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Article Submission Deadline: 11/30/2003

PLT Membership is open to undergraduate and graduate students in education, educators, and professionals who have contributed to education (including psychologists, counselors, nutritionists, librarians, etc.) with 3.5 or higher GPA. For more information, contact PLT Membership Chair, Miles S. Edwards, Ph.D. (260) 745-0044 or msephd@aol.com

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Pi Lambda Theta
International Honor Society and Professional Association in Education

Perspectives

From the desk of the President: "Leadership Development"



2002-03 was an exciting and synergistic program year! Meeting attendance more than doubled from the prior year. Our visibility in the community has increased through invitations to programs on topical educational issues and media printing of our events.

The membership is the backbone of any organization. The strength of our membership is evidenced in its uninterrupted operations, since inception in 1948. As I read through PLT Fort Wayne Area Chapter's history, I was awestruck by the commitment to the community that our founders and early members had. They held open meetings, collaborated with community organizations, provided scholarships to minority students to pursue degrees in education, and advocated for equity in quality educational access. They set the bar very high.

I salute the members of PLT Fort Wayne Area Chapter, who to this day, have maintained such high goals and standards. It is no wonder that when I attended PLT International Biennial Council in July, Fort Wayne Area Chapter was held in the highest regard, with many wanting to know our secrets. Although small in numbers, we stood very tall at the Biennial Council. Congratulations to all of you who contributed to this magnanimous image of the PLT Fort Wayne Area Chapter.

The driving force propelling the membership: the Executive Committee. I cannot say enough wonderful things about their support and dedication. They set the strategic direction and met four times to review and to oversee its progress. Their accomplishments included 1) reviewing and revising the by-laws; 2) adding the position of advisor (to be held by a past president); 3) reviewing and redistributing responsibilities of and creating position descriptions for the officers and committees; 4) adding Corresponding Secretary and Ways and Means committee to 2003-04 PLT Officers and Committees; 4) addressing the eight year decline in membership by developing an aggressive membership recruitment and retention strategy; 5) preparing for the International Officers' site visit; 6) completing the very arduous application for Chapter of Honor; 7) committing to the development of a succession strategy; and 8) supporting, with the membership, PLT Great Lake Region II's recommendation that Fort Wayne be the site of its 2004 Professional Development and Leadership Conference.

The 2003-04 Chapter focus will be Leadership Development. To sustain and strengthen our chapter through this millennium, the following actions items have been addressed: 1) 2004-05 officers have been identified and are being mentored. This is the new model for our Nomination Committee. 2) Member CD has been developed that includes all 2002-03 meeting minutes and program operations, information for prospective members, international and local bylaws, PLT procedures, No Child Left Behind proposal, Public Law 221, PLT mission, vision, values, and short and long term goals, and position descriptions. These will be available at programs/meetings for our members at no charge. 3) Members will be encouraged to submit presentation proposals for and to attend the PLT Great Lakes Region II Professional Development and Leadership Conference.

The Executive Committee will review and assess the effectiveness of these initiatives. Again, I say thank you to my illustrious and industrious Executive Committee.

Ruby Cain

Membership Committee Report

May 31, 2002 official count = 52 members August 31, 2003 official count = 61 members

12 initiates + 4 (live near FW chapter) + 4 (lapsed who rejoined) = 20 new members
Currently there are 11 lapsed members, with 9 indicating intent to rejoin for a potential new count of 71 members.

Congratulations to Dr. Marjorie Souers, winner of the PLT Each One - Reach One Best Guess contest. Her guess was 18 new members. She was the closest without going over the actual count. She will be acknowledged at the October meeting.

Submitted by Membership Committee - Miles S. Edwards Ph.D. (chair), Diana Jackson, Karen Wakley

Happy Birthday Thetans!

August

Sharon Kubik
Linda Manning
Cheryl Miller
Bonnie Rogers, Ed.D.
Marjorie Souers, Ph.D.
Jeanine Fisher
Marty Burns
Joan Grossman
Jamie Tomlinson

September

Dr. Shirley Hollis
Robert E. Bedford
Janet Keith
Mary Gold-Armstead
Joan Lewis
Cheryl Lovinger
Ruby Cain

October

Betty Gorrell
Ruth Niewyk
Roma Jean Bradburn
Sheila Kiefer

November

Janet Younger
Darlene Kurtz
Adeline Coe

December

Pamela Cook
Kathleen Sherman
Helen Schoeff
Kathleen Sherman

Plan Ahead!

**2004 PLT
Great Lakes Region II
Professional Development
& Leadership Conference
Fort Wayne, Downtown
Holiday Inn & Suites
300 E. Washington Blvd
June 24-26, 2004
www.gmpcomm.com/plt**

BOARD APPROVES DUES INCREASE: *Last dues increase was approved in 1992-93.*

The executive board unanimously approved a \$5 proposed dues increase at their Sept. 10, 2003 executive committee meeting. The increase was recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee as necessary to support our chapter programs and projects; they felt that the proposed increase was more than justified and even overdue. *The last dues increase was approved in 1992-93, eleven years, ago.*

Karen Wakley, Audit and Finance Chair 2002-03, discussed the committee's proposal and recommended that the dues increase go into effect on January 1, 2004. Members would pay the additional \$5 local dues as they renew their dues after that date. The proposal will be discussed at our September business meeting and voted on by chapter members at the regular October business meeting.

Information from national states that current local dues for PLT area chapters, such as ours, range from \$10-\$25, so Fort Wayne is definitely in line for an increase.

"No Bake - Bake Sale" We will conduct our second **"No Bake - Bake Sale"** fundraiser at the November program/meeting. Instead of purchasing ingredients and toiling over a hot oven - you can donate the money you would have spent to make or to purchase the baked goods at a traditional sale. You can solicit your friends and family to contribute to our "No Bake - Bake Sale" by giving a tax-deductible amount (no donation is too small). We are a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Checks can be made payable to "Pi Lambda Theta - Fort Wayne Area Chapter." If you are unable to attend our November meeting, please mail your donation to PLT - Fort Wayne Chapter, c/o Ruby Cain, President. Your efforts will be rewarded with "food for thought" and other irresistible prizes at our November meeting. Let us get some friendly challenges among our members, just to make it interesting.

Calendar Events of Local Interest - September

Tuesday, September 23, 7:00-8:00 p.m., IPFW Walb Union Ballroom,
Mayoral Debate with democrat Mayor Graham Richard and republican mayoral candidate Linda Buskirk, for information, call Andrew Downs, 481-6691.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, September 27, 2003, @ 8:45 - 3:15 p.m.
"Professional Conference & Long Range Planning."
Great Lakes Region II Business Meeting South Bend - Hampton Inn - 52709 US 31 North
Business meeting is open to all members (Exec Board Meeting- Friday evening, September 26)

Saturday, September 27, 2003, 10:00 a.m.
Maple Grove Community Center Book Drive Planning - to participate/donate books, call 447-3624.
The center is located at 2700 Maple Grove Avenue.

Did you know that 57% of all past presidents are still actively involved in our

1961-1963	Adeline Coe	1983-1985	Gloria Shamanoff, Ed.D.
1967-1969	Thelma Brown	1987-1989	Betsy Gemmer
1969-1971	Barbara Hawley	1989-1991	Ken Keller, Ph.D.
1971-1973	Eleanor Strahm	1991-1993	Jan Younger
1973-1975	Marjorie Souers, Ph.D.	1995-1997	Pat Kohart
1975-1977	Marlene Rutz	1997-1999	Ruth Niewyk
1977-1979	Thelma Brown	1999-2001	Marty Burns
1979-1981	Karen Wakley	2001-2002	Nancy Grote, Ph.D.

PLT Perspectives Picture Gallery: Pictures from 43rd Biennial Council (2003)



Ruby Cain, PLT President Rita Jones PLT International President, Barbara Sorensen, outgoing PLT International President, Miles S. Edwards, Ph.D., PLT Membership Chair



Attendees enjoy food, fellowship, and professional enrichment.



Picture includes Elizabeth Douglas PLT International VP and PLT President, Gamma Gamma Chapter in Kokomo. Sheldon Wrice, Ph.D. PLT President Beta Lambda Chapter in Akron, OH and PLT Great Lakes



Marjorie Souers, Ph.D. conducts Initiation Ceremony for Direct Honors candidates.



Marjorie Souers, Ph.D., PLT Adviser; past PLT International President and past Fort Wayne Area Chapter President



PLT 43rd Biennial Council includes Installation, Initiation, and Founders Day Ceremonies.

PI LAMBDA THETA 43rd BIENNIAL COUNCIL (2003) Awards received by Fort Wayne Area Chapter

Chapter of Honor

(Criteria: growth, good standing, member retention, Biennial Council delegate, and 3 of the 6 criteria: education, communication, regional involvement, individual involvement, fund-raising, scholarship support)

Chapter Increasing Number of Initiates Each Year of the Biennium Chapter Exhibit Awards

1st Place - Program Book

1st Place - Directory

4th Place - Newsletter

Great Lakes Region II 2003 Awards Received by the Fort Wayne Area Chapter

Ruby Award (increasing membership by 5 during 2001-03)

Bronze Award (initiating 11 new members during 2001-03)

PI Lambda Theta Programs

Friday, September 19, 2003 4:30 p.m. at Doug Hansen's home **"PROMISES AND PITFALLS OF NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND"**

Presenters: Ruby Cain & Miles S. Edwards, Ph.D. (Delegates from 2003 PLT Biennial Council)

***Dinner: 6:30 p.m., Blu Tomato**

Saturday, September 27, 2003, 8:45 - 3:15 p.m. GREAT LAKES REGION II BUSINESS MEETING

South Bend - Hampton Inn - 52709 US 31 North
"Professional Conference & Long Range Planning"

Business meeting is open to all members
(Exec Board Meeting- Friday evening, September 26)

Saturday, October 11, 2003 9:00 a.m.

at Taylor University - Eicher Student Commons
1025 W. Rudisill Blvd.

Co-sponsors: AAUW and Pi Lambda Theta Fort Wayne Area Chapter

"ELEANOR ROOSEVELT'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION" featuring Eleanor Roosevelt, performed by Dr. Marjorie Souers (past PLT International & Fort Wayne Area President)

Refreshments will be served. Cost to attend: \$5 payable to AAUW by Sept 30, mail to AAUW c/o Susan Mol, 1146 W. Foster Pkwy, FW 46807

** 11:30 a.m. meeting at Taylor University Eicher Student Commons

Thursday, November 13, 2003 7:00 p.m.

at Snider High School, 4600 Fairlawn Pass

"LEARNING THROUGH INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE"

Reflections from this summer's trip to Sister Cities - Takaoka, Tokyo, Kyoto & Osaka, Japan

Presenter: Joan Lewis

Featuring "No-Bake Bake Sale" & Initiation

*Dinner: 5:30 p.m. at Hall's Factory, 5811 Coldwater Road

Friday, December 5, 2003 4:30 p.m. at DEBRAND FINE CHOCOLATES, 10105 Auburn Road (at Dupont Road)

"EDUCATING YOUR PALATE ON CHOCOLATE"

Presenter: Cathy DeBrand-Beere From mass-produced grocery store candy bars to fine artisan chocolates, learn what accounts for the quality and price difference. Educate your palate and gain a more comprehensive understanding of the incredible world of chocolate. Be prepared to sample! Program includes a tour of the facility.

(There will be a \$5.00 fee that may be redeemed on a \$10.00 purchase)

There is no plan for dinner.

Monday, January 26, 2004 4:00-6:00 PM

at IPFW - Neff Hall Auditorium (Room 100), 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd.

4:00-4:30 p.m. English Tea Time, Crumpets, Social Hour

4:30-6:00 p.m. Lecture & Slide Presentation

"EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY"

Presenters: Pamela Cook & Dr. Janice Crick (IPFW - School of Education)

From Oxford Roundtable - Oxford University, England. Learn leading edge strategies, including primary and nursery school experiences in Oxfordshire, England.

***Dinner/Meeting 6:30 p.m. Triangle Park**
3010 Trier Road

***For dinner reservations, call Shelley Sinclair.**

(Please consult the PLT Program booklet for details of future PLT events.)



2003 AAUW Annual meeting: Henrietta Goetz, Linda Manning, Marjorie Souers, Ph.D., Niki Steitz, Ruby Cain. AAUW members not in picture: Dot Easterly, Mary Gold-Armstead