



The Sherwood and Janet Roberts Blue Memorial Scholarship Fund was endowed October 2006, more than doubling the Foundation's net assets!

Based on a 2007 NIC report, the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi now ranks 16th among the top 60 men's Greek Foundations thanks to a generous bequest by Sherwood and Janet Blue.

The Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity has been notified that it is the primary beneficiary of the Sherwood and Janet Roberts Blue Trust, which, when fully settled, will provide an estimated \$250,000 annually in scholarships for Theta Chi Brothers pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees nationwide.

The Sherwood and Janet Roberts Blue Memorial Scholarship Fund was endowed in October 2006 upon the death of Janet Roberts Blue, wife of **Sherwood Blue** (Alpha Iota/Indiana '26). The bequest of 75% of the residual value of the Blue Trust was made to honor Sherwood Blue's life-long love of Theta Chi Fraternity. The purpose of the bequest is to establish a permanent fund within the Foundation Chapter in the name of Sherwood and Janet Blue which will be used to support learning and the academic success so valued by the Blue's during their lifetimes.

Born in 1905, Sherwood Blue was raised in Indianapolis, Indiana. After enrolling at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana in the fall of 1922, Sherwood and his brother, Schyler Blue, were initiated together into the newly formed Alpha Iota Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity in the spring of 1923. Sherwood served the Chapter in several capacities as an undergraduate



Sherwood showed his devotion to Theta Chi Fraternity through constant support. Instrumental in the building and purchase of the current headquarters building, he is shown here with Howard Alter (Omega/Penn State) and David DeVol (Gamma Theta/SDSU) at the May 1994 ribbon cutting.

including Secretary and President. During his time as President, he presided over the Chapter's move to its newly built Chapter house in the fall of 1926. Letters he wrote his parents during this time at IU made it obvious that he felt he had found a home away from home in Theta Chi Fraternity.

After graduating in 1926, Sherwood attended law school at IU and continued his involvement with the Chapter by becoming a member of its newly formed alumni corporation. Following law school, he started practicing law in Indianapolis.

After establishing his law practice, he became active in civic affairs and local politics. In 1948, he was elected Marion County (Indianapolis) Prosecutor, where he served for four years before returning to private practice in 1952. He was very active in Republican politics throughout his lifetime.

Always an active alumnus with his Chapter, Sherwood's participation on the 1928 Convention Committee laid the groundwork for a lifetime of service to the National Fraternity. He was elected to the Grand Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity in 1946 and served on that Board for eight years, holding the offices of Secretary, Vice President and, ultimately, President. On October 16, 1952, while serving as National President, Brother Blue established the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity with a bequest from the Krannert estate. He served as the Foundation Chapter's President from 1953 to 1992 and as President Emeritus from 1993–1999.

Sherwood married Janet Roberts in 1961, shortly after she graduated from the IU School of Law in Bloomington. As one of the first women to graduate from IU's law school, Janet practiced law with her husband until 1967 when she was appointed Clerk of the Indiana Appellate Court. Janet

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Sherwood and Janet as convention attendees during the 1970s.

continued to have a very successful law career. In 1970, she was appointed Commissioner of the Court of Appeals of Indiana. Janet was bestowed the honor of Sagamore of the Wabash in 1992. She was included in Who's Who in American Law and enjoyed a long and distinguished career until her death in 2006 at the age of 73. Throughout their marriage, Sherwood and Janet attended many National Conventions and Board meetings in support of Theta Chi Fraternity and Janet was a recipient of Theta Chi's Appreciation Award.

Sherwood was the recipient of the Citation of Honor, three Alumni Awards (from Alpha Iota Chapter, Indianapolis Alumni Chapter and the Grand Chapter), the Grand Chapter Service Award, Theta Chi for Life Award, and the Theta Chi Distinguished Service Award. Sherwood joined the Chapter Eternal in 1999 at the age of 85. His hard work and love for Theta



Sherwood being sworn in as Marian County Prosecutor, 1948

Chi have been missed ever since. To date, thanks to Sherwood Blue's hard work and foresight, the Foundation Chapter has been able to award more than \$500,000 in scholarships and grants to worthy Theta Chi members since its creation in 1953.

In 1993, Sherwood Blue explained why he established the Foundation Chapter in these words, "I did it for the undergraduates. I worked my way through Indiana University, waiting tables in the fraternity house. So, I understand how tough it can be on undergraduate brothers trying to find a way to get through school."

Throughout their lives, Janet and Sherwood gave generously to their church,

their community, their university and Theta Chi Fraternity. Now, their dreams will be fully realized. The Foundation Chapter will receive the first full distribution from the Blue Trust in February 2008. Scholarships for academic year 2008–2009 will be awarded beginning in May 2008 with applications available online or from the Foundation office in January. ■

To discuss including the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi in your estate plan, contact the Foundation office at cmorgan@thetachi.org or (317)824-1881.