to The ConneXion Church or Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

Jewell Agan Hodges

With loved ones by her side, Jewell Agan Hodges, 98, passed away gracefully on August 9, 2023 at the Meadows in French Lick, Indiana. She was born December 5, 1924 to John David and Amanda Jones Toliver in the same lantern-lighted, four-room Bonds Chapel area home where she spent her entire youth.

Jewell graduated from West Baden High School in 1942. After World War II ended, she married her high school sweet heart, Harold "Hoover" Agan who had just returned from submarine service in the South Pacific. They soon opened Agan's Market in West Baden, Indiana and began raising their family. Hoover preceded her in death in 1990 after they had retired to Florida.



She was also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, five sisters and two great grandchildren.

Jewell leaves behind her sons Kim Agan (Sharon) of Bountiful, UT and Jeff Agan

(Barbara) of Floyds Knobs, IN; and her daughters Jolyn Agan (Charles Noyes) of Floyds Knobs, IN; and Dara Cassidy (Charles) of West Baden, IN. Her 14 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren will dearly miss their Nana as will a host of other loving relatives and friends.

She led a very active and fiercely independent life until the very end. She loved playing Scrabble while sharing Margaritas with her opponents.

Jewell was a long-time member the P.E.O. Sisterhood and Psi Iota Xi sorority.

She chose cremation with graveside services to be held on a later date at the cemetery of her beloved Bonds Chapel.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy be made through memorial donations to the Bonds Chapel Cemetery Fund, c/o Wilbur Bennet, 6893 N. County Rd. 975 W., West Baden Springs, Indiana 47469.



National Council - Email & Website

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.

The website can be found at www.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!

Convention Invitations



Theta Theta Chapter

of PSI IOTA XI
invites you to attend

**NATIONAL CONVENTION
2024**

IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

**GRAND WAYNE CONVENTION CENTER
JUNE 22 & 23, 2024**

ACCOMMODATIONS

HILTON DOWNTOWN AT THE GRAND WAYNE
1020 CALHOUN STREET
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA 46802



Convention 2024

Convention 2024 will be hosted by Theta

Convention 2025

Convention 2025 will be hosted by

Theta, Fort Wayne, in Fort Wayne, IN,
June 22-23, 2024.

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260-420-1100

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Hilton Grand Wayne Hotel

Upsilon, Greenfield, in Indianapolis, IN

Convention 2026

Convention 2026 will be hosted by
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