

THE SCROLL

The Official Sigma Alpha Iota Newsletter of Tulsa Alumnae Chapter and Sigma Gamma Chapter at the
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📢 If you are an SAI Alumna but not yet affiliated with our Tulsa Alumnae chapter, please let us know! We'd love to stay connected with you and let you know a little more about what we do and what's coming up for us this year.

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Chapter Communications

Sigma Gamma Chapter

Iris Ramirez

Our SAI Chapter once again hosted our traditional bake sale on November 17! Due to COVID we were unable to host this fundraiser last year but were glad to return to selling some delicious baked goods! During the month of October our chapter participated in a Trunk or Treat event held by the University of Tulsa alongside other greek and student organizations on campus! Several sisters helped decorate a car and pass out candy to around 250 students in the Kendall Whittier district. After the event members gathered together for our “Spooky Sister” event! This social event included lots of candy and learning how to make homemade bath bombs. As we prepare for Thanksgiving break I am reminded of just how thankful I am for the hardworking people in our chapter and the opportunities given by being a part of Sigma Alpha Iota.



Tulsa Alumnae Chapter

Patty Mandrell

Wow, what a terrific Alumnae chapter meeting we had! Reunited we were—Alumnae, Sigma Gammas, new affiliates, distinguished member and province officer all met in person to celebrate music, history and friendship. There were trips down memory lane with honored 50+ year members and Professor Vernon Howard who all shared undergraduate years at TU. Lasting memories are treasures. Let's do it again!

A meal at Hideaway provided an opportunity to forgo cooking and to support the chapter's spring service project. Unfortunately, because of COVID precautions we won't be Christmas caroling this year but the holidays will still come along to celebrate. Enjoy them all and we'll gather again next year, virtually in January and in person in February. Hope to see you then! Be well.

Fraternity Education: Memorable Convention Moments

“GOLDEN DAYS—SAI CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!”

SAI's Golden Anniversary Convention was held at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, August 15-18, 1953. The March 1953 *PANPIPES* included a centerfold presenting the tentative program for the Convention, and the November 1953 *PANPIPES*, with its gold cover, devoted 48 of its 72 pages to a detailed report of the Convention and its many wondrous happenings. To further the impact of SAI's first fifty years, K Marie Stolba's *SIGMA ALPHA IOTA: A HISTORY* devoted another four pages to cover the events at the Drake Hotel at which SAI was convened.

At the opening session, the assembled delegates, officers, and other SAIs joined in singing “The Chorale”, accompanied by twin pianos, one played by Founder Georgina Potts, and the other played by Getty Grieg Murphy of Tulsa. Tulsans Pat and Bill Medley, duo pianists, performed the first Mini Musicales of the Convention. Pat had studied at the University of Tulsa and was a member of Sigma Gamma; Bill was eventually initiated as a Friend of the Arts when that member designation came into being.

Of course, the 1953 Convention occurred during the years in which Sigma Gamma and Tulsa Alumnae Charter Member Annelle Chandler McAdams was National First Vice President. Annelle presided over the Saturday, August 15, Alumnae and Patroness Luncheon. Highlights of the Luncheon included a review of the work of the Alumnae Projects Committee, the integral operating agency of the International Music Fund (IMF). Two miniature musicales, speeches relative to the role of Alumnae and Patronesses in the Fraternity, and other reports were on the luncheon program. The 50th Anniversary issue of *PANPIPES* includes a photo on page 31 of the head table, showing Annelle, Georgina Potts, National President Kathleen Davison, Executive Secretary Mildred Sale, and other dignitaries associated with IMF. The centerpiece on the head table was a gold autoharp representing all the instruments donated by SAI through the auspices of IMF.

The entire four days were full of excitement, music, and inspiration. With the installation of new National officers and the singing of “The Star-Spangled Banner”, the business sessions came to an end, with only the Golden Anniversary Banquet to highlight the final evening. The following quote from *PANPIPES* sums up all the hours spent in Chicago, “Each one felt deeply a new appreciation for our seven Founders and for those ideals which had brought us thus far on our way . . . with a new dedication to further achievements in and for the great art of music which is our trust.”

Upcoming Chapter Events

2021

4 December: Sigma Gamma Fall Initiation, 12:30pm, Lorton Performance Center

*Tulsa Alumnae Christmas Caroling Cancelled:
Because of covid concerns we are not able to schedule an outside singing group of visitors to centers this year. Let's look to next year.

2022

29 January: Tulsa Alumnae Virtual Chapter Meeting, 1:00pm

26 February: Tulsa Alumnae Formal Chapter Meeting, 1:00pm, Church of St. Mary, 1347 E 49th Pl, Tulsa, OK 74105

8 March: Taziki's Benenight Fundraiser

11 March: Cindy Harmon Memorial Scholarship Applications due

20 March: Cindy Harmon Memorial Scholarship Virtual Committee Meeting, 4:00pm

2 April: Senior Farewell, 11:00am, Location TBD

7 May: Tulsa Alumnae Salad Luncheon, 11:00am, Location TBD

13 or 20 May: Mayfest, specific dates TBD

People of Note

- 🎵 Congrats to Kathy Huber on her retirement!
- 🎵 A big thanks and congratulations to Karen Hiller for a fantastic job on the yearbook!
- 🎵 Brava to Madyson Mitchell who had her junior recital on November 2!
- 🎵 Congrats to the following Tulsa SAI award winners!
 - Collegiate Leadership Award (Ruby Sword of Honor): **Alexandra Vest**, Sigma Gamma
 - Collegiate Chapter Achievement Award, Region 2: **Sigma Gamma**, University of Tulsa (one of eight finalists for national award)
 - Alumnae Chapter Achievement Award: **Tulsa Alumnae**



Sigma Gammas participated in a Trunk or Treat at the University of Tulsa, where they helped decorate a car and pass out candy to around 250 students in the Kendall Whittier district.



Tulsa Alumnae October Chapter Meeting:

Program featured a performance by vocalist Iris Ramirez, who was accompanied by pianist Trish Dunlevy, both from Sigma Gamma; as well as a special presentation by Debra Rue on her recent Ponca City-based musical production *Pioneer Women*.



Congrats to our newest Tulsa Alumnae Affiliates:
Debra Rue, Kara Street, and Anita Jo Glenn.

New affiliates pictured on right
with President Patty Mandrell and
VP Ritual Sue Amstutz





(left) Province Officer Hazel Rowena Mills presents the Collegiate Chapter Achievement Award to Sigma Gamma Chapter president Iris Ramirez.



(above) Several alumnae received certificates acknowledging their years of sisterhood in SAI! Barb Derby, Hazel Rowena Mills, and Sandra Hayes (L-R) received their 50-year certificate and Nancy Haswell Thomason (R) received her 25-year certificate.

And the Award goes to . . .



(left) Province Officer Hazel Rowena Mills presents the Alumnae Chapter Achievement Award to Tulsa Alumnae Chapter president Patty Mandrell.

(right) Sigma Gammas Iris Ramirez and Bethany Mally presented Patty Mandrell with a framed Certificate of Appreciation for her work with both Tulsa chapters during 2020-2021 and an address plaque for her home.





PROPOSE A CONVENTION WORKSHOP



Criteria

- Sessions (panel discussions or individual speaker) are 1 hour in length.
- The more creative the topic, the better!
- Submissions must include title, outline of your session, biography, and contact information. Also submit the room requirements form.
- Presenters must be initiated members of Sigma Alpha Iota.
- Submit to Leslie Odom Miller at natlpres@sai-national.org and National Headquarters at nh@sai-national.org.

Sample topics have included: Careers in music, member training, music education, music history, composition, networking, performance techniques, vocal health, women in music, working students with disabilities.

**Registration for convention is required for presenters. No remuneration will be made for workshops.

Submission deadline: December 15, 2021

*Save the Date
and plan ahead
for National
Convention -
Summer 2022!*



CALL FOR CONVENTION PERFORMERS



Instructions - due Dec. 15, 2021

- Submit audition (solo or ensemble) via a **private YouTube link**.
- Performers must be Sigma Alpha Iota members.
- Recordings should be no longer than 15 minutes in length.
- A brief biography, headshot of performer(s), contact address, phone, and email address must accompany the audition link.
- Email the YouTube link and accompanying photos and information to Leslie Odom Miller at natlpres@sai-national.org and National Headquarters at nh@sai-national.org.

**Registration for convention is required for individuals and/or ensembles. No remuneration will be made for convention expenses.

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