

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 saitulsaalumnae@gmail.com 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!



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Chapter Communications

Sigma Gamma Chapter

Alex Vest

As TU made its preparations for Thanksgiving Break, our chapter was fairly busy this month. On November 15 we hosted our initiation for our former Fall 2020 MITs virtually on Zoom. We are so happy to welcome Abby Williams and Madison Phelan to our chapter! The ceremony went extremely well and we were able to invite some Tulsa Alumnae members! As Province Officer, Hazel Rowena Mills hosted Officer Training on our Zoom account for all the chapters in our province. It was a nice way to finally meet the other officers in our province before Province Day. Our final event of this semester is our annual Secret Sister exchange, organized by our Social Committee. Due to COVID-19, we had to change some requirements, but it is going smoothly! On December 6 at our final chapter of the semester we plan on spreading some holiday cheer while we discuss plans for next semester and finally exchange our gifts.



Tulsa Alumnae Chapter

Patty Mandrell

The end of the year is upon us and with it, holidays. Though holiday celebrations might be curtailed this year, our spirits should remain whole and high. Hopefully we can gather next year with friends and family, opportunities we will appreciate all the more.

Your Board continues to plan virtual activities for next spring: a chapter meeting January 30, Province Day March 13, Bowles Memorial Scholarship and service project in March and a benenight at Taziki's tentatively in April. Mayfest, our main source of income, is doubtful this spring, but then who knows.

Please consider supporting your chapter meetings with a little of your time... submit a short video for our musicale, a cappella solo if you don't have accompaniment, a duet, a narrative, poetry recitation... then join us for the virtual meeting. Hope you can join us! Until then, the best of holidays for all of you.

Be well.

Fraternity Education: SAI Firsts

"Leading the Way"

First National President	Minnie M. Davis (1903-1904)
First National Convention	Ann Arbor, Michigan (1907)
First National Philanthropic Effort	Pan's Cottage (1915-1916)
First Province Plan proposed	Grand Forks National Convention (1923)
First Province Plan inaugurated	1925
First Zeta Province Configuration	1925
Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois	
First Zeta Province President	Odessa Simpson (1925)
First Second Degree (Sword of Honor) bestowed in Zeta Province	
Zeta Province Convention, Feb. 25, 1928....to Odessa Simpson, Dorothy Nichols, Annelie Chandler (McAdams)	
First Zeta A Province Officer	Allison Cave (1995)
First Tulsa Alumnae President(s)	
Organizational President	Dorothy Bowen (1941-1942)
Charter Year President	Odessa Simpson (1942-1943)
Installation President	Anita Marsau (1943-1945)
First Tulsa Patroness Group President	Irene Buchner



Upcoming Events

25-29 January: Sigma Gamma Recruitment Week

30 January: Tulsa Alumnae Virtual Meeting

13 March: Zeta A Virtual Province Day, hosted by Tulsa Alumnae



In Memoriam

Kenneth Grass

January 30, 1947 - November 6, 2020

Kenneth Gerald Grass joined his father, mother and many loved ones in Heaven on November 6, 2020. He was initiated as a Friend of the Arts by Sigma Gamma in 2002.

Growing up he performed music in church and when he graduated from Pryor High School in 1964 he received the band's John Philip Sousa Award as well as served as drum major. He was also active in choir where he sang tenor. Through high school and college, he played in a rock and roll band called the Laymen, where he played saxophone, keyboard and sang lead and backup. They would have sold out crowds and Pryor teens would actually clamor for their autographs.

On June 29, 1967, he married his high school sweetheart, Judith Dee Holt which started with a first date sitting together coming back from a band trip, how appropriate. They were blessed with two awesomely talented daughters, Tammy and Tracey.

Ken graduated from Northeastern State College in 1969, with a double major in instrumental and vocal music. His first band directing job was as band director in Lebanon, Missouri. From Lebanon, he attended North Texas State University where he was awarded a graduate assistantship in conducting and saxophone. He graduated from NTSU with a Master's Degree in Music Education with an emphasis in jazz and major instrument, saxophone and minor instrument, flute. After graduation, Paris York asked Ken to consider coming to Broken Arrow to take over the jazz band and band director position, where he and the BA staff took the marching band to several state and regional marching championships. During this time, Ken joined the Bop Cats, an old-time rock and roll band, and enjoyed several years of playing around the state and accompanying famous rock and rollers such as Bo Diddley, The Coasters, The Drifters, Del Shannon and others. He even recorded with Leon Russell in his studio. During this time, he played saxophone, piccolo, keyboards and/or guitar, whatever was needed. His daughters wanted to play in a band with him so he formed a band with Tammy on bass and Tracey singing.

In 1991, Ken was approached to consider going to the University of Tulsa as assistant professor to the marching band, basketball pep bands, symphonic wind director and teach woodwind pedagogy, saxophone and supervise interns and first year teachers. Eventually more courses and titles were added including full professor. He was so proud to be called "Prof". During his tenures at BA and TU, he not only arranged the music his marching bands played on the field but he sold and gave away arrangements that were played all over the United States by high school and college bands. He also taught his students how to arrange music.

Ken always enjoyed guns and target practice. He was certified CLEET and OSBI as a certified Conceal and Carry Instructor. He volunteered with the TU security team and became part of the team to train new officers to carry weapons. He was given the title of honorary captain of the TU security force which he treasured. When he retired, he volunteered his time and energy to helping the Marine and Army veterans. In 2013, he was asked to address the US, French and Korean veterans of the Korean Conflict in Seoul, Korea. He was able to see the country where his father died and to meet some very brave and honorable men who fought there during the time his father was in Korea.

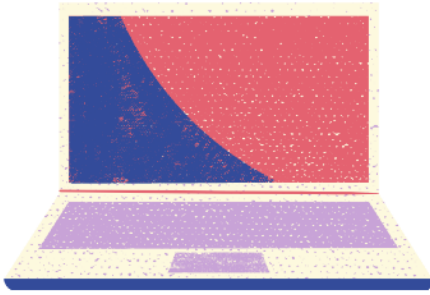
Ken has led a full, busy, wonderful life filled with music, fun, laughter and many people he loved, especially his family. He was very thankful for all the amazing people God sent into his life who helped him achieve his dreams and blessed life.

Ken is survived by his loving wife, Judy, daughter and husband, Tammy and Brett Andrews of Collinsville, OK, daughter and husband Tracey and Rod Matlock, Tulsa, OK. Grandson Ryder Andrews, Collinsville, OK. Granddaughter and husband, Kyra and Crue Romero, Manhattan, Kansas. And his sister and husband, Deana and Dale Lemons. He was preceded in death by his father, Dave Grass, his mother and step-father Margie and Buster Ogilvie.

Private family services were held Monday, November 9, 2020 at the Locust Grove Funeral Home Chapel. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, November 14, 2020 at Memorial Stadium in Broken Arrow.

Tulsa Alumnae Chapter News & Announcements

Tulsa Alumnae, Let us Hear from You!



Our October meeting was so much fun! We want to include more members in the program for our January 30 meeting!

Please let Beth know at 918-770-3848 or bethkeener@cox.net that you are thinking about making a video of yourself playing an instrument, singing, or talking about something musical! Maybe now is the time to show us how you are trying out a new instrument, or you could tell us about something that interests you in the musical world. The Loom and Screencastify videos are easy to make and share!

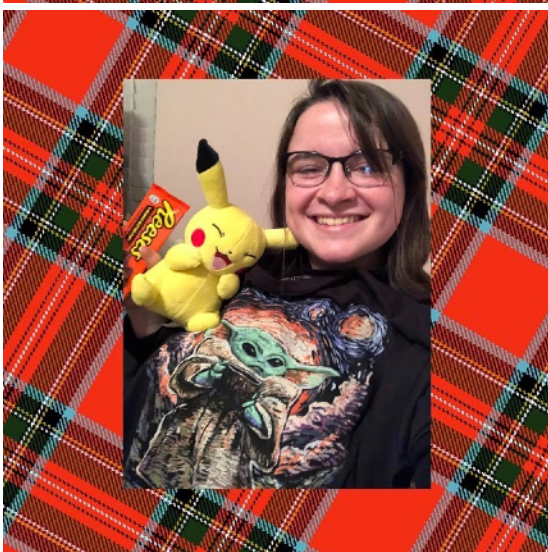
Please get in touch with Beth to talk more about it.

Yearbook Directory Distribution Update

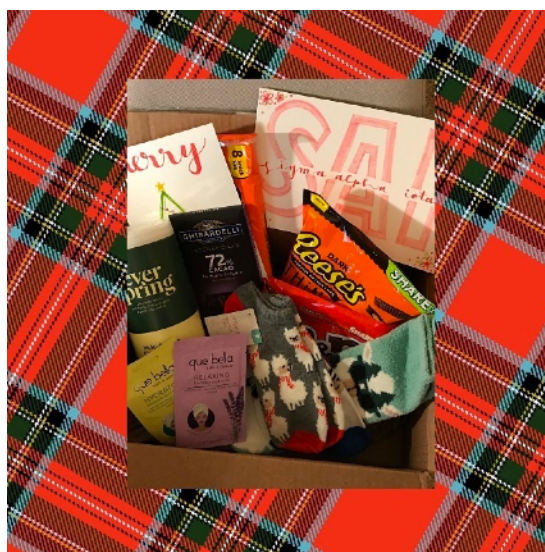
- On a beautiful November autumn day several of Tulsa Alumnae members enjoyed an afternoon drive to pick up their new 2020-21 Yearbook Directories at Sherye Halliburton's house. It was wonderful to see so many familiar "masked faces" as members drove through the circle drive, many stopping to visit a while.
- If you are a member who was unable to participate in the drive-by, you now have two options to receive your new directory. *First*, Sherye still has the remaining directories so if you email her (Sherye@cox.net), she will be happy to leave your directory in an envelope on her front porch which you can pick up by driving through the circle drive. Just let her know when you'll be coming.
- Second*, if a drive-by isn't on your things-to-do list or you're a safer at home person, you can mail \$1.40 in postage to Sherye (4305 E. 87th St. Tulsa, OK 74137) and she will gladly mail your directory to you. Make plans now to receive your copy of this year's directory so expertly prepared by the chapter's editor Megan Whitley. You'll be glad you did.



Sigma Gamma Chapter News



Newly initiated Sigma Gammas Abby Williams and Madison Phelan!



Sigma Gamma had a super successful secret sister this year! Even despite the current conditions we still found a way to give our sisters some holiday cheer!

Announcements and Member News

PEOPLE OF NOTE

♪ Eileen Cohn sends love and Thanksgiving wishes to Tulsa Alumnae from herself and Jim.

♪ Congrats to our own Zeta A SAs who were featured in the latest Pan Pipes issue: Emma Queen from Iota Alpha was a 2020 Undergraduate Scholarship Recipient and Tulsa Alumna Sue Amstutz was recognized with photo as a valued Philanthropies benefactor!

♪ Welcome to Abby and Madison! We are so happy to have you in our Sigma Gamma sisterhood!

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is SA

Save the Date for Zeta A Virtual Province Day:

Zeta A
Virtual Province Day
2021



StAyIng Connected
Across the Plains

March 13, 2021

Featuring NVP Alumnae Chapters, DR. MARY FRANCES BUSHONG!