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BARGERSVILLE, IN ZE ZETA EPSILON	WC	FORT BRANCH, IN ZI ZETA GAMMA	SW	MARION, IN IT GAMMA TAU	EC	SHOALS, IN IT GAMMA IOTA	SW	
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# Zeta Xi - Madison, Indiana

We respectfully dedicate the 2025 edition of the Helicon to YOU, for your 65 years of service to your chapter, your community, and your national organization. Your loyalty, allegiance, and enthusiasm is an example of the true spirit of

## Psi Iota Xi

Zeta Xi, Madison, Indiana, was installed as the 101<sup>st</sup> chapter of Psi Iota Xi, in a candlelight ceremony on March 20, 1960. The nineteen charter members set a standard of determination, philanthropy, and engagement in the Madison community as Psi Otes. Zeta Xi is grateful to the sisters of Alpha Omega, North Vernon, Indiana, who supported the organization of the new chapter in Madison.

Our first major fund raiser was a local Thrift Shop which was active from 1960 to 1983. Our cheese ball fundraiser began in 1984 and continues today as our popular cheese-spread. Other fundraisers have included charity ball/dances, two original cookbooks, yard sales, bunny breakfast events, card parties, and bridge groups.

In 1987 we were the recipients of a generous monetary donation from our local newspaper Society Editor, Pat Oyler. She was impressed with the projects we supported in the community and gave us the means to continue our work. We created the Pat Oyler Scholarship fund in her honor. This fund focuses on speech, hearing, community involvement, and

scholarships. It has been successfully managed and will continue to grow, leaving a legacy for the future.

Supporting art, literature, music, speech and hearing, and other charitable causes have taken many forms over the past 65 years. We have supported the Summer Speech and Hearing Clinic since 1965. Other projects we have sponsored are "Story Hour" for young children, music clinics, scholarships, Hoosier Art Salon traveling exhibits, Christmas gift shops, graduation parties for GED/GRE graduates, and providing art supplies to the library. We have been able to purchase musical instruments, communication boards, and hearing devices to help individuals and groups in our community. We have also funded the purchase of microphones for local community and high school theater groups. Donations have been made by Zeta Xi to the local hospital and oncology center, and many other worthwhile charitable organizations in our community. Zeta Xi members have also consistently given the gift of time in support of our community and those in need.

Alice Rogers served on the Indiana State Board for several years becoming Indiana Association President in 2006. She was followed by Shirley Herrick who served on the Indiana State board becoming President in 2020.

Zeta Xi sisters love to have fun and truly like spending time together! Over the years we have embraced and balanced work and play. Regular convention attendance has been a priority over the past six decades. Our sisters have participated in skits, written parody songs to perform, and hosted a Welcome Party when our sponsoring chapter Alpha Omega hosted convention. We have had game nights, book clubs, outdoor movie sing along nights, art projects, pool parties, and pitch ins, to name a few of our reasons to get together. In 2024, we welcomed two new, at large auxiliary members, from Kentucky into Zeta Xi.

Many things have changed over the last 65 years, but the dedication of our members working together, and the bonds of friendship over the decades has been consistent in the name of Psi Iota Xi.



**2017 - Painting Party**



**2017 National Convention**



**2021 - Preparing the Cheese Spread**



**2024 - Donating to the MCHS Theater Program**



**2025 Zeta Xi Chapter Members**



**2025 National Convention Welcome Party Lip Sync Battle**



*Psi Iota Xi  
National Convention Synopsis 2025*

The 122nd Convention of Psi Iota Xi was held June 28-29, 2025, at the Sheraton Hotel at Keystone Crossing, Indianapolis, Indiana. Registration for this convention was 349. Upsilon, Greenfield, Indiana was the host chapter.

Pastor David Crittenden, Eden United Methodist Church in Greenfield, Indiana, gave the invocation.

Mary Gobble, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Hancock County, Greenfield, IN welcomed the membership to Indianapolis, IN.

Mickie Hansen, National President announced the following:

## 2024-2025 Psi Iota Xi Philanthropic Contributions

Profit Earned by 90 Chapters	\$766,802.45
Total Amount Spent for Speech and Hearing by Chapters	\$144,584.63
Total Amount Spent for Music by Chapters	\$100,476.75
Total Amount Spent for Art by Chapters	\$112,383.37
Total Amount Spent for “Other” by Chapters	\$276,494.94
Total Amount Spent for Literature/Literacy Projects by Chapters	\$118,480.16



<b>Total All Philanthropic Projects by All Psi Iota Xi Chapters, State Associations and National including National Grants:</b>	<b>\$817,061.86</b>
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The National Psi Ote of the year was Andrea Niedenthal, Zeta Tau, Milroy, IN.

The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Bette Yeager, PNP, Gamma Nu, Brownsburg, IN.

Our Keynote Speaker was Marianne Glick, a well-known philanthropist who currently serves on the Board of Directors for several non-for-profit organizations throughout Central Indiana.

District Officers' workshops during convention were held this year from the podium. Saturday there were two workshops, Membership Feud, A Look Back at the Beginning and one on Sunday, Lauren and Pam's Excellent LTP Adventure. The Button Awards were announced during the workshops. The District Officer recognized the selected chapters in each district.

There were no Bylaw changes proposed this year.

Zeta Xi, Madison, IN, conducted the Memorial Service on Sunday Morning.

## Top Awards Presentation

### Cultural Awards:

- Largest amount per capita for all Music Projects – Alpha Eta, Bluffton, IN \$ 520.00
- Largest amount per capita to Art Projects – Beta Alpha, Flora, IN \$ 744.71
- Largest amount given to all Cultural Projects – Zeta, Bloomington, IN \$16,050.00

### Speech and Hearing Awards:

- Largest amount per capita for S & H Projects – Gamma Xi, Crawfordsville, IN \$ 970.36

### Other Projects:

- Largest amount per capita Other Projects – Pi, Fort Wayne, IN \$ 1,562.08

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**All Philanthropic Award:**

- Largest amount per capita for all Philanthropic – Beta Alpha, Flora, IN \$ 2,847.48

**Literature/Literacy Award:**

- Largest amount per capita for Literature/Literacy Projects – Beta Alpha, Flora, IN \$ 900.40
- Largest amount given for Literature/Literacy – Beta Alpha, Flora, IN \$15,306.94

**Largest amount given to a single project – Pi, Fort Wayne, IN \$36,000.00**

Terri Resler, National Project Chair, presented a check in the amount of \$15,000 to Ellyn McCall of Hear Indiana for the Long-Term Project.

Past National President, Sara Overway, reported on the status of the Memorial Fund. By the direction of the Past National Presidents, she moved that the interest earned on the 2024-2025 Psi Iota Xi National Memorial Fund, and all the donations made directly to the scholarship and half of the 50/50 raffle be used for the Gallaudet University Dance Scholarship. The amount approved was \$5,408.58.

**2025-2026 Approved National Projects:**

A motion was called to approve the National Projects. The motion carried and the following projects were approved: St Joseph Institute's Early Intervention and iHear Program \$2,000; Bethel College Sign Language Interpreting Program \$2,000; American Speech Language Hearing Foundation \$2,000; Camp Shout Out-Grad program \$1,500; Metropolitan Opera Laffont Council Auditions \$2,000; Music Therapy Studio – Riley Cheer Guild \$3,000; Hoosier Salon Patrons Association's Annual Hoosier Salon Art Exhibition \$4,000; Hear Indiana Spoken Language Camp – Art Program \$1,500; Decatur Sculpture Tour, \$1,000; Literature/Literacy Grants \$3,000.

The National Literacy/Literature grants were awarded to: Northern Districts – Alpha Xi, Logansport, IN; Central Districts – Zeta Epsilon, Bargersville, IN; Southern Districts – Alpha Theta, Charlestown, IN.

**Convention Invitations:**

- 2026 National Convention, hosted by Omega, Lebanon, IN in Indianapolis, IN, June 26-28, 2026.
- An invitation was presented for the 2027 National Convention, hosted by Theta Kappa, Edon, OH in Fort Wayne, IN.
- A motion was presented and approved that the 125th National Convention be hosted by Iota Theta, Armstrong, IL.

Installation of the 2025-2026 National Officers was conducted.

- National President, Taffy Day, Omega, Lebanon, IN
- National Vice President, Sandie Carlson, Theta Kappa, Edon, OH
- National Secretary, Terri Resler, Alpha Psi, Washington, IN
- National Treasurer, Mona Knight, Iota Theta, Armstrong, IL
- National Project Chair, Valerie Helms-Meija, Alpha, Muncie, IN

Taffy Day, new National President, announced her appointments for National Conductress, National Editor, and District Officers.

- National Conductress, Missy Cooper, Gamma Nu, Brownsburg, IN
- National Editor, Jane Patton, Alpha Omicron, Vincennes, IN
- Northeast District Officer, Lauren Burk, Gamma Sigma, South Bend, IN
- Northwest District Officer, Pam Gunterman, Theta Delta, Bremen, IN
- East Central District Officer, Beth Vipond, Gamma Tau, Marion, IN
- West Central District Officer, Pam Karle, Gamma Xi, Crawfordsville, IN
- Southeast District Officer, Carol Good, Alpha Theta, Charlestown, IN
- Southwest District Officer, Erin Schroering, Iota Lambda, Ferdinand, IN

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandie Carlson  
National Secretary, 2024-2025  
Theta Kappa, Edon, OH



**Valerie Helms-Mejia**  
NATIONAL CONDUCTRESS  
Alpha - Muncie, IN

I have enjoyed being your National Conductress for a second year! I continued to be one of the administrators of our Psi Iota Xi Facebook pages. As always, I love posting all the fun activities and philanthropic fundraising projects done by our chapters!

Another responsibility of the National Conductress is keeping the membership information in our database current. National Council can access this database to get the most up to date membership information.

One of the bigger projects for the Conductress is chairing the Psi Ote of the Year (POOTY) committee. This year our committee was tasked with not only choosing the Psi Ote of the Year but also a Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. The Psi Ote of the Year award is given to a sister who has gone above and beyond for her chapter and community for that particular year. We added the Lifetime Achievement Award to honor those sisters who have served at least 20 years in our organization and continue to go above and beyond for their chapter and community year after year. I never cease to be amazed by the wonderful women we have in our sorority! I am so grateful to the dedicated committee who went

over all the nomination forms with a fine-tooth comb to make sure we chose the best candidate to be honored. All the nominees were outstanding! As the chair of this committee, I enjoyed gathering and disbursing all the information to the committee, facilitating the process, ordering charms and flowers, and notifying the winning chapters. Contacting the chapters to let them know that their sister is the National Psi Ote of the Year or the Lifetime Achievement award winner and planning with them for our big reveals at convention is the best part of being National Conductress! It is an honor to get to announce these amazing sisters at convention!

I appreciated the opportunity to serve our sorority in this position for a second year!

Loyally,  
Valerie Helms-Mejia, National Conductress  
Alpha, Muncie, IN

It has been an amazing year serving as your National Editor. I would like to begin by "Sharing the Past" and highlight some of the things I had the privilege of doing over the past year.

Along with several other National Council members, I attended the Hoosier Art Salon's 100<sup>th</sup> Exhibition in August. In October, I participated in the Hear Indiana Run for Sound 5K event at Conner Prairie. I went to the 2025 Kentucky State Association meeting in March. The meeting was held in a train car at the LaGrange Railroad Museum and Learning Center and was a unique experience. April took me to Marion to serve as one of my chapter's delegates for the Indiana State Association meeting.

In addition to my travels, I learned a lot of new information as National Editor. I published twelve newsletters under the direction of National President Mickie Hansen. I find it hard to believe that last year at National Convention I had no idea how to use Constant Contact and very little experience with Canva and now I use them almost daily. I hope that you received, read, and enjoyed the monthly newsletters because I loved creating them. I was also given the opportunity to typeset the 2024 Helicon, which brought out my creativity and gave me great joy. Managing the national website taught me that it is a great source of information that includes links to current national and state officer information, state meeting and national convention details, as well as past newsletters and Helicons.

Now, I would like you to "Experience our Future" by joining the new National Psi Iota Xi Facebook page and PIX Sister Chat Facebook group.

Loyally,  
Jane Patton, National Editor  
Alpha Omicron, Vincennes, IN



**Jane Patton**  
NATIONAL EDITOR  
Alpha Omicron, Vincennes, IN



# Mickie Hansen

## 2024-2025 National President - Upsilon, Greenfield, Indiana

Words cannot express how full my heart was as I stepped down from serving as the National President of Psi Iota Xi following the National Convention. I was honored to join National Council in 2016 as the SE District Officer.

On behalf of National Council and the Upsilon Chapter, I would like to thank you for attending the 2025 Psi Iota Xi National Convention. We realize the commitment chapters make to be together for the weekend, and we sincerely appreciate the time you took to join us.

In 2024-2025, we focused on "Share the Past, Experience our Future," with music, art, and literature as the primary areas of interest. I've always been thinking about our organization's future. The most successful people are continually learning, and organizations that continue to grow are rarely completely happy since there is always more that can be done to help those less fortunate.

Our organization's success relies on community participation, as

seen by your generous gifts of \$817,061.86 for 2024-2025. Well done, sisters!

We are fortunate to have a long history of exceptional women who saw the need for our sorority to attain greatness. It is vital that we continue to assist others, leave a lasting legacy, and achieve even greater success.

It was a privilege to not only serve as your National President this year, but also to co-host an incredible convention with my Upsilon sisters. Thank you for the honor.

Loyally,  
Mickie Hansen  
2024-2025 National President  
Upsilon, Greenfield, IN



**Mickie installing Kentucky State Association officers, Melanie Holbrook and Tania Miles into their new offices of Treasurer and President respectively.**



**Valerie Helms-Mejia and Mickie at the 2024 Hoosier Art Salon Exhibition Awards.**



**Mickie and her 5K support group at the 2024 Hear Indiana Run for Sound at Conner Prairie.**



**Mickie with Carolyn Logsdon, PNP, at the Kentucky State Association meeting in 2025.**





**Mickie preparing to make her grand entrance into the 2025 National Convention Business Meeting.**



**Above - Mickie dancing with her sisters at the 2025 National Convention.**



**Left - Mickie after receiving her Honorary Conferred plaque and new title of Past National President. Congratulations, Mickie, on a job well done!**

Honorary Conferred Membership is given to National Presidents immediately upon completion of their term.



**Mickie and Terri Resler at the 2025 National Convention.**

## 2024-2025 National Council



**Front Row (L to R): Rhonda McNall-Crisenbery, National Advisor; Sandie Carlson, National Secretary; Mickie Hansen, National President; Taffy Day, National Vice President; Mona Knight, National Treasurer; Terri Resler, National Project Chair.**

**Back Row (L to R): Valerie Helms-Mejia, National Conductress; Pam Gunterman, Northwest District Officer; Lauren Burk, Northeast District Officer; Missy Cooper, West Central District Officer; Beth Vipond, East Central District Officer; Erin Schroering, Southwest District Officer; Carol Good, Southeast District Officer; Jane Patton, National Editor.**



**Deanna Howard, PNP, Lydia Corbett, PNP, and Mickie at National Council and Past National President Luncheon in November 2024.**

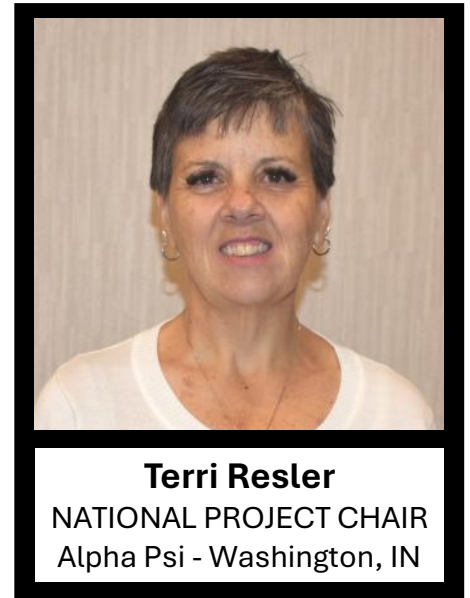


# Project Highlights

The role of National Project Chair has been an eye-opening experience and fun at the same time.

We started the year off again offering Symphony Tickets provided by the Elsie Sweeney Endowment Fund to chapters to provide to their local schools. It is such a special treat for students of all ages to be able to attend a symphony concert, sometimes encouraging them to develop a lifetime love of music. It is good for us to continue to reach out to our surrounding communities to share this wonderful program.

On August 22nd, eight members of National Council attended the Hoosier Salon's 100th Annual Exhibition Preview Gala in Indianapolis. The awards ceremony was fantastic to witness along with observing the paintings and sculptures. We were able to meet the two winners that received the awards sponsored by Psi Iota Xi. Psi Iota Xi name is recognized by many of the volunteers that work the Gala, and they thanked us for our years of support. It was an amazing evening.



National Council and the Past National Presidents (PNP) participated in offering our support to Riley Hospital for Children by supplying school supplies for children who may have to miss their own classes while they are staying at Riley Hospital during an illness. This was during our Winter Council meeting weekend in Greenfield, IN. We also toured the James Witcomb Riley Home.

The Project Screening Committee met on January 13th via Zoom. I am very grateful to these ladies who served on this committee; Mickie Hansen, Taffy Day, Sandi Carlson, Mona Knight, Lolita McAfee, Nandy Ricketts and Connie Goen. We had a new art project proposal submitted this year and your assistance and input made the process very enjoyable.

It was exciting to receive the donations from the chapters and by the outpouring of support this year for the Psi Iota Xi and Hear Indiana Scholarship Long-Term Project. Our chapters are very generous!

I have enjoyed all my adventures throughout the year with sisters, project reps, PNPs, symphony personnel, etc. Project Chair is a very busy and detailed job but very rewarding position that I will always treasure!

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Resler  
National Project Chair, 2024-2025  
Alpha Psi, Washington, IN

## 2024-2025 National Project Recipients:



National Project Chair, Terri Resler, with artist Peter Lupkin at the Hoosier Salon's 100th Annual Exhibition Preview Gala at the Indiana State Museum. Mr. Lupkin's oil on canvas painting titled "Old Friends New Friends" received one Psi Iota Xi's sponsored awards.



# National Long Term Project

## 2024-2025 LONG TERM PROJECT DONATIONS

### Chapter Donations

Alpha Chi	Hagerstown
Alpha Lambda	Zionsville, IN
Alpha Omicron	Vincennes, IN
Alpha Psi	Washington, IN
Beta Gamma	Peru, IN
Beta Tau	Frankfort, IN
Beta Tau	Frankfort, IN
Beta Zeta	Summitville, IN
Chi	Brookston, IN
Chi	Brookston, IN
Eta Chi	Martinsville, IN
Eta Gamma	Valparaiso, IN
Eta Iota	Parker City, IN
Eta Lambda	Beech Grove, IN
Eta Omicron	Kalamazoo, MI
Gamma Alpha	Portland, IN
Gamma Beta	Remington, IN
Gamma Eta	Knightstown, IN
Gamma Tau	Marion, IN
Gamma Xi	Crawfordsville, IN
Iota Theta	Armstrong, IL
Omega	Lebanon, IN
Phi	Huntington, IN
Theta Iota	Monticello, IN
Theta Kappa	Edon, OH
Theta Lambda	Fort Wayne, IN
Theta Zeta	Fort Recovery, OH
Upsilon	Greenfield, IN
Zeta	Bloomington, IN
Zeta Beta	Anderson, IN
Zeta Gamma	Fort Branch, IN
Zeta Gamma	Fort Branch, IN
Zeta Mu	Jasper, IN
Zeta Tau	Milroy, IN
Zeta Theta	Niles, MI

### Individual Donors

Maureen Dix  
Taffy Day  
Sandy Johnson  
Jane Patton  
Mickie Hansen  
Mickie Hansen  
Maureen Dix  
Mickie Hansen  
Heather Glick/Brian Clark  
Rachel Daeger  
Lynn Cochren  
Etta Pilotte  
Mickie Hansen  
Mona Knight  
Rhonda McNall-Crisenbery  
Debbie Stemle  
Constance Taylor  
Valeire Helms-Mejia  
National Council & PNP

In Honor Natl Council & Mickie Hansen  
In Honor Natl Council & Mickie Hansen  
In Honor of Maureen Dix  
In Honor of Mickie Hansen  
In Honor of Mo Dix  
In Honor of National Council  
In Honor of National Council & Parents  
In Honor of Upsilon Chapter  
In Memory of Sharon White  
In Memory of Sharon White  
In Memory of Sharon White  
In Memory of Sharon White  
In Memory of Sharon White  
In Memory of Sharon White  
In Memory of Sharon White  
In Memory of Kathleen Tuggle  
Second Hand Rose  
Winter Meeting Gathering

### National Council Donations

National Council - Kitty Fund  
National Council - Kitty Fund  
National Council - Kitty Fund  
Happy Bucks - Post Convention  
Happy Bucks - Summer Council Meeting  
Happy Bucks - Winter Council Meeting  
Happy Bucks - Spring Council Meeting

Memory of Taffy's brother-in-law  
Honor of Rhonda McNall-Crisenbery  
Honor of Mickie Hansen



At the 2025 National Convention, Ellyn McCall of Hear Indiana received a \$15,000 check from donations collected during the 2024-2025 fiscal year for the Psi Iota Xi National Long-Term Project - Hear Indiana Scholarship. The funds will go towards Hear Indiana scholarship opportunities for speech-language pathology or doctor of audiology graduate students pursuing the study of Listening and Spoken Language.



Pictured from left to right is Terri Resler, National Project Chair, Ellyn McCall, Hear Indiana CEO, and Mickie Hansen, National President.

# National Psi Ote of the Year Award



The following is an excerpt from the speech given by National Conductress, Valerie Helms-Mejia, at the 2025 National Convention.

## 2025 National Psi Ote of the Year

The Psi Ote of the Year award is given to a sister who has made significant contributions to her chapter, community, and our organization during the current year. Annually, chapters may nominate an individual from their chapter for consideration for this award. A committee reviews all nominations, with identifying information removed, and selects a winner. I will now read our recipient's nomination.

*"Why Should this sister be considered for National Psi lote of the Year:*

*It is our hope that every chapter would have a member like the sister that we have nominated for the Psi Ote of the Year, but we know she is one in a million. It is difficult to put into words how much our nominee touches the lives of our members, the patrons of our projects, and members of our community. She is a member who has truly dedicated herself to the work of Psi Iota Xi.*

*Over the past year, her dedication and initiative have led to significant advancements for our chapter. She has a remarkable ability to turn our ideas into reality, exemplified by her leadership in our new philanthropic project, Bingo. In the last twelve months, she successfully qualified our chapter with the state gaming commission and chaired three Bingo events, collectively raising nearly \$25,000.*

*Beyond Bingo, she teamed up with another member to*

*revitalize a struggling initiative, our Community Calendar project.*

*Our nominee has significantly contributed to our chapter's successes in other ways as well, by securing \$4,500 in grants through Walmart Spark Good Giving for our literacy projects: Little Free Libraries and I Like Me Books.*

*The most pivotal contribution she made to our chapter this year was guiding us in envisioning our future. With her astute insights and strategic foresight, she helped us chart a course for where we aspire to be a decade from now. Her efforts in fostering a vision not only established a long-term goal but also instilled a sense of direction and purpose among the members.*

*The Psi Ote of the Year award is a prestigious honor that recognizes outstanding members who have made significant contributions to their communities and to Psi Iota Xi. Our sister is a prime example of such excellence. Her dedication, impactful actions, and unwavering support make her the ideal candidate for this honor."*

It is my honor and privilege to present to you the 2025 Psi Ote of the Year Andrea Niedenthal from the Zeta Tau Chapter in Milroy, Indiana!

## NATIONAL PSI OTE OF THE YEAR

1984	Bonnie Spraker	Zeta Theta	Niles, MI
1985	Bettye Mann	Epsilon	Columbus, IN
1986	Pauline Riner	Beta Epsilon	Mentone, IN
1987	Marilyn Siderwicz	Eta Chi	Martinsville, IN
1988	Melody Hunt	Zeta Beta	Anderson, IN
1989	Sally (Ragsdale) Burch	Gamma Iota	Shoals, IN
1990	Linda Goede	Eta Gamma	Valparaiso, IN
1991	Mary Jane Parrish	Gamma Kappa	Brook, IN
1992	Brenda Slattery	Theta Kappa	Edon, OH
1993	Bonita Hunt	Beta Xi	Crown Point, IN
1994	Leanna Potts	Gamma Iota	Shoals, IN
1995	Judy Montych	Theta Mu	Battle Creek, MI
1996	Keneen Winget	Eta Delta	Carmel, IN
1997	Helen Fox	Alpha Omega	North Vernon, IN
1998	Babette Hiles	Eta Psi	Champaign, IL
1999	Alice Rogers	Zeta Xi	Madison, IN
2000	Linda Bauer	Theta Beta	Paoli, IN
2001	Elizabeth Backe	Gamma Xi	Crawfordsville, IN
2002	Rose Marie Anderson	Iota Omicron	Campbellsburg, IN
2003	Lynn Ancich	Delta Gamma	Fort Wayne, IN
2004	Barb Barhydt	Eta Xi	Auburn, IN
2005	Linda Heldt	Epsilon	Columbus, IN
2006	Leslie Moulton	Eta Iota	Parker City, IN
2007	Karen Graverson	Theta Delta	Bremen, IN
2008	Jennifer Baltus	Zeta Nu	Westport, IN
2009	Nondus Christman	Phi	Huntington, IN
2010	Pam Gunterman	Theta Delta	Bremen, IN
2011	Jessica Pears	Zeta Theta	Niles, MI
2012	Maggie Hormel	Beta Pi	Cambridge City, IN
2013	Marilyn Cleary	Alpha	Muncie, IN
2014	Marla Mitriane	Alpha Iota	Richmond, IN
2015	Lorna Tribby	Iota Rho	Odon, IN
2016	Marty Krug	Iota Tau	Indianapolis, IN
2017	Jill Robbins	Iota Sigma	St. Joseph, IL
2018	Judy Moulton	Eta Iota	Parker City, IN
2019	Doreen Graves	Alpha Theta	Charlestown, IN
2020	Elaine Leahigh	Alpha Omega	North Vernon, IN
2021	Heather Sheline	Theta Kappa	Edon, OH
2021	Rita Seelow	Theta Psi	Bethany, IL
2022	Carolyn Coffin	Upsilon	Greenfield, IN
2023	Erin Schroering	Iota Lambda	Ferdinand, IN
2024	Patricia "Pat" Brunt	Beta Zeta	Summitville, IN
2025	Andrea Niedenthal	Zeta Tau	Milroy, IN



# National Lifetime Achievement Award

The following is an excerpt from the speech given by National Conductress, Valerie Helms-Mejia, at the 2025 National Convention.

## 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award goes to a sister who has been in our organization for at least 20 years and continues to go above and beyond for her chapter, her community, and our organization year after year!

We had seventeen chapters submit a nomination for our Lifetime Achievement Award. A big thank you to those chapters for supporting our new award!

I will now read this heart felt original nomination letter.

*When you are part of an organization like Psi Iota Xi—where the mission to promote art, literature, music, and speech and hearing touches so many lives—you learn that success is rooted in people. And often, if you look closely at a chapter's accomplishments, you'll find one individual whose steadfast presence, both behind the scenes and out front, ensures the work gets done.*

*For our chapter, that person is this nominee.*

*This member doesn't just serve—**she lives and breathes Psi Iota Xi**. Her decades of unwavering commitment have helped shape the very culture of our chapter. She has consistently shown up, leaned in, lifted others, and moved things forward—always with humility and a heart full of service. After earning National Honorary Conferred status and serving as National President, she chose to remain actively involved at every level.*

*She once said "I would like to think I have done my share for Psi Iota Xi. I know there are other Sisters who have done as much—maybe some have not done it as long as I have. After being National President and receiving Honorary Conferred status, I chose to stay active. I still have the love of what we do, and the health and desire to continue."*

*This is the spirit that defines her. Her presence at conventions over the years has created countless fond memories. We always knew she would be deeply involved, leading by example and embodying the mission and values of Psi Iota Xi. Her energy, her passion, and her dedication have always been a driving force in making Psi Iota Xi well respected—not just in our chapter, but across the entire organization.*

**She embodies the true spirit of Psi Iota Xi**—her servant heart, unwavering dedication, and inspiring leadership have left an immeasurable impact on our chapter and beyond. She leads with kindness, lifts others with her generosity, and sets a standard of excellence that we all strive to follow. Her legacy is one of compassion, commitment, and community—making her truly deserving of this lifetime honor.

**She is an inspiration to all those around her.**

*It is with deep admiration and sincere gratitude that our chapter submits this nomination for your consideration.*

It is my distinct honor to present the first ever Psi Iota Xi Lifetime Achievement Award to Bette Yeager of the Gamma Nu Chapter in Brownsburg, IN!



National Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Bette Yeager, PNP, Valerie Helms-Mejia, National Conductress, and Mickie Hansen, National President at National Convention, June 28, 2025.



National Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Bette Yeager, PNP, surrounded by her chapter sisters from Gamma Nu, Brownsburg, Indiana, at the 2025 National Convention.





# A Celebration of Shooting Stars



Awards Presented at the 2025 National Convention



## Chapter with Most Active Members

Alpha, Muncie, IN  
Susan Haynes, Mickie Hansen, Shari Dixon



## Chapter Earning Most Volunteer Hours

Eta Alpha, Nashville, IN  
Amy Oliver and Mickie Hansen



## Chapter with Most Registered Convention Attendees

Omega, Lebanon, IN  
Kathy McGee, Mickie Hansen, Carol Hawkins



## Chapter with the Most New Members

Zeta, Bloomington, IN  
Carie Johann, Mickie Hansen, Lisa Brown



## Chapter with the Most First-Time Convention Attendees

Omega, Lebanon  
Kathy McGee, Mickie Hansen, Carol Hawkins



## Small But Mighty Chapter at Convention

Beta Rho, Goshen, IN  
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# 2024-2025 Philanthropic Contributions

## All Totals

Total by Chapters	\$ 752,419.85
Total by State Associations	\$ 10,900.00
Total by National Project Funds	\$ 25,000.00
Total by National LTP Fund	\$ 15,500.00
Total by Past National Presidents	\$ 5,408.58
Total by Endowments	\$ 6,833.43

## Overall Contributions by All Districts

Total Spent for Music	\$ 100,476.75
Total Spent for Art	\$ 112,383.37
Total Spent for All Cultural	\$ 239,352.13
Total Spent for Speech & Hearing	\$ 144,584.63
Total Spent for Literature/Literacy	\$ 118,480.16
Total Spent for "Other"	\$ 276,494.94

## GRAND TOTAL OF ALL PHILANTHROPIC CONTRIBUTIONS

**\$817,061.86**

## TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

**1623**





# 2024-2025 National Awards



Top Awards in Greatest Per Capita Donations

## Speech and Hearing

**WC - Gamma Xi**  
**Crawfordsville, IN**  
**\$970.36 Per Capita**

Pam Karle, Mickie Hansen,  
Julie Swick



### Largest Amount Per Capita for Speech and Hearing

NE- Alpha Eta, Bluffton, IN  
NW- Chi, Brookston, IN  
EC- Kappa, Kokomo, IN  
WC- Gamma Xi, Crawfordsville, IN  
SE- Iota, Rushville, IN  
SW- Alpha Beta, Seymour, IN

## Fine Arts

**NW - Beta Alpha**  
**Flora, IN**  
**\$744.71 Per Capita**

Lolita McAfee, Mickie  
Hansen, Sara Overway



### Largest Amount Per Capita for Fine Arts Projects

NE- Theta Theta, Fort Wayne, IN  
NW- Beta Alpha, Flora, IN  
EC- Zeta Beta, Anderson, IN  
WC- Eta Lambda, Beech Grove, IN  
SE- Alpha Omega, North Vernon, IN  
SW- Alpha Omicron, Vincennes, IN

## Music

**NE - Alpha Eta**  
**Bluffton, IN**  
**\$520 Per Capita**

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### Largest Amount Per Capita For All Music Projects

NE- Alpha Eta, Bluffton, IN  
NW- Gamma Beta, Remington, IN  
EC- Eta Iota, Parker City, IN  
WC- Eta Lambda, Beech Grove, IN  
SE- Zeta Tau, Milroy, IN  
SW- Beta Beta, Sullivan, IN

## Literature/Literacy

**NW - Beta Alpha**  
**Flora, IN**  
**\$900.40 Per Capita**

Lolita McAfee,  
Mickie Hansen, Sara  
Overway



### Largest Amount Per Capita For Literature/Literacy

NE- Alpha Rho, Garrett, IN  
NW- Beta Alpha, Flora, IN - \$900.40  
EC- Alpha Phi, Fortville, IN  
WC- Beta Tau, Frankfort, IN  
SE- Epsilon, Columbus, IN  
SW- Zeta Gamma, Fort Branch, IN

## Philanthropic

**NW - Beta Alpha**  
**Flora, IN**  
**\$2,847.48 Per Capita**

Lolita McAfee,  
Mickie Hansen, Brenda  
Bonner



### Largest Amount Per Capita to All Philanthropic Projects

NE- Alpha Eta, Bluffton, IN  
NW- Beta Alpha, Flora, IN  
EC- Alpha Phi, Fortville, IN  
WC- Gamma Xi, Crawfordsville, IN  
SE- Zeta Tau, Milroy, IN  
SW- Zeta Gamma, Fort Branch, IN

## Community Outreach

**NE - Pi**  
**Fort Wayne, IN**  
**\$1,562.08 Per Capita**

Katrina Kay, Mickie Hansen,  
Elise Bergoff



### Largest Amount Per Capita to All Other Projects - Community Outreach

NE- Pi, Fort Wayne, IN  
NW- Beta Alpha, Flora, IN  
EC- Beta Iota, Farmland, IN  
WC- Gamma Nu, Brownsburg, IN  
SE- Zeta Tau, Milroy, IN  
SW- Zeta Gamma, Fort Branch, IN





# 2024-2025 National Awards



Top Awards in Largest Amount Given



## Largest Amount Given to a Single Project

**NE - Pi, Fort Wayne, IN  
\$36,000**

Katrina Kay, Mickie Hansen, Elise Bergoff

### Largest Amount Given to a Single Project

NE- Pi, Fort Wayne, IN  
NW- Beta Alpha, Flora, IN  
EC- Kappa, Kokomo, IN  
WC- Gamma Xi, Crawfordsville, IN  
SE- Zeta Tau, Milroy, IN  
SW- Alpha Omicron, Vincennes, IN

## Largest Amount Given to All Literature/Literacy Projects



**NW - Beta Alpha, Flora, IN  
\$15,306.94**

Lolita McAfee, Mickie Hansen, Brenda Bonner

### Largest Amount Given to Literature/Literacy

NE- Beta Gamma, Peru, IN  
NW- Beta Alpha, Flora, IN  
EC- Alpha Phi, Fortville, IN  
WC- Beta Tau, Frankfort, IN  
SE- Epsilon, Columbus, IN  
SW- Eta Alpha, Nashville, IN

## Largest Amount Given to All Cultural Projects



**SW - Zeta, Bloomington, IN  
\$16,050**

Carie Johann, Mickie Hansen, Liz Brown

### Largest Amount Given To All Cultural Projects

NE - Beta Gamma, Peru, IN  
NW- Beta Alpha, Flora, IN  
EC - Alpha Phi, Fortville, IN  
WC- Gamma Nu, Brownsburg, IN  
SE- Zeta Tau, Milroy, IN  
SW- Zeta, Bloomington, IN





# 2024-2025 National Awards



## Psi Iota Xi National Literature/Literacy Awards

The National Literature/Literacy Award, which is voted on annually, allows one chapter to be drawn from each region to receive \$1,000 to use in their community for a literature/literacy project. The chapter representatives from the winning chapters are shown below.

### Northern Region

Alpha Xi, Logansport, IN  
Northwest District

### Central Region

Zeta Epsilon, Bargersville, IN  
West Central District

### Southern Region

Alpha Theta, Charlestown, IN  
Southeast District



(L to R) Sandra Schaffer and Kim Busard, Alpha Xi, Logansport; Mary Graham, Zeta Epsilon, Bargersville; Mickie Hansen, National President; Debbie Smiley, Zeta Epsilon, Bargersville; Sarah Snowden and Tina Bradshaw, Alpha Theta, Charlestown.

### Updates on the 2024 National Literature/Literacy Award Recipients

#### NORTHERN REGION

**NW - Phi, Huntington, IN** - Provided funds to the Huntington City-Township Library to update their Early Learning and Literacy Kits. The phonics and stem kits can be checked out to families to help prepare children for kindergarten.

#### CENTRAL REGION

**EC - Beta Iota, Farmland, IN** - Provided funds to the Farmland Public Library for their Spring Reading Program. The program is designed to bring readers of all ages to the library for literacy building, story time, and other activities.

#### SOUTHERN REGION

**SW Zeta Mu, Jasper, IN** - Provided funds to the Redemption Christian Church/Breaking Barriers Program. The Breaking Barriers Program assists adult immigrant students living in Dubois County to achieve their personal, workplace, and academic goals by providing individualized English language instruction in a small classroom setting.



Jennifer Scalf of Phi, Huntington showed convention attendees the Early Learning and Literacy Kits they purchased with their 2024 award.



# 2024-2025 District Awards



Blooming Rose Button Awards



## Most Significant Contribution Award

Chapters were asked to highlight their most significant contribution this year to one of our areas: art, music, speech/hearing, literature.

### NORTHWEST DISTRICT



(L to R) Monette Cochran, NWDO Pam Gunterman, Cherise Williams

#### Gamma Beta, Remmington, IN

This chapter promoted literature by having a book theme for each chapter meeting.

### NORTHEAST DISTRICT



(L to R) Emma Scalf, Jennifer Scalf, NEDO Lauren Burk, Abi Leon

#### Phi, Huntington, IN

This chapter financially supported improvements to a local school system's speech and hearing program.

### WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT



(L to R) Martina Booker, WCDO Missy Cooper, Kathy Lyons

#### Iota Sigma, St. Joseph, IL

This chapter provided supplies to a student teacher who found herself as a full-fledge teacher mid-academic year.

### EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT



(L to R) Crystal Altstadt, ECDO Beth Vipond, Libby Watts

#### Alpha Phi, Fortville, IN

This chapter created a donation request form for the music, art, and literacy programs in their schools. The forms allowed available money to be given where it was most needed.

### SOUTHWEST DISTRICT



(L to R) Amy Oliver, SWDO Erin Schroering, Marie Mooney

#### Eta Alpha, Nashville, IN

This chapter financially supported the Ready-to-Read literacy program in their community.

### SOUTHEAST DISTRICT



(L to R) Natalie Anderson, SEDO Carol Good, Jennifer Warner

#### Iota, Rushville, IN

This chapter wrote and received a \$15,000 grant to pay for fittings, molds, and hearing aids for low-income Rush County residents.

**The ladies of Upsilon, Greenfield did an amazing job getting Convention attendees registered.**







# 2024-2025 District Awards



Blooming Rose Button Awards



## Inspiring Growth Award

Chapters were asked to describe how one of their projects has inspired the growth of art, music, or literature in your community this year.

### NORTHWEST DISTRICT



(L to R) Shirley Trent, NWDO Pam Gunterman, Teresa Sommers

### NORTHEAST DISTRICT



(L to R) Jacque Radabough, NEDO Lauren Burk, Jamie Schaffter

### WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT



(L to R) WCDO Missy Cooper, and Debra Gladson,

### Theta Iota, Monticello, IN

This chapter purchased outdoor musical instruments that can be enjoyed by community members of all ages.

### Theta Kappa, Edon, OH

This chapter promoted student literacy by purchasing enough books for each child to take one book home for summer vacation.

### Iota Tau, Indianapolis, IN

This chapter supported Arts for Learning, an organization that provides arts education programs for youth in Indiana.

### EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT



(L to R) Mary Ann Pollard, ECDO Beth Vipond, Susie Lewis, PNP

### SOUTHWEST DISTRICT



(L to R) Rachael Schipp, SWDO Erin Schroering, Nicole Englert

### SOUTHEAST DISTRICT



(L to R) Julie Tackett, SEDO Carol Good, Eleanor Columbee

### Alpha Chi, Hagerstown, IN

This chapter donated books to their local library reflecting the passions, talents, and hobbies of two of their sisters who had passed away.

### Iota Lambda, Ferdinand, IN

This chapter gave a copy of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" book to every family at the Community Center Christmas event they sponsor and coordinate.

### Zeta Tau, Milroy, IN

This chapter expanded their "I Like Me" book program to include four county elementary schools.

**Convention business doesn't begin until the Credentials Committee presents their report.**





# Past National Presidents



It was a honor to have so many of our Past National Presidents in attendance at the 2025 National Convention in Indianapolis.

Seated (L to R): Ramona Simpson, 2000, Iota Theta, Armstrong, IL; Diana Lamb, 2008, Omega, Lebanon, IN; Barbara Mitchell, 1998, Eta Delta, Carmel, IN; Barbara Perkins, 1984, Alpha Psi, Washington, IN; Carolyn Logsdon, 1997, Zeta Tau, Milroy, IN; Anita Canaday, 1991, Zeta Beta, Anderson, IN.

Middle Row (L to R): Debbie Stemle, 2007, Zeta Mu, Jasper, IN; Bette Yeager, 1992, Gamma Nu, Brownsburg, IN; Pat Kugler 2009, Eta Gamma, Valparaiso, IN; Sara Overway, 2004, Beta Alpha, Flora, IN; Brenda Bonner, 2016, Beta Alpha, Flora, IN; Kim Crawley, 2012, Sigma, Greensburg, IN; Cathy Etzler, 2014, Theta Zeta, Fort Recovery, OH; Pat Menge, 2019, Pi, Fort Wayne, IN; Maureen "Mo" Dix, 2022, Zeta Gamma, Fort Branch, IN; Andrea Niedenthal, 2021, Zeta Tau, Milroy, IN.

Back Row (L to R): Rhonda McNall-Crisenbery, 2023, Theta Theta, Fort Wayne, IN; Deanna Howard, 2010, Alpha Omega, North Vernon, IN; Connie McDaniel, 2018, Beta Lambda, Bedford, IN; Sue Simpson, 2006, Eta Xi, Auburn, IN; Susie Lewis, 2015, Alpha Chi, Hagerstown, IN; Sandy Johnson, 2020, Zeta Iota, Louisville, KY; Beth Keeney, 2017, Beta Tau, Frankfort, IN.

Year	Name	Chapter	Year	Name	Chapter
† 1980	Delores Heckerson (Mrs. Everett)	Theta Psi	† 2003	Kathy Miller	Beta Delta
† 1981	Doris Donnelly Larsen (Mrs. Harold)	Gamma Xi	2004	Sara (Hoffman) Overway	Beta Alpha
† 1982	Mary Cave Blum (Mrs. William)	Eta Psi	2005	Anna Jo McKaig (Mrs. Tom)	Beta Gamma
1983	Karen Isbell Schalburg (Mrs. Bart)	Eta Phi	2006	Sue Simpson (Mrs. Mark)	Eta Xi
1984	Barbara Perkins (Mrs. Gene)	Alpha Psi	2007	Debbie Stemle (Mrs. Pat)	Zeta Mu
† 1985	Janet Simpson (Mrs. Robert)	Zeta Iota	2008	Diana Lamb (Mrs. Robert)	Omega
† 1986	Mary Helen Foster (Mrs. Glenn)	Delta Beta	2009	Pat Kugler (Mrs. Dale)	Eta Gamma
1987	Lesley Bookout (Mrs. Mel)	Zeta Theta	2010	Deanna Howard (Mrs. John)	Alpha Omega
† 1988	Sharon White (Mrs. Wayne)	Delta Zeta	2011	Janice Stagg (Mrs. Jeff)	Iota Tau
† 1989	Margie Judge (Mrs. Dick)	Epsilon	2012	Kim Crawley (Mrs. Mike)	Sigma
† 1990	Shirley Harding (Mrs. Lary)	Gamma Iota	2013	Marcia Mohre (Mrs. David)	Theta Kappa
1991	Anita Canaday (Mrs. Tony)	Zeta Beta	2014	Cathy Etzler (Mrs. Chuck)	Theta Zeta
1992	Bette Yeager (Mrs. Willis)	Gamm Nu	2015	Susie Lewis	Alpha Chi
1993	Sharon Creager (Mrs. Jerry)	Iota	2016	Brenda Bonner (Mrs. Rob)	Beta Alpha
1994	Tula Tucker (Mrs. Michael)	Theta Delta	2017	Beth Keeney (Mrs. Steve)	Beta Tau
† 1995	Marjorie Isley (Mrs. Marvin)	Alpha Kappa	2018	Connie McDaniel (Mrs. Mark)	Beta Lambda
1996	Renata Rae Harris (Mrs. Stephen)	Beta Tau	2019	Patricia Menge (Mrs. David)	Pi
1997	Carolyn Logsdon (Mrs. Thomas)	Zeta Tau	2020	Sandy Johnson (Mrs. Dave)	Zeta Iota
1998	Barbara Mitchel (Mrs. David)	Eta Delta	2021	Andrea Niedenthal (Mrs. Tim)	Zeta Tau
1999	Sandy Clevenger (Mrs. Merrill)	Delta Epsilon	2022	Maureen "Mo" Dix (Mrs. Herb)	Zeta Gamma
2000	Ramona Simpson (Mrs. Richard)	Iota Theta	2023	Rhonda McNall-Crisenbery (Mrs. Greg)	Theta Theta
2001	Gwendolyn Myers (Mrs. Ronald)	Alpha Xi	2024	Mickie Hansen (Mrs. Rusty)	Upsilon
2002	Lydia Corbett (Mrs. Mitch)	Gamma Kappa	† Deceased as of September 2025		



# 2025 National Convention Highlights



Share the Past  
Experience our Future





# 2025 National Convention Highlights



**Pastor David Crittenden**  
Eden United Methodist Church



**Scout Troop #262**  
Pendleton, IN



**Mary Gible, CEO** Community  
Foundation of Hancock County



**Marianne Glick**  
Glick Family Foundation



**Beth A Forst, Guest Artist**





# 2025 National Convention Highlights



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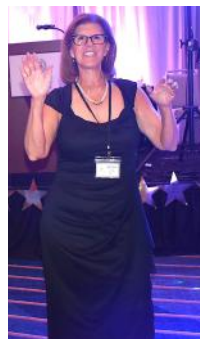






— Share the Past —  
Experience our Future

# 2025 National Convention Highlights





# Convention Invitations

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***NATIONAL CONVENTION 2026***

***Indianapolis, Indiana***

***Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing***

***Hosted by Omega, Lebanon, Indiana***

***Join the ladies of Omega,  
Lebanon, for Convention 2026***

***The Convention theme is  
“Psi Iota Xi Sisters are Different  
Flowers...Same Garden”***

***June 26-28, 2026***



National Convention June 26-28, 2026

Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel  
Keystone Crossing

Hosted by: Omega Chapter, Lebanon, IN



***Convention 2027***

***Fort Wayne, Indiana***

***The 2027 Psi Iota Xi National  
Convention will be hosted by  
Theta Kappa, Edon, Ohio.***

***Convention 2028***

***The 2028 Psi Iota Xi National  
Convention will be hosted by Iota  
Theta, Armstrong, Illinois.***

# Indiana Association



**Victoria (Tori) Harrell**  
Indiana Association President  
Gamma Tau, Marion, IN

## INDIANA

### 2025-2026 State Officers

President.....Tori Harrell  
Vice President.....Kim Wickizer  
Secretary.....Marty Krug  
Treasurer.....Tracy Schweizer  
Project Chair.....Cindy Osmon  
Advisor.....Jennifer Hunter

What a year it's been! It feels as though I was just installed as the Indiana Association President just a few weeks ago and at the same time as though that day in Crawfordsville was 10 years ago. The Indiana State Board hit the ground running, going through the surveys to identify prospective committee members and getting the State Bylaws updated within a week of State Meeting. We haven't really stopped since. The Indiana State Officers met in June at National Convention where we held our first Quarterly meeting of the year, setting up our schedules, brainstorming, and answering questions from our newest members.

In September, we had our second Quarterly Meeting via Zoom and learned that we get to talking and the 45 minutes of meeting time

allotted required a speed round at the end to get through our agenda, but all the Board was on track or ahead of the schedule we had planned.

In January, we returned to the tradition of meeting in person the night before the Indiana State Project Meeting. By spending the night, we were able to get our work completed and have some sister time. I cannot tell you how grateful I am for this extra time for fellowship and fun with the other members of State Board. That bonding time is invaluable in forming a strong Board that works together as a team, not to mention that we laugh. A lot.

April found all of us and Ms. Hazel Clark (our Parliamentarian for State Meeting) in Marion, at an English restaurant called Payne's where I convinced several other Board members to try the cauliflower soup and the ladies were gracious in their tolerance of my manic ramblings as we went through the meeting script and schedule for the next day. From there we went to the hotel for the Friday night Welcome Party, featuring cupcakes from The Flying Cupcake in Indy. We were blessed with a State Meeting that went smoothly and highlighted a sense of sisterhood that I think

must be experienced to be understood.

It was the first time that many of my chapter sisters had experienced a State or National gathering and the spark that the meeting ignited for them and their enthusiasm for our mission following that weekend has been magical to witness. I couldn't be prouder of my chapter or our Sorority.

Locally, I just finished up my 4<sup>th</sup> stint as Chapter President and am so excited to see what changes and perspectives our new executive board brings to the group. We have already secured our venue and hotel room block for next April 25, 2026, and are already working on the details of next year's meeting.

Thank you so much for the honor of being Indiana State Association President. It has been one of the greatest challenges and joys of my life and I am beyond excited about spending the next year focusing on the love and loyalty we show to our sisters and ourselves.

Pax Vobiscum,  
Victoria "Tori" Harrell  
Indiana State Present  
Gamma Tau, Marion, IN



**2025-26 Indiana Association Officer: Left to right, Tracy Schweizer, Treasurer; Marty Krug, Secretary; Tori Harrell, President; Kim Wickizer, Vice President; Cindy Osmon, Project Chair; Jennifer Hunter, Advisor.**



# Kentucky Association

The Kentucky State Association has a Fall and Spring meeting each year. Our Fall meeting was held on September 21, 2024 with two delegates from each chapter and the KSA officers. Each chapter, Iota Chi (LaGrange) and Zeta Iota (Louisville) shared updates about the activities going on in their chapters. After the chapter reports, members brainstormed about the possibility of doing a joint fundraiser in the future.

Next item of business was our project for KSA 2025. We thoroughly discussed different ideas and decided that each chapter come up with a project proposal by November 20<sup>th</sup> and submit them in writing to the KSA President, Ashley Darnell. It was also decided that the \$500 from the 2024 KYHEARS Spring project fund would be put on hold until the Spring State Meeting. There was a long discussion about the future of the KSA since we are now only two chapters. Questions about our purpose, possible fundraising, growing the association with new chapters, etc. We discussed the need for more social media to encourage formation of new chapters in Kentucky. By laws will be reviewed before our Spring Meeting for changes to be made because we are now only two chapters with the disbandment of Theta Nu.

Kentucky State Association enjoyed a delightful Spring meeting on March 1, 2025, at the LaGrange Railroad

Museum and Learning Center. We got to experience the inside of an old railroad train box car. Our KSA sisters along with National Council Members and guests learned that on average two trains pass through the middle of town each day, but that day four trains passed through during our meeting! Our guest speaker was Amee D'Amico, Executive Director of High Point Charitable Services in LaGrange. High Point exists to meet the needs of children, fragile adults, the elderly, and families experiencing any type of crisis. They have a food pantry, weekly worship service, weekly meal, clothes closet, and a grace resource center.

After introductions and fun icebreaker questions, we moved right into reviewing previous meeting minutes and financial reports. All reports were approved as presented. New committees were established for the coming year, and more fundraising ideas were shared. Each chapter brought a fundraising basket, and a 50/50 pot was also held. Both chapters submitted a state project proposal for KYHEARS. KYHEARS partners with the Heuser Institute which is the cornerstone of hearing-impaired services in Louisville and surrounding counties. They provide a statewide mobile clinic to offer families access to quality hearing care.

National President, Mickie Hansen,



**Tania Miles**

Kentucky Association President  
Zeta Iota, Louisville, KY

## KENTUCKY

### 2025-2026 State Officers

President.....Tania Miles  
Secretary.....Sandra Johnson, PNP  
Treasurer.....Melanie Holbrook  
Advisor.....Ashley Darnell

installed our new officers for 2025-2027. Tania Miles, President; Melanie Holbrook, Treasurer; Sandy Johnson, Secretary; Ashley Darnell, Advisor. Many thanks to all the KSA sisters for your dedication and service to Psi Iota Xi Sorority!

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Johnson  
KSA Advisor 2024-2025  
Iota Chi, LaGrange, KY



**Iota Chi, LaGrange, KY**



**Zeta Iota, Louisville, KY**



# NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Total Community Outreach.....	\$ 90,087.20
Total Speech and Hearing .....	\$ 25,318.72
Total Music.....	\$ 26,614.30
Total Fine Arts .....	\$ 14,532.60
Total Literature/Literacy .....	\$ 21,437.39

# 14

**Chapters**

# 254

**Members**



**Lauren Burk**

NORTHEAST DISTRICT OFFICER  
Gamma Sigma, South Bend, IN

## NORTHEAST DISTRICT CHAPTERS:

Pi, Fort Wayne, IN .....	1919
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Theta Tau, Midland, MI .....	1974

I am amazed that my second year as your Northeast District Officer has come to a close. This year has felt like a whirlwind of fun and exciting new adventures. I cannot thank this district enough for being so kind to me this year as I navigated my Master's program and got married. You all deserve a round of applause for being understanding and thoughtful. I continue to learn new things about Psi Iota Xi and am privileged to have gotten to know my sisters on the National Council better. The women who serve on the Council are wonderful and I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to get to know them.

Over the course of this year, I had the pleasure of visiting the Eta Omicron Chapter in Kalamazoo, MI. They are a wonderful group of ladies, and I had a great time making my little gnome. While he might be a winter gnome, he has a permanent place on my refrigerator reminding me of that fun time. I also visited with the ladies of Alpha

Rho in Garrett, IN. They had an excellent speaker and the food was terrific. My last visit was with our wonderful sisters of the Pi chapter in Fort Wayne, IN. The discussion was lovely, and I enjoyed learning about some Indiana history. I was blessed to attend Gamma Zeta's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner.

This year, I was able to attend all but one National Council meeting. I have enjoyed facilitating communication between National Council and the chapters of our district. It was a pleasure to write articles for the National Newsletter, and I hope that you enjoyed reading them.

I reviewed 14 PCRs and am beyond grateful to the treasurers of the Northeast District, who worked with me to answer any questions that arose. As I reviewed the PCRs, I couldn't help but be amazed at the wonderful things the chapters of the Northeast District have accomplished, and I hope that this

coming year, you will allow me to be part of those fantastic endeavors.

It has been my honor to serve as your Northeast District Officer, and I am excited to continue in this role next year. You all are a shining example of why I continue to love being part of this sisterhood. I hope to continue forming friendships and connections throughout the coming year and beyond.

Loyally,  
Lauren Burk  
Northeast District Officer  
Gamma Sigma, South Bend, IN



**District Officers Lauren Burk and Erin Schroering at the PNP Dinner prior to National Convention.**



**PI**  
**Fort Wayne, Indiana**  
**26 Members**  
**Second and Fourth Mondays**  
**August 9, 1919**

**2024-25 Officers:** Linda Walls, President; Katrina Kay, Vice President; Christy Blake, Recording/Corresponding Secretary; Mary Diskey, Treasurer; Jody Hoevel, Assistant Treasurer; Patricia Menge, Conductress; Janet Sagstetter, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** This was our 105th year of banding together to improve the community around us while improving ourselves, too. A festive highlight included good-natured competition at our Christmas party at Fort Wayne Game Show Experience. April brought cake and presents to celebrate our 105th birthday—every member received a lovely turquoise or gold fascinator to remember the occasion! We wrapped up the year with a potluck to honor our scholarship recipients and guests, as well as to welcome Pi's two new members.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** To finance our charity projects, we held our annual multi-day giant garage sale at Psi Ote Barn in September, sold evergreens in the fall, and hosted an elegant dinner with wine tasting at Club Soda in January. We combined fashion and food for our inaugural holiday-themed style show and tea; we left the event inspired *and* with funds for our annual Purdue Fort Wayne art, music, and literature scholarships. The chapter's most profitable project, Les Arts de la Table, required more than nine months of effort and many willing, generous hands. On April 21 and 22, twenty-one area businesses designed incredibly intricate, flamboyant tablescapes at a local country club. Attendees at the evening reception and the next day's luncheon voted for the "People's Choice" winner. A silent auction and a raffle raised additional funds. Speakers for the luncheon focused on personal experiences with key aspects of mental health. For the third year in a row, "Les Arts...", on behalf of Fort Wayne's The Carriage House, tackled the need for safe, stable housing for those confronting mental health challenges.

**Chapter News:** In our meetings this year,



**Members of Pi, Fort Wayne, proudly presented a check for \$36,000 to the Carriage House, an organization committed to providing safe, stable housing for those confronted with mental health challenges.**

we learned more about the remarkable Lincoln Collection archives and related items at the Allen County Public Library, as well as about the programs and volunteer opportunities at The Literacy Alliance, among other topics. We tackled revising our bylaws and standing rules. Finally, we honored the Pi's who have 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 years of active membership, proving once more that you can't keep a good Psi Ote down!

**RHO**  
**Angola, Indiana**  
**28 Members**  
**First Monday**  
**1916**

**2024-25 Officers:** Melissa Springar, President; Jenny Sanborn, Vice-President; Julie Clary, Corresponding Secretary; Janise Cobbs, Recording Secretary; Lynn Chandler, Treasurer; Teri Emberton, co-Treasurer; Sarah Clary, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** We enjoyed our social at the Shannon Wallace home where her husband displayed and discussed his collection of metal lunchboxes (over 200) in his workshop.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Bingo was our great fundraiser for the year, we had a full house, so many great prizes, and a lot of fun. We were able to add funds to our Steuben County scholarship. We provided Halloween treats for the Fremont

and Angola Libraries and supported the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. We helped fund a trip to Germany for the Fremont High School choir students. We donated funds to the Cameron Community Hospital. We served as ushers at Trine University events to earn volunteer hours. We also sponsored one camper to Hear Indiana Camp.

**Chapter News:** Our chapter was glad to present forty-year pins to Many Ann Wiegand, Cheryl Ballinger, and Merry Mattia. We had a great year and continue to work together for the love of our sisterhood.

**PHI**  
**Huntington, IN**  
**20 Members**  
**One Monday a Month**  
**July 26, 1920**

**2024-25 Officers:** Becky Livingston, President; Amanda Curry, Vice President; Jennifer Scalf, Corresponding/Recording Secretary; Judy Johnson, Treasurer; Nondus Christman, Advisor; Debbie Stoffel, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** In August we held our first meeting of the year and initiated a new member, Andrea Thompson. In the fall we were busy with our festival and cheeseball. In December we had our Christmas meeting with a party and gift exchange. We also initiated our second



**Phi, Huntington, sold more than 1,800 cheeseballs in 2024-25.**

new member of the year, Abi Leon, in December.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We had our 48<sup>th</sup> annual Forks of the Wabash Pioneer Festival on the fourth full weekend of September. The festival has many things for the whole family to enjoy. In October we had our annual cheeseball sale. We sold more than 1,800 of them. With the profits from our festival and cheeseballs we had over \$19,000 to give back to our community along with many scholarships! This year we began volunteering to help serve meals at “Meal Ministry” in our town. They provide daily meals for those in need. Every December we decorate a Christmas tree at the Historic Forks of the Wabash in our town. We adopted two families to help make their Christmas much brighter for them and their children.

In January we had our annual Library Time with children playing bingo and providing snacks. We had local author Mel Jones read her recently published book to the children. Our chapter also purchased copies of Ms. Jones’ books to give each child that she signed for them. In April we started a new project “Pans of Love”. We provided items to make cakes and donated them to Love Inc. In May we provided speech and hearing coloring books to all first graders in our school corporation to promote “May is Better Speech and Hearing Month”. Mel Jones illustrated and designed our new coloring books for us.

**Chapter News:** The past two years we added five new members to continue to grow our chapter. We started two new projects, “Meal Ministry” by serving meals to the people in need in our community and “Pans of Love” for families in need.

What a wonderful group of ladies we have, not only in our chapter but in our organization, who bring so much to each of our communities!

**ALPHA DELTA  
Decatur, Indiana  
7 Members  
Fourth Tuesday  
May 23, 1922**

**2024-25 Officers:** Abby Dyer, President; Kelly Drake, Vice President; Frankie Barger, Recording Secretary; Lisa Kiess, Corresponding Secretary; Kelly Drake, Treasurer; Kim Brune, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** Our year started with lots of laughs and merriment as we held a chapter trivia contest with competitive fun. We immediately began planning for the year and our charitable endeavors. Several opportunities were offered for social engagement such as Purse Bingo. A meeting was held at Famous Monster Pizza, a local iconic venue where we enjoyed the surroundings.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our members donated to many worthy, charitable causes at each meeting. We discussed possible fundraisers and decided to continue making and selling our always profitable cheeseballs. We had excellent proceeds that allowed us to fund scholarships and many other community programs.

**Chapter News:** We submitted the Decatur Sculpture Tour as a Psi Iota Xi National Project. A video was created by members illustrating the work on display in our small town.

**ALPHA ETA  
Bluffton, Indiana  
13 Members  
Second Monday  
October 19, 1923**

**2024-25 Officers:** Jennifer Bultemeier, President; Jenny Peterson, Secretary; Julia Hotle, Treasurer.

**Social Activities:** In December we met at Layne Fisher’s home and had a carry in dinner following our meeting. In January

2025 we began holding our monthly meetings at Family Centered Services on the second Monday of each month.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraising:** In October and November 2024 we met to make cheeseballs. We made a total of 441. On April 28, 2025 we held our designer purse bingo. We did very well! We also sold flower punch cards from a local floral shop. We gave money to the following organizations this year: Wells Community Theatre, Family Centered Services, Creative Arts Council, YMCA Dream Team, Wells County Public Library Summer Reading Program, Wells County Historical Society, High School Scholarships, Night to Shine at Hope Missionary Church, and Wells Community Pool. We worked hard this year and will continue to do so to help our community.

**ALPHA RHO  
Garrett, Indiana  
13 Members  
First Monday  
1926**

**2024-25 Officers:** Jan Merrill, President; Judy Burrell, Vice President; Kim Kumfer, Treasurer; Tasha Getts, Recording Secretary; Melissa Crabill, Corresponding Secretary; and Marilyn Leon, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** Time flies when you’re having fun, staying busy and changing lives! Alpha Rho experienced another remarkable year. In November we held our annual holiday gift exchange. The cold winter weather brought forth our mid-year Christmas Party, which was beautifully hosted at a local venue called The Vault in Garrett.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We started the summer off with another successful Ribeye sandwich fundraiser, almost selling out. A cool fall breeze brought in our September meeting, and the start of one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, the popular triple-dipped apples. We lovingly made 832 apples to be sold. In October, we started preparing to make the famous Psi Iota Xi cheeseballs in November. Author Barbara Olenyik Morrow joined us in November for our annual literary event. She told the



story behind her book, "Army Guy, Red Cross Gal." We also collected donations for our Christmas Adopt-A-Family outreach. As the months of January and February passed by, we reviewed cheeseball sales, totaling almost 700 made and how things went for our Christmas Adopt-A-Family. We also started to take orders for Audrey's Pumpkin and Cake Rolls and began preparing to host the City of Garrett Easter Egg Hunt. April started off with a bang, allowing us to distribute almost \$5,000 to local organizations, assisting needy families, schools, libraries, and sponsoring two local students to attend the Indiana Deaf Camp. We provided yellow roses and refreshments for the induction of new members into the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society. At the end of the school year, we awarded two local seniors with \$1,000 scholarships. We also donated four literacy baskets each month to Head Start classrooms.

**Chapter News:** We welcomed new member Becky, an active community member, into our sisterhood. We also had the opportunity to celebrate with two of our sisters, both of whom welcomed a new grandchild into the world, and one of whom got married! Alpha Rho had another successful year of supporting our sisters and local communities and look forward to celebrating 99 years in 2025!

**BETA GAMMA**  
**Peru, Indiana**  
**57 Members**  
**Third Monday**  
**June 1929**

**2024-25 Officers:** Kellie Gochenour, President; Cami Walters, Vice President; Laura Fulton, Corresponding Secretary; Shalana Bean, Recording Secretary; Stacia Bonifant, Treasurer; Ashley Soldi, Conductress; and Morgan Gold, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** In June, we held our annual anniversary party. As this was our chapter's 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we enjoyed a catered dinner in an elegantly decorated dining room. Each member received an onyx bracelet, which is a traditional gift for 95 years. We also held our initiation of new members. In August, we enjoyed a

picnic-themed dinner party prior to our usual meeting. In November and December, we held our regular meetings during a brief break in our cheeseball-making shifts. We enjoyed a Christmas Party including dinner and guided cookie decorating. Our final social event of the year was our March party, prior to our regular meeting. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with some traditional Irish foods and St. Patrick's bingo with prizes.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our biggest fundraiser is our cheeseball sale. We took orders in advance and made cheeseballs one Saturday in November and one Saturday in December. This year, we made approximately 5,725 cheeseballs, resulting in a profit of about \$37,600. In addition, our chapter sold coupons for a local greenhouse in our area. We also sold embroidered apparel at the Indiana State Meeting and National Convention, as well as to our members. With the funds raised from these projects, we were able to provide scholarships for college students pursuing degrees in speech & hearing, a youth circus college scholarship, a speech & hearing clinic for local students, local food banks, weekend child feeding programs, and various philanthropic grants in our community. Our members also served monthly, packing weekend food bags for needy students in our local elementary schools.

**Chapter News:** We were thrilled to welcome two new members at our June initiation ceremony.

**BETA EPSILON**  
**Mentone, Indiana**  
**17 Members**  
**First Tuesday**  
**September 7, 1929**

**2024-25 Officers:** Caroline Day, President; Kim Eiser, Vice President; Jill Gross, Recording Secretary; Carson Fahringer, Corresponding Secretary; Marsha Scott, Treasurer; Sherrill Hammon, Conductress; Jayne Brunetto, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** We gathered in July at a local outdoor restaurant for fellowship and dinner. We discussed whether we continue our football and basketball games sandwich selling fundraisers. We also enjoyed a Luau themed dinner at the home of a member with everyone contributing a delicious dish of Hawaiian fare. In December, we met at our favorite lakeside restaurant. We brought clothing and other items to be donated to the Mentone Elementary School's Buddy's Closet and shared our plans for the upcoming holiday season.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We continued to sell a variety of grilled sandwiches throughout the football and basketball seasons. We sponsored our annual 5-K run which was held in downtown Mentone during the Egg Festival with participation of eighty entries. Our cheeseballs were purchased by family and friends with a large portion sold at Warsaw craft shows and local bazaars.



**Beta Gamma, Peru, ritual team prepares to welcome new sisters into their chapter.**

Our chapter purchased tickets for the Wagon Wheel Theater production of Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street. The purchase entitled seventy-seven Mentone second graders to attend the iconic Christmas play. Our chapter decorated a Christmas tree that was auctioned off with proceeds going to local organizations. A monetary gift was donated to the Tippecanoe Valley Student Council which uses the funds for Miracle Tree clothing and Christmas gifts for elementary, middle, and high school families in need. Additionally, we support Hear Indiana, the Bell Aircraft Museum, and Riley Radio Days which is a matched donation. Donations to Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Sweet Sassy Golf Outing were given in memory of two Psi Ote husbands.

**Chapter News:** We are twelve sisters who depend on each other to step up to the task and to help with anything when asked of us. As always, we delight in having the ability to share our profits with local and state endeavors. We rejoice in each other's accomplishments and grieve when a sister is facing hardship or loss. For us, these experiences are the very essence of Psi Iota Xi.

**BETA RHO**  
Goshen, Indiana  
4 Members  
Second Thursday  
January 18, 1935

**2024-25 Officers:** Angie McKee, President; Amy Welling, Vice President; Patty Pickens, Secretary; Christina Homes, Treasurer.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We sold panini sandwiches and mac and cheese at our local 4-H fair. This was our second year for this fundraiser and although it was better than the first year, it still was not where we wanted to end profit wise. We held our first trivia night and had six teams sign up. Everyone had a great time, and we will consider doing one again in the fall.

**Chapter News:** We are down to four members and have made the very tough decision to no longer be involved selling food at the fair.



**Members of Eta Omicron, Kalamazoo, MI, welcomed Northeast District Officer, Lauren Burk to their November meeting and Christmas ornament craft assembly.**

**GAMMA ZETA**  
Ossian, Indiana  
10 Members  
Third Monday  
March 17, 1945

**2024-25 Officers:** Joan Furey, President; Carolyn Johnson, Recording Secretary; Kim Ashton, Treasurer; Karen Gerbers, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** Our group has continued the tradition of having a Christmas Party at a Tea House and watching a play at our local theatre. We include alumni as special guests.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We held our annual Cheeseball fundraiser, where we made and sold cheeseballs, a Spring Geranium sale, and a Fall Mum sale. Last year, we donated bookcases to the Ossian Rehabilitation Center and this year we donated books and magazines to fill those bookcases. We held some meetings at their Theatre/Library room to help support them as we rented that space. We gave a scholarship to a college junior from our county who is majoring in music, speech, art or hearing impairment. We continued our giving in as many local ways as possible including Scholastic Books, a special needs lady we have helped and visited for decades, and The Closet, a local organization that helps women and children.

**Chapter News:** We celebrated 80 years as a chapter at our president's home with a beautiful dinner and fun games. To continue our support of literature, books were awarded as prizes. We are working

with the Town of Ossian to help build and donate a gazebo at the Archbold Wilson Park in Ossian, Indiana. We are in the process of getting bids.

**ETA OMICRON**  
Kalamazoo, Michigan  
9 Members  
First Tuesday  
April 27, 1969

**2024-25 Officers:** Brenda Orwig, President; Jessica Lucas, Vice President; Brenda Orwig, Recording Secretary; Cheryl McKee, Corresponding Secretary; Sandy Thompson, Treasurer; Cheryl McKee, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** We had several social get togethers this past year. In June, prior to our summer break, we learned how to weave baskets. In the fall, we went to Western Michigan University's Van Riper Audiology Clinic for a tour. In November, Northeast District Officer Lauren Huyvaert Burk, attended our meeting/social and made a gnome Christmas ornament with us, and in December, we met for our Christmas dinner meeting at a local restaurant.

**Charitable/Fund-Raising Activities:** We began autumn delivering a welcome basket for a WMU Seita Scholar student, and made fifty-two fleece blankets for Lydia's Blankets, an organization that provides blankets to children in one of our local hospitals. During the holiday months, we delivered food to the Portage Community Center for holiday baskets that were distributed to individuals in



need. In February, we delivered chocolate suckers to WMU Seita Scholars. We again financially supported many local charitable organizations such as Warm Kids, Kalamazoo Junior Symphony, Ministry with Community, Loaves and Fishes, Early On, Kalamazoo Literacy Council, Ready to Read and Read & Write Kalamazoo.

**Chapter News:** We are delighted that our Louella Bradley Scholarship continues to be given yearly to a deserving WMU student recipient in the field of speech or hearing. Zoom has proven to be very useful in keeping us connected during the winter months for those of us wintering out of state.

**THETA THETA**  
**Fort Wayne, Indiana**  
**24 Members**  
**Second Tuesday**  
**September 10, 1971**

**2024-25 Officers:** Camellia Kahkola and Dee Burkhalter, Co-Presidents; Chloe Tobin, Vice President; Connie Frederick, Corresponding Secretary; Bethany Shefferly and Claudia Rhineholz, Recording Secretary; Sue Murphy, Treasurer; Morgan Morr, Conductress; Linda Morr, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** We began our year in May with our annual Fort Wayne Tincaps baseball game, where Johnny (the mascot) came out to our section, and we had our picture taken with him. We also enjoyed socializing at our two fundraisers, the November Designer Purse Bingo where one lucky participant won a Michael Kors purse in our Mystery Purse raffle and our March Style Show. We enjoyed spending time at the Hubie Ashcroft concert and our annual Christmas Party/Gift exchange.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We held our annual Purse Bingo in November with great attendance and a raffle of many beautiful baskets. Everyone had a great time. For our second fundraiser, we took pre-orders sales for fresh Holiday Greens in September and October then delivered them in early December. Our annual Style Show which had beautiful spring fashions and lots of Spring raffle baskets was held

in March.

**Chapter News:** We started our year with a very successful 2024 National Convention on June 22-24. We welcomed twenty-three returning active members and one Honorary Conferred member for the 2025-2026 membership year.

**THETA KAPPA**  
**Edon, Ohio**  
**16 Members**  
**First Monday**  
**March 1972**

**2024-25 Officers:** Carey Kiess, President; Marcia Mohre, Vice President; Jamie Schaffter, Treasurer; Heather Sheline, Recording/Corresponding Secretary; Jacque Radabaugh, Conductress/Advisor.

**Social Activities:** As we close on our 53rd year as a chapter, we can conclude the year with a feeling of pride that we have successfully kept the values of Psi Iota Xi going strong in our small community. Our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month in the banquet room of our community fire department. To celebrate Founders Day, we gathered at Howies on Hamilton Lake for a nice dinner. We enjoyed each other's company and had a business meeting. We discussed a few local things but also worked on some planning for the 2027 National Convention!

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our time and donations this business year were well spent with a strong focus on art, literature, and music. In August, our community celebrated Edon Days where we organize the community parade and sponsor a community concert. Led by our hard working chair, Sandie Carlson, on Sunday, November 3rd, we held the always successful, Basket and Purse Bingo fundraiser. In December, we delivered holiday gift bags to several local senior citizens and as always, they appreciated the holiday themed bags that were filled with useful goodies. We also had a pitch-in dinner to celebrate Christmas together as a chapter. At the end of March, we organized an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of our community. Each child received a basket of goodies and there were prizes drawn for each age

group and some visited with the Easter Bunny.

We also donated time and money to several other community organizations such the public library, food pantry, Edon school music and art departments, high school senior scholarships, 4-H camp scholarships, summer lunch program, Kate's Kart, and The Cincinnati Children's Hearing Aid Trust. Our Theta Kappa Sisters are frequently active at school concession stands, the Williams County Fair, 4-H projects, music boosters, parents club, and other areas of need in our community.

**Chapter News:** We have remained a supportive and close-knit group through the ups and downs of life in our sorority and community this year. It seems every year we face a few losses but also many celebrations with our sisters. We look forward to working on the 2027 National Convention planning committees and will continue to find new ways to support our local community as well.

**THETA TAU**  
**Midland, Michigan**  
**10 Members**  
**Third Tuesday**  
**June 1974**

**2024-25 Officers:** Sandy Casey and Joanne Tickner, Co-Presidents; Sandy Seeburger, Vice President; Anita Horny, Corresponding Secretary and Conductress; Connie Parkhurst, Recording Secretary; Mary Spadafore, Treasurer.

**Social Activities:** We are thankful for Google which helped us keep connected to members when weather and illness made in person meetings difficult. In December we celebrated the holidays at the H2O restaurant in Bay City. We enjoyed guest speakers at our meetings. One of our speakers was from the CMU Summer Speech Clinic. She presented us with a thank you note from a parent, thanking us for the financial assistance enabling her child to attend the clinic. She expresses how her child's speech/language skills had improved because of attending the clinic. Another speaker was the director of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. She shared activities available



There were many hands and lots of smiles for Theta Tau's annual cheeseball making day in Midland, Michigan.



through the library along with reviewing different genres of books that she had enjoyed reading. We are looking forward to reading many of these books.

**Charitable Activities/Fund Raisers:** Our cheeseball sale continued to be a very popular fundraiser. The cheese mixture was prepared for us by Wilson's Cheese Store in Pinconning. We assembled and packaged Cheeseballs the weekend

before Thanksgiving at Bullock Creek High School with the help of family, friends, and other volunteers.

For our second fundraiser, we partnered with Terry Lynn Fundraising. The proceeds of this fundraiser were used to sponsor a second CMU Summer Speech Camp camper. We provided financial support for the "Deaf & Hard of Hearing Social" in Saginaw. We gave monetary support to a

hearing impaired high school student attending the Health Care Career Exploration Summer Camp at the National Institute for the Deaf.

In December we chose to support the Rescue Ministry in Saginaw by providing donations that included gently used items, new personal care items, and money/gift cards from local stores. Locally, we supported the Reece Endeavor which provides affordable housing for adults with developmental, physical and intellectual disabilities. In total our philanthropic donations provided support to eighteen organizations.

**Chapter News:** The members of Theta Tau continue to be committed members of Psi Iota Xi providing financial support within the Tri-City area of Saginaw, Midland, and Bay City. This past year we gave emotional support to members who have lost close family members or who have family members with medical needs. All of us in Theta Tau continue to be excited with all our accomplishments this year and look forward to next year.

# 2025 Chapter Anniversaries

## 105 Years

SE – Upsilon, Greenfield, IN  
NE – Phi, Huntington, IN

## 100 Years

EC – Alpha Mu, Hartford City, IN  
NW – Alpha Xi, Logansport, IN

## 95 Years

EC – Beta Zeta, Summitville, IN

## 90 Years

EC – Beta Pi, Cambridge City, IN  
NE – Beta Rho, Goshen, IN  
SE – Beta Sigma, Austin, IN

## 85 Years

EC – Gamma Alpha, Portland, IN  
WC – Delta Zeta, Lafayette, IN

## 80 Years

NE – Gamma Zeta, Ossian, IN

## 75 Years

WC – Gamma Nu, Brownsburg, IN

## 70 Years

NW – Gamma Upsilon, Wolcott, IN

## 65 Years

SE – Zeta Xi, Madison, IN  
NE – Eta Omicron, Kalamazoo, MI

## 50 Years

WC – Theta Psi, Bethany, IL

## 45 Years

WC – Iota Sigma, Armstrong, IL

## 40 Years

SW – Iota Lambda, Ferdinand, IN





# NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Total Community Outreach .....	\$ 51,993.21
Total Speech and Hearing.....	\$ 23,243.34
Total Music .....	\$ 10,082.45
Total Fine Arts .....	\$ 30,853.51
Total Literature/Literacy .....	\$ 27,418.56

# 15

**Chapters**

# 211

**Members**



**Pam Gunterman**

NORTHWEST DISTRICT OFFICER

Theta Delta, Bremen, IN

## NORTHWEST DISTRICT CHAPTERS:

Chi, Brookston, IN .....	1921
Alpha Xi, Logansport, IN.....	1925
Beta Alpha, Flora, IN.....	1928
Beta Xi, Crown Point, IN .....	1934
Beta Psi, Delphi, IN* .....	1939
Gamma Beta, Remington, IN.....	1941
Gamma Sigma, South Bend, IN .....	1953
Gamma Upsilon, Wolcott, IN .....	1955
Zeta Theta, Niles, MI .....	1959
Eta Gamma, Valparaiso, IN .....	1966
Eta Mu, Rochester, IN .....	1968
Eta Nu, Rensselaer, IN.....	1969
Theta Delta, Bremen, IN .....	1971
Theta Iota, Monticello, IN.....	1971
Iota Xi, Winamac, IN .....	1996

\*Chapter also has an Auxiliary Chapter

Psi Iota Xi has been a big part of my life for the last 39 years. The friendships made and experiences had as a Psi Ote are some of my most cherished. This longevity and these special moments are what I wish for every chapter member in their local chapters and in the relationships formed at the state meetings and national convention.

As Lauren (NEDO) and I prepared our presentation on the Long-Term Projects for convention I could not help but be filled with pride. From the chapter members who did the primary work to bring these

projects to their chapter, to the chapters who supported them locally and brought them to national attention and to our membership for the commitment and completions of these projects, each step of the way we united to enrich the lives of those about us. This is evidence of work well done in the past and dedication to continue in the future. This speaks volumes about the strength and loyalty of each member.

As I enter this third year as your NWDO I am excited to visit four more of my northwest district

chapters. These visits never disappoint. I get the privilege to witness the ladies of each chapter doing the work of Psi Iota Xi that supports and builds their communities and impacts individuals.

I wish you all a wonderful Psi Ote year and look forward to serving the Northwest District in 2025-2026.

Pam Gunterman  
Northwest District Officer  
Theta Delta, Bremen, IN



Misty McNeely, Kathy Kahre, and Jane Patton, Alpha Omicron, Vincennes, IN.



The ladies of Upsilon, Greenfield, IN celebrating the amazing National Convention they hosted.



The ladies of Omega, Lebanon, IN announce the invitation to the 2026 National Convention in Indianapolis, IN.

**CHI**  
**Brookston, Indiana**  
**11 Members**  
**Third Thursday**  
**April 1921**

**2024-2025 Officers:** Rita Clark, President;  
Carla Deckard, Treasurer.

**Social Activities:** We are blessed to have eleven wonderful ladies in our chapter who stepped up again this year. This year our chapter was busy planning our fundraising activities and our monthly meetings. Throughout the year we did several outings. We enjoy activities like painting at "All Fired Up".

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We organized our annual cookie booth fundraiser and our butter braids sale in the fall. We hung up ribbons for breast cancer awareness. We continued to financially support "Sleep in Heavenly Peace", an organization that builds beds and provides bedding for children who don't have a bed. We also helped build the beds this year. We enjoyed helping



**Chi, Brookston, held a fun painting party at "all Fired Up"**

whenever we could in our community.

**Chapter News:** We are the only chapter who owns a house where we hold our meetings. We have recently advertised more for the rental of our house to the community.

**ALPHA XI**  
**Logansport, Indiana**  
**16 Members**  
**Second Monday**  
**August 11, 1925**

**2024-2025 Officers:** Carol Eldridge and Sandra Shaffer, Co-Presidents; Kim Busard, Vice President; Christina Pifer, Recording Secretary; Mary Ann DelInnocentes, Corresponding Secretary; Krystal Shaffer, Treasurer.

**Social Activities:** Our summer started off with our annual picnic. Good food and fellowship were had by all, as we recognized our college scholarship winner. Fall arrived and our members shared stories of prior fundraisers as we held our garage sale. Christmas was a time for celebration as we had our annual Christmas dinner. This year members brought in a kitchen towel for a gift exchange. Bonnie Sonafrank led our program where we made beaded bracelets with a cross as the center piece of the bracelet. Many of our members are gifted in art, craft, and music. They graciously share their talents with us at our social events.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our annual flower sale in the spring and mum sale in the fall are our largest fundraisers. Thank you to Barb Hanlon for being our fearless leader with these sales. This year we did something new and had a booth at the Cass County 4-H Fair. Members sold beaded ink pens, lighted roses, beaded bracelets, and our children's book "The Christmas Bells: A Speech and Hearing Christmas Miracle" by D.D. Scott. In November, we participated in the Cass County Extension Homemakers Holiday & Crafts Fair.

As much fun as it is to raise money, it is even better to give it away by helping others. Most of our fundraising goes towards our annual speech and hearing

clinic. The clinic services children in Cass County ages three to second grade who have an IEP, with continued speech therapy over the summer. We help between 30-35 children with eight-half hour sessions over the month of June. We also provided a high school scholarship and college scholarship to individuals who are planning on furthering their education in a speech and hearing field. To help further other endeavors in our community, we sponsor an art award through Logansport Art Association and donate to our local Jr. Civic Theater.

**Chapter News:** Our chapter has a long history of being involved in our local community. We look forward to many more years of serving Cass County, as we celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August 2025!

**BETA ALPHA**  
**Flora, Indiana**  
**17 Members**  
**First Tuesday**  
**June 15, 1928**

**2024-2025 Officers:** Ashley Boyd, President; Beth Johnson, Vice President; Samantha Miller, Secretary; Sara Overway, Treasurer; Pam Flora, Conductress; Lolita McAfee, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** Our chapter met at the homes of various sisters or the meeting room at the Flora Library. In June, we celebrated our Founders Day and enjoyed time spent with sisters active and retired. Our social calendar became even busier during the fall and winter when we ramped up our charitable activities. At Christmas, we participated in the town parade by decorating our vehicle in the Polar Express theme. We distributed 134 books to the children in the community and our entry won "Best Depiction of Theme." We also gathered for a wonderful Christmas party at our local train depot where we painted canvas with snowmen with local artist, Michelle Sutton. We really cherish our time to socialize and support our sisters!

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our most successful fundraisers this year were selling cookies at the county fair, cheeseballs, and spring flowers. Our



cookies are legendary among local residents and out of town travelers. In the fall, we expanded our cheeseball sales to include a dessert cheeseball to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which we sponsor. We hosted a booth at the Flora Holiday Market and gave out over 80 books and sold our cheeseballs. In the spring, we proudly sponsored a significant initiative at Carroll Elementary School known as One School, One Book. We also organized our annual Artist in Residence program at the elementary and high school. This year students did screen printing projects as a new art medium. In December, we hosted our annual senior citizen Christmas party, eagerly anticipated by our elderly community members each year. We also made Christmas brighter for many children through our "Christmas for Kids" initiative. We undertook several other commendable projects, including offering free medical equipment for borrowing and organizing multiple blood drives locally. In May we proudly awarded \$3,000.00 in scholarships to three graduating seniors.

**Chapter News:** We sadly lost sisters Deb Raderstorf and Judy Hoffman, both long-time members and dedicated supporters of Psi Iota Xi. They both received lovely Psi Iota Xi memorials. We look forward to continuing to look for ways to unite and grow during the 2025-2026 year.

**BETA XI**  
**Crown Point, Indiana**  
**13 Members**  
**First Tuesday**  
**August 3, 1934**

**2024-2025 Officers:** Katie Tetzloff, President; Michelle Lentini, Vice-President; Megan McGee, Recording Secretary; Colleen Campbell, Corresponding Secretary; Karen Osborne, Treasurer; Megan McGee, Conductress; Lynn Clay, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** We kicked off our business year in May 2024, with our annual officer installation dinner, where we reinstated our same 2024-2025 officers for another year. Over the summer, we celebrated our sisterhood with a fun family pizza party. We held our annual Christmas dinner in December,



**Psi Otes from Beta Psi, Delphi, helped children in their community shop for individuals special in the child's life at the Christmas Shop.**

complete with prizes for the most festively dressed, and lots of fun holiday themed games! We also collected donations at the dinner in support of the First United Methodist Church outreach programs. Then, for our February meeting, we had a soup and dessert fundraiser, where we all donated \$5 each to sample all the goodies and purchase recipes of the delicious items made by our fellow sisters. We plan to do this again soon, but with salads and appetizers this time!

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** In August 2024, we kicked off our yearly fundraising efforts by once again working at the Lake County Fair gates. Our members each donated several hours of their time during the span of the fair to help with this. Then in November, we geared up for our biggest annual fundraiser...Cheese Spread! We produced nearly 800 tubs of cheese spread in our local high school cafeteria. We raised a record amount of money for our chapter this year, which meant that we were able to support many wonderful organizations, such as, the Northwest Indiana Symphony, Southshore Arts, Crown Point Summer Reading Program at our local library, Crown Point High School Music Boosters, Memorial Opera House, Indiana Ballet Theater, Buddy Bags, Hear Indiana, Indiana Deaf Camp, and Emberly's Smiles Program. We were also able to provide scholarships for local high school students preparing to attend college to study in the areas of art, literature, music, or speech and hearing.

**Chapter News:** After being displaced from our former meeting place last year, we

were very fortunate to find a local church, First United Methodist, that was happy to allow us to use their facilities free of charge. As a thank you for their generosity, our sisterhood has been happy to support and make various donations to their community outreach programs. We are very grateful for them!

**BETA PSI**  
**Delphi, Indiana**  
**25 Members**  
**10 Auxiliary Members**  
**Second Thursday**  
**September 28, 1939**

**2024-2025 Officers:** Robin Jones, President; Leisha Hill, Vice President; Carla Mote, Treasurer; Michelle Pearson, Assistant Treasurer; Kaila Brooks, Recording Secretary; Brianne Musser, Assistant Recording Secretary; Laura Greene, Conductress; Christy Schock, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** We kicked off our new year of service and fundraising with our annual anniversary dinner. The event featured a special meal prepared by the Culinary Arts students from the Delphi Community High School, who thoughtfully planned, budgeted, shopped for, cooked, and presented a delicious dinner. The highlight of the evening was honoring Carolyn Pearson for an incredible 60 years of active membership. Carolyn has served in numerous roles, including chapter president, and is estimated to have rolled over 150,000 cheeseballs during her time.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We supported the local blood mobile

throughout the year. In August we volunteered at the Indiana Bacon Fest collecting tickets and helping with admissions. Our main fundraising event is cheeseballs in November. We made 3073 cheeseballs this year. We were assisted by local high school students from FFA and Band.

In December we held our second annual Santa's Secret Workshop. We provided gift options for children aged pre-k to 8th grade. Each child could select two gifts to give to whoever they chose. This year we had 120 children.

In March we helped support a local youth group showcasing hundreds of works of art in an auction that came from local artists. In May we hosted a Free Hearing Clinic for Hearing Awareness Month. Dr. Leahy, the son of one of our chapter sisters, volunteered to provide free hearing screenings for children and adults.

With the proceeds from the cheeseball sale, we were able to support several projects that fall under Psi Iota Xi's mission. We supported our local library summer reading programs as well as funded library memberships for those who were unable to purchase a membership of their own. We provided funds to the high school and elementary school art programs to purchase supplies. We provided funding to the Senior and Family services program to purchase canvases, paints and brushes for their monthly art class, and purchased books for Kindergarten Round Up.

**Chapter News:** We had zero initiates. Through our ups and downs we continue to remain strong through our sisterhood and look forward to 2025-2026 year!

**GAMMA BETA**  
Remington, Indiana  
8 Members  
First Wednesday  
June 18, 1941

**2024-2025 Officers:** Monette Cochran, President; April Stearns, Corresponding Secretary; Andi Waibel, Treasurer.

**Social Activities:** Our chapter began the

year by setting a theme to be carried through each monthly meeting. This year, the theme was "Children's Books." We continue to enjoy the socialization of themes, and we added a bonus with the books! Each month a different children's book was featured and our hostesses purchased that book so it could be donated to our Tri-County Primary Library! A few of our favorite books that were featured throughout the year were, *"The Little Engine that Could," "Goodnight Moon," "The Tale of Peter Rabbit,"* and *"The Very Hungry Caterpillar."*

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our Annual Bingo in October continued to grow! We have a wonderful community, as well as surrounding communities who also come and play!

We strive to grow our presence in our community every year. The Trunk or Treat continues to grow! We ran out of candy again this year. The Lion's Club hosted their Halloween Parade very close to the street we had blocked off, and the kids LOVE it! We purchased a new archway for the entrance which was met with big smiles and "ooooohs and aaaaahs!"

December brings time with our families as well as our community. We participated in the Adopt-A-Family program which is extremely special to us. We "adopt" a Remington family and purchase many, if not all, items on their "wish list" as well as new coats, gloves, etc. We continued with

our annual bake sale, which was held in conjunction with our Remington Fire Department's pork burger and chili lunch. The Remington Christmas Parade was also held that day and Santa paid a visit to the Fire Station!

We purchased books for every student in Tri-County Primary School and Tri-County Intermediate School. Approximately 450 books were purchased and sent home with the students right before Spring Break. We also purchased tickets for 5th grade students to attend the Indianapolis Symphony in March.

In May we celebrated speech and hearing month. We distributed special coloring books, bookmarks, and colored pencils to each Tri-County Primary student. These go home with them during the last week of school, so they have something fun to do over the summer.

**Chapter News:** May we, with God's help, continue to cultivate and grow our community.

**GAMMA SIGMA**  
South Bend, Indiana  
8 Members  
First Monday  
May 1953

**2024-2025 Officers:** Pam Overmyer, President; Kelly Seaver-Haines, Vice President; Debbie Huyvaert, Treasurer;



Gamma Sigma, South Bend sisters participated in the Lip Sync Battle during the welcome party of the 2025 National Convention. This group performed "Nine to Five" by Dolly Parton.



Erica Vitale, Recording Secretary; Mart Rohr, Corresponding Secretary; Debbie Huyvaert, Advisor/Conductress.

**Social Activities:** The ladies of Gamma Sigma enjoyed spending time together with food and fun. In May we always celebrate our chapter's anniversary with our annual "Birthday Dinner." We dress up and have a lovely meal at a local restaurant to honor each other and our former sorority sisters of the past. In December we celebrated the holidays with a secret ornament exchange. It is such fun to see what each member picks out for their secret sister's gift. In March we had a fun filled bag/purse auction. Spending time enjoying each other's company while sharing some great laughs continues to bring us closer together.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Gamma Sigma continues to collect gently used books, magazines, coloring books, word search and crossword puzzles to donated to the "Roving Activities Cart" at a local hospital. These items provide activities for patients in the hospital.

Once again, our annual geranium flower sale fundraiser was a success. Much credit for our success goes out to our sister, Debbie Huyvaert. The fundraiser allowed us to fund our chapters projects and offer scholarships.

**Chapter News:** Gamma Sigma is holding strong with eight members. We continue to meet on Mondays, typically in person but also by Zoom when members or weather requires it. Our sister, Lauren Huyvaert became Lauren Burk this December when she married her wonderful husband, Ian. Lauren continues to be a member of the Gamma Sigma Chapter and is the Northeast District Officer. With much sadness we lost two very dear sisters this year, Nancy Jo Pinney and Susan Fries. We honor their many years of service, and the legacy left by these two wonderful women.

Gamma Sigma received the Indiana State Rotating Grant this year. With the grant money we purchased a collection of BIG BOOKS, hard books, storage rack, and manipulatives for adaptive stories for the South Bend Community School Corporation's Special Needs & Abilities

Preschool. The SNAP program currently serves 275 students who are ages 3 and 4. Utilizing the items donated, provided tangible visuals making story time more interactive while increasing interest in literacy-based activities for this early intervention program.

**GAMMA UPSILON**  
**Wolcott, Indiana**  
**3 Members**  
**First Wednesday**  
**May 15, 1955**

**2024-2025 Officers:** Debbie Holder, President; Karena Price, Corresponding Secretary; Karie Holder, Treasurer.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our big fundraiser is Cheeseballs. We are very thankful that we are still able to make our cheeseballs with the help of volunteer groups at the high school. With our fundraiser this year we were able to focus on some of the projects that are important to us and our community. One of the most important things we do as a chapter is our Angel Tree project helping families in need during the holidays. This year with the funds we had available along with donations from the community we were able to help fifteen families with gifts, clothing, and food. We also pay to send our fifth-grade class to the Indianapolis symphony. It is fun to see how much the students enjoy this trip to the symphony. With our beautification project we were able to plant flowers and put up American flags around the community. We supported our local library with a donation for them to purchase some new books for the children's section. We supported a few other projects within our schools that involved art, literature, and music.

**Chapter News:** We look forward to recruiting some new members in the coming year! Our Chapter may be small right now, but we strive to maintain our chapter's involvement in our small community, just like our great alumni members started doing 69 years ago. The members of Gamma Upsilon love to spread good cheer throughout our community and enrich the lives of those around us. We are excited about what is coming for our chapter!

**ZETA THETA**  
**Niles, Michigan**  
**15 Members**  
**Second Wednesday**  
**February 14, 1959**

**2024-2025 Officers:** Joni Flynn, President; RaeAnn Martinez, Corresponding Secretary; Heather Mitchell, Treasurer.

**Social Activities:** This year has been a busy and fulfilling one for the Zeta Theta chapter of Niles, MI. We kicked off our activities with a lovely salad supper, which was a wonderful way for our members to reconnect after a short break and get ready for our main fundraising event, the Four Flags Apple Festival. In December, we enjoyed a festive Christmas dinner and meeting complete with a fun gift exchange. January brought our cozy annual pajama meeting, made even better with special hot cocoa. We celebrated a significant milestone in February, our 66th anniversary, at a local pizza place. Our March meeting was held at the Hacienda Restaurant.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We were so lucky to have beautiful weather the first weekend of October for the Four Flags Apple Festival, which was great for all the talented crafters at the festival. We also proudly sold our signature sweet and spicy pickles there!

March included a successful fundraiser at Hacienda, a restaurant that partners with organizations for give-back nights.

**Chapter News:** In May, we installed one new member at our regular meeting. Looking ahead to June, we're excited to host our end-of-year picnic, which is always special as we reveal the secret sisters from the past year. Many of our



**Zeta Theta, Niles, MI, welcomed new member Janelle into their chapter.**

members are also eagerly anticipating this year's convention, where they'll have fun in the sales room and enjoy spending time together.

**ETA GAMMA**  
**Valparaiso, Indiana**  
**12 Members**  
**First Tuesday**  
**June 18, 1966**

**2024-2025 Officers:** Pat Kugler, President; Jennifer Buck, Corresponding Secretary; Debra Jones, Treasurer.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We received two funding awards this year to continue our community-based projects. Corresponding Secretary Jennifer Buck entered her workplace Everwise Credit Union's Holiday Contest and won \$500 to be used towards the cost of our annual Summer Speech and Hearing Clinic. Jennifer won the award after writing a short essay about her work with the group.

Eta Gamma received the Psi Iota Xi Indiana State Rotating Grant of \$1,000 at the Indiana State meeting. Our chapter used the award to outfit police, fire, and EMT departments throughout Porter County with communication boards. Eta Gamma's delegates saw a presentation by another Psi Ote chapter about the boards and decided they should bring the idea to our community. This highlights just how important it is for chapters to share ideas and participate in the sisterhood that is National Convention. In honor of May is better Speech and Hearing month Linda G and Jennifer B worked to give communication boards to all Porter County fire or police departments that were interested. The ladies are especially passionate about giving these tools to the many volunteer fire departments that serve our smaller communities. The Volunteer departments are especially grateful since they receive very little funding.

**Chapter News:** Walking into the 2025-2026 project year the ladies of Eta Gamma continue to look for projects related to art, music, speech, and literature that they are passionate about. We are thinking up fundraising ideas so the community can learn more about this

chapter's long history of philanthropy. We want to encourage new ladies to join our group and bring fresh ideas. In closing we are celebrating this year's wins with an optimistic eye towards the future of our chapter.

**ETA MU**  
**Rochester, Indiana**  
**19 Members**  
**First Monday**  
**December 8, 1968**

**2024-2025 Officers:** Michelle Million, President; Marah Sroufe, Corresponding Secretary; Tricia Sederholm, Treasurer.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** This group of nineteen sisters made and sold 1,800 cheeseballs this year. The effort takes two days and participation by all our sisters.

Our popular daddy-daughter Valentine's Dance, themed Party in the USA, was well attended. A total of 225 people, roughly 150 of them little girls dressed in their best, with crafts, games and prizes, a candy bar, snacks, dancing, professional portraits, a silent auction and takeaway gifts.

A new project, ladies' night out at a local boutique, allowed us to raise funds while shopping for clothing. Our annual flower sale had us delivering beautiful baskets of flowers and flats of annuals to our customers.

As a result of Eta Mu's popular street banner art contest, we saw city street workers hanging the winning banners throughout our downtown. Runners-ups' works were exhibited in our public library so even more students received recognition for their creations. The annual reception for the contest gave students and parents a way to celebrate the artists' success.

Summertime for Eta Mu means it's time for our annual speech clinic. The free clinic is funded entirely by our chapter and helped forty children last year. Also, during the summer, we gathered to process and label hundreds of books for the coming school year's Books for Kindergartners, which provided a free book each month to each kindergartner in three school corporations.

Children from throughout the county were able to see free movies at our beautiful, renovated Times Theater compliments of our cultural arts committee. We sponsored movies and free refreshments during school breaks. We again supported the Nickel Plate Music and Arts Festival in our downtown. We helped pay for our high school choir and band students to attend a professional dinner theater at Beef and Boards in Indianapolis. We also support the community in various endeavors that meet our mission such as student scholarships, providing materials to school and public libraries, and other small requests.

**Chapter News:** Eta Mu chapter of Psi Iota



**Eta Mu, Rochester, financially supported the Riddle One School/One Book program as well as the theatre production of Willy Wonka.**





**Eta Nu, Rensselaer, sold cookies at the Jasper County Fair.**

Xi spent the past year doing all we could to advance our missions of the best music, art, literature, speech and hearing in our community.

**ETA NU**  
**Rensselaer, Indiana**  
**16 Members**  
**Fourth Monday**  
**January 19, 1969**

**2024-25 Officers:** Tammy Wisley, President; Hannah Wisley, Vice President; Michelle Potter, Treasurer; Julie Heninger, Recording Secretary; Mallory Redlin, Corresponding Secretary; Martha Langley, Conductress; and Lori James, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** The Eta Nu chapter has had a busy year. This year, all our monthly meetings have had a Disney movie theme.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** To serve our community, our chapter's main fundraiser continues to be the sale of chocolate chip and butterscotch cookies at the Jasper County Fair. As always, the community continues to support our little Cookie Shack, and we are immensely grateful. Our chapter is also exploring other fundraising opportunities. With the profits from our fundraisers, we continue to support endeavors related to art, music, literature, and speech and hearing in our community. Our chapter is so proud to make contributions to the art programs of three elementary schools, the libraries in five schools, two local theatre groups, the local high school band and choral departments, sponsor the local art show awards at the local high school, the purchase of hearing aid batteries for local students who are deaf/hard of hearing, and a college scholarship to a local high school graduate.

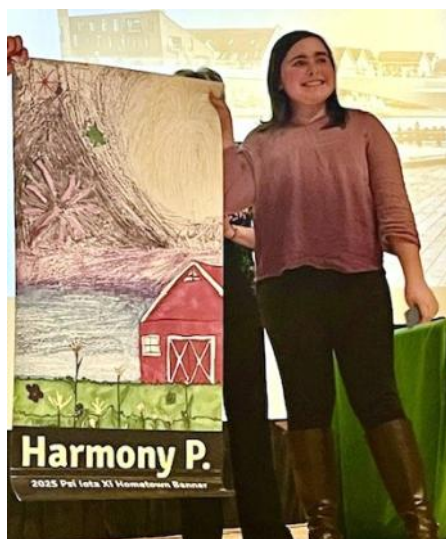
**Chapter News:** Although we only initiated one new member in May, our chapter enjoyed the consistent and fun involvement of all members throughout the year. Our chapter is looking forward to a new year and making new memories with our sisters.

**THETA DELTA**  
**Bremen, Indiana**  
**20 Members**  
**Third Thursday**  
**May 19, 1971**

**2024-25 Officers:** Janet Davis and Clair Ton, Co-Presidents; Joyce Kiefer, Recording Secretary; Shannon Smith, Corresponding Secretary; Lisa Bixel, Treasurer; Melissa Nunez, Conductress; Pam Gunterman, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** Our chapter had several social and art events this year, as we looked to find magic in the small moments. In September, members created vase art with artist-member Kathy Strang and traveled to a U-Pick flower farm to gather later-summer blooms. In October, we had a theater and dinner outing, to see *Clue*. December brought a delicious Christmas brunch in Amish country. In the spring, we painted dragonfly watercolor tags with Theta Delta sister and artist, Sheila Reed. The creativity, fun, and friendship of sisterhood is definitely filled with magic!

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** In



**Harmony was the 7th grade Hometown Banner Contest winner sponsored by the Theta Delta, Bremen chapter.**

addition to our sisters' social time, Theta Delta was out and about, working to make our community a great place to be! In the summer, Clair Ton and Kelly Simpson represented us well at National Convention and we had a popsicle booth at the Bremen Schools Back to School Parking Lot Party.

In the fall, we sold vouchers for mums from a local farmer to build up our philanthropic fund. November brought cheeseballs (of course!), and then even MORE cheeseballs to meet the demand! Members brought children's books to the Christmas brunch, to add to the four Psi Ote Little Free Libraries that Theta Delta installed and continue to maintain. In the winter, we sponsored the local Young Author's Conference and the high school musical, as well as provided scholarships to local high school students and the Bethel University ASL program.

April was a busy month, as Theta Delta sponsored the middle school art show. We also sponsored the Hometown Banner student competition; this year's theme was "My Hometown." Forty-nine local students entered their art! One winner was selected from each grade (K-12) to have their art made into banners that hung from downtown Bremen lamp posts. We are thrilled to have the students' art beautify our little town!

**Chapter News:** Theta Delta had another busy and fun year, as we focused on building up both our community and our chapter sisterhood! 2024-2025 brought us two wonderful new members, Sheila Reed and Jill Jones. Both Sheila and Jill have jumped right in, becoming enthusiastic and active Psi Otes!

**THETA IOTA**  
**Monticello, Indiana**  
**8 Members**  
**Second Wednesday**  
**October 19, 1971**

**2024-25 Officers:** Angie Armstrong, President; Jody Headdy, Vice President; Teresa Alexander, Recording Secretary; Shirley Trent, Conductress; Thoma White, Corresponding Secretary; Kathy Logan, Treasurer; Theresa Sommers, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** Our chapter gatherings seamlessly blend socializing with business, creating a warm and welcoming environment for our members. From cozy chats over snacks to celebratory dinners and porch hangouts, we cherish every moment of togetherness and connection. One highlight was our Christmas dinner, held in a decorated alcove at the Riverside restaurant. Another was our anniversary dinner, which was held at another restaurant, Angler's.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our commitment to making a positive impact extended to our charitable activities and fundraisers. The fall mum sales, an annual favorite, adorned Kathy Logan's yard with vibrant colors, while our spring cheese ball sales saw immense success, with nearly 1000 cheese balls delighting our supporters. Embracing efficiency, we streamlined our operations by alternating cheese ball production between spring and fall, engaging in pre-orders, and exploring innovative avenues like online advertising in the local Facebook pages. We have continued to work alongside our sister sorority, to help them sell their delicious cookies at the county fair.

As a testament to our dedication to the community, we initiated a fund to acquire musical artwork for the parks department, symbolizing our enduring commitment to enhancing public space through art and music combined.

**Chapter News:** We are happy to announce we didn't have any members retire this year. We have supported alumni members' families at various funerals

by sending a yellow rose a note of sympathy & support from the sorority.

As we reflect on the past year's achievements and cherish the bonds that unite us, we eagerly anticipate the forthcoming year brimming with new opportunities, friendships, and meaningful endeavors. Theta Iota continues to embody the spirit of service, friendship, and community, laying the foundation for a bright and purposeful future.

**IOTA XI  
Winamac, Indiana  
10 Members  
Third Tuesday  
June 24, 1996**

**2024-25 Officers:** LeAnne Temple, President; Monica Maddox, Recording Secretary; Patsy Bennett, Vice President, Treasurer, Conductress, and Advisor.

**Social Activities:** We had our annual carry-in and Dirty Santa event at our December meeting. It is always a fun night. At our February meeting we did a painting class. We had two guests join us and a good time was had by all.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our year started with us participating in Art in the Park which is sponsored by the Pulaski County Tribe. We had a booth where children could make maracas out of plastic eggs filled with beans and attached to two plastic spoons. The craft was a big success with over one hundred maracas made.



**Iota Xi, Winamac, welcomed new members Beth and Cletha.**

Our flower bed is an ongoing project that seems to be enjoyed by many. We receive complements on it every time we are there watering or weeding. The theme of the flower bed may be changed this year. Only time will tell.

We sent our speech pathology scholarship recipient her check after she was settled in at school and she is enjoying her studies very much. This fall we will be giving the scholarship to a girl who is going to become an English teacher.

In the fall we did our annual cheese spread scooping at the local Methodist church. It was done in two sessions. We are thankful to Shoups for mixing the cheese for us. We sold our cheese spread to our usual customers and also had booths at two of the county's Christmas bazaars.

Our local theatre has a tricking or treating event every year. This is done so that the children don't have to walk up and down the streets to get treats and goodies. We had fun participating in this for the first time and think the kids had a lot of fun too. We passed out bubbles.

A nearby community has a very impressive drive through holiday light display. We donated a goodie basket, that included our cheese spread, to a fundraiser they held to purchase new lights and repair old lights for their display.

**Chapter News:** We initiated two new members that night at our December meeting.

**Helicon Presentation**

The Helicon, the official publication of Psi Iota Xi, documents the events of each National President's year in office. Annually, the National Editor has the honor of presenting the National Advisor with the Helicon documenting her year as Psi Iota Xi National President.

Rhonda McNall-Crisenbery, National Advisor, receives her Helicon from Jane Patton, National Editor in November 2024.







# EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

Total Community Outreach .....	\$ 34,829.89
Total Speech and Hearing .....	\$ 19,109.21
Total Music.....	\$ 10,667.00
Total Fine Arts .....	\$ 7,388.77
Total Literature/Literacy .....	\$ 11,139.44

**16**  
**Chapters**  
**364**  
**Members**



**Beth Vipond**

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICER  
Gamma Tau, Marion, IN

## EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT CHAPTERS:

Alpha, Muncie, IN .....	1897
Kappa, Kokomo, IN .....	1908
Alpha Iota, Richmond, IN.....	1924
Alpha Mu, Hartford City, IN.....	1925
Alpha Phi, Fortville, IN .....	1927
Alpha Chi, Hagerstown, IN .....	1928
Beta Zeta, Summitville, IN .....	1930
Beta Iota, Farmland, IN .....	1932
Beta Pi, Cambridge City, IN .....	1934
Beta Upsilon, Mt. Vernon, OH .....	1937
Gamma Alpha, Portland, IN .....	1940
Gamma Eta, Knightstown, IN .....	1946
Gamma Tau, Marion, IN.....	1954
Zeta Beta, Anderson, IN.....	1957
Eta Iota, Parker City, IN .....	1968
Theta Zeta, Fort Recovery, OH .....	1971

The 2024-2025 Psi Iota Xi year was a great one for the East Central District! Our district gave a total of \$83,134.31 to the communities you reside in – that is a phenomenal amount of investment in those we care so much about!

I was able to complete four official chapter visits this year to Gamma Eta, Knightstown, Alpha Phi, Fortville, Alpha Mu, Hartford City

and Beta Pi, Cambridge City. I also attended the Kappa, Kokomo Auction, the Alpha, Muncie Christmas Tea and a kick-off social in Fortville for Alpha Phi that had a wonderful turnout of both members and prospective members.

The trips to spend time with the East Central chapters are truly the best part of being a district officer.

Everyone is so welcoming and friendly. I am looking forward to seeing more of you in the coming year and sincerely congratulate you all on the many things you are able to do in your individual communities.

Pax vobiscum,  
Beth Vipond  
East Central District Officer  
Gamma Tau, Marion, IN



Past National Presidents are still very much involved with Psi Iota Xi. These ladies attended National Council's luncheon at the Riley Museum in Greenfield in November 2024.



Phyllis Arthur (far right), Upsilon, Greenfield, IN showed PNPs and National Council James Whitcomb Riley's boyhood home.

**ALPHA**  
**Muncie, Indiana**  
**97 Members**  
**Second Tuesday**  
**September 19, 1897**

**2024-25 Officers:** Shari Dixon, President; Valerie Helms-Mejia, Vice President; Lynn Shipley, Recording Secretary; Mary Le Glore, Corresponding Secretary; Jacqueline Burton, Treasurer; Julie Bering, Assistant Treasurer; Becke Bly, Conductress; Susan Haynes, Advisor; Carolyn Dewitt, President PIX Charities, Inc.

**Social Activities:** An exciting volunteer opportunity was Fire-Up Downtown (Muncie) where several sisters handed out flyers about our December "Holiday Boutique".

The Ball State University David Letterman Media and Communications building, complete with guest speaker and radio station tour, were highlights of our October meeting. One of our sisters helped with founding the Muncie WIPB television station located at BSU. We viewed some original Bob Ross paintings; his broadcast was from that location.

Our November Friends giving carry-in meal meeting was time for reflection and how we will move forward after closing the Bargain Box Resale shop in operation since 1962. Also, in November we enjoyed lively conversation with a large



Alpha, Muncie, sisters Shari Dixon and Susan Haynes with keynote speaker Katie Morgan Perez (center) at the 2025 Indiana State Meeting in Marion.

group of sisters and guests at Tonne Winery Friends giving social event.

Our December Holiday Tea was held at the Delaware Country Club. Having already voted to close the Bargain Box, small group meetings were held in January to discuss moving forward. Sisters met at Rinard Orchid Greenhouse on the Ball State campus in February where our own Fallen Petal Betty Kendall donated her orchid collection. A greenhouse tour followed our catered meal.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our Bargain Box resale shop provided quality clothing and household goods to "those less fortunate" in our area. Participation in RaiseRight fundraiser has already earned our chapter \$1,557.41.

A food drive for Muncie Mission and "A Better Way" shopping day were highlights of charitable activities in November. Alpha Chapter supports three scholarship funds through the Ball State University Foundation. We awarded \$11,517.95 this year to English Language and Pre-Audiology students. Our Endowment Fund, which since inception has awarded \$1,533,997, awarded a total of \$45,000 to: Delaware Co. Historical Society, Isaiah 117 House, Little Red Door, A Better Way Services, Muncie Civic Theatre, and Urban Light Community Development.

Six Alpha sisters (Santa's Helpers) shopped five hours for "Secret Families" in December.

**Chapter News:** Our September Founder's Day meeting, held at the Delaware County Club, honored past presidents. A memorial service was also held for our Fallen Petals.

Chapter President and previous President were delegates to the National Convention in Ft. Wayne, Indiana in June 2024 and to the Indiana State meeting in Marion in April 2025. Five additional Alpha sisters also attended the Hippy Party at the National Convention.

It is a noble thing to give cheer to those less fortunate about you. Let us then be of good cheer that the lives of those about us may be enriched.

**KAPPA**  
**Kokomo, Indiana**  
**15 Members**  
**Second Monday**  
**1908**

**2024-25 Officers:** Holly Seamon, President; Dianne Waggaman, Vice President; Kathryn Little, Recording Secretary; Pam Barsh, Corresponding Secretary; Gail Hart, Treasurer; Linda White, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** In September, we started off our year with a potluck meal. It was a very relaxed and enjoyable way to welcome back all our sisters. In the fall, we proudly sponsored a group from Kokomo Central Middle International School Orchestra who were able to attend a performance from the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. They had a wonderful experience and were appreciative of Psi Iota Xi's generosity. In December, one of our sisters graciously opened her home to us. We had a festive meeting and left grateful for the holiday gathering.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Around Christmas time, we address and distribute Christmas cards to various nursing homes. According to the staff, the recipients look forward to having contact from the community. Another charitable activity is our support to the Very Early Childhood Education Center. They provide a variety of educational activities to pre-school students of Howard County. In April, we had an in-house silent auction with plenty of surprise purchases. Our Pampered Chef and Nut fundraisers are great sources in providing needed monies for our community. This year we were able to award three scholarships. One recipient is attending Purdue University studying Speech Language Pathology. Another recipient is working on a graduate degree in Audiology at the University of Mississippi. The third recipient is currently pursuing graduate studies in Speech Language Pathology at Ball State University. Our largest fundraiser of the year is held in May. We host an annual spring auction and luncheon that helps fund our summer speech clinic and our art, literature, and music scholarships. We always enjoy the time spent with our sisters and friends



and are so grateful for everyone's contributions. The speech clinic is our pride and joy. It has been in existence for over forty years. Last year at our speech clinic, we had thirty-three students attend twice a week in the month of June.

**Chapter News:** We sadly have lost an active member, Kay Roesner, and a previous member, Eloise Brown. Also, we have those who are dealing with health concerns; therefore, active participation is difficult.

**ALPHA IOTA**  
**Richmond, Indiana**  
**13 Members**  
**Second Thursday**  
**1924**

**2024-25 Officers:** Rhonda Duning, President; Cathy Turner, Vice President; Debbie Hanneman and Marcia Spon, Secretaries; Leanne Whirley, Treasurer; Dee Gray, Conductress; Dee Gray, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** 2024 was an exciting year for Alpha Iota as it marked our 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary as a chapter! Many of our social activities were paired with business meetings. These included a salad pitch-in and a meal out at a local restaurant. We held a meeting at the local garden shop and made miniature container gardens, while having a business meeting and snacks. In December we met for Christmas dinner at Olde Richmond Inn, had a rousing gift exchange, and brought gifts for the Salvation's Army's "Dress a Living Doll" Christmas project. We celebrated Valentine's Day together at another favorite restaurant, the Cordial Cork, where we played games and had a Secret Sis gift exchange.

**Charitable Actives/Fundraising:** We have three main fundraisers annually. In June, we hold a garage sale with proceeds going into a scholarship for students studying speech and hearing. A total of \$2,000 was raised, which made it possible to award two \$1,000 scholarships to local students. In the fall we sold bags of pecans to support our general philanthropic account which funds kindergarten readiness camp, Richmond



**Alpha Iota rush party at Lisa Cakes in Richmond, IN.**

Art Museums children's projects, Richmond Civic Theater Children's programming, and Richmond Symphony, to name a few. In the Spring we sold geranium plants and flower baskets. Profits for the flower sale were used to further fund our kindergarten readiness camp, which emphasizes literacy and language skills. This is a two- or three-week camp that employs two kindergarten teachers and is free for incoming Richmond Community Kindergarten Students. Lastly, we did a collaboration with Culvers Restaurant community give back project "Dine & Donate". It was a fun evening serving the customers at this well-established eatery and we raised \$439.12 for our Philanthropic account.

**Chapter News:** Celebrating 100 years of active giving in our community and working to better several generations of children's lives is a noble thing. We are so thankful for the generations of sister Psi Otes before us and grateful for the ones who are yet to join us. God's Speed our dear sisters and may you be truly Blessed in this coming year.

**ALPHA MU**  
**Hartford City, Indiana**  
**8 Members**  
**Third Monday**  
**1925**

**2024-25 Officers:** Cara Bennett, President; Alisha Parrot, Vice President; Sherene Clamme, Treasurer; Arlene West, Corresponding Secretary; Garnet Robles, Recording Secretary.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** As always, we had two flower fundraisers. We sold beautiful fall mums in September and hanging baskets and flowers in the spring. Pre-orders were taken for both and

delivered by our sisters. Both were quite successful and profitable.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is always our Cheeseballs. In November we made around nine hundred cheeseballs. Most sales were presale, with the remaining sold at a local craft bazaar and we sold out in under an hour!

Our fundraising enabled us to continue to support our Blackford High School Academic Honor Jacket Scholarships which we have supported for several years. We successfully conducted our Speech and Hearing Clinic, serving children from preschool to fourth grade. We had twenty children in the clinic; they were referred to us from Blackford County School system here in Hartford City. We also awarded a graduating senior, majoring in Speech and Hearing, with a scholarship.

October brought the biggest Halloween Trunk and Treat EVER! It has grown to about 500+ children. This event, located around our town square, is held annually by our Chamber of Commerce, and is always a big hit with kids and parents, plus the weather was perfect.

**Chapter News:** Our small chapter is still quite viable as we have eight faithful, active members and three honorary members who go above and beyond to make sure that our chapter remains active and fundraisers are profitable. This allows us to give back to our wonderful small community.



**Alpha Mu, Hartford City sold beautiful flowers in the spring and mums in the fall.**

**ALPHA PHI**  
**Fortville, Indiana**  
**18 Members**  
**Second Wednesday**  
**September 1927**

**2024-25 Officers:** Libby Wyatt, President; Crystal Altstadt, Vice President; Carla Nugent, Treasurer; Jennifer Westfall, Recording/Corresponding Secretary; Lisa Decker, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** This year we decided to focus on growth. Our first social in September was an open house held at a local art studio, and we had several new faces interested in membership. Our annual Christmas social is always fun with an ornament exchange, an auction, and a canned food drive. At our February social we held a recipe exchange party, leaving with about twenty new recipes, and some cookbooks as door prizes.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Each year we start with our fall mum sale followed by selling tickets to our local Hallmark Store's holiday style show that includes a fashion runway show, door prizes, snacks, coupons, and a free gift. In the fall we sell nuts, candy, and cheeseballs for the upcoming holiday season. We gave away books to children attending the Halloween Festival and Breakfast with Santa. We even supplied the jolly man himself at the Santa Breakfast, thanks to the husband of one of our sisters. Throughout the year we sold industrial size trash bags while in the spring we held a huge flower sale. All these fundraisers each year allow us to donate thousands of dollars to our local school district for their art and music departments, band and theater departments, libraries, and National Honor Society. This year we also donated to our local library and some families in our community at Christmas time. This year our chapter funded a second clinic instructor at our school district's summer speech clinic. In the spring we gave three scholarships to high school seniors who will study art, music, and literature in college.

**Chapter News:** This year we are happy to report on Denise Kirby, Honorary, who was honored in our community with the IIAAA District IV Distinguished Service

Award for her relentless efforts with our high school's athletic Boosters Club. Our school district would be lost without Denise and all the years of selfless hard work she has done for our athletic programs. She is truly a hometown hero.

Lastly, we are proud to announce that our chapter has grown, and we welcomed three new sisters. We are happy to introduce Barbara Martig, Cindy Hutchins, and Kristen Winningham, who is a legacy, into our chapter.

**ALPHA CHI**  
**Hagerstown, Indiana**  
**17 Members**  
**Second and Fourth Monday**  
**December 29, 1927**

**2024-25 Officers:** Mary Ann Pollard, President; Debbie Weiss, Vice President; Jessica Oakes, Recording Secretary; Anna Oakes, Corresponding Secretary; Susie Lewis, Treasurer; Jane Tibbets, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** We kicked off the year with two summer social activities, including a creative evening where our two newest members led us in decorating vases and jewelry trays. We also joined two neighboring chapters for a fun county social at a local orchard—spending time outdoors, sharing stories, and enjoying games together. As winter arrived, we gathered at the Belgian Horse Winery to relax and connect over good food, drinks, and great company.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our year began with a back-to-school shopping initiative, where we donated supplies and essentials to support fifteen local students. As the school year continued, we expanded our support by contributing funds to the school's art and band programs, donating to the community reader program so each student could receive a book, and committing to grant a scholarship to a graduating senior.

During the holiday season, we partnered with the local trustee's office to provide financial assistance for heating bills and selected families to receive donated clothing and toys—helping to make their



**Alpha Chi, Hagerstown sisters Natalie Williamson and Jessica Oakes manning the sales booth at the Hagerstown Hometown Christmas Craft Bazaar.**

Christmas a little brighter. At our Hometown Christmas event, we hosted a festive booth where children decorated their own bookmarks and selected a free book to inspire a love of reading, while adults received handmade simmer pots to bring holiday warmth into their homes.

We also continued several cherished fundraising traditions, including our Fall Wick's Pie and Concannon's Popcorn sale, our Spring flower fundraiser, and monthly supply drives benefiting the local food pantry, senior center, and school nurse supply closet.

**Chapter News:** We were excited to welcome two new members this year, whose fresh ideas and enthusiasm have already made a positive impact. With their help, we updated our social media presence to boost community engagement and designed new t-shirts for members to wear at events, representing our chapter with renewed pride. In the spring we launched a member spotlight social media series to strengthen our connection with the public and attract new members.

We also experienced the heartbreaking loss of two beloved sisters this year. In their memory, and through a meaningful partnership with our local library, we honored their legacies with special book dedications. Each book was thoughtfully chosen to reflect their unique personalities, passions, and the lasting impact they had on our chapter and the community they so dearly loved.



**BETA ZETA**  
**Summitville, Indiana**  
**16 Members**  
**Second Tuesday**  
**April 4, 1930**

**2024-25 Officers:** Anita Moulton, President; Sheila Martin, Vice President; Shannon Howell, Recording/Corresponding Secretary; Christy Howell, Treasurer; Dina Moyer, Conductress; Jill Battishill, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** We were busy this year with many activities. At our September meeting, members made beaded sun-catchers for the local senior care residents. A friendly game of Family Feud and a fun trivia game were enjoyed by members at our October and November meetings. Our “social only” December meeting consisted of dinner at a local restaurant and a gift exchange. A fun Valentine’s Day emoji challenge and trivia game were enjoyed by members during the February meeting. Several of our meetings included small gift bags and a calendar for each member for various activities and celebrations.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** At the end of May, we presented two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors at our local high school. We donated various monetary amounts to the trunk-or-treat night, scholastic awards program, individual senior students for achievement in art, band, and choir all at our local high school. Our largest fundraiser of the year was our cheeseball project held in November. In December our members collected baby blankets that were donated to a local hospital. Also in December, each member provided Christmas gift bags for the residents at our local senior care facility. We sponsored two local elementary children for Christmas. Members of our philanthropic committee purchased basic need items, clothes, and toys for these two children. Money for the gifts included chapter funds and member donations. Our flower sales project in April was very successful this year with a record number of hanging baskets sold. Lastly, we ended the year by donating money to our local fire station, food pantry, library, art department and speech and hearing program at the elementary school, Hear

Indiana, and gave a \$200 scholarship to a student who is starting her master’s in speech and hearing pathology.

**Chapter News:** We have proven to be a small, but mighty, chapter through our successful fundraisers and donations throughout the community. Our members continue to support each other and share our services with others. The addition of new members is a goal, as we all know this is the key to growth.

**BETA IOTA**  
**Farmland, Indiana**  
**6 Members**  
**Second Monday**  
**1932**

**2024-25 Officers:** Sarah Laskar, President; Jennette Sumwalt, Corresponding Secretary; Alicia Corn, Treasurer.

**Social Activities:** We held our meetings at a member’s home or a local restaurant. We planned crafts to do at our meetings throughout the year to keep us in the spirit of whatever season it may be.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We held spring and fall bingo fundraisers at the local high school. Money raised allowed us to award scholarships and support other projects within the community. We also made fleece blankets and donated them to the school Christmas Family Program and to other local groups in the community. To aid our local food pantry and help end food insecurity in our community, we held several food drives.

**Chapter News:** We keep in touch with our honorary members and try to get together with them one night at a restaurant. We had a great time together as we spread the Psi Ote Smile.

**BETA PI**  
**Cambridge City, Indiana**  
**23 Members**  
**First Monday**  
**April 23, 1934**

**2024-25 Officers:** Kim Miller, President; Tracie Richardson, Vice President;

Kathleen McGinley, Corresponding Secretary; Jenni Risch, Recording Secretary; Jessi Risch, Treasurer; P.A. Cohen, Assistant Treasurer; Mande Legear and Tiffany Wampler, Co-conductress; Christy Tollett, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** We have been busy this year with many activities to promote building relationships with our sisters and growing in the history of our past. We celebrated our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year with a dinner at Old Richmond Inn. During the dinner we looked at several pieces of history from our chapter; those included some old scrapbooks, pictures, and some old accounting logs that dated back to the first years of our chapter.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We had various fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for local causes. Our community received a grant to update all four parks in our local area. We donated \$250 to each park for a total of \$1,000. All the parks are completed now and ready for fun this summer. We had a very successful year with our “Wonderful Western Wayne Raffle.” Local businesses donate items, and those items are grouped in baskets with at least a \$50 value. Members sell tickets and the winners are drawn at our annual July picnic. This project not only allows us to raise funds to help more but also allows us to promote local businesses. We were very busy with projects that allowed us to give back to the community in many ways.

**Chapter News:** We did not have any pledges this year but are hopeful for at least two new members this coming year. We had four dear sisters pass away this year and had memorials for those sisters at the request of the families.

**BETA UPSILON**  
**Mount Vernon, Ohio**  
**11 Members**  
**Second Tuesday**  
**May 1937**

**2024-25 Officers:** Debbie Ruggles, President; Beth Ann Bergamesca, Vice President; Trina Trainor, Treasurer; Elaine Ambrosiani, Corresponding Secretary; Kelly Phillips, Recording Secretary.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We coordinated the collection of food and donations from all elementary schools in our county for Food for the Hungry, resulting in 7,773 food items and donations equaling \$14,537. We proudly volunteered with several local organizations, including the Mount Vernon Music and Arts Festival, and ushered at many of our community plays. These efforts allow us to deepen our community engagement and support vital local initiatives.

**Chapter News:** We worked tirelessly over the past year to overcome numerous challenges, and we remain deeply committed to our mission. Our organization continues to grow in strength and membership as we realign with our goals and renew our focus on community impact. Through our dedication and adaptability, we are making meaningful strides toward our long-term objectives and continuing to serve Knox County Ohio with purpose and passion.

**GAMMA ALPHA**  
**Portland, Indiana**  
**23 Members**

**First Monday and Third Tuesday**  
**June 10, 1940**

**2024-25 Officers:** Jeanna Ford, President; Sandy McGraw, Vice President; Rachel Benirschke, Treasurer; Jane Switzer, Corresponding Secretary; Jessica Kerrigan, Recording Secretary; Jeanna Ford, Conductress; Lisa Manor, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** In June we held our annual banquet. We enjoyed good food, good company, installation of officers, and awards...some serious and some fun. At our September meeting, our officers served the leftovers from our taco stand at the Tractor and Engine Show. This is a meeting that we look forward to since we don't meet in July and August. In December, we held our Christmas party which included an ornament exchange. We met at local restaurants for two meetings this year. We conduct a bit of business, if necessary, but mostly it's time to catch up with one another. This year we had meetings that included a pound auction and a purse auction.

**Charitable Activities and Fundraisers:** During the county fair in July, we sold pineapple Dole Whip. This is a relatively new project that we are still experimenting with. In August, during the Tri State Gas Engine and Tractor Show, we sold two varieties of taco salads and Wicks pies. This was our biggest money maker and a very labor-intense project. Finding volunteers to help has become difficult. In October, we sold cheeseballs. Our cheeseballs are mixed in Frankfort. We picked them up, rolled them, and packaged them for sale.

In December, we sponsored the Civic Theater's 2024 musical "The Sound of Music." We helped fund it, took tickets, ushered, and provided refreshments. Members made at least eight dozen cookies each and provided punch. We also made caramels, along with a member's dad, and sold them at the musical. We donated to several civic projects and organizations in our community.

**Chapter News:** Gamma Alpha had a strong year. Unfortunately, we continue to lose members, but our attendance has improved. We had a sound fiscal year which allowed us to meet our obligations to Psi Iota Xi's philanthropies and to contribute locally. At our most recent meeting, we voted to change how often we meet, what time we meet, and the day we meet. We will initiate these changes in July. Taking a good look at ourselves never hurts.

Shelia Stultz, an Honorary Retired sister, died in July. Shelia smiled with her whole face, and her laugh was contagious.



**Holiday sweaters were a theme for the sisters of Gamma Eta, Knightstown, at their December meeting.**

**GAMMA ETA**  
**Knightstown, IN**  
**24 Members**  
**First Thursday**  
**October 5, 1946**

**2024-25 Officers:** Tracy Schweizer, President; Kay Denney, Vice President; Lisa Helderbrand, Corresponding Secretary; Kelly Saunders, Recording Secretary; April Schmidt, Treasurer; Lee & Katie Vaughn, Co-conductress; Carrie Ferree, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** Our meetings are fun filled with different holiday themes each month. Our Christmas party event this year took place at the Gathering for dinner. We enjoyed playing games, visiting with each other, making happy memories, and a small gift exchange.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our chapter sold yard signs in support of our local school, we held our fifth annual Haunted Trail and sold candy and candles for the holidays. We participated in Raise Right fundraiser to supplement our income.

This year we participated in our community's local fall festival. We provided free pumpkin and rock painting activities to those in attendance. It was a community event that participants of all ages enjoyed. We also participated in Trunk or Treat and provided children with coloring books and crayons for Halloween. We have several members who volunteer at the Carey Center Food Pantry and our local library as well.

**Chapter News:** We are very excited to welcome Alissa Smith to our chapter as a



transfer and Heather Muir as a new member.

One of our own sisters, Carrie Ferree, was a member of the Indiana State Project Screening Committee and National Future Planning Committee. Our very own president Tracy Schweizer was installed as Indiana State Treasurer at the state meeting in April. We are very proud of these sisters participating on the state and national levels.

Sadly, our chapter had a fallen petal this year, our deepest sympathy and prayers go to the family of Carol Dalrymple Clark Shirley.

We look forward to a new and successful upcoming year.

**GAMMA TAU**  
**Marion, Indiana**  
**31 Members**  
**First Tuesday**  
**April 25, 1954**

**2024-25 Officers:** Tori Mankin, President; Vicki Gray, Vice President; Chris Rumble, Recording Secretary; Cindy Fortney and Cheri Mendoza, Co-Treasurers; Renee' Cox, Corresponding Secretary; Beth Vipond, Conductress; Linda Kitts and Beth Vipond, Advisors.

**Social Activities:** We started our year full of brainstorming, hard work, and collaboration, as we prepared to host the 2025 Indiana State Meeting. It was an incredible honor to be this year's host. We learned about what it takes to host a meeting of its scale and quite a bit about ourselves. We certainly hope that everyone who attended found the meeting

to be informative and enjoyable.

Our chapter meetings are held at various sister's homes where we have a light meal. The meetings are made more fun when we give points for participating in attire relating to the holiday of the month such as Cinco de Mayo, Halloween, or St. Patrick's Day, etc. We also donate to local projects.

During the summer several of our members participated in the CASA sand sculpture contest. Our girls won the "Raisin Awareness" award!

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** While preparing for the Indiana State Meeting we were also working on our regular major fundraiser which is making our delicious cheeseballs. We make them at a local church in November so that they may be purchased in time for the holidays. We have a few gentlemen that help with this task, and we reward them by buying their meal at our December Christmas party. This year we made 5,500 cheeseballs in record time.

The profits from our cheeseballs allowed us to provide Christmas presents for four children, along with funding scholarships for high school seniors who will major in art, music or speech and hearing in college.

Our main funding project is the free Speech and Hearing Clinic for children aged four to sixteen. This clinic is held in June after school is out. Each participant receives thirty minutes of speech therapy for two- and one-half weeks with a party for them when the sessions are completed.

**Chapter News:** Our June meeting will find us installing a new slate of officers and we will initiate our new member, Julie Holloway. We will again be hosting the 2026 Indiana State Meeting so we are preparing for another busy year! See you at Ivy Tech in April 2026!

**ZETA BETA**  
**Anderson, Indiana**  
**8 Members**  
**Third Tuesday**  
**April 7, 1957**

**2024-25 Officers:** Kaye Judt, President; Sally Jones, Vice President/Conductress; Linda Gould, Recording Secretary; Jan Olive, Corresponding Secretary; Mary Falkenberry, Treasurer; Melody Hunt, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** It seems each time we get together it is a social activity. Whether it is a luncheon we are catering, an art show we are judging, a workday for our paper crafting, a craft fair we are vending, or even a business meeting, we truly enjoy getting together to share our highs and lows with each other. We take turns meeting at each other's homes for our business meetings and include lunch at a local restaurant for one month's meeting. We meet almost every week to make our paper creations including lunch provided by a different member each time so we can craft all day. Even via text messaging we never lose the sisterly connection that links us together.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our main fundraiser is the creation and selling of cards, boxes, and decorative items all made from paper. We are becoming better known in our community by selling our creations at local craft fairs. We have also shared the fun of paper crafting by leading card making workshops for other organizations. Through these efforts we support the Anderson Symphony, Madison County Literacy Coalition, AACC/AAYC Music Scholarship, Art Association of Madison County, and the Psi Iota Xi Long Term Project. We continue to help sponsor the Youth Art Show, open to high school students throughout Madison County. Catering JOY luncheons at a local church three times a year is one of our favorite projects since we get to partake of



**Gamma Tau, Marion, had a busy April hosting the annual Indiana Association Meeting.**



**Sisters of Theta Zeta, Fort Recovery, Ohio, take time out of their busy schedule to grab a group photo.**

a great meal (provided by us) and see the program as well. The hostess of our monthly business meetings also chooses a favorite charity for us to support with money or donated items such as local food or non-food banks, Buddy Bags, Operation Love, and the Animal Protection League.

**Chapter News:** We never hesitate to support our sisters with prayers, meals, or any other needs. We celebrate each other's successes. We have great love for each other which makes fundraising easy. And we love enriching the lives of those about us with our charitable endeavors.

**ETA IOTA**  
**Parker City, Indiana**  
**16 Members**  
**First Tuesday**  
**March 24, 1968**

**2024-25 Officers:** President, Cindy Thomas; Vice President, Traci Lykins; Treasurer, Connie Goen; Recording Secretary, Kathy Stetcher; Corresponding Secretary, Lesley Moulton; Advisor, Connie Goen; Conductress, Dana Calhoun.

**Social Activities:** Our social activities have continued to focus on our relationships and enjoying time together. In December, we had two social events. We had a wonderful meal together, followed by seeing the Muncie Civic Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol." We also had a lovely Christmas dinner at the home of one of our members where we played a few festive games, collected funds to shop for a local family, and held our annual ornament exchange.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We had a very successful Arts and Crafts Show in the fall with several new booths. We had to increase the space to add several booths. We raised a great profit for our charitable donations. We set up an apparel booth at the Indiana State Meeting and National Convention. We contracted with a local greenhouse for a successful spring flower sale. We awarded four local scholarships to graduating seniors and have continued to support many school and community groups in the areas of Art, Literacy, Music, Speech and Hearing.

**Chapter News:** We brought one new member into our chapter this year. We continue to be thankful for one another, and we will continue to strengthen our bonds and hopefully continue to add to our group in the coming year.

**THETA ZETA**  
**Fort Recovery, Ohio**  
**38 Members**  
**Fourth Wednesday**  
**June 9, 1971**

**2024-25 Officers:** Kelly Walter, President; Erica Wehrkamp, Vice President; Diane Roessner, Corresponding Secretary; Jessica Niekamp, Recording Secretary; Mandy Wendel, Treasurer; Shelly Vaughn, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** Our group meets monthly as a whole, and smaller subcommittees also meet to plan events. Our annual Christmas party was held at Simple Touch, a local store in Fort Recovery. Members enjoyed designing their own floral bouquet along with food

and fellowship.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We continued our activities this year with the popular Mother Son Day of Fun event. Moms and their sons enjoyed a fun filled day of carnival games, dodgeball, basketball, Minute to Win It Challenges, jumpy houses, and the opportunity to win a variety of prizes. The group completed another year of Krispy Kreme donuts as a fundraiser, selling donuts at both home football and basketball games. We held our craft/vendor fair, The Brick Street Market, on our town's brick street in April. Several food trucks, vendors, and merchants joined in on the fun in our historic downtown brick street. We also supported a new reading initiative in our area called the Grand Lake Area Literature Festival. Through our financial support, authors were present for a day of book signings, panel discussions, and crafts for children. Excellence awards were presented to local children, and a visual storytelling workshop was also held during the festival.

We are busy preparing for our town Harvest Jubilee celebration in June. We raise money through a beer/wine tasting event and a quarter auction. Other fundraisers throughout the year include the community calendar, cake roll sale, garage sales, and One of a Kind Auction. A new fundraiser included selling meat from a local butcher. We raised over a thousand dollars in this first year selling marinated chicken, pork chops, and summer sausage. We also sold stadium seats for use at local sporting events.

**Chapter News:** We were pleased to welcome four new members in November.



**Donations from the PNPs and National Council to the Riley Cheer Guild.**





# WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT

Total Community Outreach.....	\$ 21,090.92
Total Speech and Hearing .....	\$ 23,246.76
Total Music.....	\$ 13,273.00
Total Fine Arts .....	\$ 15,405.76
Total Literature/Literacy .....	\$ 21,038.46

**16**

**Chapters**

**245**

**Members**



**Missy Cooper**

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICER  
Gamma Nu, Brownsburg, IN

For the third year in a row, I got to visit places in the WC district that I've never been before. I visited our southeastern most chapter, Eta Lambda, Beech Grove, our northern most chapter, Delta Zeta, Lafayette, and our western most chapter, Theta Psi, Bethany. All these sisters gave me the kind of warm welcome and hospitality that transcends the miles between us.

I joined several council members and some of their family members for Hear Indiana's annual Run for Sound in October, at Connor Prairie just outside Indianapolis. This organization is our current Long Term Project (LTP) and we hope to reach our \$100,000 goal this chapter year.

Alpha Lambda-Zionsville turned 100 this year and they had a lovely afternoon tea in a beautiful mansion-turned-museum in the heart of Zionsville. We had a great time going down memory lane with the active and auxiliary members.

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Our district raised \$109,210.58 from money-making projects, plus \$600 in food and clothing donations. Across 16 chapters, sisters logged 815 volunteer hours. Look what we accomplish when we work together.

Congratulations to my district button award winners: Iota Sigma, St. Joseph, IL, and Iota Tau, Indianapolis, two small but mighty, close-knit chapters making a difference in their communities.

Finally, my own Gamma Nu,

Brownsburg chapter was honored when our own Bette Yeager, PNP, was the first recipient of the national Lifetime Achievement Award. I will be facilitating both this award and the Psi Ote of the Year (POOTY) award next spring as your National Conductress!

It is an honor to serve our beautiful sorority.

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



Installation of the 2025-2026 National Officers and National Council.

**OMEGA**  
**Lebanon, Indiana**  
**First Monday**  
**23 Members**  
**November 12, 1921**

**2024-25 Officers:** Tammy Turner, President; Carol Hawkins, Vice President; Baili Hart, Recording Secretary; Cheri Keller, Corresponding Secretary; Jenny Kouns, Treasurer; Diana Lamb, Assistant Treasurer; Mary Ann Koehle, Conductress; Wendy McMann, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** The 2024-2025 year socials started with a summer picnic held at the home of Wendy McMann around her beautiful new pool. Our fall social event took place at Sugar Creek Art Center where the sisters made jewelry with a local artist. We held our annual Christmas dinner at the Boone County Senior Services facility where we ate a delicious meal catered by Olive Garden and enjoyed an ornament gift exchange.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our annual Cheeseball fundraiser took place in November. After the Jawbone BBQ made the cheeseballs, our chapter got together and prepared the individual cheeseballs for the sale. We were able to cut our costs considerably this year by doing the work ourselves. Plus, it was great sisterhood time! We made around 1200 cheeseballs; these were mostly all presales!

Our spring flower sale just ended and were delivered the week before Mother's Day, the flowers were from Galema Greenhouse in West Lafayette, IN. They are always a big seller with our buyers. We also helped at the fall and holiday show



**Omega, Lebanon sisters show off the original jewelry they made under the direction of the Swirl Art by Wendy and More. Their class was held at Sugar Creek Art Center.**

held in Westfield, Indiana and earned extra money for the chapter.

Thanks to our successful fundraising during the year, Omega came together to invest in our community to benefit neighbors of all ages including those who enjoy literature through our local library "Psi Iota Xi Bookshelf." Each spring we are honored to support a high school student furthering her education in a field that is close to the heart of our PIX mission. Additionally, we love planting flowers in a flower bed at our local city park and keeping it looking nice for all to enjoy throughout the summer months.

**ALPHA LAMBDA**  
**Zionsville, Indiana**  
**18 Members**  
**23 Auxiliary Members**  
**First Tuesday**  
**1924**

**2024-25 Officers:** Missy Keeney, President; Rene' Frye, Vice President; Beth Carney, Recording Secretary; Michelle Walters, Corresponding

Secretary; Rhonda Fox, Treasurer; Shannon Hall, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** This fall we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Alpha Lambda Chapter in Zionsville! We promoted our anniversary by participating in Zionsville's Annual Fall Festival Parade. We also enjoyed a grand celebration with our Auxiliary Members at the Sullivan Munce Cultural Center. Reflections on 100 years of service were highlighted through stories, sisterhood, scrapbooks, photos, and many shared memories. We are proud of our legacy of many years of service to our community! In October, we toured our new public library and considered ways to partner with them in the future. In January we toured our local Bach to Rock Music Center and learned about programs for music development in our community. This spring we read our Book Club selection, "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson, then met for dinner and book discussion at the home of one of our members. Our initiation service was held at the Zionsville United Methodist Church. This year we continued our tradition of passing "The Hat," a decorated hat which is awarded to a different member each month for outstanding contributions to the chapter.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our handmade cheeseball and chocolate peanut cluster fundraisers enabled us to help our community through several donations, including our scholarship. At Christmas, we decorated gingerbread houses and shared a meal with young teenage residents of The United Methodist Children's Home. In February, we joined residents at the Hoosier Village



**Alpha Lambda, Zionsville, participated in the Zionsville Fall Festival Parade as well as celebrated 100 years of service to Psi Iota Xi and their community.**



Retirement Center to make homemade Valentine cards. We also kicked off our annual Indy Book Project book drive in February to help get books into the hands of children and teens throughout the Indianapolis metropolitan area. We collected over 600 books from our friends, neighbors, and Zionsville residents. In addition, we created a framed item, including a \$100 bill with commemorative photos, in honor of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the raffle at the National Convention. Lastly, we awarded our annual scholarship to a local high school senior this spring!

**BETA TAU**  
**Frankfort, Indiana**  
**21 Members**  
**First Tuesday**  
**May 23, 1936**

**2024-25 Officers:** Stacy Gephart, President; Mandi Mitchell, Vice President; Samantha Kauffman, Treasurer; Beth Keeney, Recording Secretary; Rita Robertson, Corresponding Secretary; Debbie Niemesh, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** October brought cooler weather and a fall activity that included a Taco Bar and a "Learn How to Paint" pumpkin scene. Fun was had by all, laughs, and interesting interpretations were part of the evening. We also discussed the upcoming cheese ball making day.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** The Sisters of Beta Tau started our year by welcoming author Troy Cummings to Green Meadows Elementary School in Frankfort, Indiana. We facilitated this full-day event for students in grades 3, 4, and 5 and supplied copies of the author's books, ensuring that each participant received a book to take home. We also decided to provide books for the schools' book vending machines. The new year started our planning for our Ladies Nite



**Sisters of Beta Tau, Frankfort, gathered for a group photo at their Bingo Fundraiser.**

Out event and Student Art Show at the Frankfort Library.

With volunteers and many hands-on-deck, the creation of cheeseballs was completed in one day. So off we went to deliver the scrumptious snacks to our customers who support our visions. Then on to Christmas baskets and shopping for a family in need. In March we hosted a pizza party and Bingo for the residents living at Parkview Home. Prizes were given for each Bingo called. Chocolate was by far the favorite prize.

In April before our monthly meeting, we meet at the Frankfort Library to hang and display the submitted local students' artwork and small sculptures in preparation for the Student Art Show. The art is judged and prizes awarded for the continuance of the student's art endeavors. April also is the month for one of our biggest fundraisers, Ladies Nite Out. This year's theme was a trip to Paris. There were berets and Paris themed outfits throughout the venue. Raffle baskets were offered for various themes and each attendee waited to see if they were holding the winning ticket. The biggest part of the night is our countdown to a \$1000 prize. Door prizes and some of the raffle basket items are donated by community businesses and some of the sisters in our chapter. By the end of the night, we were tired, but in good spirits of another successful night.

**Chapter News:** Lastly, off to the state meeting and the long awaited national convention.

**DELTA ZETA**  
**Lafayette, Indiana**  
**9 Members**  
**Third Tuesday**  
**April 24, 1940**

**2024-25 Officers:** Debbie King, President; Kristen Lewis and Carol Young, Co-Vice Presidents; Jody Conover, Recording/Corresponding Secretary; Callie Lankford, Treasurer; Carol Young, Conductress; Sharon White, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** We hosted a picnic and guest night at Columbian Park in Lafayette. Eight guests attended to learn about Psi Iota Xi. We held October's meeting at Exploration Acres. We sat around a fire pit and held our meeting. In December we held our annual candy/cookie exchange.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Cheeseballs were once again our biggest fundraiser. Our second fundraiser was the Pretty Baby Contest, held at the Tippecanoe Fair Grounds. This was our second year holding this event. In May 2024, two sorority sisters bought the remaining 2024 cheeseballs in honor of their mother and sister and donated them to various local organizations.

We made a financial donation to the Tippecanoe Arts Federation to purchase reeds, drumsticks, and other items for seventeen students in Sunnyside Intermediate School band class. We received a nice than you note from them.

We had fifty-five babies entered in the second annual Pretty Baby Contest held at the Tippecanoe Fair Grounds. We

awarded participation ribbons and trophies to the winners. In October we bagged cheeseballs to sell.

Our cultural contributions were provided for music to various symphonies; fine arts contributions to The Haan Museum and The Arts Federation; literature/literacy contributions to Purdue Freedom School; speech and hearing contributions to Miami Elementary SLP Department.

**Chapter News:** In December we welcomed a visit from Missy Cooper, the West Central District Officer. We welcomed one new member and a new legacy member. We had two baby showers this year, and the mothers-to-be received books, diapers, and clothes.

On November 24, 2024, we were saddened by the passing of Delta Zeta sister and Past National President, Sharon White. Sharon held several officer positions within the sorority, both locally and nationally.

Our sisters continue to support one another through life's challenges, and we look forward to a year of sharing friendship, service and laughter with others, as well as helping to ensure that the lives of those around us may be enriched!

**GAMMA DELTA**  
**Attica, Indiana**  
**7 Members**  
**First Monday**  
**September 26, 1941**

**2024-25 Officers:** Debbie Crowder, President; Pauline Brown, Corresponding Secretary; Lisa Davis, Treasurer.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our fundraisers were selling cheeseballs and poinsettias. We also held a meat raffle. We are small group. We were able to give scholarships, donate to our local food banks, and support the summer reading program and park programs. We hope we can continue to give back to the community for years to come.

**GAMMA THETA**  
**Speedway, Indiana**  
**19 Members**  
**Second Thursday**  
**June 8, 1948**

**2024-25 Officers:** Theresa Miller, President; Elizabeth Shupe, Vice President; Morgan Sprecher, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Advisor; Kathy Shupe, Treasurer; Cindy Helmrich, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** Gamma Theta has been meeting more regularly in members' homes instead of public spaces like libraries or restaurants. It's a fun time to see our sisters' personal lives and meet their spouses/significant others. Our December meeting was held at a sister's home where we have a formal pitch-in dinner followed by our annual white elephant sock exchange. Holiday themed socks are stuffed with goodies and sisters pick their favorite based on the number assigned. Watch out for others who want to steal your socks! It has become an annual tradition to celebrate St. Patrick's Day during our March meeting by dressing up in green, holiday-themed attire, and eating similar colored snacks. We continue with our social one-half hour before our meeting starts. Designated hostesses are responsible for providing a light snack and drinks. This gives us time to talk and get our greetings out of the way before the meeting starts. We're always excited to see and eat the goodies provided!

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to local high school seniors pursuing degrees to become an optometrist and fashion brand designer. We were honored to present their scholarships in front of their parents and our sisters. During October and November, we rolled twelve batches of cheeseballs! We hope you were able to enjoy one or two. We also had some members from Ball State University that were pursuing teaching come roll with us to earn their community service hours.

**Chapter News:** We were excited to receive a transfer member from Niles, Michigan! She has been an excellent addition to our chapter.

**GAMMA NU**  
**Brownsburg, Indiana**  
**17 Members**  
**Second Monday**  
**November 5, 1950**

**2024-25 Officers:** Samantha Smith, President; Glenda Kehl, Vice President; Cheri Kay, Recording Secretary; Bette Yeager, Corresponding Secretary; Sandy Robison, Treasurer; Angela Kreitzer, Conductress; Bette Yeager, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** In September we kicked off our year with a dime-a-dip pitch-in. Everyone brings a sweet treat, something savory, or a salad to share. Members brought items for the local food bank. We enjoy catching up on our summer activities during this time together. Our social committee did a wonderful job this year planning activities for each meeting for us to enjoy. In December we enjoyed a lovely catered dinner at a member's home and played games that were fun for all. In February we filled over sixty Valentine's Day bags to be taken to a nursing home for residents to enjoy. In March we had a book exchange and made bookmarks. We have begun to make plans to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> year as a chapter next November.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** In November we rolled up our sleeves, put on our hair nets, gloves, and aprons so we could roll cheese balls. The community loves our cheeseballs, and the majority are sold before they are rolled, over 3,400 of them, in one day, and in less than 5 hours. We have it down to a science! Our annual cheeseball rolling event made us over \$25,000 this year which will enable us to make a world of difference in the lives of those about us. We were able to donate \$1,500 to Brownsburg High School Band/Choral/Orchestra scholarships and three additional \$1,000 scholarships to BHS. We made monetary donations to our local library, the National Long Term Project - Hear Indiana Scholarship, and the Riley Cheer Guild's Music/Art Cart, as well as a local speech language pathologist. We also discovered that due to their condition, many of the books in our local elementary schools needed to be replaced. We will donate \$1,000 annually to address this need until we have contributed to each of the eight Brownsburg elementary schools.



**Chapter News:** Our membership has been stable this year, however we are doing what we can to push ourselves to increase our size as it's essential for the future of our chapter. Gamma Nu is excited to welcome new members who share our passion for service and community enrichment. As Gamma Nu will enter its 76<sup>th</sup> year we are proud to serve with so many great women.

**GAMMA XI**  
**Crawfordsville, Indiana**  
**15 Members**  
**First Monday**  
**June 2, 1951**

**2024-25 Officers:** Tamara Hemmerlein, President; Angie Griggs, Vice-President; Tonya Michael Secretary; Pam Karle, Treasurer; Jennifer Hoar, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** Things started out quietly in May 2024, after hosting the State Meeting in April. We took a couple of months to relax before continuing with our new year. In June, we held our annual banquet and initiation ceremony. We reconvened in September ready to get back to work. We met at Warehouse Donuts on a Saturday in October for yummy treats and conversation. We had a "paint and take" ceramic craft activity in February that was enjoyed by several members and some guests.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** This past year, our fundraisers were very successful, despite our small numbers. We held our geranium sales in April, selling over 1700 plants. We participated in the Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival in June, with our pop bottle ring-toss booth. In November, we sold and made over 1400 cheeseballs and spreads. This is still our biggest fundraising project. We also send out a Patrons Letter before the holidays to long-term supporters. Our profits are used to fund our Summer Speech Clinic, which takes place every June, and many other philanthropic interests. We are still funding Trail Tales, donating to the three Montgomery County high school band and/or choral departments, giving out speech awards at the end of the school year, and supporting local art endeavors.

**Chapter News:** We look forward to new members, new adventures, and new opportunities in 2025-26!

**ZETA EPISILON**  
**Bargersville, Indiana**  
**12 Members**  
**First Tuesday**  
**May 6, 1958**

**2024-25 Officers:** Judy Cox, President; Deb Smiley, Vice President; Mary Graham, Treasurer; Becky Meyer, Co-Treasurer; Rita Paris, Recording Secretary; Cindy Crafton, Corresponding Secretary; and Pam Weddle, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** The Zeta Epsilon chapter doesn't like to sit still! This past year we had a pool party at Cindy's beautiful new pool, a Christmas party with a white elephant exchange, and plenty of fun meetings, often with a fun theme and costumes!

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We have been selling cheeseballs to our loyal fan base for over 30 years. Every year, we tweak the sales methods, but NEVER the recipe! We now utilize a catering company to mix our cheeseball recipe. They also roll and shape the balls, but we still package them and add the nuts ourselves.

Our second brand new and very profitable fundraiser did not involve cheese! One of our members, Cindy, is a flight attendant and earns airline vouchers by volunteering

her time. She graciously donated the vouchers to use in our raffle. It was a very successful event! Thanks, Cindy!

We continue to support the Speech & Hearing, Art, Theatre, and Music departments at Center Grove High School. Our chapter provides an annual scholarship for a Center Grove senior planning to major in speech and hearing therapy, art, music, journalism, or other English-related careers. We were so happy when last year's scholarship winner came to one of our meetings and showed us her artwork!

We support the Indianapolis Symphony and will attend their concerts throughout the year, any chance to go downtown for a great evening of culture and camaraderie! We enjoy a 50/50 raffle at each meeting! Becky, the co-treasurer, enjoys keeping us in suspense until the winner is notified! It wouldn't be July without a trip to the Johnson County Fair volunteering for Gateway Services at the Lemonade Shakeup stand! It's hot, sticky, and great fun!

**Chapter News:** The Zeta Epsilon Chapter continues its annual traditions and activities as a group of women focused on similar goals and beliefs. The sad reality is that we continue to lose members each year to other priorities and illnesses. But we are a resilient group and will continue on!



**Decked out as elves, the ladies of Zeta Epsilon, Bargersville, celebrated the holidays with great food and a white elephant gift exchange.**

**ETA DELTA**  
**Carmel, Indiana**  
**22 Members**  
**Third Wednesday**  
**August 20, 1966**

**2024-25 Officers:** Lisa Pierce, President; Denise Henshaw, Vice President; Theresa Green, Corresponding Secretary; Veronica Werth, Recording Secretary; Kristen Bonwell, Treasurer; Fran Clevenger Conductress; Veronica Werth Advisor.

**Social Activities:** Eta Delta held a June Salad Supper where we welcomed a prospective member – Kristy Willcutt. Our Carmel High School Art Scholarship Winners presented their portfolios of work to the chapter. Our Christmas party/meeting was held at a member's home and members participated in a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Chapter members met at the Board and Brush in Noblesville, Indiana to paint personalized signs and planters, while enjoying camaraderie, wine, crackers, and cheese.

**Activities/Fundraisers:** Our Cheeseball Chairperson, Pam Elliot, and chapter members labeled cheese containers and completed the cheeseball orders at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in November. We packaged and delivered 1600 cheeseballs to raise money for our philanthropic projects. We also had a Terri Lynn Nut sale this year.

Our annual holiday philanthropy project was creating thirty-five Christmas cheer bags for residents at a local assisted living facility. We received memorial donations from Barbara Fearnow's remembrance service. To honor Barbara, we installed and maintain a little free library in her neighborhood.

We awarded a scholarship to a graduating senior at Carmel High School. The recipient plans to pursue their education in art.

Eta Delta donated funds to Brook's Place, a provider of grief counseling for young people and their adult caregivers. The money was used to add "When Someone Dies" activity books to their referral source care packages. Eta Delta members donated periodical and literature materials to the library at Hoosier Youth



**Eta Delta, Carmel, welcomed legacy Renee into their chapter.**

Challenge Academy. HYCA provides training and mentoring to youth, focusing on values, skills, education, and self-discipline to support their development as young adults.

Eta Delta funds a scholarship for Indiana Deaf Children's Camp, a week-long camp for deaf and hard-of-hearing youth.

**Chapter News:** Delegates attended the Indiana State Meeting in Marion, Indiana in April 2025 and National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in June 2025. We donated a basket themed 'Gardening with our Mothers and Daughters' for the raffle and we staffed a sales table at both events.

Congratulations to our 2025 Psi Ote of the Year Kristen Bonwell. Chapter Historian Theresa Green is compiling a scrapbook for our chapter's upcoming 60th Anniversary. We changed our chapter email to etadeltapix@gmail.com for Carmel Clubs and Other Organizations website.

**ETA LAMBDA**  
**Beech Grove, Indiana**  
**9 Members**  
**Second Tuesday**  
**June 7, 1968**

**2024-25 Officers:** Rici Petrecca, President/Conductress; Sheila Smith, Vice President and Treasurer; Alicia Berg, Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

**Social Activities:** Our chapter continues to meet at the town's community center, where we catch up on each other's lives and plan our fundraisers and activities for the year. This year, we were honored to host Missy Cooper, the National Council West Central District Officer, during one

of our meetings. At Christmas, we had a wonderful time celebrating with a special dinner at Napoli Villa Italian Restaurant in Beech Grove, where we exchanged Secret Sister gifts.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Eta Lambda celebrated another successful year with our largest annual cheeseball fundraiser. In addition, we continued our year-round fundraising efforts by selling Almond Cakes and Rada Knives & Cutlery. All the funds that we raised supported three different food pantries. We also contributed to local children's bowling teams and summer camps, as well as the school district's art, music, and English/literacy programs, and teachers' supply closets. Lastly, we helped fund scholarships for individuals pursuing careers in fields related to our mission, which include art, music, and speech & hearing.

**Chapter News:** Our slate of officers will continue in their roles as last year. Some of our alumni sisters have been "dropping by" our fundraisers, helping our chapter achieve its goals. We also welcomed a transfer sister who was previously a member in another chapter. This year, our chapter has decided to adopt a new design for our badges. Lastly, it is with sadness that we lost two sisters as Fallen Petals.

**THETA PSI**  
**Bethany, Illinois**  
**16 Members**  
**Third Monday**  
**November 30, 1975**

**2024-25 Officers:** Brandi Kesterson, President; Kala Cesar, Vice President; Stephanie Barding, Recording Secretary; Rita Seelow, Corresponding Secretary; Jennifer Crowder, Treasurer; Tara Underwood, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** We have had a great year of sisterhood, from our meetings to socials and even fundraising! We meet at our local library.

Our socials included a lot of good food from homemade Amish buffet, Mexican, Italian, pizza and much more, but we do not want you to get hungry while reading



our article. During Thanksgiving we attended our Second Annual Friendsgiving at Yoder's restaurant in Arthur, Illinois. We were joined by Psi Otes from other Illinois chapters. Moving on into Christmas we had a pizza dinner followed by secret sister gift exchange and then to the Little Theatre on the Square to watch "Elf" which we highly recommend everyone to see.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We still do our Cheeseball Marathon like many other chapters, and we think we are getting closer to getting this down to the exact amount we are making. JUST KIDDING! We have a lot of fun at this one!

In February and in the fall, we help the American Red Cross by hosting two blood drives. Bessie Bingo brings in nearly \$900 a year for our chapter. We participated in our town-wide rummage sale and made baked goods for the Bethany Legion Fish Fry. We also hold a flower sale prior to Mother's Day. Profits from these fundraisers go back to our local school's music, art, and literature departments.

This year we made a love offering to our Psi Ote sister Rita whose daughter, an alumni Psi Ote, passed away unexpectedly in September. We did this for our sister because she is now raising her daughter's nine-year-old son. This shows the love and support of our sisterhood to help him with his educational supplies, from backpacks to whatever he may need in the future. We also continue to support a local high school senior with a scholarship as well.



**Iota Theta, Armstrong, IL, increased their membership by one when they welcomed Emily Remington as a new member.**

**Chapter News:** Our chapter is celebrating 50 years and Sue Yarnell, a charter member, has been with Theta Psi since the beginning. Sue invites us out to her pond each year for fun day. She has held every officer position, and she was previously Illinois State President. She brings ideas and suggestions for us that we may not have thought of without her insight. We are blessed to have her with us. And we are making strides with other sisters making big milestones with their memberships as well.

**IOTA THETA  
Armstrong, Illinois  
15 Members  
Second Sunday  
December 14, 1980**

**2024-25 Officers:** Kathy Burr, President; Marlana Ackerman, Vice-President; Joni O'Banion and Mona Knight, Co-Recording Secretaries; Pam Boen and Candace Freeman, Co-Corresponding Secretaries; Hannah Wyant, Treasurer; Patsy Hambleton, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** In September, we kicked off the school year with our "Back to Sorority" meeting, embracing a fun back-to-school theme that brought everyone together after the summer break. For the holiday season, we celebrated with a festive gift card exchange, perfect for our group of shopping enthusiasts! In December, we participated in *Christmas on Cardinal Lane* at Potomac Grade School, where we hosted a cheerful stop where families could take pictures and enjoy our sisters reading beloved Christmas books. March brought out our creative side as we each designed and painted our own one-of-a-kind doormats. We wrapped up May on a high note by attending the Lonestar concert, a fun night out that also supported the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, combining music with a meaningful cause.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** This year, we proudly rolled up our sleeves and got to work making and selling cheeseballs, with all proceeds going toward funding grants that benefit our local schools, supporting education one delicious bite at a time! During the holiday



**Iota Sigma, St. Joseph, IL, getting ready for their annual appearance in the Fall Festival Parade.**

season, we rang bells for the Salvation Army and were deeply moved by a young girl who emptied her piggy bank to help those less fortunate, a reminder of the spirit of giving we strive to embody. We also donated \$50 to the inaugural Angel Tree at Potomac Grade School, helping bring joy to local children in need. Our commitment to the arts continued as we sponsored the Best of Show award at the Vermilion Valley Conference Art Show, celebrating the incredible talent of local high school students. Additionally, we proudly contributed to our national project, reinforcing our dedication to making a difference both in our community and beyond.

**Chapter News:** We welcomed two new members to Iota Theta this year, Trisha Hambleton and Emily Harms, a speech pathologist at Potomac Grade School.

**IOTA SIGMA  
St. Joseph, Illinois  
10 Members  
First Tuesday  
June 6, 2004**

**2024-25 Officers:** Ramona Simpson, President; Marita Booker, Vice-President; Rose Franzen, Secretary; Susan McKinney, Treasurer; Rita McCannon, Conductress; Kathy Lyons, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** August is the St. Joseph Fall Festival and Parade, which we have been a part of for several years. We have a banner, and we load up the truck with Iota Sigma members, and we toss out pencils to the kids. This year we tossed out 288 pencils and ran out. It is always



**Illinois Psi Ote sisters from Iota Theta, Armstrong, Iota Sigma, St. Joseph, and Theta Psi, Bethany, met for a Friendsgiving at Yoder's Kitchen in 2024.**

such a fun day. In November, we met other Illinois chapters at a "meet and greet" which was held at Yoder's in Arthur, Illinois. So much information was shared between the chapters. Everything from fundraisers, family illness, recipes, and of course a lot of laughter. Throughout the year, we held a white elephant, a pound auction, and collected happy bucks. The money we receive goes to our General Fund. In December, we have our Christmas party where we play games, eat, exchange gifts, and have lots of fellowship.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** This was our first year hosting a Baby Contest at our local Fall Festival. Contestants paid an entry fee and prizes were awarded. All babies are cute, so everyone was a winner! Throughout the year some of our members cut out and sew Christmas stockings for Fair Hope Children's Ministry in Danville, Illinois. In October and November, we fill the stockings with everything from books, socks, toothbrushes, snacks, and more. Grants were given to several teachers at the St. Joseph Middle School which were used for various classroom needs. And of course, our biggest fundraiser was our famous "cheeseballs". Members took cheeseball orders and delivered them before Thanksgiving. A classroom shower was held for a "Special Ed" student teacher. Gifts from members along with words of encouragement were given.

**Chapter News:** A member just recently asked to be placed in a temporary inactive status. Her son lives in Ireland, and she will be traveling to see her new grandchild.

**IOTA TAU**  
**Indianapolis, Indiana**  
**9 Members**  
**Second Monday**  
**June 16, 2006**

**2024-25 Officers:** Marty Krug and Connie Rosentreter, Co-Presidents; Alice Moore, Recording Secretary; Anne Hall, Corresponding Secretary; Lyn Burton, Treasurer.

**Social Activities:** In June we held a luncheon at Hyrosaki Japanese Steakhouse and chose new secret sisters for the coming year. In September Iota Tau's year began with a pitch-in-brunch featuring Mimosas. Upcoming events were discussed as were "What can we do with these left over craft items?" Our Christmas Party was held at the Ayers Tea Room in the Indiana State Museum. Following each meeting, we go to lunch as a group.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Throughout the year we gave to our charitable projects. November rolls around faster each year. We mixed and rolled our long awaited cheeseballs.

These amazing cheeseballs funded ten organizations this year. Our General Fund monies are raised within our group from White Elephant and auction items. "Raise Right" is another funding resource for the General Fund.

**Chapter News:** Two sisters became grandmothers again during the year. Debra Gladson is grandmother to a grandson, and Alice Moore is grandmother to a granddaughter. Congratulations, Sisters!! We are looking forward to another year helping others.

**IOTA UPSILON**  
**Virtual**  
**0 Members**  
**First Saturday**  
**July 15, 2017**

**2024-25 Officers:** Beatrice Pfaff, President; Ronda Bilz, Corresponding Secretary.

**Chapter News:** We have been unable to maintain momentum for fundraising and keeping our chapter active. Our members wear so many hats in the Deaf community we have simply spread ourselves too thin. Rather than giving only half effort, we have decided to dissolve our chapter. We have enjoyed the experience of being a part of Psi Iota Xi and truly respect and revere the organization. So many wonderful women carry on the Psi Iota Xi legacy, and we will continue to pray for your success.



**Table décor at National Convention.**





# SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Total Community Outreach.....	\$ 33,485.35
Total Speech and Hearing .....	\$ 31,973.60
Total Music .....	\$ 24,175.00
Total Fine Arts .....	\$ 12,385.19
Total Literature/Literacy .....	\$ 18,701.84

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**Chapters**

# 248

**Members**



**Carol Good**

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT OFFICER  
Alpha Theta, Charlestown, IN

As of this writing, I am completing my 28th year as a member of Psi Iota Xi and my 2nd year as the Southeast District Officer. Both roles have had a significant impact on my life. Membership in this organization allows individuals to meet new people and face new challenges. The organization consistently seeks opportunities in art, music, and literature within the community and aims to develop members socially, morally, and intellectually.

The Southeast District has 248 members who have worked diligently over the past year to promote sisterhood within their communities. As a district, we have contributed \$24,175 to Music, \$36,560 to Cultural projects, and \$12,385 to Fine Arts. One chapter received a grant to assist low-income seniors obtain hearing aids. Our chapters have held speech and hearing clinics, purchased hearing aids, helped families learn to play musical instruments, donated to school art departments and public libraries,

## SOUTHEAST DISTRICT CHAPTERS:

Epsilon, Columbus, IN .....	1904
Iota, Rushville, IN .....	1908
Sigma, Greensburg, IN .....	1917
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Alpha Omega, North Vernon, IN.....	1928
Beta Sigma, Austin, IN .....	1935
Beta Phi, Shelbyville, IN .....	1938
Zeta Iota, Louisville, KY .....	1946
Zeta Lambda, Connersville, IN .....	1959
Zeta Xi, Madison, IN .....	1960
Theta Tau, Milroy, IN .....	1964
Iota Phi, Clarksburg, IN .....	2019
Iota Chi, LaGrange, KY .....	2019

donated books for children's reading initiatives, and supported Dolly Parton's Imagination Library project.

These actions are carried out because members believe in the cause. New members contribute to growth and the spread of values. This year, the southern districts participated in a game of Family Feud at the National Convention, with Southeast competing against

Southwest. Game answers were based on a membership survey that southern chapters completed earlier in the year. Everyone had a great time and learned new ideas to retain and gain new members. Congratulations to all the winners, in my book each of you is a winner.

Loyally,  
Carol Good  
Southeast District Officer  
Alpha Theta, Charlestown, IN



To celebrate their 60th anniversary, the sisters of Zeta Tau, Milroy, IN traveled to St. Louis to see the musical "Neil Diamond, A Beautiful Noise" at the Fabulous Fox Theater as well as thoroughly enjoying spending extended time with each other.

**EPSILON**  
**Columbus, Indiana**  
**35 Members**  
**First Tuesday**  
**June 10, 1904**

**2024-25 Officers:** Cheryl Miles-Vieth, President; Michelle Spear, Vice President of Programming; Linda Heldt, Joni Shaw, and Kathy Peters, Vice Presidents of Thrift Shop; Sian Goldsmith, Recording/Corresponding Secretary; Carolyn Peterson, Philanthropic Treasurer; Mary Ann Ransdell, General Treasurer; Michelle Spear, Advisors.

**Social Activities:** We enjoy presentations and activities at our monthly meetings. We celebrated our 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a group photo and cake. Two of our grant recipients, both educators, displayed student art that was made possible by our donation. They also had a fun activity for us to do.

Our Thrift Shop creatives brought in donated ornaments for us to make crafts which we sold at the Thrift shop during Christmas season. We held a silent auction and social event in December where we raised funds for two local charities. We had the pleasure of a recital from our music camp scholarship winners. We finished our year with a tour of the J.I. Miller IU School of Architecture. This is so fitting as Columbus was ranked sixth in the nation in 1991 for architectural quality and innovation. We highly recommend coming to Columbus for the Architectural Tour!

**Charitable Activities:** This year we are

proud to say we were able to donate over \$25,000 to charitable causes within our community. The recipient of our largest gift was the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Bartholomew County. This organization provides a free book a month from birth until age 5 for all children enrolled in the program. We continue to support music and the fine arts with several scholarships and grants. We have a standing yearly donation to help fund summer speech programs. This year we devoted a day of work and donations to the local Turning Point Women's Shelter. Our members work diligently at our Thrift Shop to support our philanthropic endeavors.

**IOTA**  
**Rushville, Indiana**  
**11 Members**  
**Second Monday**  
**December 30, 1908**

**2024-25 Officers:** Natalie Anderson, President; Kristen Haas, Vice President; Jennifer Warner, Recording Secretary; Liz Jobe, Treasurer.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** As a chapter, we continued to grow and fundraise to help our community. To accommodate current needs and ideas, our fundraising efforts change and expand. We have continued to apply for community grants and conduct local fundraisers to fund these new projects.

Our hearing aid program for senior citizens has grown to help even more of our underserved community seniors with

access to hearing aids. We are very proud of the growth in this program.

In addition to our hearing aid program, we have continued to support other causes in our community. We maintained our "Hearing Garden" located in the school nature center; donated to the music department and band program in the school system, supported our town's free summer concert series, and made donations to our library programs.

We are very proud to announce the creation of an Iota Chapter, Psi Iota Xi Scholarship for students attending our local high school. Each year we will be able to provide a financial scholarship to a student, through our county's Community Foundation. Our first recipient happens to be a legacy Psi Ote sister.

**SIGMA**  
**Greensburg, Indiana**  
**15 Members**  
**First Monday**  
**1917**

**2024-25 Officers:** Barbie Brown, President; Kim Gerrian, Vice President; Jordan Rettig, Recording Secretary; Becky Hamilton, Treasurer; Patty Roberts, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** We kicked off our year with a meeting and fellowship at a member's home in September. In October we met at a new location, REMC, to work on a social event for Christmas. In December we celebrated Christmas at the TAAP with a delicious meal catered by Cornerstone Bakery. We had a delicious potato bar and dessert. We enjoyed visiting and eating great food. In January we had to cancel our meeting due to the crazy amount of snow! In February, we met at the local coffee shop for fun coffee and tea drinks as well as social time. In April and May, we enjoyed pizza and a taco bar for fun nights out with discussion of new opportunities for fundraisers for the future. Lastly, in June we met at a member's home and finalized things for our new fundraiser, a garage sale. The garage sale is scheduled for the first weekend in June.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our



The ladies of Epsilon, Columbus, IN, gathered to celebrate their 120th anniversary as Psi Ote sisters.





**This communication board located in the Greensburg, IN inclusion park was funded by Sigma, Greensburg.**

biggest fundraiser of the year, cheeseball and fudge sale, was in November. Other fundraisers were flower sales in April and May and the garage sale in June. We received sale support from Barbie Brown and Kim Crawley and are grateful, without their guidance, we would not be as successful as we were! Also, throughout the year, our legacy college and cheer baskets were put together and delivered. We volunteered at the local eye screening and donated money to several local charities such as Greensburg band, musicals, and scholarship.

We found new ways to raise funds for our chapter and are excited for our future recruitment day event. We have discussed and hope to help fund a sensory garden near the elementary school next year.

**Chapter News:** Our members celebrated the births of grandchildren along with some health concerns too. Together we survived it all and we look forward to the 2025-2026 year.

**UPSILON**  
Greenfield, Indiana  
23 Members  
First Monday  
April 2, 1920

**2024-25 Officers:** Deidre Low, President; Stacey Stephenson, Advisor; Shelby McMaster, Recording Secretary; Laura Fletcher, Corresponding Secretary; Cheryl Overman, Treasurer; Jennifer Johnston, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** The Upsilon Chapter

kicked off this year with a picnic in August at the Eden United Methodist Church in Greenfield. We held an auction of homemade items to boost our general fund. Mickie Hansen served as the expert auctioneer! We also held a bridal shower for member Jennifer Gill. In the fall, several of our members carved and decorated pumpkins for the Festival of Jack-o-Lanterns in the James Whitcomb Riley Boyhood Home gardens. We gathered for a Christmas party where we shared a meal, completed a craft, played games, and participated in a gift exchange of holiday décor. We had a great dinner in April celebrating our chapter's 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a tailgate theme!

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** This was a busy year for our chapter with many exciting opportunities! The summer Speech and Hearing Clinics are our largest philanthropic projects and are fully funded by the Upsilon Chapter. Any Hancock County child who needs extra therapy is welcome to participate. We held clinics in Greenfield and New Palestine in 2024. We adopted a local family at Christmas time and provided gifts for all the family members. Our chapter supports three county high school bands and Imagination Library of Hancock County program. Additionally, we fund Riley Festival Art Awards and provide funding to supplement the cost for hearing aids for four children in our community. In addition to our annual high school scholarship award of \$1,000, we offer up to \$100 of continuing education reimbursement to local educators and

practitioners in Psi Ote interest areas! Our major, ongoing fundraisers were cheeseballs, spring flowers, and mums. We sold Christmas greenery, and we hosted dine-to-donate nights at local restaurants. We also held an online purse raffle in April. Of course, we've been preparing for the 2025 national convention we are hosting in Indianapolis in 2025!

**Chapter News:** We welcomed one new member into our chapter this year! Lauren Robbins initiated in the summer. We are so excited to have her in the sisterhood! Membership milestones: Tracie Belongia (15 years), Linda Comstock-Teel (10 years), Laura Fletcher (10 years), Kara Wetzel (5 years), and Shelby McMaster (5 years). Shelby McMaster was named the Upsilon chapter's Psi Ote of the Year and Adeen Hargrove received the chapter's Lifetime Achievement Award for 2024-25. We are so proud of our chapter member Mickie Hansen who has served faithfully as the national president; she does us proud!

**ALPHA THETA**  
Charlestown, Indiana  
25 Members  
First Tuesday  
December 1, 1923

**2024-25 Officers:** Marianne Smith, President; Karen Robinson, Vice President; Doreen Graves, Advisor; Sarah Good Snowden, Recording Secretary; Jennie Crismore, Corresponding



**New member, Lauren Robbins, was welcomed into Upsilon, Greenfield, IN by the ritual team.**



**Alpha Theta, Charlestown, IN enjoyed an outing to Derby Dinner Theater to see the musical *Singing in the Rain*.**

Secretary; Tina Bradshaw, Treasurer; Jan Boyer, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** We were fortunate to have several very special social activities this year. In September we were pleased to host our National President, Mickie Hansen, for our regular first Tuesday of the month meeting. We awarded our sister Rebecca Putman as Psi Ote of the Year and served a wide assortment of appetizers and desserts during the fellowship hour. In December we gathered at the home of Mrs. Sharron Barker where our holiday party committee provided a wonderful array of festive foods. Our final social of the year, in April, was an outing to Derby Dinner Theater to enjoy their buffet and see the musical *Singing in the Rain*.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We made a special contribution this year to Ensembles, a music education studio, for the purchase of ukuleles for a generational class. Additionally, we sponsored the annual Christmas concert by the Louisville Chamber Players, provided funding for the local school libraries including a new "maker space" at the high school, funded the summer reading program at the county library, and contributed to Charlestown High School's Spring "after Prom." The annual \$1000 scholarship went to local student Isabella Spencer. Dipping up ice cream at the Founders Day ice cream social was a hit as always, and the Lions Club joined in this year to pass out water. At Easter the members brought candy and other treats to the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the local nursing home. Many of our fundraisers were repeats from the previous year including our fall mum

sale, Fall and Christmas auctions, cheeseball sales, and serving dinner three times at the local Lions Club meetings. We tried a new fundraiser this year selling car wash coupons which netted the chapter over \$500.

**Charter News:** We lost our member, Virginia Bushau, last year and a special donation was made to her memorial this year. In addition, we supported our sisters through the loss of a husband, a son, and a brother. We continue to pass the "thankful jar" at each meeting and share the joys and trials of our everyday lives.

**ALPHA OMEGA**  
**North Vernon, Indiana**  
**21 Members**  
**First Monday**  
**1928**

**2024-25 Officers:** Jenifer Stanley, President; Peggy Day, Vice President; Deanna Howard, Recording Secretary/Conductress; Judy Watts, Corresponding Secretary; Kim Earl, Treasurer; Elaine Leahigh, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** Our annual anniversary dinner celebrated ninety-six years! Dedicated members, alumni, legacies, and guests gathered to celebrate while enjoying a lovely dinner and entertainment.

Our Christmas party was held at the Hayden Methodist Church with an ornament exchange. A delicious dinner was served. To-Go dinners were sold using the leftovers. Baked goods and a decorated Christmas tree created by our sisters were auctioned off to benefit our

General Fund. Our committee did an outstanding job with the lovely holiday decorations, food, desserts, auction and great fun for a fantastic 2024 Christmas party!

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Nearly \$5700 in scholarships were awarded to twenty graduating high school seniors.

Our annual yard sale has provided substantial fund raising since 2020, and last July did not disappoint. It has become our third most profitable fundraiser, after our Purse Auction and holiday Cheese Ball production.

We continue to work on our See's Candies fundraiser. The profit margins offered are very promising. We would like to expand our customer base to keep the momentum going from year to year. Eat more chocolate!

Cheeseball manufacturing began the first of November in conjunction with St. Mary's Craft Fair. Fresh off the early-morning production line, these are sold along with other Psi Iota Xi merchandise kicking off the holiday season. In December we produce more cheeseballs just in time for holiday parties!

Santa Letters, another favorite among kids of all ages, continues to be a fun seasonal fundraiser!

Our second Annual Purse Auction was held in March. Our Alpha Omega sisters generously provide donations along with community donations to make a beautifully successful live auction, silent auction, and raffle. We are fortunate to have a real auctioneer, and this year, thankfully, a larger community center



**A sales table at the National Convention was a great place for Alpha Omega, North Vernon, IN to earn general fund money as well as catch up with sisters from other chapters.**



which was decorated beautifully. Dinner was delicious and again we were able to sell To-Go dinners. Our Purse Auction committee planned well and made this our biggest profit maker, which has allowed us to increase our awards and scholarships as well as a \$5,000 donation for new carpeting the Park Civic Theater. We are proud of our ongoing support of the community theater!

**Chapter News:** Vigorous recruiting efforts in 2024-2025 provided our chapter with seven new members being initiated. We lost one beloved, long-time member.

**BETA SIGMA**  
**Austin, Indiana**  
**23 Members**  
**First Monday**  
**May 1935**

**2024-25 Officers:** Celesta Satterwhite, President; Staci Mullins, Corresponding Secretary; Jamie Alexander, Treasurer.

**Social Activities:** The Beta Sigma Chapter of Psi Iota Xi had a heartwarming and impactful year, full of service, sisterhood, and celebration. We kicked off the season with our Winter Social at a local eatery, sharing laughter and connection to start the year on a positive note. Sisterhood was in full bloom throughout the year. We enjoyed a festive Christmas Social, building memories through games and laughter, and held a Spring Social that doubled as the 90th Anniversary Celebration of our chapter. The event, hosted at the Scott County Heritage Museum, welcomed District Officer Carol Good and was a touching gathering where we honored past sisters, shared photos and stories, and celebrated the legacy of Psi Iota Xi in our community.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** One of our most meaningful service events, the annual Coats and Shoes event, provided local school-age children with new winter coats and shoes, ensuring warmth, confidence, and comfort for those in need.

In keeping with our mission to support the arts and education, we awarded two \$500 scholarships to Scott County School District 1 students pursuing careers in



**Beta Sigma, Austin, IN sisters created beautiful wreaths under the guidance of Rebakah from Marti's House of Flowers.**

these fields. We also donated a full set of children's books to the local school library in honor of our beloved sister and former librarian, Louise Hume.

In collaboration with community partners, we sponsored a Story Walk installation at a local park featuring Corduroy Takes a Bow, blending literacy and outdoor activity for families and young readers. We also contributed snacks for the school's Literacy Night, promoting reading engagement and student involvement.

We held our popular cheeseball fundraiser, selling over 100 cheeseballs with great community support. Our Ice Cream Social fundraiser was a sweet success, raising \$2,800 to support our chapter's outreach.

**Chapter News:** Through every project and gathering, the Beta Sigma Chapter remains dedicated to our mission of supporting art, music, speech, and literacy—while strengthening the bonds of sisterhood that make it all possible.

**BETA PHI**  
**Shelbyville, Indiana**  
**12 Members**  
**First Tuesday**  
**January 14, 1938**

**2024-25 Officers:** Paula Chappelow, President; Debbie Fort, Vice President; Lori Powell, Treasurer; Kim Borton, Corresponding Secretary; Dawn Branson, Recording Secretary; Kim Wickizer, Advisor/Conductress.

**Social Activities:** Our social activities included attending a summer concert, a tea party, and a valentine dinner meeting.

Members also enjoyed a purse bingo event.

**Charitable Events/Fundraiser:** During October through December members, scouting volunteers, and spouses work together to produce our fundraiser cheeseballs. The cheeseballs are sold in the community by pre-order and at the Gift and Hobby Show that is held at Shelbyville Middle School.

The profits made from our cheeseball sales allowed us to support music, the arts, and literature. Speech and hearing remains our biggest contribution. We continue to fully fund the summer Speech and Hearing Clinic at a local elementary school. We also sponsor an individual to attend the Hear Indiana Listening and Spoken Language Camp. We continue to offer scholarship funds to a local college junior or senior pursuing a degree in Speech and Hearing.

In addition, our chapter continues to provide a book with our chapter label inside to each baby born in the local hospital to show parents we care about



**Zeta Iota, Louisville, KY gathered for dinner and sisterhood.**

their child's literacy and encourage the love of reading for newborns.

**Chapter News:** As our chapter members age and our stations in life change, we realize that our continued growth necessitates recruiting young people to join our endeavor. To that end, and in preparation for hosting the state convention in 2027, we are planning more recruitment events in the coming year.

**ZETA IOTA**  
**Louisville, Kentucky**  
**12 Members**  
**First Monday**  
**March 8, 1959**

**2024-25 Officers:** Sandy Johnson, President; Lara Hagan, Corresponding Secretary; Tania Miles, Treasurer.

**Social Activities:** It's hard to believe that our sisters have been "Traveling" for 66 years. Sharing lots of special friendships, making wonderful memories and enjoying many road trips. As we reflect, the saying Route 66 comes to mind. Route 66 was one of the most famous roads in the United States. It was popular through books, songs, movies, and television shows. It symbolized mobility, freedom, and the pursuit of the American Dream.

We helped a member celebrate becoming a first-time homeowner by turning one of our monthly meetings into a "Home Sweet Home" party. It was so great to have our Southeast District Officer, Carol Good, and her daughter Sarah join us for this celebration. We gathered at the Bell House in Shelbyville, KY to ring in the new year with a social. In February we held our chili potluck meeting at Sandy's home while reviewing the standing rules and bylaws.

**Charitable Events/Fundraiser:** Just like many of our traveling sisters, we all have love and a caring nature about us and want to touch the life of many in need to help them fulfill their dream. That's why this year for our local charity project we found SPARC Hope. This non-profit organization gives hope to single parents who are struggling to make ends meet and who are willing to make an extra effort to help secure the future for themselves and

their children. They're also a liaison between resources and services for single parents in the community.

As we look for new opportunities to expand our outreach, we awarded three scholarships and donated to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program along with other organizations. During this past year we held a few fundraisers and traveled to LaGrange during the holiday season to make our famous cheeseballs.

**Chapter News:** Sadly, we lost two of our members, Teresa Crask who was a member with over 50 years of service and Lorrie Wolford who joined in 1987 and introduced our chapter to the Deaf Youth Sports Festival.

Our chapter was so proud to award Lara Hagan as our Psi Ote of the Year. Lara has been a member for over 30 years, and we truly appreciate her dedication and service. So, cheers to the Zeta Iota Chapter for another successful year and looking forward to what the "traveling road" has in store for us this coming year.

**ZETA LAMBDA**  
**Connersville, Indiana**  
**8 Members**  
**One Monday per month**  
**September 27, 1959**

**2024-25 Officers:** Peggy Hollingsworth, President; Lisa Hazelrigg, Treasurer; Joanne Guttman, Corresponding Secretary.

**Social Activities:** As early May deadlines for national reports and the pre-Mother's Day delivery of our flower sale plants from the grower converge, we take pause to reflect on another good year for our own Zeta Lambda Chapter of Psi Iota Xi. We have served the Connersville community since 1959. Our monthly gatherings have been well attended by all, given an occasional vacation or illness absence. Some meetings were held at the Whitewater Valley Arts Association Gallery.

On November 4, 2024, a carload of our members journeyed northward 100 miles to join in the 80th birthday celebration for President Peggy Hollingsworth in her native Russiaville. Thanks to chauffer Dr. Joanne Guttman, the group enjoyed a safe and satisfying time of "togetherness"! Following lunch with more than 130 of Peggy's other acquaintances from numerous avenues of connection, everyone was pleased to be able to meet and hear from Abraham Lincoln, our 16th President, in the persona of Danny Russel of Carmel. At Peggy's 81st celebration planned for November 4, 2025, Daniel Boone is set to be the special guest. [Hope to see you there!]

For December, we attended the local performance of "Yes, Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus!" by the newly formed IMAGINE Performing Arts group. It is exciting to witness the rebirth and revitalization of a multitude of dramatic and musical groups as they take advantage of the gift of the former



Zeta Lambda, Connersville, IN members with President Abraham Lincoln are, left to right: Kathie Stuedle, Peggy Hollingsworth, Lincoln, Moon Ja Urdal, Reita Brunzman, Dr. Janne Guttman, and Kathy Terrell.



newspaper and broadcasting downtown building to house their burgeoning efforts.

**Charitable Events/Fundraiser:** Thanks to our loyal members, present and past, who continue to sell the beautiful spring hanging baskets, potted geraniums, and gift cards from the historic Becker's Greenhouse on the National Road in Cambridge City (since 1921 and prior), thus, making possible our financial support of various philanthropic projects in the arts and in speech and hearing.

We sponsored the spring High School Regional Art Show in 2025 at the Whitewater Valley Arts Association Gallery, with outstanding entries.

**Chapter News:** We continue to be inspired by the courageous life of our longtime member Kathy Terrell as she lives daily with the ever present effects of her childhood polio siege on her aging body. Kathy's spunk and positive outlook on life, despite the trials in her path almost constantly, give us cause for gratitude that she can participate with her Psi Ote sisters in most of our activities.

**ZETA XI**  
**Madison, Indiana**  
**20 Members**  
**First Monday**  
**March 20, 1960**

**2024-25 Officers:** Emily Fox, President; Shirley Herrick, Vice President; Amanda Corbin, Recording Secretary; Sierra Rogers Austin, Corresponding Secretary; Nancy Ricketts, Treasurer; Jane Wilson, Assistant Treasurer; Alice Rogers, Conductress; Laura Chitwood, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** We began the year installing our slate of officers under the leadership of Emily Fox. A group of eight sisters attended the National Convention in Fort Wayne, and we formalized welcoming two new at large/auxiliary members to our chapter from Lexington, Kentucky.

Emily and our officers planned an exciting year of activities. After summer break, we met poolside at the home of DeAnn Klinedinst. We had a great night building our general fund at our annual Harvest of



**Zeta Xi, Madison, IN took the stage at the 2025 National Convention Welcome Party Lip Sync Battle with their performance of "I Love Rock and Roll" by Joan Jett & the Blackhearts.**

Hobbies Auction in November. In December we enjoyed a lovely holiday meal at the home of Bonnie Lee, the roads were icy for traveling that evening, but the fellowship was warm and joyous. In January we read "The Women" by Kristin Hannah and followed up with a book discussion in February. A group traveled to a festive Purse Auction sponsored by our sisters in North Vernon in March. In April many of our sisters traveled to Derby Dinner Playhouse to enjoy an excellent production of "Singing in the Rain", and we attended the Indiana State meeting.

**Charitable Events/Fundraiser:** We gathered for our biggest fund raiser in November, to make our annual batch of Holiday Cheese spread. This is a full fun day of hard work, but our fundraising efforts enabled us to provide our Speech and Hearing clinic which served fifty local children for five weeks over the summer. We generously donated to two local theater programs in our community supporting their productions and purchasing new wireless microphones. Other contributions included supporting the community Music in the Park program, and funding local art and literacy initiatives.

**Chapter News:** We are smaller in number but are rich in the friendships we share and the desire to serve our community in the name of Psi Iota Xi.

**ZETA TAU**  
**Milroy Indiana**  
**21 Members**  
**Second Wednesday**  
**October 11, 1964**

**2024-25 Officers:** Carolanna Yager, President; Laura Jessup, Vice President; Dana Fussner, Recording Secretary; Peggy Fussner, Corresponding Secretary; Andrea Niedenthal, Treasurer; Nicki Hall, Assistant Treasurer; Jane Niccum, Conductress; Angie Fette, Advisor.

**Charitable Activities and Fundraisers:** We sold flower gift certificates from two different greenhouses in the Milroy area, as well as Rada Cutlery. We organized our Community Calendar which has been in our community for 65 years. We also had a holiday fashion show at Cynthia's,



**Zeta Tau, Milroy, IN provided "I Like Me" books to every kindergarten student in Rush County.**

hosted a Dairy Queen night, and sold Raise Right gift cards. Our biggest and most successful fundraiser is our newest fundraiser - Bingo Nights. Our Spring Bingo was a "SOLD OUT" event! We can't wait until our Fall Event!

During the holiday season we went shopping, clothing 15 children in our community and adopting sixteen residents from our county nursing homes to bring them some holiday cheer and smiles on their faces. Our sorority maintains fourteen "Free Little Libraries" throughout the county for anyone to enjoy. Our biggest pleasure is being able to provide a special book to every Kindergarten student in Rush County called "I Like Me".

**Chapter News:** Our Chapter turned sixty this year, several members were able to take a trip to St Louis, Missouri in early November. Attended a tribute to Neil Diamond, "A Beautiful Noise", ate great food and celebrated together by renting an Air B&B for the weekend. We continue to build our chapter by adding two new legacy members to our wonderful group! Our future looks bright!!

**IOTA PHI**  
**Clarksburg, Indiana**  
**10 Members**  
**Third Tuesday**  
**April 7, 2019**

**2024-25 Officers:** Andrea Niedenthal, President; Pam Ford, Vice President; Tammy Munchel, Recording/Corresponding Secretary; Tonya Smith, Treasurer.

**Social Activities:** Our chapter generally



**Iota Phi, Clarksburg, IN made financial contributions to the Art, Music, and Library programs at North Decatur Elementary School.**

holds our meetings via Zoom, which makes it easier for all our members to attend. In September 2024 and March 2025, we had socials at a local restaurant where many of our members were able to get together in person for good food and fun. We also met at a member's home in December 2024 to hold our annual holiday party and gift exchange.

#### **Charitable Activities and Fundraisers:**

Our chapter purchased and installed two Free Little Libraries. One library was placed at the East Beach of Lake Santee and the other at the Clarksburg Fire Station. We keep them maintained and stocked with a wonderful assortment of books for all ages, ranging from children to adults. Various fundraising efforts throughout the year allow us to purchase additional books and maintain the Free Little Libraries.

In addition, our fundraising efforts throughout this year gave us the opportunity to make monetary donations to the art and music programs and library at the North Decatur Elementary School and to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Fund at the Decatur County Hospital Foundation.

**Chapter News:** Iota Phi looks forward to the upcoming year as we have some wonderful fundraising ideas in the works. We look forward to continuing to grow and build our small chapter to help more in the community.

**IOTA CHI**  
**Lagrange, Kentucky**  
**12 Members**  
**Second Monday**  
**May 19, 2019**

**2024-25 Officers:** Rachel Barmantje, President; Samantha Teague, Vice President; Mary Emma Johnson, Advisor; Ashley Darnell, Recording Secretary; Maranda Edens, Corresponding Secretary; Susan Scalf, Treasurer; Sandy Johnson, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** In May, we gathered for a fun and creative rock painting social. Together, we painted colorful friendship rocks to sell at the upcoming convention and support our community. December



**Iota Chi, Lagrange, KY had many unique items for sale at National Convention.**

brought a cozy Christmas social at Sandy's house with ornament exchanges and ceramic painting, and we celebrated the New Year with the birth of Miranda Crabtree's daughter, Oakley.

#### **Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:**

The Iota Chi chapter kicked off summer by attending the 2024 National Convention in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with six sisters. Rachel Barmantje shared how our 2023 Literacy Grant supported the La Grange Elementary Book Vending Machine, and we were honored with the Friendship, Love, & Loyalty Button Award.

In the fall, we sponsored the "Women of Abstraction" art show with the Arts Association of Oldham County, recognizing women artists. We also participated in Trunk or Treat at the Sauderback Drive-In, where we promoted our sorority and had a flyer projected on the big screen.

Our November cheese spread fundraiser produced over 100 spreads, and we're planning to expand it next time.

In 2025, we launched our Be My Valentine Fundraiser, raffling two Steak & Bourbon gift cards and raising \$835. We're excited for what lies ahead and we remain committed to spreading awareness, supporting philanthropy, and growing our sisterhood.

This May, we launched a new and exciting fundraiser by selling flower bulbs to raise money for our community. The initiative was not only a fresh way to engage supporters, but it also brought a touch of springtime beauty to homes and gardens.





# SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Total Community Outreach .....	\$ 45,225.00
Total Speech and Hearing.....	\$ 21,693.00
Total Music .....	\$ 15,655.00
Total Fine Arts .....	\$ 31,817.54
Total Literature/Literacy .....	\$ 18,744.47

**15**  
**Chapters**  
**302**  
**Members**



**Erin Schroering**

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT OFFICER  
Iota Lambda, Ferdinand, IN

## SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CHAPTERS:

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What an honor it is to serve as your Southwest District Officer! I gained so much knowledge about how other PIX sisters and their chapters are carrying out the Psi Ote mission, and I continue to be excited to bring that knowledge to all of you when questions arise.

As I experienced my first year of chapter visits, it truly warmed my heart to meet so many new faces. I am very appreciative of those chapter members who made me feel welcome and shared with me stories of their past, present, and future. I was able to visit four chapters in the SW district, attend National Council meetings, write articles for the National Newsletter, walked the Hear Indiana Run for Sound 5K, attended the KY and IN state meetings, and answered various correspondence from the SW chapters.

It was eye-opening to review the 15 Southwest chapter PCRs. What awesome things you all do in your communities! I am pleased to announce that together our southwest district sisters donated nearly \$133,000 to worthy programs, camps, scholars, and individuals in need.

It's been a fantastic year learning

the ropes, and I look forward to continuing my time as Southwest District officer. As always, if you need anything or just want a listening ear, feel free to reach out to me!

Loyally,  
Erin Schroering  
Southwest District Officer  
Iota Lambda, Ferdinand, IN



The sisters of Iota Lambda, Ferdinand, IN performed the song "Mississippi Squirrel Revival" by Ray Stevens in the Lip Sync Battle during the Welcome Party at National Convention.

**ZETA**  
**Bloomington, Indiana**  
**58 Members**  
**Second Tuesday**  
**November 19, 1904**

**2024-25 Officers:** Carie Johann, President; Pegi Risinger, Vice President; Jan Stocker, Recording Secretary; Linda Campbell, Corresponding Secretary; Jamie Clack, Chapter Treasurer; Susie Sullivan, Thrift Shop Treasurer; Sally Walker, Conductress; Phyllis Schwitzer, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** In September, we gathered at our Thrift Store to socialize and shop. In October, we met at Deanna Cummins' home which she decorated for her favorite holiday. Three of our members dressed as Ghost Brides and told spooky tales. Our November luncheon theme was Friends, Fun, and Food. Members enjoyed a silent auction and games including two truths and one lie; it was fun for all. In December we gathered at Jackie Faris' home and enjoyed a cookie exchange. Our second annual "Fall in Love with Psi Otes" membership rush took place in February. The event was well-attended and has demonstrated its effectiveness in attracting new members. We gave away \$48,000 in grant money to local recipients along with the National Long Term Project at our "Meet the Psi Otes" event in March. National President Mickie Hansen and National Project Chair Terri Resler attended the event to accept the Long Term Project check and enjoy the day. In April, we welcomed eight new members into our chapter! We look forward to getting to know these ladies in the coming year.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We are fortunate to have our Thrift Shop as our Fund Raiser. We owe the success of the Thrift Shop to our members, who



**Alpha Beta, Seymour, IN celebrated their 2025 chapter Psi Ote of the Year, Heather Reeves.**



**Zeta, Bloomington, IN welcomed eight new members earning them the "Chapter with Most New Members" award at National Convention. New sisters are (L to R) Michelle Brown, Theresa Miller, Lynn Olson, Kathy Gorr, Kathy Ross, Erin Parks and Jill Lester. Not pictured Jill Byers.**

volunteer a minimum of twenty-four hours per year, and our amazing, paid, staff.

**ALPHA BETA**  
**Seymour, Indiana**  
**10 Members**  
**First Monday**  
**April 15, 1922**

**2024-25 Officers:** Georgiann Coons, President; Annette Reitman, Corresponding Secretary; Heather Reeves, Recording Secretary; Karen Koester, Treasurer; Angie Craig, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** At our fall social, we had a fun filled night of BUNCO! One of our guests, new to the activities of our group and new to Bunco, went home with the grand prize and received the title of Bunco Queen. In the spring, we hosted a special brunch to honor our retired sisters and friends who have offered their services to our small group throughout the year. It was pure joy listening to the stories of these amazing women and we look forward to doing it again next year.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We started off our summer with the Baby Pageant at our local county fair. We really get a kick out of the showmanship of our future leaders, educators, doctors, farmers, and such. From there, we began our preparations for our biggest fundraiser, the city's Oktoberfest. We had retired sisters, spouses, and friends step up to help us out. Without them, we would not have been able to accomplish the task. After the Oktoberfest, we had a very successful Christmas wreath sale. We had

an overwhelming response to our Thirty-one Raffle in the Spring. Since the Thirty-one brand has retired, we are brainstorming ideas to replace this event. Thank you to all the sisters out there supporting our cause!

**Chapter News:** It is with sad hearts that we bid farewell to one of our sisters as she embarks on a new adventure closer to her childhood home in northern Indianapolis. Her absence will be sincerely felt. We hope to see her continue to wear the turquoise blue and gold for one of our sister chapters up that way.

**ALPHA OMICRON**  
**Vincennes, Indiana**  
**19 Members**  
**Third Wednesday**  
**February 1926**

**2024-25 Officers:** Kathy Kahre, President; Nancy Hensel, Vice President; Jane Patton, Treasurer; Misty McNeely, Corresponding/Recording Secretary; Sara Frenz, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** Our December Christmas dinner and gift exchange was a time for our sisters to socialize and get better acquainted.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our first fundraiser of the year was selling petunias, geraniums, and ferns in the Spring. Our biggest project of the year, ARTventures, was our second fundraiser.

July was busy for Alpha Omicron! More than 160 campers and sixteen artists



joined us for our annual ARTventures Camp. In addition to being creative and fun, we were able to hold a successful food drive during camp week benefiting the Margaret Compton Recovery Hub. We were also able to give over \$4,000 to the artist/teachers who volunteered their time teaching at ARTventures.

Providing exposure to the arts, music, literature, and speech/hearing is important to our chapter. We donated books to the libraries of the seven elementary schools in our community. We brought in a professional mime, Reed Steele, to perform at the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center for local sixth grade students. The performance included a message promoting hearing conservation. We continued a joint venture with the Vincennes University Theater Department allowing local third grade students to attend a performance of "School House Rock," at the Red.

We again hosted the Knox Couty Middle School Art Show at the Northwest Territory Art Guild. We continue to support student education with scholarships through Vincennes University. The PIX American Sign Language Scholarship and the PIX Scholarship awarded a combined \$4,000 in scholarships this year. Donations were also made to the Northwest Territory Art Guild and Old Town Players Community Theater.

**Chapter News:** We welcomed Alice Doyle into Alpha Omicron. She is an active participant and a welcome addition to our chapter.



**Alpha Omicron, Vincennes, IN Psi Ote, Michelle Smith works with campers in the Recycled Art class at ARTventures Camp.**



**Alpha Psi, Washington, IN donated Book Buddies with their corresponding book to kindergarten classes in their community.**

**ALPHA PSI**  
**Washington, Indiana**  
**20 Members**  
**First Tuesday**  
**April 27, 1928**

**2024-25 Officers:** Nichole Doyle, President; Brooke Betz, Vice President; Christina Arnold, Advisor; Terri Resler, Recording and Corresponding Secretary; Trish Knepp, Treasurer; Roberta Wichman, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** We hosted our annual May Breakfast with a theme of "Breakfast at Tiffany's," where we all enjoyed trying to win the most pearl necklaces and hoping to win our favorite item in the specialty silent auction. In June, we held our end of year banquet. While we did not have any new members to initiate, we still had a wonderful time celebrating our year together and honoring our chapter Psi Ote of the Year Terri Resler. Over our summer break we gathered in July to tour the Daviess County Museum. In August, we attended a painting class at the Laurie Arnold Art Studio on Main Street in Washington. Our annual Fall Party in October, hosted by a member's in-laws, was a movie-themed gathering. We had a wonderful get-together for our Christmas Party with local acapella group, the Daviess County Courthouse Singers, performing a medley of Christmas songs.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** In the fall we hosted a Dressing fundraiser to have for the holidays. We also held our annual Christmas Wreath fundraiser. We had a great time with our second annual Girls Night making charcuterie boards

with a local catering company. We used the money from this event toward our Long Term Project donation. Additionally, we introduced a new "Pick a Petal" fundraiser this year where members had a "bouquet" with different amounts for people to donate. To close out our year, we held our annual Geranium fundraiser. All our fundraisers were very successful and will help us to continue supporting our community. We also had the opportunity to support a local school's Kindergarten classes by purchasing a book and book buddy for each student to take home.

**Chapter News:** We were excited to be able to initiate two new members this year. Unfortunately, we lost several past members this year: Joyce Lee, Honorary Retired; Shirley Jones, Alumnae; Jude Alexander-Hill Gunder, Alumnae. We celebrated with members who welcomed new little ones into their families and a marriage of a member. We look forward to next year together.

**BETA BETA**  
**Sullivan, Indiana**  
**9 Members**  
**Third Monday**  
**May 28, 1928**

**2024-25 Officers:** Paula Powell, President; Barbie Fifer, Vice President; Barb McKinney, Treasurer; Kathy Booker, Recording Secretary; Monica Trotter, Corresponding Secretary.

**Fundraisers:** We have two large fundraisers: Bingo tent and cheeseball sale. In September, at our local Corn

Festival, we have a Bingo tent. We played 30-35 Bingo games with a "cover all" at the end of each night. Corn Festival attendees and local community members look forward to our Bingo tent. We enjoyed our time with former sisters who came to help. In November and December, we got together and made plain and nut cheeseballs. Our members, as well as some retired members, sold cheeseballs to family, friends, co-workers, and Facebook friends.

**Charitable Activities:** We awarded \$300 scholarships to two students in each of our three local high schools. We asked each school's music and art faculty to recommend deserving students within their department. We presented a check to each student at their school's senior awards night at the end of the school year.

We helped the local hospital's speech therapy department by purchasing supplies to assist with some of their younger clients' needs. We donated to the local Brown Bagger's. This group provides food items to children with food insecurity. The food bags are sent home over weekends and breaks to ensure students have meals when school is closed. The local Christmas festival has a Santa house where they give children a warm blanket, our chapter donated many blankets.

**Social Activities:** We enjoyed meeting for dinner as a group. We stayed local during the winter months and traveled outside our county in spring and summer. In December we had a fun filled Christmas party at a local restaurant.

We lost an active member this year, this hit us hard as we are a small chapter. Once a sister, always a sister.



**Monica Trotter and Barbara Fifer of Beta Beta, Sullivan, IN showing off their dance moves at National Convention.**

**BETA LAMBDA**  
**Bedford, Indiana**  
**26 Members**  
**Second Tuesday**  
**May 1933**

**2024-25 Officers:** Kate Smith, President; Lisa French, Vice-President; Rowena Cross-Najafi, Recording Secretary; Bonnie Johnson, Corresponding Secretary; Lorri Hamer, Treasurer; Lisa Short, Conductress; Connie McDaniel, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** We began our year at the Bedford StoneGate Arts and Education Center. Our President, Kate Smith, opened the meeting with the focus on literature and made some book recommendations for us all to enjoy. We were thrilled to see the return of Gloria Hilkey to meetings after a long convalescence. We caught up on all the sisterhood news from over the summer and then discussed everything we planned to accomplish for the upcoming year. Several sisters met at Lorri Hamer's home and made cheeseballs to sell. We sold Poinsettias for Christmas and collected food donations for the LIFE Food Pantry. In December we had our annual gift auction and "Ugly Sweater" contest as well as many delicious treats.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** During the summer we had our member's summer yard sale. We sold cheeseballs in September and October. In December we sold Poinsettias and raised money at our Christmas auction. During April we sold plants for the Spring/Summer season. We made donations to our local 4H Communication and Expressive Arts; Children's Little Theatre Summer Drama Class; Mitchell Schools Art Department; North Lawrence Schools Art Department; North Lawrence Schools Music Department; North Lawrence Schools Speech and Hearing; Lawrence County Art Association; and two scholarships to local Seniors who are pursuing education in the field of music, art or education.

**Chapter News:** Our Psi Ote of the year recipient was Kate Smith. Kate Smith and Connie McDaniel had perfect attendance. We had several members volunteer at the Bedford North Lawrence School Art Show and School Play.

**BETA MU**  
**Brownstown, Indiana**  
**16 Members**  
**Third Tuesday**  
**November 4, 1933**

**2024-25 Officers:** Alicia Reedy, President; Andrea Blair-Sheldon, Vice-President; Judy Miller and Jeanna Eppley, Co-Treasurers; Brycelyn Pottschmidt and Jamah Stahl, Co-Recording Secretaries.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our two fundraisers during 2024 were selling Nutty Bars at the Jackson County Fair and cheeseballs. We had to reduce our hours at the county fair since fewer volunteers were available for the afternoon shifts. Our cheeseball sale continued to do well. We offer our original cheddar, beef & cheddar, and original cheddar rolled in nuts.

Our fundraising efforts allowed us to support the national and state projects, in addition to our local projects. Our local projects included art and music scholarships, supporting the Distinguished Young Women's competition, 4-H, Brownstown Main Street, and Southern Indiana Center of the Arts.

**Chapter News:** Member engagement, especially for monthly meetings, is something we have been working on. We continued raising funds to build a new stand at the Jackson County Fairgrounds for our Nutty Bar sale.

**GAMMA IOTA**  
**Shoals, Indiana**  
**5 Members**  
**Second Tuesday**  
**August 16, 1948**

**2024-25 Officers:** Audra Deckard, President; Tiffany Wittmer, Vice President; Sherry Wade, Recording Secretary; Jennifer Allbright, Treasurer; Lynette Harker, Conductress; and Ashley Roush, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** In December 2024, we held our annual Christmas Party at a local restaurant. Current members and Honorary Retired members participated in a gift exchange. In January 2025, we held a



winter/Christmas decor clearance themed auction. At the April 2025 meeting, Gamma Iota sisters held a Spring/Garden themed auction. Gamma Iota ended the year at a local restaurant where all current and Honorary Retired members celebrated the chapter's success!

#### **Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:**

Gamma Iota gave back to the community this past year by donating funds to the Shoals Community Schools' art, music, and hearing programs. Our chapter contributed donations to the elementary and high school music departments in the month of March for "Music in our Schools." Throughout the year our chapter donated funds to organizations in our community. The Shoals Catfish Festival, Little League, Shoals Community School Corporation, Shoals Beautification Board, and the Town of Shoals all received donations. We organized athletic banquets to honor the Shoals Girls' Volleyball and Basketball teams before sectionals. A guest speaker provided encouragement and wisdom to the athletes, and a dinner was served. In February, we collected and gave out hand lotion to nursing home residents while spreading some love during the Valentine season. We also sponsored a blood drive with the American Red Cross in February. Finally, for the second year in a row, we were a sponsor of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for Martin County.

Gamma Iota held two fundraisers; we made and sold cheeseballs in November and sold a variety of flowers in April.

**Chapter News:** At the end of the year, we had one sister retire. Throughout the year the chapter celebrated birthdays, anniversaries, and sent cards to those in need of cheer. Gamma Iota is a small chapter, but the members are dedicated, and we continue to support our community throughout the year.

#### **ZETA GAMMA Fort Branch, Indiana 10 Members First Tuesday October 6, 1957**

**2024-25 Officers:** Dawn Michel, President; Maureen Dix, Vice President; Jaynell Dix, Recording Secretary; Ravin Robinson, Corresponding Secretary; Sheryl Walker, Treasurer; Trenda Ridge, Conductress; Lesa Bond, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** We all must have a little fun along the way. We had a social in June, October, December, and March. We like to have social and business meetings together. We know our ladies' time is valuable and we do not want to burden them.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our biggest fundraiser continues to be our

cheeseballs. We make our regular ones which we have done for fifty-plus years. That is a lot of cheeseballs. Twelve years ago, we added lemon cheeseballs, and they have been a hit ever since. We continue to host our daddy daughter dance. It is so fun to watch them interact. They have so much fun.

We love to support all our fields of endeavor. Our music fields are the Philharmonic, Riley Cheer Guild, and our local schools' music departments. Our art recipients are the Broadway Players, Hoosier Art Salon, and the art department at the local schools. Our literature fields are the summer reading programs at our local library, and the libraries at our local schools. Our school speech and hearing department received money and we were able to give \$1500 to National Long Term Project. We were able to present three scholarships to our seniors. They are in our fields too. There were several other donations that were not in our fields. We are a chapter of ten and we gave away \$10,300. We are small but mighty.

**Chapter News:** We will initiate two new members in June. Having no new members for a couple of years we are excited.

#### **ZETA MU Jasper, Indiana 20 Members Second Tuesday October 30, 1959**

**2024-25 Officers:** Leisa Lowrey, President; Kathy Johannemann, Vice-President/Conductress; Deb Stemle, Treasurer; Lynn Maitlen, Recording/Corresponding Secretary; Lynn Arthur, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** Our social activities began with our Awards and Installation Banquet. Outgoing President Lynn Arthur installed our new officers. Recognized for their years of service to Psi Iota Xi were Cindy Franklin, 10 years; Toby Jaent, 30 years; Patty Boeglin, 40 years; and Sharon Cox, 50 years. Sharon Cox was awarded Psi Ote of Year.

In October, Zeta Mu celebrated its 65th Anniversary. Pauline Vonderheide, Sharon



**Members of Zeta Mu, Jasper, IN dressed up to help with games and treats at the Jasper Library Halloween Bash. Approximately 600 kids attended this event.**

Cox, Patty Cox and Ann Steffen worked tirelessly locating alumnae members and coordinating decorations and food to make this celebration one to remember!

Other social events included a picnic, Christmas party, chair yoga class, and Valentine game night. At the April Spring Fling, Psi Ote sister Cindy Franklin taught members techniques of the fine art of Mandala Dot Painting. Our monthly "Lunch Bunch" promotes friendship.

Community outreach included our Summer Language and Literacy Clinic, Jasper Library's Halloween party for area children, and a partnership with a Jasper High School senior to collect and deliver books for Crazy Horse Elementary School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota- one of the poorest communities in the U.S. Books will improve access to reading materials. Our second annual Senior Art Award was presented to two deserving young women for their 2D and 3D artwork. We continued our Suzanne Kress Scholarship to a high school senior.

Fundraisers included the Schnitzeljagd (German for scavenger hunt), a city wide hunt to locate historical sites, Art & Wine Fair, and nut and candy sale.

Zeta Mu was honored to receive a National Rotating Literacy Grant this year. After tremendous deliberation, Zeta Mu used proceeds to support the program Breaking Barriers, a program to aid local immigrant community members with reading and speaking skills. Emphasis on inclusion is promoted.

Donations were also made to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, providing books for children aged 0-4 years. Utilizing a continuing State Association grant, in partnership with six other chapters, a donation was made to Southwest Indiana Children's Advocacy Coalition. Zeta Mu provided an added financial donation and collected items for the center.

**ETA ALPHA  
Nashville, Indiana  
22 Members  
Second Monday  
May 1, 1966**

**2024-25 Officers:** Jenny Bowden, President; Stephanie Dean, Corresponding Secretary; Kari Alberson, Treasurer.

**Social Activities:** The Eta Alpha Chapter in Nashville Indiana had a great 2024-25 year. Our year was filled with fun activities! We had our February meeting at the Our Little World Craft Shop in Nashville. Some very beautiful crafts were made that day! Our annual Christmas ornament exchange is always fun. We are working on some different fun activities for next year.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We made Valentines cards for community members in our nursing home in February. This year, we have two new organizations to support. Ready to Read gives children options to help them learn to read. Second Story Studio is a new art studio in

Nashville. We raised enough money to support our community with \$10,300 and gave five students scholarships amounting to \$4,700.

Our two fundraisers, spring annuals and fall mums, had record breaking numbers. We sold more flowers than any other year with pre-orders and public sales. We were very happy to be able to help our community a little bit more this year.

**Chapter News:** Under Jenny Bowden's leadership, we have 20 active members. Unfortunately, we lost one of our founding members, Kay Weddle. One of our active members, Mary Kilgore, is celebrating 40 years in our chapter!

The Eta Alpha Chapter will be preparing to celebrate 60 years in Nashville, Indiana in 2026. We will be sending out information concerning our celebration party later this year.

**ETA CHI  
Martinsville, Indiana  
17 Members  
Second Monday  
January 31, 1971**

**2024-25 Officers:** Pam Maxwell, President; Mary Hankins, Vice-President; Marcia Callis, Recording Secretary; Janet Putt, Corresponding Secretary; Sharon Tutterow/Evelyn Long, Treasurer; Ann Marvel, Conductress; Kathy Burkhart, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** Members enjoyed a summer activity painting their own colorful flower arrangement on canvas under the instruction of a community artist. The art session motivated a lot of laughter and smiles. Monthly meetings are held the second Monday of each month where each member serves as a hostess providing refreshments or a meal. In November, at the home of Pam Maxwell, Eta Chi members enjoyed a delicious meal and special visitors, SW District Officer, Erin Schroering and her friend, Sharon. This was an exciting time for our members to socialize, meet Erin and for her to learn more about our chapter. The members enjoyed a holiday meal at the home of Suzie Lipps for the December meeting. The 2024 Psi Iota Xi State



**Fundraising means a little hard work. The sisters of Eta Alpha, Nashville, IN put in some sweat equity during their annual Spring flower sale.**





**Cynthia Walker (new member), Mary Hankins, and Pam Maxwell prior to the annual Saturday night dinner, awards, and dance at National Convention.**

meeting was attended by Kathy Burkhardt, Janet Putt, and delegates Pam Maxwell and Mary Hankins. The National Convention was held in Fort Wayne hosted by Theta Theta. Our delegates were Marcia Callis and Pam Maxwell.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** We supported local community projects including a summer reading program, art, music, and speech/hearing in our local schools. We donated canned goods and other necessities to Churches in Mission and Wellspring Shelter. A donation was made to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to enhance literacy for children in Morgan County. The group supported the Hear Indiana Happy Hollow Summer Camp. Eta Chi also donated to the local Community Concert Program. In 2025, a scholarship was awarded to a Martinsville high school student.

In supporting philanthropic efforts, the chapter held its annual mum sale in August. Kroger cards also provide monetary support. The Eta Chi Chapter was thrilled to be awarded a community monetary gift to use in various projects as needed in the community.

**Chapter News:** Pam Maxwell was awarded "Psi Ote of the Year" in our chapter. In April, the chapter initiated new member, Cynthia Walker. She will be a wonderful and productive addition to the group. Many of our members have been overjoyed with new grandchildren and great-grandchildren this past year. Our sisters continue to support one another through life challenges. We sadly lost former sister Carolyn Snyder. The Eta Chi chapter has a group of ladies dedicated to their mission and will continue to achieve philanthropic goals for 2025-26.

## THETA BETA Paoli, Indiana 25 Members Third Monday May 2, 1971

**2024-25 Officers:** Shawn King, President; Audrey Miller, Vice President; Erica Livingston, Recording Secretary; Jessica Beaty, Corresponding Secretary; Lori Livingston, Treasurer; Amber Blankenship, Conductress.

**Social Activities:** The Theta Beta Chapter of Psi Iota Xi enjoyed another impactful year filled with service, creativity, and camaraderie. With 25 dedicated members and strong leadership, we stay committed to our mission of enriching our community. September brought a fun meeting at Polka Dots art studio, where we crafted rustic pumpkins, and learned about their vision for the community. Our annual Christmas party was another joyful occasion, as members came together for an evening of fun, gift-giving, and charitable donations.

We hosted inspiring guest speakers from two local organizations; Grace Haven, a Christian-based halfway house supporting women post-incarceration and Team OC, which provides youth mentoring and enhances community health outcomes.

These visits encouraged us to explore new ways to uplift youth and families.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** In May, we distributed over 700 books to local elementary students, promoting literacy and joy. We also awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving high school senior, continuing our focus on education. Supporting Backpacks of Blessings, we donated \$100 and helped pack weekend meal bags for those at risk for hunger and children in need. Though weather canceled our annual Spook Parade, we quickly adapted, providing 800 goody bags for the police department's Trunk or Treat event. At our Christmas party, members brought canned goods for the local food pantry and supplies for the humane society, keeping the spirit of giving alive. Our April Easter Egg Hunt welcomed over 100 children, with help from local fire and police departments and a special appearance by the Easter Bunny.

In November, we sold nearly 600 of our popular cheeseballs, raising \$3,500 for local projects. We also participated in the State Sales Room, celebrating creativity and connecting with fellow chapters.

**Chapter News:** In January, three of our members attended the 'Driven by Dreams' a conference which focuses on



**Iota Lambda, Ferdinand, IN helped purchase drums for the music class at Ferdinand Elementary. Pictured are Psi Otes, LouAnn and Nicole, with Katie Stone and some of her students showcasing the drums**

empowering young women. Twelve speakers educated attendees on hygiene, mental health, online safety, and other important topics.

With 62.5 volunteer hours this year, our chapter's efforts truly reflect the spirit of sisterhood and service. We are proud of all we've accomplished and look forward to another meaningful year ahead!

**IOTA LAMBDA**  
**Ferdinand, Indiana**  
**37 Members**  
**First Wednesday**  
**June 28, 1985**

**2024-25 Officers:** Nicole Englert, President; Rachel Schipp, Recording Secretary; Julie Fischer, Corresponding Secretary; Theresa Tretter, Treasurer; Erin Schroering, Advising Treasurer; Joni Meyer, Conductress; Karen Haas, Advisor.

**Social Activities:** In May we started with the induction of a new member followed by installation of our new officers. In June we took the opportunity to re-organize our committees and hostess duties. In July we had a Girls Night out that allowed us to just socialize and enjoy each other's company at a new location. This fun night is planned by a committee and reenergized for the year ahead. In August we received our new booklets preparing us ready for another momentous year, which included our yearly Christmas Party in December and Yearly Taster's Party/Bunco Night in January.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** In July we organized a summer speech program with twenty-one participating youth. In September we hosted a craft booth at the Folk Fest with free crafts to create. In October we participated in a haunted house and trick-or-treat event. November is our big fundraiser making and selling our cheeseballs. This is what allows us to continue to support all our local music, art, and literature programs.

In December we celebrated the holiday spirit with music, arts, and literature, made possible by our sorority. The Children's Community Christmas is an example of reaching hundreds to grow through music, arts, and literature. Now in

our third year, and with the help of eleven more community organizations (not including our entertainment), we see its growth. Three elementary and intermediate choirs sing classic Christmas songs throughout the evening to a crowd filled with family and friends. The High School Dance team also performed. Local vendors help with arts and crafts and games to bring out creativity in all ages. Additionally, this year, we handed out 180 copies of a Christmas book, helping to grow literature, all while enjoying Santa, milk, and 45 dozen cookies, donated by sisters of Psi Iota Xi. Each year we also sell poinsettias prior to Christmas and Geraniums in the spring.

**Chapter News:** We initiated one new member this year. We were also able to congratulate our own sister, Erin Schroering, who was installed as Southwest District Officer. We had our very own Psi Ote of the Year, our past president. We are excited to be planning our 40th Anniversary this coming July with a grand celebration. We hope to bring members from the past back to share the stories of their time with us and learn from our history and continue to grow. As always, we celebrated our members' birthdays and watched member's families grow with new children and grandchildren.

**IOTA RHO**  
**Odon, Indiana**  
**8 Members**  
**Second Tuesday**  
**May 12, 2025**

**2024-25 Officers:** Betty Howard, President; Stacy Drew, Vice President; Emily Schnell Moreno until unable then LaVonda Bough, Recording Secretary; Rachel Tribby, Corresponding Secretary; Lorna Tribby, Treasurer.

**Social Activities:** We had a Christmas party that included a gift exchange and hot chocolate bar. We had members attend both State and National meetings as well.

**Charitable Activities/Fundraisers:** Our main fundraiser was our cheeseball sale. We got together to make and package them before delivering them. We also did a Norwex sale event through Facebook. At the Odon Pumpkin Festival, we had a

pumpkin judging table, bake sale, and fun activities for the kids. We donated money to programs we support such as the Odon Public Library. We also collected an elective monthly donation during meetings for community members in need as circumstances arose.

**Chapter News:** Cindy Osmon completed her first year as Indiana State treasurer. We had Glenda Wolford, an inactive member, return to active member status.



**Rachel Tribby manned the sales table for her chapter, Iota Rho, Odon, IN at the Indiana Association Meeting.**



**Thank you, Trish Knepp, Alpha Psi, Washington, IN for serving as the 2025 National Convention Photographer. The 2025 Helicon wouldn't be complete without the amazing photos you took to remember the event.**





# National Memorial Fund

## 2024-2025 Donations



**Alpha Theta - Charlestown, IN**  
Memory - Virginia Bushau

**Theta Kappa - Edon, OH**  
Memory - Lost Sisters

**Gamma Sigma - South Bend, IN**  
Memory - Nancy Jo Penny  
Memory - Susan Fries

**Sigma - Greensburg, IN**  
Memory - Anne Westhafer

**Eta Lambda - Beech Grove, IN**  
Memory - Ester Wells  
Memory - Loise Hale  
Memory - Phyllis Dexter  
Memory - Wanda White  
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Alice Rogers reads the names of sisters who have passed on.

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6/24/35 – 5/22/24  
EC – Zeta Beta  
Anderson, IN



**Susan Babcock**  
11/22/33 – 5/4/23  
NE - Rho  
Angola, IN



**Elizabeth "Betsy" Bassett**  
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NE – Rho  
Angola, IN



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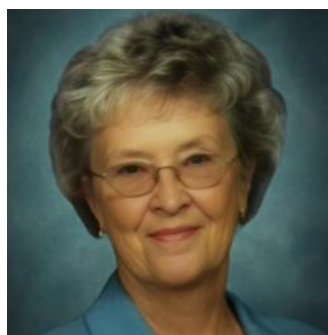
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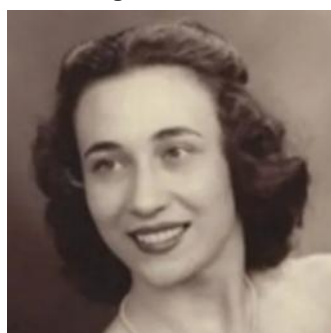
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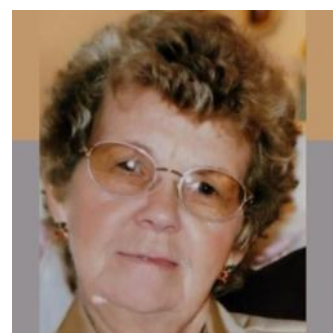
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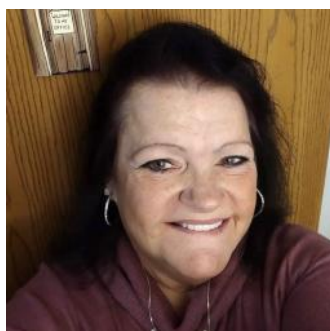
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Sullivan, IN



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NE – Rho  
Angola, IN



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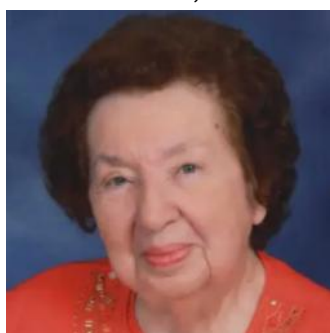
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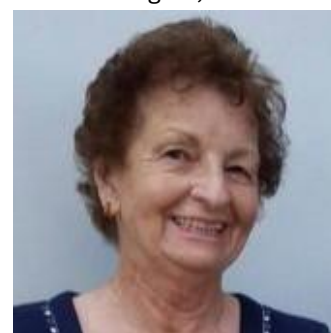
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Susanne Robbins places a yellow rose into a vase representing each district who has lost a sister.



# 2025-2026 National President



**Taffy Day**

2024-2025

National Vice President

Omega - Lebanon, IN

## **Sandie Carlson's introductory speech of Taffy Day at the 2025 National Convention:**

It's an absolute treat to introduce you to someone who's not just a sister, but also one of my closest friends, someone whose kindness, wisdom, and dedication have touched the lives of so many around her.

Today, I'm thrilled to introduce to you, the one and only, Taffy Day!

Taffy's journey began in Columbus, Ohio (yep, she's a Buckeye!), but she didn't stay put for long. After bouncing around a few cities, she landed in Lebanon, where she graduated high school. From there, she headed to Purdue University, where she tackled a Business degree in Accounting and Finance. But Taffy didn't stop there—after college, she dove headfirst into the sales world, breaking barriers in a field that was very much dominated by men.

In 1980, Taffy became part of the Omega Chapter of Psi Iota Xi—just like her mom! Her mom's friend invited them both to join, and at the

time, Taffy's future sister-in-law, Libby Lewis, was the chapter president. It was at the Omega chapter's Christmas party that Libby decided to play matchmaker and asked Taffy if she'd go on a date with her brother, Steve—who just happened to be a year ahead of Taffy in high school. They didn't know each other all that well, so yes, it was pretty much a blind date!

Soon after, Taffy landed a job with Uniroyal and moved to St. Louis, which caused her to take a little break from the chapter. But when she moved back to Indiana in 1982, she rejoined Psi Iota Xi and kept things going with Steve. By 1984, they were married, and in 1988, their son Christopher came along. Then, in 1992, they welcomed their second son, Matthew. With a growing family and a job that had her traveling a lot, Taffy once again stepped back from her chapter duties—but she was all in on mom life, volunteering for every school field trip, and loving every second of it.

But Taffy's community spirit didn't stop there. In 1999, she took on the role of Registrar for the local soccer club, a position she held for an impressive twelve years, well after her sons had finished playing. Her fondest memories from those years came from working with families and supporting a sport that her boys adored.

When Matthew headed off to college, Taffy found herself wanting something more, so she returned to her Psi Iota Xi sisters. And let's just say, that decision was a game-changer. Over the years, she's had the privilege of being part of an incredible sisterhood, both in and outside of her chapter.

Taffy served as the president of her chapter for three years, and though

it was challenging at times, she found it to be deeply rewarding. It was during her third year as president that she met Susie Lewis, Beth Keeney, and Brenda Bonner—three women who would go on to become not just mentors, but lifelong friends. In 2015, Brenda asked Taffy to take on the role of West Central District Officer, which meant juggling both that and her work on the Boone County Senior Services Foundation Board. With a little convincing from her friends, Taffy said yes—and the rest is history!

Her time on the National Council has been a transformative experience, allowing Taffy to form lifelong friendships and expand her circle of connection. Through all of this, she's shown her children the power of giving back and the importance of living a well-rounded, purposeful life.

Now, when you think of Taffy, a few words come to mind: sensible, loyal, classy and extremely competent. She's the kind of person who'll lend a hand at the drop of a hat, whether it's helping another chapter or cracking up while shopping for Bingo purses to and from meetings. And above all, she's deeply passionate about Psi Iota Xi and truly lives out the meaning of giving back.

I can personally attest to Taffy's unwavering support. She's been my rock—someone I turn to for advice, laughter, and guidance. Honestly, I wouldn't be where I am today without her friendship.

So, with great pride and excitement, I'm beyond honored to introduce to you, your 2025-2026 Psi Iota Xi National President... the one, the only, Taffy Day!

## **Taffy Day's speech following her installation as National President at the 2025 National Convention:**

I am so excited to be your next National President. This journey on National Council has been such a wonderful gift and I am grateful to all those sisters who helped me get here! Brenda Bonner asked me to be the West Central District Officer in 2016 and I am so glad that I accepted her offer. This has truly been a blessing and something of which I am enormously proud!

I want to thank my family, especially my husband, Steve, for supporting me all these years. I would like to introduce them to you before I go on.....my son Christopher and his wife Allison, my son Matthew, and his wife Kelly, and of course my husband Steve. We also have Cooper, our Labradoodle, who some of you already know, and Stevie and Henry, our wonderful grandchildren.

In 1897, Psi Iota Xi was founded by the joining together of women to make a difference in the lives of individuals one community at a time. The original intent was to bring diverse cultural experiences to their communities by introducing **music and art** to these towns with the funds that the women raised. As we grew, **literature and literacy** became an added focus. 1938 marked the beginning of Psi Iota Xi's dedication to the field for which we have become nationally known – **speech pathology and audiology**.

Psi Iota Xi is a network of friends dedicated to helping others with time, money, and love, and meeting the needs of our communities whether cultural, educational, social, or financial. Every chapter is different since every community's needs are different. But what binds all these chapters together is a sisterhood dedicated to furthering the principles of Psi Iota Xi.

As every chapter is different, so is every sister within each chapter. We have a beautiful array of personalities, each with our own unique gifts to give. This is what makes us so special, our differences!

Sisters are like a bouquet of different flowers, each unique and beautiful in their own way. They may come from the same garden, but their individuality shines through, making them truly special. This relationship we have with our Psi Ote sisters is unlike any other. Just like flowers in a garden, sisters bring color and vibrancy into our lives. Each sister adds her own unique qualities to the chapter dynamic – one might be bold and outspoken while another is gentle and nurturing. Together, they create a harmonious blend that enriches the lives of others in countless ways!

The challenge to chapters is defining what unique quality each sister brings to the group. Women do not usually talk about their accomplishments and gifts. All those hidden qualities stay hidden. To be a successful chapter, those qualities must be unearthed and utilized for the betterment of the group, to help each chapter decide what their garden looks like going forward.

When I was a District Officer, I loved visiting chapters! During each visit I learned something new. Every chapter is different, every sister is different, but I saw wonderful things each time. Every chapter has its own magic that makes it click! Find out what that is and use it to foster sisterhood. Is it meeting in people's homes? Is it socializing together? Or is it playing a little game at the end of each meeting? One chapter I know of visits businesses in their community before meetings to have a little fun and get to know the business owners in their town. Every chapter does it a little differently!

Another chapter had adopted a new way to get to know their sisters. Each meeting featured a "Spotlight On" time. A member of the chapter was selected to talk about themselves and their employment or education at each meeting. Not only did this highlight unique qualities in the membership that the chapter could use but also helped the sisters get to know each other better! My chapter has "Happy Bucks" time at the end of every meeting. Really, it is "tell us what important things are going on in your

lives" time. It really helps to foster sisterhood! Sisters are often each other's biggest cheerleaders. They celebrate with genuine enthusiasm one another's achievements and milestones! Capture that enthusiasm so we may continue to enrich the lives of others in our communities.

It is not only important to connect with the sisters in your own chapter but also to make connections with other chapters. The uniqueness of every chapter makes them important to the success of your own chapter. They have great ideas, and your chapter has great ideas; share them! You can also share resources. One way to share resources is by combining with another chapter or two on a fundraiser or project. Sometimes your chapter has the members but not the market in your community for something you would really like to do. Maybe your chapter has done a community fundraiser or event forever but just do not have the energy to do it alone anymore. You may need a fresh perspective and extra help. Pair with another chapter and make the goal easier to accomplish. And the perfect place to share your ideas and collaborate with other chapters is right here, at National Convention! This is the perfect setting to connect with chapters who want the same things as yours, service to your communities.

Please remember that you are an important part of your chapter, and your chapters are an extremely critical part of this organization! The difference between us is what makes us so valuable to the whole group and to the causes that we champion. Embrace all our unique qualities with passion!

Sisters really are different flowers from the same garden – connected by love, shared experiences, and unwavering support. Sisters truly exemplify the beauty of sisterhood through their unique connection that blossoms like flowers from the same garden. Please nourish the Psi Iota Xi Garden with your service and love!



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## GREEK LETTER KEY

Α Alpha (ai-fah)	Β Beta (bay-tah)	Γ Gamma (gam-ah)	Δ Delta (del-ta)	Ε Epsilon (ep-si-ion)	Ζ Zeta (zay-tah)	Η Eta (ay-tah)	Θ Theta (thay-tah)
Ι Iota (eye-o-tah)	Κ Kappa (cap-pah)	Λ Lambda (lamb-dah)	Μ Mu (mew)	Ν Nu (new)	Ξ Xi (zie)	Ο Omicron (om-e-cron)	Π Pi (pie)
Ρ Rho (roe)	Σ Sigma (sig-mah)	Τ Tau (taw)	Υ Upsilon (up-si-ion)	Φ Phi (fie)	Χ Chi (kie)	Ψ Psi (sigh)	Ω Omega (oh-may-gah)



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