

THE SCROLL

The Official Sigma Alpha Iota Newsletter of Tulsa Alumnae Chapter and Sigma Gamma Chapter at the University of Tulsa | Region 2, Zeta A Province

Newsletter Editor: Megan Gibson | Email: saitulsaalumnae@gmail.com

Announcements

📢 The February 2019 Tulsa Alumnae meeting will mark the celebration of Tulsa Alumnae's 75th anniversary! Please make plans to attend this important event and historic celebration of our chapter!

📢 Please note that Tulsa Alumna Barbara Derby's address is listed incorrectly in the 2018-2019 yearbook. Her correct address is P. O. Box 174, Chouteau, OK 74337. Apologies for this mistake!

📢 2018-2019 Yearbooks are now available! Alumnae, if you didn't pick yours up at the October meeting, you'll have another chance to collect it at the November Hideaway pizza fundraiser. We'll be there with the yearbooks from 6-8pm (though you can participate in the fundraiser anytime between 4-9:30). Let the editor know if you have any questions.

📢 The Tulsa Alumnae chapter is choosing locations for December caroling. If you know of a loved one in a nursing home or who is home-confined, please let us know so we can include them in our considerations and make the event more meaningful!

📢 Tulsa Alumnae, we are still looking for hostesses for the March and May 2019 meetings. Please contact Mary Hargrave to sign up!

Tulsa Alumnae Fundraiser

Tuesday, 13 November

4:00 - 9:30 pm

Location:

Hideaway Pizza
KingsPoint Village
61st and Yale, Tulsa



Hideaway Pizza will donate 15% of net sales generated to the SAI Tulsa Alumnae Chapter.

Please notify your server that you are with SAI!

In This Issue

Chapter Communications	2
Fraternity Education, Birthdays, Save the Date, Hideaway Flyer	3
Upcoming Events, In Memoriam	4
People of Note, Announcements, Hideaway Flyer	5

Sigma Gamma Chapter Communications

Amber Bunnag-Stoner

Sigma Gamma's having a good semester! On November 4, we initiated two new members: Ka'Terra Faubion and Emma Fishback! We're now starting to put together our joint recital with Phi Mu Alpha, which will be on December 1. As a new way to fundraise, we will also start selling snacks during intermissions at shows in the LPC. Most of all, I think the whole chapter is ready for a break from class in a couple of weeks for Thanksgiving!



Tulsa Alumnae Chapter Communications

Patty Mandrell

We've begun our year with terrific chapter meetings at UUMC and at Phillele McBrayer's welcoming home. Our next meeting is in January, 2019, but why wait that long to join in chapter fun?

With the holidays right around the corner Tulsa Alumnae is gearing up for some more eatin' and singin'.

Join our sisters for our yummy Hideaway Pizza fundraiser. Dine in or carry out, you don't have to cook! What easier way to have dinner and help the chapter at the same time?

Singing becomes us, how about some caroling in December? And following tradition we will lunch afterwards at a nearby restaurant to start the Christmas holiday break.

Come join your SAI sisters once a month for a treat!

“ ‘Movers and Shakers’: Tulsa Alumnae’s Valued Matriarchs [and one Patriarch]”

Dorothy Bowen Gideon

While Dorothy Bowen Gideon may not be as familiar a name to modern-day SAIs, the role she played in the formation of Tulsa Alumnae Chapter cannot be underestimated. A 1932 initiate of Sigma Gamma Chapter, two years later Dorothy joined the alumnae group of Sigma Gamma graduates as an active, participating member. In those days, before Tulsa Alumnae Chapter came into being, SAI alumnae identified themselves as resident or non-resident Sigma Gamma alums and were given their own section in the yearbooks of those long-ago days. In early 1940, a group of those ladies began to envision being an official alumnae chapter. Following the steps required for the formation of an alumnae chapter, including forming a group of at least fifteen alumnae members in good standing, the SAIs who would become charter members of Tulsa Alumnae Chapter petitioned the National Executive Board for a charter. Thus, in 1941, Dorothy Bowen became the group’s first duly elected president and is still listed in that leadership role in the listing of former alumnae presidents found in modern Tulsa SAI yearbooks. The November 1941 issue of *Pan Pipes* lists Dorothy as Tulsa Alumnae “group’s” president, the first such listing for Tulsa alums in the fraternity’s national journal. Naturally, Dorothy was there when Tulsa alums received their charter in 1943. A pianist and theoretician, Dorothy taught in the TU School of Music, her teaching specialty being second year Theory and Harmony. At the time of her death in 2006, her family established a music scholarship at TU in her memory.

Save the Date

This spring, Tulsa Alumnae will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary! Please join us on **February 23, 2019 at noon at the Church of St. Mary in Tulsa.** We welcome Current Tulsa Alumnae Chapter Members, Other SAI Alums in the Tulsa area, Tulsa Patronesses, Sigma Gamma Sisters, Tulsa area Distinguished Members, Spouses, Friends, and Significant Others.

The festivities will include a Catered luncheon and Birthday Cake, display of Archival items from our 1943 chartering, a special 75th Anniversary ritual, a musicale featuring some of our Distinguished Members, a sing-a-long featuring a new song written by Barb Derby: “SAI—Tulsa Alumnae—Seventy-Five,” and a premiere performance of our 75th Anniversary commissioned work by Composer / National Arts Associate James Cohn: “S.A.I. Sonatina.”



2 Nov: Anne Mocha (TA)
5 Nov.: Lynette Bennett Danskin (TA)
24 Nov: Emily Manring (SG)
25 Nov: Barb Derby (TA)

Keep up with our Tulsa chapters online!

Tulsa Alumnae:

Website: saitulsaalumnae.wixsite.com/saitulsa

Sigma Gamma:

Website: saisigmagamma.org

Twitter: @SAI_SigmaGamma

Instagram: @saisigmagamma

Upcoming Events

13 November: Hideaway Pizza Fundraiser, 4:00-9:30pm, 5966 S. Yale Ave, Tulsa

1 December: Sigma Gamma Joint Recital with Phi Mu Alpha, 7:30pm, Gussman Concert Hall

8 December: Caroling, Location TBD

26 January: Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting, 1:00pm, Home of Debbie Watts

1 February: Sigma Gamma Pledging Ceremony, 7:30pm, Meinig Recital Hall

23 February: Tulsa Alumnae Luncheon and 75th Anniversary Celebration, 12:00pm, St. Mary's

28 February: Sigma Gamma Recital, 7:30pm, Meinig Recital Hall

30 March: Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting, 1:00pm, UUMC

7 April: Sigma Gamma Spring Initiation, Time TBD, Meinig Recital Hall

27 April: Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting, 1:00pm, Home of Anna Norberg

16-19 May: Mayfest

25 May: Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting and Potluck Salad Luncheon, 10:30am, Southminster



In Memoriam: Dorothy McFadden

Dorothy McFadden, a Patroness of Sigma Alpha Iota and a 1983 initiate of Sigma Gamma Chapter, passed away on October 16, 2018, at the age of 103 years. She was a member of SAI for over 35 years.

After her initiation, Dorothy joined the Tulsa Patroness Chapter and was an active participant in Patroness activities until 2012.

A graduate of Kansas State Teachers College (now Emporia State), Dorothy majored in piano performance and piano pedagogy. Her career in Tulsa was teaching private piano lessons, inspiring literally scores of young pianists who came under her careful training. An article in the *Tulsa World* dated January 10, 2015, and marking Dorothy's one hundredth birthday, noted that at that time, Dorothy had been teaching piano in Tulsa for sixty years! The photos which accompanied the article showed Dorothy in her favorite position, seated at her grand piano.

Dorothy was a longtime member of Wednesday Morning Musicale, Hyeckka Club, and TAMTA, as well as SAI.

In 1985 and again in 1986, Dorothy hosted all three Tulsa chapters—Sigma Gamma, Tulsa Alumnae, and Tulsa Patronesses—in her home for Incorporation Day observances and musicales. In 1990, TAMTA presented Dorothy with a special honor plaque in recognition of over four decades of private piano teaching. During the 1980's and 1990's, Dorothy often accompanied the Tulsa Opera chorus rehearsals and Metropolitan Opera regional auditions.

Dorothy's final performance took place three days before her passing, when family members visited her at her assisted living apartment at Tulsa's Methodist Manor where they were treated to Dorothy's playing for them one last time.

Vita Brevis, Ars Longa

Announcing the Smithsonian Year of Music

Did you know that the Smithsonian's combined musical resources constitute the world's largest museum of music? We're so pleased to announce that 2019 will be the Smithsonian Year of Music, an Institution-wide initiative to increase public engagement, advance understanding, and connect communities across the nation and around the globe. The Smithsonian Year of Music will feature "365 Days of Music at the Smithsonian" with a variety of music-related activities: performances, music releases, exhibitions, workshops, educational programs, lectures, films, and conferences.

PS – Planning a visit this summer? The 2019 Smithsonian Folklife Festival (June 26 to 30 and July 3 to 7, 2019 on the National Mall) will focus on the "Social Power of Music."

— from Smithsonian November 2018 ENews



People of Note

♪ Congratulations to our newest Sigma Gamma members! We are so thrilled to have you in SAI and look forward to getting to know you more!

♪ Our condolences go out to the friends and family of Patroness Dorothy McFadden.

Tulsa Youth Symphony sets concert December 2

Tulsa Youth Symphony, which is celebrating its 55th anniversary season, will hold its Fall Festival Concert at 3 p.m. December 2 at the Union High School Performing Arts Center, 6636 South Mingo Road. The Symphony Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, and Preparatory String Orchestra will perform.

Repertoire includes *L'Arlesienne* Suite No. 1 by Bizet, *Capriccio Italien* by Tchaikovsky, *Egmont* Overture by Beethoven, Hungarian Dance No. 6 by Brahms, *American Horizons* by Deborah Monday, music by Rimsky-Korsakov and Bernstein, and popular music from the movies.

Ronald Wheeler, an SAI National Arts Associate, is music director.

Tulsa Youth Symphony was founded in 1963. Among its leading sponsors were the late Lillian Norberg and Bonnibel Lester, members of Tulsa Patroness Chapter of SAI.

For more information and ticket prices, call 918-592-7725 or visit www.tyso.org.

**HIDEAWAY
PIZZA
BENEFIT NIGHT**

Sigma Alpha Iota
Tuesday, Nov. 13th, 2018
4:00 to 9:30 pm

KINGSPORTE VILLAGE
5966 S. Yale Ave - 918 492-4777
15% of net sales donated to the organization. Carryout counts too.
You must notify your server or cashier you are participating in a benefit night.