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27th Triennial Convention Finalized The Centennial 1902-2002, June 12-16, 2002

by Susan Marine, National President

All Iotans are invited to attend the 27th National Convention in Berkeley, CA, the location of our founding. The convention will take place from Wednesday June 12 to Sunday June 16, 2002, University of California, Berkeley with lodging at Hotel Durant two blocks from campus.

Join us on the hill to celebrate and meet other Iotans from across the country, share experiences, and network. Berkeley promises to be a beautiful location to celebrate our triumphs, accelerate through obstacles, and reach greater heights. Together we can share our vision of Iota Sigma Pi for the next triennium, exchange ideas, and discover new elements of our noble purpose. All members of Iota Sigma Pi are encouraged to attend. Remember that summer fog dampens the air in mornings and evenings, making a raincoat useful.

All convention attendees are encouraged to register early. **Deadline for registration is April 1, 2002.** Upon receipt of registration forms and fees, Linda Brazdil [630-545-1868 (home), brazdil@imsa.edu] will send confirmation, maps, and other information to the registrant. Lodging is based on double occupancy; roommates will be assigned, or specific requests may be made on the registration forms.

The final program for the convention is published on page 6 of this issue of *The Iotan*. Convention check-in begins at 10:00am, Wednesday for those who arrive early. (However, the hotel rooms may not be ready that early.) On Wednesday evening, the Hydrogen chapter will host a reception and poster session. All chapters and National Council members are encouraged to submit posters on their activities

over the past three years. Posters may be set up at 6:30 pm; the reception begins at 7 pm in the Regents Room of Hotel Durant. Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be sent to Annalise Van Wyngarden, Boering Group, Dept. of Chemistry, University of California; Berkeley, CA 94720 (510-642-4499 or 510-495-2206, vanwyn@uclink.berkeley.edu). Abstracts should be submitted no later than May 1, 2002.

Each active chapter may send one voting delegate, with the exception of AuI and F, which may send two delegates due to their chapter size. Members-at-Large (MAL) will be represented by five delegates. Delegates are usually chosen from among those who have served as chapter officers during the past three years or will do so in the upcoming year. If a member of your chapter is a nominee for national office (and is not currently a national officer), she should serve as the chapter's delegate. If you are interested in being a delegate (and your dues are current), contact your chapter officers or MAL Coordinator for further information. You may contact Pat Fish, national Records Chair, to verify your dues status and obtain names and contact information for your chapter officers.

The expenses for the delegates, for the most part, will be covered by the national Convention Fund. Delegates are encouraged to obtain the lowest price nonrefundable coach fares with a Saturday night stay; reimbursement will be made at the convention. Prior permission from the National Treasurer Kathryn Louie and the President Susan Marine will be required for ticket reimbursement over \$400. Double occupancy lodging is provided in the Convention Package; single rooms are available for a supplemental fee. The Convention Package does not include

Wednesday meals, Thursday and Friday lunches, Saturday dinner, entertainment, any phone calls, ground transportation, or incidentals. Chapters often provide their delegates with additional money to augment the convention package. Cost to non-delegates will be \$500 for the Complete Convention and Centennial Package.

Each chapter is required to submit a triennial chapter report (instead of an annual report) to Vice President Donna Nelson **by May 1, 2002**. Official guidelines will be sent by the National Vice President. The selection of the Triennial Award for the Outstanding Chapter (\$250) is based on this written report and its timely submission. The chapter delegate should be prepared to present a poster on her chapter's activities Wednesday evening and give a brief (2 minute) oral summary of the chapter report at the convention on Thursday morning.

Each delegate will also serve on one or two committees on Thursday afternoon; indicate preferences on your registration form. If no preferences are indicated, assignments will be made. Non-delegates may also participate on these committees and should indicate their desire to do so. A great deal of work is accomplished by these committees during the convention; of greatest importance, they evaluate our current status and set goals and action items for the national organization for the next triennium.

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Candidates for National Council 2002-5

by Linda Brazdil, Chair
Nomination Committee
Immediate Past National President

The Nomination Committee presents the following slate of candidates for the 2002-2005 Iota Sigma Pi National Council. We still need candidates for National Editor and Historian. The Editor is responsible for publishing *The Iotan* three times a year and other official documents of the organization. The National Historian is in charge of the archives of the society. If you are interested in running for National Editor, National Historian, or would like to run for one of the other National Council offices (none are currently opposed) or would like to nominate someone (please make sure they are willing to accept the position), please contact Linda Brazdil at 630-907-5069 (w), 630-545-1868 (h), or brazdil@imsa.edu as soon as possible. Nominations can also be made from the floor of convention as long as the nominee has agreed in writing to run, in accordance with Iota Sigma Pi's Constitution. Complete biographies with the whole slate of nominees will be printed in the May *Iotan*.

President, Lily M. Ng (F)

Lily M. Ng is Professor of Chemistry at Cleveland State University, the first woman in that position. She is presently the Director of Cleveland State University-Cleveland Clinic Foundation Molecular Medicine Program. Lily has been the National Director for Student Awards of Iota Sigma Pi since 1996 and was also the President of the Fluorine Chapter. In 1993, she was one of the local coordinators of the 24th Iota Sigma Pi National Triennial Convention in Cleveland.

Vice President, Julie Teetsov (MAL)

Julie Teetsov is an analytical chemist in the Combinatorial Chemistry and Characterization Technologies Laboratory at General Electric's Global Research Center in Niskayuna, NY. As a graduate student at the Univ. of Texas, Austin, Julie helped organize Women in Chemistry (WIC), and served as its first president. WIC members revitalized the local Tellurium Chapter of Iota Sigma Pi, and Julie served as president for two terms.

Secretary, Janet Clark (Cl)

Janet Clark, a member of the Chlorine chapter, currently serves as National Secretary of Iota Sigma Pi. She received a Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry in May 1996 from Purdue University. Janet is currently a senior chemist at ExxonMobil Process Research Laboratories, Baton Rouge, LA. Janet joined the Pu chapter of Iota Pi Sigma at Purdue in 1992 and served as secretary, vice-president, and president. After joining the Cl chapter in 1996, she served as secretary and is currently president.

Treasurer, Kathryn Louie (Np)

Kathryn Louie received her Bachelor of Science degrees in math and chemistry from the University of Houston and a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. She is now a Research Associate in the Department of Pediatrics-Nutrition at Baylor College of Medicine and the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center. Kathryn is President of the Neptunium chapter of Iota Sigma Pi and is now National Treasurer.

Coordinator of Members-at-Large,

Kathryn Thomasson (MAL)

Kathryn Thomasson is an associate professor of chemistry at the University of North Dakota. She received her Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Iowa State University in 1990. She is now serving as the Coordinator for the Members-at-Large. Previously, she served as an MAL delegate to the two triennial conventions. She has served on multiple Iota Sigma Pi award committees. She has served Aurum as President, Treasurer, Membership Chair, and Historian.

Records Chair, Patricia A. Fish (Hg)

Patricia A. Fish received a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of Florida. She retired in 1994 as a professor from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota after 29 years. In the Mercury Chapter of Iota Sigma Pi Pat served two terms as President and Vice President, as well as Awards Chairman and Treasurer. Pat served one term as Secretary

of the National Council of Iota Sigma Pi, Treasurer for two terms, and is Records Chair now.

Director for Professional Awards, Christine K. F. Hermann (Ag)

Christine K. F. Hermann is a professor of chemistry at Radford University. She has served as secretary and president of the Argentum Chapter of Iota Sigma Pi. She organized the national speakers bureau and has reviewed candidates for the national Iota Sigma Pi Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Chemistry. She is currently the National Director for Professional Awards.

Director for Student Awards, Reiko M. Simmons (F)

Reiko M. Simmons is a part-time Instructor in the College of Education and a Research Assistant in the Chemistry Department at Cleveland State University. She received her Ph.D. (2000) and M.A. (1999) in chemistry from Cleveland State University. Reiko is an active member of Iota Sigma Pi. She is the Scholarship Committee chair for Fluorine Chapter. She is also an officer of the Cleveland Section, American Chemical Society, Student Affiliates, and a National Chemistry Week presenter.

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Alternate delegates may also be sent to the convention. Their expenses are the responsibility of the members themselves or the chapter, if the chapter so elects. All members are welcome to attend all or part of the convention at their own expense. We encourage all Iotans to participate in all activities, but only delegates may vote.

In addition to governance sessions and elections, five national award winners will be recognized at the convention. The Friday evening award banquet is traditionally a dressy affair. Casual business attire is appropriate for most other events during the convention. Time has been set aside for sight-seeing and social events. Do plan to attend the 27th national convention to be held in Berkeley, CA, June 12-16, 2002. We look forward to seeing you there.

Calls for Papers

History of Iota Sigma Pi Symposium
American Chemical Society Meeting
August 18-22, 2002, Boston, MA

We invite you to participate in "The History of Iota Sigma Pi Symposium" at the American Chemical Society National Meeting in Boston, August 18-22. You may submit the history of your chapter, an outstanding ISP member biography, or your own creative idea. The symposium is being sponsored by the Division of the History of Chemistry. Contact Susan Marine, President, Iota Sigma Pi and Symposium Chair, for further information.

Advancement and Retention of Female Chemical Engineers: Issues and Strategies

American Institute of Chemical Engineers
(AIChE) Annual Meeting
November 3 - 8, 2002
Indianapolis Convention Center
Indianapolis, Indiana

Retention of women at all levels in science and engineering careers is a major concern. A recent report by the NSF shows that there are still significant disparities between male and female engineers of similar ages and education levels with regard to unemployment, occupational responsibilities, rank, type of employment (*e.g.*, part-time versus full-time), type of employer, and tenure/promotion cases ("Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering: 2000," National Science Foundation).

To submit an abstract for consideration, follow the instructions at

<http://www.aiche.org/annualapp/>

The session can be found under Group 18, Liaison Functions. General information about the conference can be found at <http://www.aiche.org/conferences/Annual/>

Deadline for abstract submission is April 19, 2002. Please email the session chair, Prof. Bhatia (UMass) with questions. Session sponsored by the Women's Initiatives Committee (WIC) of the AIChE (<http://aichewic.tripod.com/index.htm>).



**Join us in
Orlando!**

Iota Sigma Pi Alumni Hour
223rd National ACS Meeting
Orlando, Florida
Monday, April 8, 2002, 6:00 - 7:30PM
Grand Ballroom, Rosen Plaza Hotel

**Skills for Success in Small Chemical
Business - A Symposium of SCHB**
Communication at the Technical/
Business Interface
Negotiating Without Borders™
Innovation in the Chemical Workplace
April 7-8, Convention Center
Co-sponsored by WCC, YCC, BMGT, PROF

We want your quotes for the Iota Sigma Pi Centennial History!

ISPI Receives Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation Grant

We would like to incorporate member views of Iota Sigma Pi, women chemists, the corporate or academic workplace, opportunities, experiences, or favorite inspiring quotations into the Centennial History. Please send your quotations or anecdotes up to 100-125 words to National Editor, Sharon Vercellotti, at v-labs@v-labs.com. We plan to use these quotations at the ends or sides of the history pages to provide a current view of women chemists. Please identify your name, chapter or member at large status, whether you have received an ISP scholarship or award, or other award, and student or professional status. You may submit as many as you like. Deadline March 25, 2002

We decided to incorporate current quotations when we received the notice that Iota Sigma Pi had received a Special Grant in the Chemical Sciences from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation for \$20,000 for publication and distribution of the Centennial History. (Definitely a cause for celebration!) The Foundation was particularly interested in making the document accessible to a wide audience. We thought that quotations would add interest to the publication.

Sources of Iota Sigma Pi Supplies and Information

Supplies

The publicity pamphlets: "Membership Information" and "National Awards". History, Constitution and Bylaws, Rituals of Iota Sigma Pi, Rules and Regulations, *The Iotan*, Speakers Bureau

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Initiation

Membership Application
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National Secretary

Forming a Chapter

Procedural information and application forms
National Vice President

Charter Certificates
National Historian

Financial Reports

Financial Report Forms
National Treasurer

Awards

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Director for Professional Awards
Agnes Fay Morgan Research Award
National Honorary Member
Award for Professional Excellence

Director for Student Awards
National Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Chemistry
Anna Louise Hoffman Graduate Research Achievement Award
Gladys Anderson Emerson Scholarship

Dues

Dues statements and payments
National Treasurer

Chapter Operations

Changes in the Chapter Officers list
Forms for reporting local elected officers
National Vice President

Address Labels and Membership List
Change of address and member death
Records Chair

Historical Information
National Historian

See National Council listings elsewhere in *The Iotan* for officers' names and addresses.

Iota Sigma Pi Recognizes Three Outstanding Students

Professor Amy Andreotti commented that Kate was the most independent and thoughtful young scientist that she had the pleasure of working with. In addition to the Anna Louise Hoffman Award, Ekaterina has received the Soros Student Fellowship, the Arthur P. Hellwig Award and the Dow Fellowship.

Ekaterina Pletneva

Anna Louise Hoffman Award Recipient

The recipient of the 2001 **Anna Louise Hoffman Award** was **Ekaterina Pletneva**, a fourth year graduate student in the Chemistry department of Iowa State University. She was nominated by Dr Patricia Thiel, Chair of the Chemistry Department. Ekaterina's research is directed at understanding the nature of docking interactions between electron-transferring proteins. She uses both theoretical and experimental approaches to understand the factors that determine a particular configuration of the electron-transfer complex. According to her advisor, Professor Nenad Kostic: "Kate designed clever kinetic experiments and critically compared several theories of electrostatic interactions in her thorough analysis of the dependence of the rate constant on ionic strength." Her first publication in the most selective bioinorganic journal is essentially her own. Her coauthors added relatively little to it. Her paper on protein docking and gated electron-transfer reactions between zinc cytochrome c and the new plastocyanin from the fern *Dryopteris crassirhizoma*, published in *Journal of American Chemical Society*, received glowing reviews and was published in record time, almost without changes.

Professor Kostic regarded Kate as working in a manner of a young professor and that he "never had a graduate student or postdoc whose abilities and achievements, taken as a whole, exceeded Kate's."

training session both on and off campus, and established a biannual undergraduate research poster session for promoting the participation of undergraduates in research. To expand the education effort into the community, Rebecca plans visits to local elementary schools to give science demonstrations that are supported by fund-raising activities.

After graduation, Rebecca's plan is to pursue a doctorate and eventually become a professor because she thinks that such a position will allow her to both actively engage in research and to spark the interest of the next generation.

Rebecca Sansom

Award for Excellence in Chemistry

The **2001 Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Chemistry** was awarded to **Rebecca Sansom**, a senior at Boston University. Her nominator, Professor Amy Mullin stated that "Rebecca is an extremely talented and hardworking young scientist who is head-and shoulders above her peers and many of those who are senior to her, as well." In addition to a 3.82 GPA, Rebecca has made a substantial contribution to research that has resulted in three publications in *Journal of Chemical Physics* and *Journal of Physical Chemistry*. In each of these projects, Rebecca has been a key contributor and has participated in all aspects of the research. Rebecca has also presented her work at a number of national ACS meetings. For two years at Boston University, she was awarded a merit-based Trustee Scholarship, which provides full tuition support. In addition to her outstanding scientific achievements, Rebecca initiated a number of activities to broaden and enhance undergraduate involvement in the chemistry program at Boston University. She has led the peer-tutoring program, established and coordinated career and graduate school

The **2001 Gladys Anderson Emerson Scholarship** was awarded to **Jovana Grbic** of Northwestern University. Jovana is a junior Chemistry/Biochemistry major. According to her nominator, Dr Hilary Arnold Godwin, Jovana is "always well-prepared, enthusiastic, and was constantly asking questions. She is passionate about scientific research and has exceptional communication skills, intellectual capabilities and the drive of an exceptional graduate student." In addition to a high GPA, Jovana has accomplished an impressive amount of research. Her research involves a series of analytical ultracentrifugation studies to study the association of neurological proteins. Dr Godwin considers Jovana "truly exceptional and shows every promise of becoming a first rate independent scientist." The results of her research have

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Jovana Grbic

Gladys Anderson Emerson Scholarship



Member News

Alice Johnsen, (Np) who teaches chemistry at Bellaire High School, Houston, received the Teachers Award-Advanced Honors and **Roxie Allen (Np)**, who teaches at St. John's School, received the Thomas Aczel Award for excellence in chemical education from the American Chemical Society, Greater Houston Section Awards Night, May 25, 2001.

Mamie Moy (Np, Faculty Liason) University of Houston Smart Center, Professor of Chemistry, was honored October 24, 2001, as a *Woman on the Move*. Honorees are selected from Houston's outstanding women leaders in the business and charitable community.

Susan Marine (National President) is currently participating in an American Chemical Society task force to initiate an inter-society information network for women in science and engineering. The task force, AXXS Coordinating Team, is currently collecting Effective Practices for Advancing the Careers of Women in Science.

Donna Nelson, (National Vice President), will present a poster "Iota Sigma Pi: a century of fostering females in chemistry", at the Division of Chemical Education poster session on Sunday evening, April 7, at the 223rd National American Chemical Society Meeting in Orlando. See the program in C&E NEWS for details.

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been presented in a publication and at the ACS National Meeting in spring 2001. Jovana is a member of several prominent chemistry organizations at Northwestern. She is the professional chair of Alpha Chi Sigma, being responsible for bringing prominent chemists and biochemists to campus for talks, as well as initiating and organizing faculty presentations for the student body. Furthermore, Jovana is the co-founder of the Alpha Chi Sigma Award for Outstanding Professor, the only teaching award presented at Northwestern. Jovana is also the Director of the Science Outreach Program in Education (ScOPE), a project of the Northwestern University Undergraduate Chemistry Council. ScOPE is a teaching exchange wherein NU undergraduates visit local elementary and junior high schools and perform demonstrations with mini-lectures in chemistry as well as full-fledged chemistry teaching sessions with mini-lab kits. In addition to the Gladys Anderson Emerson Scholarship, Jovana is a three times recipient of the Maxwell Family Foundation Scholarship, the Wolfstein Family Fellowship Grant, the Elisaveta Ducevic Fellowship Grant and two times recipient of Northwestern University

Be Listed in the Iota Sigma Pi 2002 Centennial Membership Directory

The 2002 *Triennium Directory of Iota Sigma Pi Members* will be published this Spring. Only those who have paid current dues will receive the directory with all the members names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses. Please ensure that your address and other information are correct in our member files. Check your address label and the dues statement that arrived in February. Please list a "permanent" address for the directory.

The directory is a valuable resource for Iota Sigma Pi members for networking and keeping in contact with other members. If you have been inactive and want to become an active Iotan, please pay your dues **now!** No back dues are required! Send the 2002-2003 dues to the national Treasurer, Kathryn Louie. If your chapter is initiating new members this spring, be sure all paperwork and monies are submitted prior to April 1, 2002, or your initiates will not be included in the directory. Remember: the directory is only published once each triennium!

Mary Jane Oestmann (AuI) recently established an \$25,000 endowment for the American Nuclear Society's Professional Women Achievement Award. Future awardees, who are recognized for outstanding personal dedication and technical achievement in the fields of nuclear science, engineering, research, or education, will receive \$1000. Oestmann was the first woman to serve the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as an environmental project manager and later as an inspector.

Joan Hemsing Tinoco (H) passed away October 10, 2001. Our sympathy to her family and friends.

Win a Hand Made Quilt Members-at-Large Sponsor Raffle

The Members-at-Large have been working on a quilt which will be raffled to support the MAL Educational Re-entry Award for students returning to school and chemistry after an interruption of three years or more. Raffle tickets are available for the drawing which will take place at the 27th Triennial Convention and Centennial Celebration of IΣΠ. **YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.** The quilt will be shipped to the winner if she is not present. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Purchases of \$25 or more will be acknowledged with a letter of thanks for your donation to the Members-at-Large of IΣΠ Educational Re-entry fund.

Mail your checks to
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2002 Iota Sigma Pi National Convention and Centennial Celebration

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, June 11, 2002

National Council arrives.

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Pre-convention National Council Meeting

Board Room, Hotel Durant

10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Delegates/attendees arrive and register

Suite, Hotel Durant

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Reception; Chapter Posters

Regents Room, Hotel Durant

Thursday, June 13, 2002

7:30 am - 8:00 am

Continental Breakfast

McCollum Room (UCB Latimer 775)

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Opening Ceremony and NC Reports

McCollum Room

9:30 am - 10:30 am

Chapter Reports

McCollum Room

10:30 am - 10:45 am

Break

10:45 am - 11:00 am

Slate of Officers

McCollum Room

11:00 am - Noon

Lunch (on own)

Faculty Club

Noon - 2:00 pm

1st Committee Meeting

(McCollum Room)

2:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Break

2:15 pm - 4:30 pm

2nd Committee Meeting

(McCollum Room)

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Committee Report Preparation

McCollum Room

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Dinner

Yu Ying Garden, Shattuck Square

Friday, June 14

7:30 am - 8:00 am

Continental Breakfast

McCollum Room

8:00 am - 10:30 am

Committee Reports

McCollum Room

10:30 am - 10:45 am

Break

10:45 am - 11:30 am

New Business

McCollum Room

11:30 am - Noon

2002-2005 National Council Election

McCollum Room

Noon - 1:00 pm

Lunch (on own)

Faculty Club

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Tours

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Awards Banquet and Memorial Service;
awards to 3 AMF, NHM, PEA;

Ballroom, Faculty Club

Speaker: Nat'l Hon. Member

Saturday, June 15, 2002

8:00 am - 8:30 am

Continental Breakfast

McCollum Room

8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Poster Session

Latimer, Tan Halls

8:30 am - 9:30 am

Posters attended

Latimer, Tan Hal

9:30 am - 9:45 am

Opening Ceremony

Pitzer Auditorium

9:45 am - 10:30 am

ISPI History; H History; Plaque;

Pitzer Auditorium

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Views of Agnes Fay Morgan

Pitzer Auditorium

11:30 am - Noon

Oral Research Papers - 3 AFM

Noon - 1:15 pm

Photography Session

1:15 pm - 2:00 pm

Box Lunches; poster displays

McCollum Room

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Speaker: Professional Excellence Awardee

Pitzer Auditorium

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Panel Discussion:

Pitzer Auditorium

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Overcoming Obstacles

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Where do we go from here?

Pitzer Auditorium

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Installation of new Officers

Pitzer Auditorium

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

and Closing Ceremony

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Dinner in groups

Selected local restaurants

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Post Convention NC Meeting

Suite room, Hotel Durant

Sunday, June 16, 2002

Free time activities: sign up lists available in advance in suite room and Lattimer 775.

Depart at leisure.

Entertainment for
Guests
at the Iota Sigma Pi
27th National Convention
and
Centennial Celebration

Hotel Durant

Convention Hospitality Services
Complete restaurant and lounge

Attractions in Berkeley

Berkeley Municipal Rose Garden
Guided campus walking tour
Botanical Garden (\$3)
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
(2 hr tour; free)
Lawrence Hall of Science
(\$6; +\$2 planetarium)
UC Berkeley Art Museum (\$6)
Many ethnic restaurants

**In San Francisco --easy access on the Bay
Area Rapid Transit-BART**

Alcatraz Island
Ansel Adams Center for Photography (\$5)
Cable Car Museum
CA Academy of Sciences (Morrison
Planetarium, Natural history museum,
Steinhart Aquarium) (\$9)
Exploratorium (\$9)
China Town
Nob Hill
Ghirardelli Square
Golden Gate Park
Mission San Francisco de Assissi

Further Afield

Muir Woods National Monument (\$2)
Six Flag Marine World Vallejo (\$34)
Napa Valley Wine Train with meal and
wine-tasting (\$60)
Self-guiding audio tape for car tour of
Napa Valley (\$13)

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Thank you for your generosity.

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Records Chair, Patricia A. Fish (Hg)

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Pat was initiated in the Mercury Chapter of Iota Sigma Pi in 1965. She served two terms each as President and Vice President of this chapter. She also served as Awards Chairman and Treasurer of Mercury Chapter. Pat served one term as Secretary of the National Council of Iota Sigma Pi from 1990 to 1993, Treasurer for two terms, 1993-1999, and Records Chair from 1999 to 2002.

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