



NATIONAL CONVENTION 2007



“Lighting the Way”

The 104th Convention of Psi Iota Xi was held June 22 thru June 24, 2007 at the Grand Wayne Convention Center/Hilton Hotel, Fort Wayne, Indiana. There were 550 members in attendance. Eta Xi Chapter, Auburn, Indiana was the hostess chapter.

Sue Simpson, National President, announced the following totals for Psi Iota Xi Philanthropic Contributions for 2006-2007: profit earned by 131 Chapters, \$899,635.99; total amount spent for Speech and Hearing by Chapters, \$224,343.74; total amount spent for Music by Chapters, \$102,262.42; total amount spent for Art by Chapters, \$86,233.30; total amount spent for All Cultural by Chapters, \$188,495.72; total amount spent for “Other” by Chapters, \$444,677.65; total amount spent for Literature/Literacy by Chapters, \$107,047.85. Combined donations on All Philanthropic Projects by all Psi Iota Xi Chapters, State Associations, and National including National Grants was \$1,259,707.28.

The Welcome Party, “Cruisin’ with Susan” featuring Brent A. Cooper, a.k.a. “Elvis” was hosted by Delta Gamma, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The National Psi Ote of the Year was Karen Graverson, Theta Delta Chapter, Bremen, Indiana.

Reverend Mark Gurtner, Pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope Church, gave the invocation. The welcome to the 104th Convention of Psi Iota Xi was given by Barbara Olenyik Morrow, a published author from Auburn Indiana; Melissa Cordial, Public Relations Coordinator for Vera Bradley; and by Barb Barhydt, Chairman of the Convention. Debbie Stemle, National Vice President, gave the response.

The Keynote speaker was Sharon O’Connor, Gamma Eta Chapter, Knightstown, Indiana, speaking about “How to Succeed in Life Without Really Trying.”

The Saturday luncheon, “Shining Sisterhood”, was hosted by Alpha Rho, Garrett, Indiana and Phi, Huntington, Indiana. Entertainment was provided by the DeKalb High School Classic Connection and PAWS.

Mr. David Long, President Pro Tempore of the Indiana State Senate, spoke on changes to the Indiana Not for Profit Gaming Requirements.

Saturday afternoon workshops were facilitated by District Officers and Past National Presidents. They were entitled: “Red Light, Green Light, Go!”; “Be A Psi Ote Leader - Let Your Light Shine”; “Navigating Successful Fund-raisers: Keep Your Eye on the Beacon”; “Join Psi Iota Xi - Become a Beacon of Light to Others”; and “Hosting a National Convention”.

Saturday night’s dinner, “Shining Moments”, was hosted by Gamma Iota, Shoals, Indiana and Beta Tau, Frankfort, Indiana. A guitarist/vocalist provided a repertoire of John Denver music.

On Sunday morning, the Memorial Service was conducted by Rho Chapter, Angola, Indiana.

Featured National Project for the Convention was the 2006 Literature/Literacy Awards. Deanna Howard, National Project Chairman, gave a report on the projects of Eta Rho,

New Haven, Indiana; Theta Iota, Monticello, Indiana; Zeta Delta, Montpelier, Indiana; Alpha Lambda, Zionsville, Indiana; Beta Sigma, Austin, Indiana and Alpha Beta, Seymour, Indiana. Each chapter reported on how their national project awards were spent in their community.

National Project Representatives that addressed the Convention were: Amy Kindred, Executive Director, Hoosier Art Salon; Rhonda Bilz, Deaf Youth Sports Festival; Dr. John Hanley, Van Riper Lecture Series; Nancy Minghetti, ASHF; Dr. GERALYN Timler, ASHA former grant winner; Mr. Greg Williamson, Assistant Vice President for Development at Riley Foundation; Dr. Marcia Hay-McCutcheon, Riley Endowed Professorship; Dr. Richard Miyamoto, Riley Hospital; Dr. David Kuehn, Carle Foundation, Cleft Palate/Long Term Project. Each representative spoke on behalf of his or her foundation.

Lesley Bookout, Past National President, spoke on behalf of the National Memorial Fund. She moved that by the direction of the Past National Presidents, the interest earned on the Psi Iota Xi National Memorial Fund for 2007 and funds from the Past National Presidents’ fund-raiser to total \$1,200, be used for the University Dance Scholarship for a deaf dancer at Gallaudet University.

Delegates voted to fund the following National Projects for the coming year: Gallaudet University Dance Scholarship \$1,200; American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation (ASHF) \$7,000; Hoosier Art Salon \$500; Psi Iota Xi, National Literature/Literacy Project \$6,000; Metropolitan Opera Central Region Auditions \$1,000; Van Riper Lecture Series \$3,000; and Deaf Youth Sports Festival, Inc. \$2,000.

The State Rotating Project Fund for the year 2008 was awarded to Illinois.

Sue Simpson, National President, announced the winners of the National Literature/Literacy Project: Northeast - Delta Gamma, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Northwest - Iota Xi, Winamac, Indiana; East Central - Eta Iota, Parker City, Indiana; West Central - Gamma Xi, Crawfordsville, Indiana; Southeast - Theta Nu, Lexington, Kentucky; Southwest - Alpha Psi, Washington, Indiana.

Barbara Mitchell, Past National President, reported on the Elsie I. Sweeney Endowment Fund.

An invitation for the 2010 Convention was issued by Eta Gamma Chapter, Valparaiso, Indiana.

The Sunday brunch “Lighting The Way to a Better Tomorrow” was hosted by Eta Delta, Carmel, Indiana.

During brunch, Omega Chapter, Lebanon, Indiana issued an invitation to the 2009 National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Zeta Mu, Jasper, Indiana, presented their invitation to the 2008 National Convention in Evansville, Indiana and Gamma Iota, Shoals, Indiana presented their invitation to the 2008 Welcome Party.

Past National President, Carolyn Logsdon, offered the closing benediction after which, Sharon Hootman, Delta Gamma, Ft. Wayne, Indiana led the singing of the National Song.

Pax Vobiscum