




# THE SCROLL


The Official Sigma Alpha Iota Newsletter of Tulsa Alumnae Chapter and Sigma Gamma Chapter at the  
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## Announcements!

 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. Also be sure to get on the *Scroll* list by emailing the editor at the email above or visit *Scroll* issues at our website, listed below, to stay up to date on what both of our Tulsa SAI chapters are up to!

 Tulsa Alumna Aileen Todd has updated her email address. It is now [aileen.r.todd@gmail.com](mailto:aileen.r.todd@gmail.com).

 Beth Keener has a friend who lives in Broken Arrow and is looking for a piano teacher for her three children. Please contact Beth at [bethkeener@cox.net](mailto:bethkeener@cox.net) if you are interested or know someone who is!

## *Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting* *Saturday, 26 February 1:00 pm*

### Location:

Church of St. Mary  
1347 E. 49th Pl., Tulsa, OK

*Use Peoria St. to get to West Parking Lot, enter via West doors.*

### Musicale:

Karen Hiller, Piano  
Sue Amstutz: "An Orchestral Garden...How Instruments'  
Names Have Gotten Applied to Native Plants"

### Hostesses:

Tulsa Alumnae Board

### **Masks required, vaccinations encouraged.**

With COVID in mind we will not be passing around a scholarship jar or Silver Bowl to collect funds for scholarships. Instead please feel to drop your change in the "Tip Jar" by the sign-in sheet.

### Tulsa Alumnae:

Website: [saitulsaalumnae.com](http://saitulsaalumnae.com)

### Sigma Gamma:

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# Chapter Communications

## Sigma Gamma Chapter

### Iris Ramirez

Our Sigma Gamma chapter is in full swing this semester and we are so excited for what is in store for us! We recently hosted a series of recruitment events and held pledging on February 11 at 7:30pm. We will also be continuing one of our traditional fundraisers in hosting a rose sale on February 11 and 14 inside TU's Student Union. Some other events we are looking forward to include a semiformal dance, craft sale, and our bake sale. We will also be having a fundraiser at Hideaway Pizza on March 30 from 4-9:30pm! We welcome all alumnae and the Tulsa community to come out and support our chapter that day. We are hopeful that despite all challenges we may face we are able to create a semester filled with love and service.



## Tulsa Alumnae Chapter

### Patty Mandrell

We are well on our way into 2022 with spring right around the corner. Our February meeting at St. Mary will be in person, yeah! We'll be almost back to routine with music, celebrating 50-year awards (!), information on current projects, interesting fraternity education, some light refreshments and best of all catching up with our sisters.

The next in-person meeting will be in May for our spring salad luncheon at the home of Debbie Watts, always a terrific hostess. But don't wait until then to gather with your Alumnae sisters, drop by St. Mary on February 26.

We'd love to see you!

## Fraternity Education: Memorable Convention Moments

### “ANNELLE’S CONVENTIONS—1947, 1950, 1953”

When we think of SAI luminaries in Tulsa, Annelle Chandler McAdams’s name comes immediately to mind. Charter member of Sigma Gamma and then Charter member of Tulsa Alumnae Chapter, Annelle’s contributions to SAI, culminating in her National First Vice Presidency from 1945 to 1956, began long before she became a national officer. In 1925, she was appointed Associate Editor of *PAN PIPES*, with her column, “Melody in Major”, becoming a regular feature for the next sixteen years. Annelle became Zeta Province President in 1941 during the Los Angeles Convention, a post she held until her appointment to National First Vice President at the 1945 National Officers’ Conference in Chicago, an office to which she was duly elected two years later in Detroit at the 1947 Convention.

Notable at the 1947 Convention was the presence of four Founders: Elizabeth Campbell, Nora Crane Hunt, Georgina Potts, and Minnie Davis Sherrill. Eighty-two collegiate chapters and thirty-three alumnae chapters sent delegates to Detroit for SAI’s 25th National Convention.

Annelle presided over the Alumnae session held on Monday, August 25. The Monday meeting proved so valuable that it was decided to hold another session the following morning devoted to round-table discussions. The sessions dealt with continued Alumnae Projects Committee’s emphasis on the International Music Fund and its various rehabilitation projects which had been adopted following World War II.

The 1950 National Convention, the second in which Annelle was involved as National First Vice President, was held August 25-29 at the Drake Hotel in Chicago. Annelle’s good friend, National President Kathleen Davison, chaired the event. The Fraternity was continuing to grow, with ninety-three collegiate chapters and sixty alumnae chapters accounting for over 20,000 members. Miss Davison commented on that growth, from Seven Founders in 1903 to over 20,00 in fewer than fifty years! The alumnae in attendance met on Monday, August 28 and again on Tuesday, August 29 with Annelle leading the Monday round-table discussions on “Our Alumnae and College Chapter Relations”, “Sigma Alpha Iota in Cities”, “Alumnae-Patroness Relationships”, and “Alumnae and the IMF”. Much work on behalf of alumnae members continued into the second day.

A summary of Annelle’s National First Vice President obligations at the Fiftieth Anniversary Convention held in Chicago in 1953, are reported in the *SCROLL* Fraternity Education Column, “Golden Days—SAI Celebrates Fifty Years,”

Annelle’s term as National First Vice President ended at the 1956 National Convention, but not her work for SAI. She established the Annelle Chandler McAdams Alumnae Service Project Award, and upon her passing, bequeathed her extensive trove of SAI memorabilia to Tulsa Alumnae Chapter, these thousands of items becoming the foundation of Tulsa Alumnae Chapter’s Archives.

## I Hear That Call . . .

This Spring, Tulsa Alumnae chapter is looking for new officers! We have some upcoming vacancies on the board and need volunteers to help serve for the 2022-2023 year. We strongly urge you to consider holding office this next year, and reach out to a Nominating Committee member at the email addresses below to let them know your interest. You can also contact a current board member to find out more about a role!

Nominating Committee: Jeanne Stover ([jmstrings4m@cox.net](mailto:jmstrings4m@cox.net)); Karen Hiller ([phillerk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phillerk@sbcglobal.net)); Tracy Crow ([tracy.crow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tracy.crow@sbcglobal.net))

## Fundraiser News



### March 8, 2022

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## Looking Ahead to March

### *Calling all SAIs!*

If you want to take a day off from preparing lunch or dinner and also join in Tulsa Alumnae Chapter's fundraising efforts, then circle **March 8** on your calendar. That's the scheduled day of this year's second dine-in or carryout fundraiser. The fundraiser to be held all day at both **Taziki's** locations will offer you the opportunity to enjoy a variety of freshly prepared delicious items from their menu. The chapter receives 20% of the total sales, just for enjoying a wonderful meal.

Proceeds from our dine-in and carryout fundraisers enable Tulsa Alumnae Chapter to fund our annual service project and also donate to SAI Philanthropies. Anyone, SAI or friends of an SAI, can participate as long as you let Taziki's know when you are ordering. A flyer to present to your server or give to the carry out cashier is attached. Plan now to be a part of this easy edible way to obtain funds for this year's donations.



## News and Announcements

Hello my Treasured Sisters and All my Sisters

I found out that in the 2022 issue of *Pan Pipes* (the Composer Issue) usually coming in March, there will be a nice article about my beloved Jim. The new Editor, Christine Bruns, was in touch with me and asked for a whole bunch of information which I gave to her.

One of the bits of information she asked for was "commissions." I wrote that he received many, many commissions over the years; I mentioned 3 of his major commissions but of the 3, the one that he cherished most came from all of you.

I hope that this bit of information gets into the article, but I wanted you all to know that Jim felt that special bond with all of you.

Many Hugs and Many Roses,  
Eileen



## A Call for New SAI Songs

Recognizing that music evolves and transforms over time, we invite all SAI chapters and members in good standing to submit original compositions to be considered for publication in a brand-new edition of the SAI Songbook. Songs can be vocal or instrumental in nature. Written permission to use any text that is not in the public domain must be secured from the author and included with the submission.

Songs should be submitted via SmarterSelect (link below) and include:

- The composer's identifying information (name, SAI affiliation, and contact information)
- A .PDF of the score labeled with the Title and Instrumentation
- An .MP3 recording from the composing software or a link to a live performance video.



For questions, contact Christine Bruns, Songbook Committee Chair, at: [SAISongbookCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:SAISongbookCommittee@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events

### 2022 Chapter Events

**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

**10 March:** Cindy Harmon Memorial Scholarship Applications due to Prof. Raiford's office

**11 March:** Cindy Harmon Memorial Scholarship video auditions due (link information TBA)

**20 March:** Cindy Harmon Memorial Scholarship Virtual Committee Meeting, 4:00pm (announcement to follow)

**26 March:** Province Day, sponsored by Kappa Rho

**30 March:** Sigma Gamma Hideaway Fundraiser, 4:00-9:30pm

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

**14 May:** Tulsa Alumnae Salad Luncheon, 11:00am, Home of Debbie Watts

**6-8 May:** Mayfest

### TU Symphony in concert February 21 @ 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

The University of Tulsa Symphony Orchestra continues its 2021-22 concert season with a performance featuring TU faculty soloists Lisa Wagner, oboe, and John Rush, flute, in music by Vivaldi, Elgar, Barlow, Mirzayev and Saint-Saëns. TU Professor Richard Wagner will conduct.

Masks respectfully required for attendees.



### TU Wind Ensemble in concert: "Voices of the Unheard" Monday, Feb. 28 7:30-9 p.m. Gussman Concert Hall, Lorton Performance Center

The University of Tulsa Wind Ensemble will perform music by composers from underrepresented populations, with repertoire from Arturo Márquez, Daniel Montonya Jr., Omar Thomas, Aaron Copland and Heather Ellis Koehn.

Masks respectfully required for attendees.

