

**Beta Sigma Phi
Indiana State History
2007 – 2022**

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**Indiana State BSP History
2007-2008**

BSP Theme: "Sing a Song of Sisterhood"

State Officers:

President: Teresa Meredith
Vice-President: Judy Walsh
Recording Secretary: Ruth Gilman
Treasurer: Becky Compton
Historian: Donna Perrelle
Corresponding Secretary: Angie Harl
Parliamentarian: Kitty Gillespie
Advisor: Debbie Thompson

SWOTY: Pam Bolyard, Fort Wayne

State Council Day 2008: "Ladies in Red", Indianapolis, IN, Host: Anderson. Members wore red, visited the red tag sale, were served a red velvet lunch. Entertainment was accordion player David Newman. 123 Delegates, 232 Non-Delegates and one guest for a total of 356 Registered.

State Bowling 2008: "Tuxedo Junction", Monticello, IN Host: "String of Pearls". 1st place Lucky Ladies of Preceptor Gamma Iota and Laureate Gamma Epsilon of Ft. Wayne. 2nd place Nu Beta, Indianapolis. Last place Xi Eta Rho, Ft. Wayne. High series, Pam Bolyard, high score Shelly Fulton, low score, Angie Tarr, Mu Lambda.

State Day 2008: "In the Mood" big band of the 30's and 40's, Indiana Beach, Monticello, IN, Host: "String of Pearls", a group of sisters formed to take on the planning of the event on short notice (6 months) due to an emergency from the planned hostesses. Indiana experienced severe storms and flooding, which prevented some sisters from Terre Haute and other parts of the state from attending. Ways and Means was the "Little Brown Jug" and luncheon was the "Old Black Magic". 78 Delegates, 77 Non-Delegates (including 8 officers) and one guest for a total of 156 Registered and 45 Chapters represented. Severe storms and flooding kept many sisters from being able to make it to the event.

Convention 2008: "Come Fly, Come Fly Away", Indianapolis, IN, Host: Indianapolis City Council. The event was held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, Indianapolis. Friday night began with a "pre-boarding party" with members going through security, playing games and collecting small items an itinerary for their trip and music provided by DJ John Gossett. Saturday Ways and Means was the "Duty Free Shop" followed by luncheon "Walkabout Down Under". 92 Delegates, 113 Non-Delegates, 12 guests and 15 men for a total of 232 registered. Saturday night was "An Evening in the City of Lights".

Scrapbook Winners:

1st Place – Xi Alpha Mu, Terre Haute
2nd Place – Xi Omega, Washington
3rd Place – Preceptor Gamma Psi, Terre Haute

State Woman of the Year winner – Angie Harl, Anderson

Runner-Up – Bonnie Booher

Sunday afternoon – "Back Home in the USA"

State Woman of the Year and Officers' Reception was held in Merrillville, at St Joan of Arc on November 9, 2008.

**Indiana State BSP History
2008-2009**

BSP Theme: “Rekindle the Torch of Friendship”

State Officers:

President: Judy Walsh
Vice-President: Ruth Gilman
Recording Secretary: Donna Perrelle
Treasurer: Becky Compton
Historian: Kay Whitney
Corresponding Secretary: Lynn Anderson
Parliamentarian: Myra Albrecht
Advisor: Teresa Meredith

SWOTY: Angie Harl

State Council Day 2009: “Race Day Tea”, Indianapolis, IN, Host: Elwood Council . Members dressed in Black and White and Checkered accessories for the theme. The event was held at the Marriott North in Indianapolis on March 1, 2009. 120 Delegates, 195 Non-Delegates, and 1 Guest for a total attendance of 316. 65 Chapters were represented.

State Bowling 2009: “Twas the Night Before Christmas”, Tell City, IN Host: Mu Lambda. There were 46 bowlers and 51 non-bowlers in attendance, with teams dressed in pajamas. 1st Place won by Plainfield, 2nd Place won by Laurel and there was a tie for 3rd place. High Series was won by Paula Murray and Low Series by Angie Tarr

State Day 2009: “Christmas in June”, Washington, IN, Host: Washington Alpha Epsilon. Ways and Means was “Santa’s Shoppes”. In attendance were 75 delegates, 94 non-delegates, and one guest for a total of 170 representing 42 chapters.

Convention 2009: “Yellow Rose Bowl”, Fort Wayne, IN, Host: Xi Eta Rho. The event was held at the Fort Wayne Marriott. Friday night began with a “Tailgate party” with members wearing their favorite jerseys and a cheerleading photo op set up. Saturday Afternoon was the “Halftime Show” – Kim Horner and Jody Grantham welcomed everyone. In attendance were 74 delegates, 98 non-delegates, 21 men and 3 guests for a total of 204 registered and 41 chapters. Saturday night was “MVP Awards” with music provided by John Gossett.

Scrapbook Winners:

1st Place – Preceptor Gamma Eta – Fort Wayne
2nd Place – Laureate Beta Pi – Indianapolis
3rd Place – Laureate Gamma Eta – Terre Haute

State Woman of the Year winner – Cindy Baker – Xi Iota, Indianapolis
Runner-Up – Joyce Bunnell – Laureate Beta Phi – Merrillville. Sunday afternoon – “Post Game Wrap Up”

State Woman of the Year and Officers’ Reception was held in Elwood on November 8th

**Indiana State BSP History
2009-2010**

BSP Theme: "Share our Passport to Adventure"

State Officers:

President: Ruth Gilman
Vice-President: Becky Compton
Recording Secretary: Lynn Anderson
Treasurer: Bea Smith
Historian: Diana Meyer
Corresponding Secretary: Pam Bolyard
Parliamentarian: Vanessa Courtney
Advisor: Judy Walsh

SWOTY: Cindy Baker

State Council Day 2010: "Beta Go Bragh", Indianapolis, IN. Host: Lambda Chi, Shelbyville. Our entertainment was by the Richen Timms Academy of Irish Dance. There were 117 delegates, 168 non-delegates and 8 guests for a total attendance of 301. Total chapters represented were 61.

State Bowling 2010: "Heard It Thru the Grapevine", Michigan City, Host: Laureate Beta Kappa. Event was held at City Lanes in Michigan City, IN

State Day 2010: "Celebrate Our Sisterhood", Michigan City, IN. Host: Psi Master and members of Calumet Regional Council. The Event was held at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City. Ways and Means was "Shopping in San Marcos Square". Entertainment was "Just for Fun Strummers". Attendance was 162 members and 37 chapters.

Convention 2010: "Celebrations", Lafayette, IN. Host: Lafayette Chapters. The event was held at the University Plaza Hotel. There were 173 members in attendance and 23 men registered. Friday night was a Halloween party with music by Wendell. Saturday's luncheon was a Christmas theme with guest Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Bea Smith welcomed everyone. Saturday Evening was "New Year's Eve.

Scrapbook Winners:

1st Place – Laureate Gamma Epsilon – Ft. Wayne
2nd Place – Preceptor Gamma Iota – Ft. Wayne
3rd Place – Laureate Gamma Eta – Terre Haute

State Woman of the Year Winner: Peggy Wood, Indianapolis

Runner-Up: Mary Karch, Elwood

Sunday brunch was "Celebrate America" with the 4th of July theme

Woman of the Year and State Officer's Reception was held November 14th at the Terre Haute First Baptist Church.

**Indiana State BSP History
2010-2011**

BSP Theme: “New Paths to Friendship”

State Officers:

President: Becky Compton
Vice-President: Myra Albrecht
Recording Secretary: Diana Meyer
Treasurer: Bea Smith
Historian: Pam Bolyard
Corresponding Secretary: Linda Shreve
Parliamentarian: Beth Eskew
Advisor: Ruth Gilman

SWOTY: Peggy Wood

State Council Day 2011: “Mardi Gras Celebration”, Indianapolis, IN. Host: Past Presidents. Diana Meyer welcomed everyone to the event. Our entertainment was Michael Hamer who gave us a fantastic Magic and Mind Reading Show. There were 104 delegates, 71 non-delegates, 2 guests, total attendance 177 with 56 chapters in attendance.

State Bowling 2011: “BSP Olympic Games”, Fort Wayne, IN. Host: Preceptor Gamma Iota. The event was held at Village Bowl. There were 32 bowlers and 58 non-bowlers. Non-bowlers enjoyed Olympic games such as Hula Hoop, Basketball Throw, Putting, World Ball Throw, Jump Rope and a Football Throw. Countries presented by the bowling teams were Jamaican Bobsled Team (2), New Shelmont Indians, The Canucs, Team Portage, Sassy Swedish Sisters, Team America and Ireland. All teams placed and won money. First place was Laurel (Ireland) and 2nd place was Team America (Preceptor Gamma Iota). High Game was Paula Murray and High Series was Erin Thomas. Low Game was Leah Marckel and Low Series was Theresa Stites.

State Day 2011: “Olympic Closing Ceremonies”, Fort Wayne, IN. Host: Preceptor Gamma Iota, Ft. Wayne. The event was held at the Fort Wayne Marriott. There were 140 registered and 41 chapters. Members enjoyed an Olympic theme and medals (gold, silver and bronze) were then given for the bowling teams and the winners of the non-bowling events.

Convention 2011: “A Harvest Celebration – Ghouls Just Want to have Fun”, Terre Haute, IN.

Host: Terre Haute City Council. The event was held at the Holiday Inn in Terre Haute. Friday night began with a Halloween Party – members dressed in Halloween costumes. Saturday Afternoon was “Cory Apple Festival”. There were 77 delegates, 89 non-delegates, 20 guests and 2 men for a total in attendance of 166. Saturday Night was “Harvest Moon Ball” – officers were installed and winners of scrapbook and woman of the year were announced.

Scrapbook Winners:

1st Place – Laureate Beta Chi - Indianapolis
2nd Place – Laureate Gamma Epsilon – Ft Wayne
3rd Place – Alpha Epsilon – Washington

State Woman of the Year Winner: Vanessa Courtney

Runner-Up: Theresa Stites

Sunday brunch was Thanksgiving

Woman of the Year and State Officer’s Reception was held at [St. Joseph’s Catholic Church on November 19, 2011.](#)

**Indiana State BSP History
2011 - 2012**

BSP Theme: "Building Our Future on Traditions"

State Officers:

President: Myra Albrecht
Vice-President: Bea Smith
Recording Secretary: Pam Bolyard
Treasurer: Kaye Barnett
Historian: Yvonne Nace
Corresponding Scty : Terri Reed
Parliamentarian: Janet Neu
Advisor: Becky Compton

SWOTY: Vanessa Courtney

State Council Day 2012: "Come Take a Chance on Beta Sigma Phi", Indianapolis, IN. Host: Past State Presidents. The event held at the Marriott at Keystone at the Crossing. Peggy Wood welcomed everyone. We were entertained by John Gossett and Danielle Berry who were accompanied on the keyboard by Martha Wenrick. Songs and music were from the movie Mama Mia. There were 92 delegates, 134 non-delegates and 4 guests for a total of 230 in attendance.

State Bowling 2012: "Topsy, Turvy", Anderson, IN. Host: Xi Beta Lambda, Anderson. The event was held at Cooper's Bowl in Anderson. There were 37 bowlers and 41 non-bowlers. Bowlers had to bowl every third frame backward and between their legs.

State Day 2012: "Beta Backward Bash", Anderson, IN, Host: Alpha Rho Master, Anderson. There were 138 registered. The event was held at Eagle Golf & Dining. Angie Harl welcomed everyone. Members were encouraged to wear their clothing backwards. Lunch was served with dessert first and soup last. We were entertained by Moe Brandman and Rita Marking who sang holiday songs starting with December and ending with January.

Convention 2012: "Beta's "R" Us ". Host: Preceptor Delta, Lafayette. The event was held at University Inn. Friday night was a PJ party where members enjoyed dancing to music by Wendell in their PJ's. Saturday afternoon was a progression lunch – Chairman, Bea, welcomed everyone. Entertainment was Gary Ferguson. There were 72 delegates, 68 non-delegates, 15 guests, 23 men and 1 speaker for a total registered of 168. There were 42 chapters represented. Saturday night was "Jewels of the Night".

Scrapbook Winners:

1st Place (Digital) - Xi Eta Rho – Fort Wayne
1st Place (Traditional) - Laureate Beta Chi – Indianapolis
2nd Place (Traditional) - Preceptor Gamma Iota – Ft. Wayne

Woman of the Year – Sarah Dunn, Indianapolis

Runner-Up – Linda Smith, Terre Haute

Sunday Afternoon "Rose Brunch" – Lafayette Fire department presented the colors, Morgan Weisler sang the National Anthem and all members repeated the Pledge of Allegiance. Morgan Weisler then sang "God Bless the USA". Member enjoyed brunch and door prizes. After the meeting, members proceeded outside for the Dove Memorial Service performed by Jerry Holt.

Woman of the Year and State Officer's reception was held at the Lafayette Best Western on November 18, 2012.

**Indiana State BSP History
2012-2013**

BSP Theme: "You're Among Friends"

State Officers:

President: Bea Smith
Vice-President: Pam Bolyard
Recording Secretary: Yvonne Nace
Treasurer: Kaye Barnett
Historian: Jerrie Hefner
Corresponding Scty: Terri Reed
Parliamentarian: Linda Smith
Advisor: Myra Albrecht

SWOTY: Sarah Dunn

State Council Day 2013: "Beta Bonanza", Indianapolis, IN Host: Indianapolis City Council. Peggy Wood and co-chair Myra Albrecht welcomed everyone. Bras for a Cause was held during ways and means. Chapters/Individuals/Councils registered their bras for \$5.00. Members voted with \$1.00 per vote. 61 bras were entered and over \$1,000.00 was raised for Breast Cancer. 1st place bra was "We Support Our Colts" Preceptor Gamma Iota, Fort Wayne. 2nd place was "Betas Are the Berries – Xi Alpha Mu, Terre Haute, 3rd place was "Dropping the Bomb" Preceptor Beta Phi, Muncie. There were 102 delegates, 150 non-delegates and 2 guests for a total of 254.

State Bowling 2013: "Pioneer Bowling", Batesville, IN. Host: Laurel Nu Eta. The event was held at East Bowl in Batesville. State officers attended as pioneer women with long dresses, aprons and bonnets. Games were held for non-bowlers. There were 28 bowlers and 48 non-bowlers in attendance. Nu Eta won first place and Preceptor Gamma Iota, Fort Wayne, won 2nd place. Xi Iota, Indianapolis placed in last place. Mary Ann Tarwater won high game and Yvonne Nace won low game.

State Day 2013: "Drift Away to Yesteryear", Metamora, IN. Host: Laurel Nu Eta. The event was held The MacLyn Building. Nina Guilfoyle welcomed everyone. We were entertained by Sandy Markland and Nu Eta Sisters. Lunch was prepared by Nu Eta's husbands and friends. There were 60 delegates, 63 non-delegates and 2 guests for a total in attendance of 125 and 35 chapters.

Convention 2013: "TV Land", Indianapolis, IN, Host: Indianapolis City Council. The event was held at the Marriott East in Indianapolis. Friday night was "Game Show Network" – members came dressed as their favorite TV shows such as MASH, Laugh-In, Beverly Hillbillies, and the Mouseketeers. Kay Whitney had best costume as Granny from Beverly Hillbillies. Saturday Lunch was "Days of Our Lives". Members submitted pictures of earlier years, which were displayed for guessing. There were 67 delegates, 66 non-delegates, 10 guests and 9 men for a total of 152 registered. There were 38 chapters represented. Saturday night was "TV Land Awards" and officers were installed.

Scrapbook Winners:

1st Place Digital: Xi Alpha Mu, Terre Haute
1st Place Traditional: Preceptor Gamma Iota, Ft. Wayne
2nd Place Traditional: - Alpha Epsilon,

Washington **Woman of the Year** – Jeanine McComb,
Fort Wayne **Runner Up** – Bea Smith, Lafayette

Sunday lunch was "So Glad We Had This Time Together" – Prizes of picture guessing game were given out.

Woman of the Year and State Officers' Reception was held on November 3rd at United Faith Church in Fort Wayne.

Indiana State BSP History 2013-2014

BSP Theme: "Light Up Your Life"

State Officers:

President: Pam Bolyard
Vice-President: Yvonne Nace
Recording Secretary: Terri Reed
Treasurer: Linda Smith
Historian: Theresa Stites
Corresponding Scty: Beth Eskew
Parliamentarian: Jerrie Hefner
Advisor: Bea Smith

SWOTY: Jeanine McComb

State Council Day 2014: "Candy Land", Indianapolis, IN, Host: Monticello Zeta Chi. Members were dressed in the ritual colors as each chapter received different colors on their registration forms. We traveled Lollipop Woods (registration) along the Gum Drop Path (ways and means) to the Peppermint Forest (luncheon and business meeting). 129 non-delegates, 98 delegates, and 3 guests were registered with a total of 230. There was a table set up at Ways and Means for the Candy guessing games (6 total). 177 gifts were provided for door prizes. A severe winter storm dumped several inches of snow on Indiana in a very short time, causing dangerous travel conditions and preventing a full attendance from the membership. We missed those that could not attend and were grateful that everyone made it home safely.

State Fun Day 2014: "Mystery Date", Fort Wayne, IN, Host: Fort Wayne Xi Eta Rho. Members were asked to dress casually and be ready for a good time with our first-ever State "Fun" Day. We met at the Junior Achievement in Fort Wayne for a scavenger hunt, relay race, and mystery lunch. It was fun and a good way for everyone to participate.

State Day 2014: "Beta Boardwalk", Fort Wayne, IN, Host: Fort Wayne Xi Eta Rho. 56 delegates were registered and 64 non-delegates (which includes 8 officers). Four guests brought the total to 124 attending from 34 chapters. The room was decorated in the colors of the "Beta Boardwalk" game that was created by our hosts and used as the centerpieces for the tables.

Convention 2014: "Flat Betty Goes to Convention", Lafayette, IN, Host: Lafayette Beta Master. 61 delegates and 69 non-delegates registered. 12 men and 14 guests including the ICADV speaker were registered. Friday night party was the "Pink Party & Dance" with Karaoke and dance led by our DJ, Wendell. Saturday morning, Flat Betty's adventures were displayed around the pool where members enjoyed a continental breakfast.

After Ways and Means, a "Nashville Luncheon" was held followed by the business meeting. Saturday night, our awards dinner and dance was "Crystal and Candlelight".

Woman of the Year: Angie Harl, Anderson, Alpha Rho Master

Runner Up: Judy Eckert, Terre Haute, Xi Alpha Mu

Sunday's Brunch was "Breakfast at Tiffany's".

Woman of the Year and New Officers Reception was held at MCL in West Lafayette on Sunday, November 16, 2014.

Indiana State BSP History 2014-2015

BSP Theme: "Expand Your Beta Sigma Phi Family Tree"

State Officers:

President: Yvonne Nace
Vice-President: Terri Reed
Recording Secretary: Theresa Stites
Treasurer: Linda Smith
Historian: Jeanine McComb
Corresponding Secretary: Sue Wilson
Parliamentarian: Judy Harris
Advisor: Pam Fischer

SWOTY: Marguerite DeVore

State Council Day 2015: "Easter Parade" was held at the Marriott North, Indianapolis, Indiana, Host: Beta Sisters. Members dressed in bright spring colors and Easter bonnets. The Beta Sisters hosted the Easter Bonnet Contest. The bonnet entries were \$5.00 and \$1.00 per vote during the hours of Ways and Means. The proceeds went to Lamplighters. The winners were 3rd place: Pam Fischer, 2nd place: Susie Craig, 1st place: Lynn Anderson. Lamplighters were given a check for \$334.00 for the Easter Bonnet Contest. Attendance was comprised of Delegates: 82, Non-delegates: 100, Guests: 8, for a total of 190. Attendance was low due to a snow storm, causing dangerous travel conditions.

State Fun Day/Bowling 2015: "Peace, Love, Pigs and Golf" Evansville, Indiana, Host: Evansville Xi Alpha Pi. Sisters from Alpha Epsilon, Washington helped with decorations, food, and set up. The members were asked to wear 70's attire. We saw many tie dyed t-shirts, bell bottom jeans, big sunglasses, peace sign jewelry, beads and even a pair of go-go boots. The day was held at Walther's Golf & Fun. The decorations were peace signs, bright colors, and old 45's. There were many things to do, play mini golf, (inside or outside), word searches, and Pass the Pigs. There were prizes for those that rolled an "Oinker", to win the prize you had to loudly shout "OINK". Along with pizza and pop, there were snacks and cookies with smiley faces and peace signs. The day was a BLAST!! Everyone enjoyed the day together.

State Day 2015: "Flower Power" Evansville, Indiana, Host: Evansville Xi Alpha Pi. Sisters from Alpha Epsilon helped their sisters again this day. The morning started out with Ways and Means by taking a stroll down "Penny Lane" followed by the "Flower Power Luncheon". The tables were decorated with flowers in a clay pot with a 45 on top of the pot. We had 43 delegates, 55 non-delegates, and 7 guests. Prizes were given out Miniature Golf and "Pass the Pigs" game from State Fun Day/Bowling.

During the luncheon, "Justin and Two-legged Jack" spun tunes from the 60's and 70's. Nominations for State officers were: President: Terri Reed, Vice-President: Linda Smith, Recording Secretary: Lynn Anderson, Treasurer: Angie Harl and Judy Harris, Historian: Martha Lamey. Door prizes were given out and closing ritual was said by all. We left feeling the Love and Peace.

Convention 2015: "Here Comes the Beta", Indianapolis, Indiana, Host: Alpha Rho Master, Anderson. Friday night was the Bachelorette Party. We had snacks and games. We had to find a sister that had something that pertained to her wedding such as: one sister honeymooned at the Playboy Club, some got married on a rainy day, and someone lost her wedding ring. It was a fun game. We played "what was in the purse game?" Without looking inside, everyone had a chance to feel what was inside the purse and write it down. We also played a dress up game where one sister dressed another sister in whatever attire as a bridal party member including mother of the bride, the best man, and attendant. It was a fun time. Saturday morning we went to the "Gift Registry," Ways and Means. We proceeded to "The Vows", the business meeting. We had 43 delegates, 50 non-delegates, 12 guests, 2 men for a total of 107. Saturday evening the "Reception" was held. We installed the new officers, President: Terri Reed, Vice-President: Linda Smith, Recording Secretary: Lynn

Anderson, Treasurer: Judy Harris, Historian: Martha Lamey, Corresponding Secretary: Janet Howard, Parliamentarian: Bea Smith, and Advisor Yvonne Nace.

The **State Woman of the Year** candidates were introduced. The State Woman of the Year **Runner-up** was Margie Zellers, Xi Alpha Mu, Terre Haute. The **State Woman of the Year** is Marguerite DeVore, Alpha Chi Master, Indianapolis.

The colors for the weekend were black, white, and pink. Sunday was the "Celebration Breakfast" with our new Officers and Woman of the Year at the head table. Door Prizes were given out and closing ritual was said by all. The board members and the host chapter brought in pictures and/or wedding dresses from their wedding. They were displayed for all to see. It was a wonderful weekend. We all left for our honeymoon, (HOME)

Woman of the Year and State Officers Reception was held at the Allen County Public Library, in Fort Wayne, IN on Sunday, November 16, 2015.

**Indiana State BSP History
2015 - 2016**

BSP Theme: "Your Forever Friends"

State Officers:

President: Terri Reed
Vice-President: Linda Smith
Recording Secretary: Lynn Anderson
Treasurer: Judy Harris
Historian: Martha Lamey
Corresponding Secretary: Janet Howard
Parliamentarian: Bea Smith
Advisor: Yvonne Nace

State Woman of the Year: Marguerite DeVore

State Council Day: March 6, 2016 held at the Marriott Indianapolis North. The theme was "Our Gang" and was hosted by Peggy Wood and Sandy Gossett. There were 76 delegates, 91 non-delegates and 3 guests for a total of 170 registered guests. Members had a fun time at Ways & Means where there were lots of "Our Gang" that showed up in period dress.

State Fun Day & State Day: June 25 & 26, 2016 was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Terre Haute, Indiana. These events were hosted by Kaye Barnett and Janet Swift, co-chairpersons, with the help of their chapter, Psi Iota*.

State Fun Day was a whirlwind of tours in the Terre Haute area and visits with sisters from across the State. **State Day** followed with members dressing as their favorite movie or TV star. "Marilyn Monroe" and "Momma" were just some of the "stars" that attended. The dress up contest winners were Jeanine McComb (Marilyn Monroe) and Chris Compton (Momma). The winners of the "guess who" the stars are were BJ Cheesman and Moe McQueary. Kaye Barnett provided entertainment by some adorable dancers doing tap, ballet and jazz numbers. There were 51 delegates, 75 non-delegates, 3 guests and 8 state officers present; a total attendance of 132.

State Convention 2016 was held on October 21, 22 & 23, 2016 at the Holiday Inn, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Our hostesses were Janet Howard and Jody Grantham. The theme was "Get Your Kicks on Route 66" and what a ride we had! Friday evening was the Road Trip kickoff party. We found there were a lot of performers in the group – Karaoke style! Saturday found us shopping at "Roadside Gifts Shops" and then off to lunch. We had 56 delegates, 75 non-delegates, 8 state officers & 10 guests for a total of 156.

10 of those were the men who only attended the Tumbleweed Ball. After the meeting, there was a little time for putting your feet up before attending the cocktail party and dinner followed by the Tumbleweed Ball. After dinner, our Woman of the Year, Marguerite DeVore read the letter and announced that Cathy Hollis is our 2017 Woman of the Year. Our runner up is Diedre Personette. The new officers were then installed. Linda Smith, President; Lynn Anderson, Vice President; Martha Lamey, Secretary; Judy Harris, Treasurer; Parliamentarian, Myra Albrecht and Historian, Jeanine McComb.

The meeting was then turned over to John Gossett was our DJ for the evening. Brunch was held on Sunday; door prizes were awarded and we closed the festivities with the Closing Ritual and said goodbye until State Council Day 2017.

**corrected 2Mar2019 from Laureate Gamma Beta per 2018-2019 President, Judy Harris*

**Indiana State BSP History
2016-2017**

BSP Theme: "We Put Our Hearts Into It"

State Officers:

President: Linda Smith
Vice-President: Lynn Anderson
Secretary: Martha Lamey
Treasurer: Judy Harris
Historian: Jeanine McComb
Parliamentarian: Myra Albrecht
Advisor: Terri Reed

State Woman of the Year: Cathy Hollis

State Council Day: The day was held March 5, 2017 at the Marriott Indianapolis North. The theme was DENIM AND DIAMONDS and was hosted by Peggy Wood and Myra Albrecht. There were 64 Delegates (2 officers), 100 Non-Delegates, including 5 officers and 2 guests, 7 State Officers and 2 guests, for a total of 164 members. The day was one without a winter storm. The Ways and Means tables sparkled. Our guest speaker from ICADV was Laura Berry. We had Steve Elston, a guitarist and therapist.

State Fun Day and State Day: June 24&25, 2017 was held at the Holiday Inn in Fishers, Indiana. The theme was FLOWER GARDEN. These events were hosted by Co-Chairs; Ruth Gillman and Teressa Meredith and the help of Nancy Abernathy, Lisa Blair, Tina Beckley, Susan Powell, BJ Cheesman, Kim Keefer, Mary Karch and Sharon Bryant.

State Fun Day: The FLOWER PARTY Was held at the hotel. We had a Scavenger Hunt, participation games and tables games. The sisters had set up a photo booth area State Day: The FLOWER GARDEN was held at the Wellington Banquet and Conference Center in Fishers, Indiana. We were entertained during lunch by Austin Meredith and his saxophone. Austin is the grandson of Teressa Meredith. Cindy Lana from ICADV was our guest speaker. Linda introduced all those running for offices for the 2017-2018 year. Advisors, Terri Reed's words of wisdom: "Our mind is our garden, Our thoughts are the seeds, So, we can grow flowers or we can grow weeds."

State Convention 2017: was held October 20- 22, 2017 at Four Points by Sheraton, West Lafayette, Indiana. Our Hosts were THE BETA SISTERS, the Chairman was Bea Smith and Co-Chair was Myra Albrecht. The theme was "SANDS OF TIME". Friday night took us back to the 50's. Saturday we went down Ways and Means Penny Lane. From Penny Lane we were MAKING MEMORIES BY THE HOUR. We had 55 Delegates, 59 Non-Delegates, 7 Officers, 6 Guests and 7 men, for a total of 127. Laura Berry from ICADV was our guest speaker. She presented IBSP with a plaque of Appreciation for all our support. Saturday evening was SOME ENCHANTED EVENING. The room was elegantly decorated with black and red, with Mirrors with gloves, red roses and shoes that were adorned with black and red and silver sparkles. The new Woman of the Year, Pam Fischer. Our Runner Up is Linda Smith. The new officers were installed, Lynn Anderson, President; Judy Harris, Vice-President, Martha Lamey, Secretary; Zelda Flye, Treasurer; Yvonne Nace , Parliamentarian; Cathy Hollis, Historian and Advisor, Linda Smith. The evening continued with our favorite entertainment by Wendall. Sunday started with a worship service conducted by Zelda Flye. Our Brunch started with the entrance of our new officers and WOTY and the Chairs. The Lafayette Fire Department Honor Guard brought forth the Colors. The National Anthem was Sung by Kelli Bennett, Patti Mitchem's daughter. The weekend concluded with the BEAUTIFUL closing ritual lead by Yvonne Nace and Peggy Wood. We concluded with our Closing ritual.

**Indiana State BSP History
2017-2018**

BSP Theme: "In Touch with Tomorrow"

State Officers:

President: Lynn Anderson Vice-
President: Judy Harris Secretary:
Martha Lamey Treasurer: Zelda Flye
Historian: Cathy Hollis Parliamentarian:
Yvonne Nace Advisor: Linda Smith

State Woman of the Year: Pam Fischer

State Council Day: March 4, 2018. CELEBRATE AMERICA hosted by Alpha Epsilon of Washington, IN. Chair – Carrie Alford with Co-Chair – Beth Eskew. Red, White, and Blue was waving everywhere. Held in Indianapolis at the Marriott North.

State Fun Day: June 23, 2018. SUMMER IN THE CITY hosted by Preceptor Delta Gamma and Alpha Chi Master of Indianapolis, IN. Chair – Peggy Wood with Co-Chair – Marguerite DeVore. Held in Edinburgh, Indiana at the Hilton Garden Inn. Hula hoop, Bingo games and an array of outfits were described to all.

State Day: June 24, 2018. SUMMER IN THE CITY. Hosted by Preceptor Delta Gamma and Alpha Chi Master of Indianapolis, IN. Ways and Means booths, a wonderfun lunch then a business meeting. Pastel colors, hats, sun glasses, and scarves were all around. We had a great, fun time

State Convention: September 28, 29, 30, 2018. NEW YORK, NEW YORK. September 28, 2018 Friday, 11:33AM. State convention board business meeting was held at the Holiday Inn at the airport Indianapolis, IN. Hosted by Xi Iota of Indianapolis, Indiana with chairman Myra Albrecht and Co-Chair – Patty Mitchum.

Friday 9-28-18. PM: Bea Smith presented the lamp for convention to Myra Albrecht. The convention began with a night of music, fun and games.

Saturday 9-29-18 AM: Ways & Means booths opened early on Wall Street. After lunch and voting, the business meeting began.

Saturday 9-29-18 PM: An EVENING ON BROADWAY, everyone in their best. Our state woman of the year and new state board 2018-2019 was announced: State Woman of the Year – 2018-2019 Peggy Wood with runnerup Angie Harl. President – Judy Harris, Vice President – Martha Lamey, Secretary – Barbara Coveleskie, Treasurer – Zelda Flye, Historian – Penny Elkins, Parliamentarian – Peggy Wood, and Advisor – Lynn Anderson. A state president's necklace, and the memory books were presented to Lynn Anderson. Congratulations to all!

Sunday 20, 2018: At 10:30AM Myra opened the meeting. Then brunch was served. President Judy Harris announced the guest speaker, Laura Berry of ICADV, and officers. Door prizes were awarded. The state officers and SWOY reception will be October 28, 2018 in Terre Haute, IN. Closing ritual and Mizpah was led by legacies and envoy of the host chapter and others. It was beautifully done. Total attendance 120, Chapters 32.

**Indiana State BSP History
2018-2019**

BSP Theme: "A Quilt of Friendship"

State Officers:

President: Judy Harris
Vice President: Martha Lamey
Secretary: Barbara Coveleskie
Treasurer: Zelda Flye
Historian: Penny Elkins
Parliamentarian: Peggy Wood
Advisor: Lynn Anderson

State Woman of the Year: Peggy Wood

State Council Day: March 3, 2019: "Beta Baby Shower" hosted by Linda Smith and sisters from Terre Haute Xi Alpha Mu Chapter to benefit our State Project, Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence was a great success. We enjoyed a new venue this year, the Embassy Conference Center on Perry Road in Plainfield for our Ways & Means and Business meeting. We were asked to bring baby gifts in sizes birth to 3T to benefit the young children of mothers who are victims of domestic violence. Some of the gift items were used as the table decorations and then all of the gifts were taken to the ICADV office for distribution. There were 146 sisters in attendance. Laura Berry of ICADV was our speaker before the business meeting. Of course, there was some SNOW!

State Fun Day: June 22 and State Day June 23: "A Day at the Theatre" was the theme for State Fun Day hosted by Janet Howard, Terri Hale and Jody Grantham from Eta Rho Chapter, Fort Wayne. The comedy play "Rumors" was enjoyed by 91 sisters at the Arena Dinner Theatre and featured our own Janet Howard. Lots of smiles and laughs filled the room. Everyone had a great afternoon. "Cast Party" was the theme for State Day hosted by the same Beta Sisters at the Courtyard by Marriott. After our luncheon, Janet Howard introduced our guest speaker Kerry Hyatt Bennett, Legal Counsel for the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV). Due to the absence of President Judy Harris (hospital), Vice President Martha Lamey conducted the business meeting. There were 96 sisters in attendance. The nominees for the state officers for 2019-2020 were introduced.

State Convention: October 18, 19 & 20: "Once Upon a Time" hosted by Doris Moehlenkamp, Janet Neu and members of Xi Alpha Pi, Evansville was the theme for convention at the Holiday Inn Airport. On Friday evening the sisters enjoyed a "Sleeping Beauty" pajama party with snacks, games and a slipper contest. The Past Presidents enjoyed a time together and then joined with the Sleeping Beauty party. On Saturday after breakfast there was registration, shopping at "Aladdin's Magic Carpet Market" and delegates voting for the new state officers. Then it was "Hi ho, Hi ho, it's off to lunch we go". Laura Berry Berman of the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) was our speaker after lunch. The business meeting followed with 106 sisters in attendance. Saturday evening included dinner at "Cinderella's Ball". The after-dinner festivities included presenting Judy Harris with her President's pin and her Memory book. Linda Smith of Xi Alpha Mu Terre Haute was selected as the 2019 Woman of the Year and Laura DeGroot of Indianapolis was named the runner-up. The Officers for the year 2019-2020 were installed. They are President: Martha Lamey; Vice President: Zelda Flye; Secretary: Barbara Coveleskie; Treasurer: Penny Elkins; Historian: Sharon Russell; Parliamentarian: Patti Mitchum and Advisor: Judy Harris. The evening was completed with everyone enjoying dancing and listening to music by DJ John Gossett. There was a worship service on Sunday morning before brunch and a short business meeting followed. The Past Presidents presented the Closing Ritual followed by the Mizpah. "Happily Ever After" truly did come to an end.

The Woman of the Year and State Officer's Reception was held in Speedway, Indiana at Courtyard by Marriott Speedway on November 3, 2019.

**Indiana State BSP History
2019 – 2020**

BSP Theme: “The Power of the Dream”

State Officers

President: Martha Lamey
Vice President: Zelda Flye
Secretary: Barbara Coveleskie
Treasurer: Penny Elkins
Historian: Sharon Russell
Parliamentarian: Patti Mitchum
Advisor: Judy Harris

State Woman of the Year: Linda Smith

State Photographer: Peggy Wood

State Council Day: March 1, 2020 The Theme: “March Madness” hosted by Peggy Wood and Yvonne Nace. The event was held at the Embassy Event Center in Plainfield, IN. There were 143 in attendance which included 59 delegates, 82 non-delegates and 2 guests. The guest speaker was Laura Berry from ICADV (Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence). A big thank you to the hostesses. A great time was had by all.

State Fun Day: was scheduled for June but was cancelled due to Covid19 restrictions.

State Day: July 19, 2020 State Day was moved from June to July 19th, because of the Covid19 restrictions and social distancing. The Theme “Portrait of a Beta” hosted by Mary Greuter, Jeanine McComb and Vanessa Courtney. The event was held at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie, IN. There were 63 members attending that included 33 delegates, 29 non-delegates and 1 guest. Guest speaker was Kerry Bennett from ICADV. Due to the Covid19 restrictions everyone wore face masks and practiced social distancing. Face masks were made by Jeanine McComb and Vanessa Courtney and even with all the restrictions, a great time was had by all! A big thank you to the hostesses.

State Convention: October 16, 17, 18, 2020 Theme: “We Are Family” hosted by Ava Kiefer, Waneta Kiefer and members of Preceptor Delta Delta. The event was held at the Holiday Inn Purdue, Fort Wayne, IN. Festivities began Friday night with a Past Presidents’ Reception and a get together for the general membership with the theme “Memories”. Snacks, games and just visiting with Beta Sisters. Saturday started with breakfast, Ways & Means – “Grandma’s Attic”, and the election of new State Officers. Lunch was a “picnic style” followed by the business meeting. The guest speaker was Jessica Marcum from ICADV. Saturday evening began with cocktails and dinner – theme was “Celebrate”. After dinner, awards were given to Mary Greuter, Woman of the Year and runner up Donna Perrelle. Debbie Thompson accepted the Runner Up certificate for Donna Perrelle who was unable to attend. The 2020-2021 officers were installed. They are: President: Zelda Flye; Vice President: Barbara Coveleskie; Secretary: Doris Moehlenkamp; Treasurer: Penny Elkins; Historian: Debbie Norris; Parliamentarian: Janet Neu; and Advisor: Martha Lamey. Pictures were taken and the dancing began led by our very own DJ, John Gossett. Sunday began with breakfast and a worship service. Lunch was served and door prizes given. There were 45 delegates, 51 non-delegates, and 8 guests (7 guests were men) for a total of 104 in attendance. Chapters represented: 0 Nu Phi Mu, 1 Ritual of Jewel, 8 Exemplar, 5 Preceptor, 2 Laureate, 4 Master, 4 Torchbearer and 1 Online for a total of 25 chapters.

Our Ft. Wayne sisters did a wonderful job and the hotel was super with anything we needed. The food was delicious and the theme “We are Family” was certainly proved during the weekend!

Woman of the Year and State Officer’s Reception was held in Lafayette at Doubletree by Hilton Lafayette East on November 8, 2020.

Indiana State Beta Sigma Phi History 2020 - 2021

BSP Theme: “Sisters by Choice”

State Officers:

President: Zelda Flye
Vice President: Barbara Coveleskie
Secretary: Doris Moehlenkamp
Treasurer: Penny Elkins
Historian: Debbie Norris
Parliamentarian: Janet Neu
Advisor: Martha Lamey

State Woman of the Year: Mary Greuter

State Council Day: March 7, 2021 “LIGHT UP 2021 WITH BETA SIGMA PHI” hosted by Co- Chairs Ruth Gilman from Torchbearer Zeta, Elwood, IN; Teresa Meredith from Preceptor Delta Mu, Noblesville, IN & the Beta Golden Girls. Held in Fishers, IN at the Delaware Township Community Center. We were asked to bring hygiene products to help the Community Center. There were 86 in attendance which included 42 delegates, 42 non-delegates and 2 guests. The guest speaker was Laura Berry, Executive Director from Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV). A big thank you to our hostesses for all their hard work and a fun filled day.

State Fun Day: June 26, 2021 “COUNTY FAIR WITH GOLDEN FLAIR - MEET US AT THE MIDWAY” was cancelled this year due to concerns about COVID- 19.

State Day: June 27, 2021 “COUNTY FAIR WITH GOLDEN FLAIR – HALL OF CHAMPIONS” hosted by Chairman Theresa Stites of Xi Iota, Indianapolis, IN and friends. Held in Fishers, IN at the Delaware Township Community Center. We were asked to bring items such as canned fruit, boxed dinners, hearty soups, etc. to help the Community Center. In addition, we were asked to bring household goods for ICADV. There were 103 in attendance which included 47 delegates, 55 non-delegates, and 1 guest. The guest speaker for the day was Kerry Hyatt-Bennett, Chief Legal Counsel for ICADV (Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence). What a fun day at the “COUNTY FAIR”. Starting at the entrance to the “Hall of Champions”, we began with introductions, then onto the fabulous, boxed lunch of sandwiches, soup, fresh fruit, and a cookie for dessert. Moving down the hall to our very informative (and short) business meeting, we then were entertained by skits from some of the upcoming State Events committees. Rounding out our day we congratulated our winners from the Ways & Means booths.

State Convention: October 15, 16 & 17, 2021 “MARDI GRAS BOUND” hosted by Beta Sisters, Co-Chairs Bea Smith & Peggy Wood. Held in West Lafayette, IN at the Four Points by Sheraton. Friday evening started with us boogieing to the sounds of Wendell Ferguson (our favorite DJ) and a hilariously funny dance skit by the Convention Committee. Saturday had us shopping at Fat Tuesday Ways & Means. Next up was lunch and business meeting. Lunch consisted of a nice main dish salad with a cup of soup. There were 86 in attendance which included 42 delegates, 38 non-delegates, 3 guests and 3 men. The guest speaker was Associate Director, Jessica Jacobs from Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV). We started the evening’s events with a cocktail hour. Our current State Officers came dancing in to “The Saints Come Marching In”. Everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner. The highlights of the evening’s events began with the presentation of the President’s memory book, the announcement of the new Woman of the Year and Runner–Up, and the installation of the new State Officers. The 2021 – 2022 Officers are: President Barbara Coveleskie; Vice President Penny Elkins; Secretary Doris Moehlenkamp; Treasurer Debbie Norris; Historian Laura Hopkins; and Advisor Zelda Flye. Our new Parliamentarian is Denise Laverty, who was unable to attend. Our State Woman of the Year is Linda Smith and the Runner-Up is Angie Harl. We finished out the evening with music and dancing. Sunday morning began with our nation’s colors being presented by the Lafayette Fire Department Honor Guard, followed by Teresa Meredith singing “God Bless The USA”. Convention Co-Chairwoman Bea Smith made several introductions and then we enjoyed a wonderful brunch buffet. A few announcements were made, and door prizes were handed out. Closing ritual was conducted by some of the Past State Presidents. We parted ways and all headed home from Mardi Gras! What a wonderful weekend full of fun, friendship, and sisterhood!

State Officers & Woman of the Year reception was held in Terre Haute, IN at the United Methodist Temple on November 7, 2021.

Indiana State Beta Sigma Phi History 2021 - 2022

BSP Theme: “90 Years to Shine”

State Officers:

President: Barbara Coveleskie
Vice President: Penny Elkins
Secretary: Doris Moehlenkamp
Treasurer: Debbie Norris
Historian: Laura Hopkins
Parliamentarian: Denise Laverty
Advisor: Zelda Flye

State Woman of the Year: Linda Smith

State Council Day: March 6, 2022 “Beta Beach Babes” hosted by Co-Chairs Myra Albrecht and Debbie Blankenhorn from Xi Iota, Indianapolis. It was held in Fishers, Indiana Delaware Township Community Center. We were asked to bring canned goods and paper products to help the Community Center. There were 120 in attendance which included 52 Delegates, 60 non-Delegates and 4 guests. The guest speaker was Laura Berry, Executive Director of Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV). A vote was taken to make the office of secretary a two-year term instead of a one-year term and it passed. Thanks to our Hostesses for putting on a GREAT event, fun was had by all, and the brunch was DELICIOUS.

State Fun Day: June 11, 2022 “The Queen’s Garden Party” was hosted by Co-chairs Jenn Bennett and Margaret Bruin Xi Gamma Tau Fort Wayne. Held at Fort Wayne Metea Park. A total of 52 sisters signed in for the enchanted Wonderland snacks, table games, and outdoor festivities. The Queen was even spotted a few times. So creative and clever you felt like you really were in Wonderland.

State Day: June 12, 2022 “Sisters in Wonderland Mad Hatter’s Tea Party” was hosted by Co-chairs Jenn Bennett and Margaret Bruin Xi Gamma Tau Fort Wayne. Held at Metea Park in Fort Wayne. There were 70 in attendance 36 Delegates and 32 non-Delegates and 2 guests. We started off with Ways and Means “Garden of Live Flowers” and then off to the Tea Party where we had a lovely luncheon with tea and beautiful tea cups and saucers we received as gifts. It was fun to see everyone in their hats and gloves for the event. The guest speaker was Laura Berry, Executive Director of Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV). It was a very enchanting weekend thanks to Xi Gamma Tau for their hard work.

Convention: October 7, 8, and 9, 2022 “The Great Gatsby” hosted by the Crazy Ladies. Co-chairs were Peggy Wood and Yvonne Nace at Embassy Suites by Hilton in Plainfield, IN. There were 96 in attendance 50 Delegates and there were 46 non-Delegates. On Friday night, we were entertained by Four Murder Mysteries with Investigators trying to figure out “Who did it”. On Saturday, we started off with a continental breakfast. Next we were Bootlegging at the Ritz for Ways and Means and voting for the new state officers. Then off to the Bees Knees Luncheon and business meeting where Jessica Marcum updated us on what is going on at Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV). Saturday night we had some 1920’s fun at “All That Jazz”. President Barb Coveleskie was presented with her memory book from State Historian, Laura Hopkins, and her President’s pin from Vice President, Penny Elkins. Peggy Wood was announced as Woman of the Year for 2021-2022. The new officers were installed. The new officers for 2022-2023 are President Linda Smith, Vice President Doris Moehlenkamp. Secretary Laura Hopkins, Treasurer Debbie Norris, Historian Jeanine McComb, Parliamentarian Yvonne Nace, and Advisor Barb Coveleskie. The evening was completed with dancing and listening to music by DJ John Gossett. On Sunday, “A Party Never Hurt Nobody” began with worship service and glancing at the President’s memory book. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Teresa Meredith sang “God Bless the USA” before our Hearty Brunch. Peggy Wood read “Sisters at Heart” poem. We had a short business meeting. Door prizes were given out. “Wind Beneath My Wings” was played before Closing Ritual followed by Mizpah.